

# The Prayer Book Office

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

Morning and Evening Prayer

## Week One

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

**1 Advent**  
**1 Epiphany**  
**8 Epiphany**  
**2 Easter**  
**Trinity Sunday**

**Proper 2** (Sunday closest to May 18)  
**Proper 9** (Sunday closest to July 6)  
**Proper 16** (Sunday closest to August 24)  
**Proper 23** (Sunday closest to October 12)

## Opening Sentences

*The Officiant may begin the service with one or more sentences of Scripture. The following may be used at any time*

### Advent

Watch, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning, lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. *Mark 13:35, 36*

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. *Isaiah 40:5*

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height and look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One. *Banuch 5:5*

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may spring up, and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also. *Isaiah 45:8, NRSV*

### Lent

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. *Joel 2:13*

I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." *Luke 15:18, 19*

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, because we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws which he set before us. *Daniel 9:9, 10*

Jesus said: "If any of you would come after me, deny yourself and take up your cross and follow me." *Mark 8:34*

### Easter Season

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalms 118:24*

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:57*

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! *2 Corinthians 5:17*

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. *Hebrews 9:24*

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. *Acts 1:8*

### Occasions of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds. *Psalms 75:1*

### At any Time

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalms 122:1*

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalms 19:14*

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *Psalms 43:3*

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

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. *John 4:23*

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite." *Isaiah 57:15*

God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth. *John 4:24*

# Sunday, Week One

## 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.*  
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 Easter: Pascha Nostrum may be used throughout the week*

### **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

**146** *Lauda, anima mea*

*Antiphon*

I will praise the Lord as long as I live, hallelujah.

*Advent* Tell it out among the nations, and say: Behold he comes, our God and Savior, hallelujah.

*Easter* The Lord shall reign for ever; your God, O Zion, throughout all generations, hallelujah.

Praise the Lord, O my soul! \*

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*  
for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

## 147 *Laudate Dominum*

*Antiphon*

How pleasant it is to honor God with praise, hallelujah.

*Advent* On that day, the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk and honey, hallelujah.

*Easter* Praise your God, O Zion; for he has established peace on your borders, hallelujah.

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.

He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.

The Lord lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.

He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;

He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.

He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.

He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.

He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.

He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?

He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel. Hallelujah!  
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:*

*[In Advent: Surge, illuminare (Canticle 11) after the first Reading; Canticle 16 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.

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

*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.*  
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

**111** *Confitebor tibi*

*Antiphon*

The gracious Lord makes his marvelous works to be remembered, hallelujah.

*Advent* Be joyful, O daughter of Zion; shout for joy, O daughter of Jerusalem, hallelujah.

*Easter* The Lord has sent redemption to his people, hallelujah.

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of the Lord! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.

His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.

He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

## 112 *Beatus vir*

*Antiphon*

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied,  
hallelujah.

*Advent* Let the mountains break forth into singing, and the hills with righteousness; for the Lord, the  
light of the world, is coming with power, hallelujah.

*Easter* Light shines in the darkness for the upright, hallelujah.

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

## 113 *Laudate, pueri*

*Antiphon*

From the rising of the sun to its going down, let the Name of the Lord be praised,  
hallelujah.

*Advent* Behold, the Lord shall come, the Prince of the kings of the earth. Blessed are they who are prepared to meet him, hallelujah.

*Easter* The Lord, who is high above all nations, has raised us up with Christ Jesus, hallelujah.

Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord; \*  
praise the Name of the Lord.

Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

From the rising of the sun to its going down \*  
let the Name of the Lord be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, \*  
and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high \*  
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

He takes up the weak out of the dust \*  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

He sets them with the princes, \*  
with the princes of his people.

He makes the woman of a childless house \*  
to be a joyful mother of children.

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.

*Advent* Behold, the Name of the Lord comes from afar, and his glory fills the whole earth.

*Easter* Because you have seen me, Thomas, you have believed. Blessed are they who have not seen,  
and yet have believed, 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 the following Collects*

*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.*  
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.

**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

1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

*Antiphon*

Happy are they whose delight is in the law of the Lord.

*Easter* The Lord knows the way of the righteous, hallelujah.

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

63 *Deus, Deus meus*

*Antiphon*

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you.+

*Advent* Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; seek the Lord while he wills to be found,  
hallelujah.

*Easter* Let whoever thirsts take the water of life without price, hallelujah.

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.

