

Morning and Evening Prayer
With devotionals
For Thursday, April 2
for use at home during this time of pestilence

When you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your
Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

~Matthew 6:6

Beloved members of All Saints and whoever else may find this,

We find ourselves in the throes of a global pandemic. Much grace and goodness is coming through, but also much fear. Someone challenged me – in this time – that I and all other faithful Christians draw into our prayer closets, our private places of prayer. This urged me to encourage those Christians I am called to teach and shepherd to join in praying daily the offices of Morning and Evening Prayer.

I will post daily downloads with both Morning and Evening Prayer, as well as a short daily devotional and activity to stretch you. It is my prayer that despite being apart from each other, we will all grow in Christ in the strange frightful season.

Let us ever be mindful that the God we serve is still on His Holy Throne, is always good, is still faithful, still loves us, still calls us to come before him on our knees, crying out to him day and night. May you be encouraged and never grow weary in the race you are running.

If you find this helpful – please use it and share it