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:*

### **A Song of Peace** *Isaiah 2:3-5*

*Antiphon*

Teach us your ways, that we may walk in the way of peace. (*ES Hallelujah*)

Come, let us go up to the mountain of God,\*  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
That God may teach us his ways,\*  
and that we may walk in his paths.  
For the law shall go out from Zion,\*  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.  
God shall mediate between the nations,\*  
and shall judge for many peoples.  
They shall beat their swords into ploughshares,\*  
and their spears into pruning hooks.  
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,\*  
neither shall they learn war any more.  
O People of Jacob, come:\*  
let us walk in the light of 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.

*After the second reading:*

### **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.

*Advent* Behold, the Desire of the nations shall come, and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

*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

*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 the 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 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.*  
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

**4** *Cum invocarem*

*Antiphon*

Have mercy on me, O Lord, and hear my prayer.

*Easter* You have put gladness in my heart, O Lord; hallelujah.

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.

Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

**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.

*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!  
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.*

### **A Song of Solomon**     *Song of Songs 8:7-8*

*Antiphon*

Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it. (*ES: Alleluia*)

Set me as a seal upon your heart,\*  
as a seal upon your arm;  
For love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave,\*  
its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame.  
Many waters cannot quench love,\*

neither can the floods drown it.  
If all the wealth of our house were offered for love,\*  
it would be utterly scorned.  
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 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.*

*Then may be said*

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.*  
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**

**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.

*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.

*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:*

### **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.

*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:*

### **18 A Song to the Lamb** *Dignus es*

*Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13*

*Antiphon*

You have made us a kingdom of priests, O Lord, to serve our God and Father.

*Advent* Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive glory and honor and dominion.

*Easter* Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power, and the glory and the victory and the majesty,  
alleluia.

Splendor and honor and kingly power\*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is,\*  
and by your will they were created and have their being.  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,\*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation,\*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne,\*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,\*  
for ever and for evermore.

## 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.*

*A Prayer for Mission is added:*

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.*  
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

19 *Cæli enarrant*

*Antiphon*

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.+

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

The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

+ One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.  
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*

*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.*

*A prayer for mission is added:*

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.*  
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.

## **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

### 119 Part I

*Antiphon*

Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord. (*ES Hallelujah*)

Happy are they whose way is blameless, \*  
who walk in the law of the Lord!

Happy are they who observe his decrees \*  
and seek him with all their hearts!

Who never do any wrong, \*  
but always walk in his ways.

You laid down your commandments, \*  
that we should fully keep them.

Oh, that my ways were made so direct \*  
that I might keep your statutes!

Then I should not be put to shame, \*  
when I regard all your commandments.

I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

I will keep your statutes; \*  
do not utterly forsake me.

How shall a young man cleanse his way? \*  
By keeping to your words.

With my whole heart I seek you; \*  
let me not stray from your commandments.

I treasure your promise in my heart, \*  
that I may not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O Lord; \*  
instruct me in your statutes.

With my lips will I recite \*  
all the judgments of your mouth.

I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees \*  
than in all manner of riches.

I will meditate on your commandments \*  
and give attention to your ways.

My delight is in your statutes; \*  
I will not forget your word.

My soul cleaves to the dust; \*  
give me life according to your word.

I have confessed my ways, and you answered me; \*  
instruct me in your statutes.

Make me understand the way of your commandments, \*  
that I may meditate on your marvelous works.

My soul melts away for sorrow; \*  
strengthen me according to your word.

Take from me the way of lying; \*  
let me find grace through your law.

I have chosen the way of faithfulness; \*  
I have set your judgments before me.

I hold fast to your decrees; \*  
O Lord, let me not be put to shame.  
I will run the way of your commandments, \*  
for you have set my heart at liberty.  
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. +*  
*Advent* Over you, O Zion, the Lord will rise, and his glory will appear upon you.  
*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.

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

*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*

*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.*

*A prayer for mission is added:*

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.*

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**

**16** *Conserva me, Domine*

*Antiphon*

My body shall rest in hope, for you will not abandon me to the grave.

*Easter* You will show me the path of life, hallelujah.

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."  
O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.  
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.  
I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.  
I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.  
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.  
For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.  
You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**46** *Deus noster refugium*

*Antiphon*

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

*Easter* There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, hallelujah.

God is our refuge and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.

+ Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \*  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;  
Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

The Lord of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, \*  
what awesome things he has done on earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \*  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

The Lord of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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 of the Messiah** *Isaiah 9:2-7*

*Antiphon*

To us a child is born, to us a son is given; who is called Mighty God and Prince of Peace. (*ES: Hallelujah*)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;\*  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
upon them the light has dawned.

You have increased their joy and given them great gladness;\*  
they rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest.

For you have shattered the yoke that burdened them;\*  
the collar that lay heavy on their shoulders.

For to us a child is born and to us a son is given,\*  
and the government will be upon his shoulder.  
And his name will be called: Wonderful Counselor; the Mighty God;\*  
the Everlasting Father; the Prince of Peace.  
Of the increase of his government and of peace\*  
there will be no end,  
Upon the throne of David and over his kingdom,\*  
to establish and uphold it with justice and righteousness.  
From this time forth and for ever more;\*  
the zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.  
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*

*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.*

*A prayer for mission is added:*

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.*

*Then may be said*

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.*  
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

**18** *Diligam te, Domine*

*Antiphon*

The Lord has delivered me from my strong enemies.

*Easter* The Lord rescued me because he delighted in me, hallelujah.

I love you, O Lord my strength, \*  
O Lord my stronghold, my crag, and my haven.  
My God, my rock in whom I put my trust, \*  
my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge; you are worthy of praise.

I will call upon the Lord, \*  
and so shall I be saved from my enemies.

The breakers of death rolled over me, \*  
and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.

The cords of hell entangled me, \*  
and the snares of death were set for me.

I called upon the Lord in my distress \*  
and cried out to my God for help.

He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling; \*  
my cry of anguish came to his ears.

The earth reeled and rocked; \*  
the roots of the mountains shook; they reeled because of his anger.

Smoke rose from his nostrils and a consuming fire out of his mouth; \*  
hot burning coals blazed forth from him.

He parted the heavens and came down \*  
with a storm cloud under his feet.

He mounted on cherubim and flew; \*  
he swooped on the wings of the wind.

He wrapped darkness about him; \*  
he made dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.

From the brightness of his presence, through the clouds, \*  
burst hailstones and coals of fire.

The Lord thundered out of heaven; \*  
the Most High uttered his voice.

The beds of the seas were uncovered,  
and the foundations of the world laid bare, \*  
at your battle cry, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

He reached down from on high and grasped me; \*  
he drew me out of great waters.

He brought me out into an open place; \*  
he rescued me because he delighted in me.

As for God, his ways are perfect;  
the words of the Lord are tried in the fire; \*  
he is a shield to all who trust in him.

For who is God, but the Lord? \*  
who is the Rock, except our God?

It is God who girds me about with strength \*  
and makes my way secure.

He makes me sure-footed like a deer \*  
and lets me stand firm on the heights.

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:*

### **A Song of Divine Love**

*I Corinthians 13:4-13*

*Antiphon*

Love bears all things and will never come to an end.

*Easter*      Then ewill see face to face, 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.*

*After the second Reading:*

*[Advent: Canticle 19 or E]*

## **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, adding the prayer for mission.*

*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.*

*A prayer for mission is added:*

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.*  
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

97 *Dominus regnavit*

*Antiphon*

The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.+

*Easter* Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted,  
hallelujah.

The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; \*  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

+ Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

His lightnings light up the world; \*  
the earth sees it and is afraid.

The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens declare his righteousness, \*  
and all the peoples see his glory.

Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! \*  
Bow down before him, all you gods.

Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments, O Lord.

For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; \*  
you are exalted far above all gods.

The Lord loves those who hate evil; \*  
he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from wickedness.

Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, \*  
and give thanks to his holy Name.

## 99 *Dominus regnavit*

### *Antiphon*

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy hill.

*Easter* The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all people, hallelujah.

The Lord is King; let the people tremble; \*  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion; \*  
he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*  
he is the Holy One.

“O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; \*  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; \*  
he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

“O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.”

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

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.

*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 the 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.*

*A prayer for mission is added:*

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.*

*Then may be said*

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.*  
Alleluia.

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: *Come let us adore him.*  
*In Advent*  
Our King and Savior now draws near: 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 Psalms

**15** *Domine, quis habitabit?*

*Antiphon*

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

*Easter* You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, and to the assembly of the just  
who are made perfect, hallelujah.

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?  
Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.  
There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.  
In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the Lord.  
He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.  
He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.  
Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

17 *Exaudi, Domine*

*Antiphon*

Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings.  
*Easter* At my vindication I shall see your face, hallelujah.

Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord; give heed to my cry; \*  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.  
Let my vindication come forth from your presence; \*  
let your eyes be fixed on justice.  
Weigh my heart, summon me by night, \*  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.  
My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; \*  
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.  
I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; \*  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.  
Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, \*  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.  
Keep me as the apple of your eye; \*  
hide me under the shadow of your wings.  
At my vindication I shall see your face; \*  
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.  
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.

*Advent*     Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; call upon him when he draws near.

*Easter*     Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters, hallelujah.

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]

*Advent:* The creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.

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, adding the prayer for mission*

### *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.*

#### *A prayer for mission is added:*

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 be said; or the Office may continue 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.*  
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

### 22 *Deus, Deus meus*

*Antiphon*

We beheld him despised and rejected, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.

*Holy Week*      They divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

*Easter*              Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive honor and glory and blessing,  
Hallelujah.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
by night as well, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
scorned by all and despised by the people.

All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

"He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*

and there is none to help.

Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \*  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; \*  
they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

They stare and gloat over me; \*  
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

Be not far away, O Lord; \*  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

Save me from the sword, \*  
my life from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth, \*  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

I will declare your Name to my brethren; \*  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.

My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

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.

*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.*

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.*

#### *A prayer for mission is added:*

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.*  
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.

## **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

20 *Exaudiat te Dominus*

*Antiphon*

The Lord has given victory to his anointed.

*Easter* Now has begun the reign of our God, and the power of his Anointed One, hallelujah.

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, \*  
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

Send you help from his holy place \*  
and strengthen you out of Zion;

Remember all your offerings \*  
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

Grant you your heart's desire \*  
and prosper all your plans.

We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the Name of our God; \*  
may the Lord grant all your requests.

Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; \*  
he will answer him out of his holy heaven, with the victorious strength of his right hand.

Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, \*  
but we will call upon the Name of the Lord our God.

They collapse and fall down, \*  
but we will arise and stand upright.

O Lord, give victory to the king \*  
and answer us when we call.

## 21 *Domine, in virtute tua*

### *Antiphon*

Be exalted, O Lord, in your might; we will sing and praise your power.

*Easter*            You have taken your great power and begun to reign, hallelujah.

The king rejoices in your strength, O Lord; \*  
how greatly he exults in your victory!

You have given him his heart's desire; \*  
you have not denied him the request of his lips.

For you meet him with blessings of prosperity, \*  
and set a crown of fine gold upon his head.

He asked you for life, and you gave it to him: \*  
length of days, for ever and ever.

His honor is great, because of your victory; \*  
splendor and majesty have you bestowed upon him.

For you will give him everlasting felicity \*  
and will make him glad with the joy of your presence.

For the king puts his trust in the Lord; \*  
because of the loving-kindness of the Most High, he will not fall.

Be exalted, O Lord, in your might; \*  
we will sing and praise your power.

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:*

### **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.

*Advent* Every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough places plain. Come, O Lord, and tarry not.

*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.

*Advent* Behold, the Desire of the nations shall come, and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

*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, adding the prayer for mission*

### *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.*

*A prayer for mission is added:*

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.*  
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

**110** *Dixit Dominus*

*Antiphon*

Christ the Lord is a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

*Advent* Behold, the Lord shall appear in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory, hallelujah.

*Easter* The Lord has risen from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of God, hallelujah.

The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, \*  
until I make your enemies your footstool."

The Lord will send the scepter of your power out of Zion, \*  
saying, "Rule over your enemies round about you.

Princely state has been yours from the day of your birth; \*  
in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you, like dew from the womb of the morning."

The Lord has sworn and he will not recant: \*  
"You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."

The Lord who is at your right hand \*  
will rule over the nations.

**116** *Dilexi, quoniam*

*Antiphon*

I will lift up the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord, hallelujah.

*Advent* Behold, our God shall come with power to enlighten the eyes of his servants, hallelujah.

*Easter* You have freed me from my bonds, O Lord; I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
hallelujah.

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: \*  
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; \*  
our God is full of compassion.

The Lord watches over the innocent; \*  
I was brought very low, and he helped me.

Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \*  
for the Lord has treated you well.

For you have rescued my life from death, \*  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord \*  
in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I said, "I have been brought very low." \*  
In my distress I said, "No one can be trusted."

How shall I repay the Lord \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord \*  
is the death of his servants.

O Lord, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the Lord's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

**117** *Laudate Dominum*

*Antiphon*

The faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever, hallelujah.

*Advent* On the throne of David, and over his kingdom, he shall reign for ever, hallelujah.

*Easter* The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, hallelujah.

Praise the Lord, all you nations; \*  
laud him, all you peoples.

For his loving-kindness toward us is great, \*  
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever. Hallelujah!

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.

*Advent* Blessed are you, O Mary, because you believed that the Lord's promise to you would be fulfilled.

*Easter* I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the bright and morning star;  
I am the key of David, 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 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 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.*

*Then may be said*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

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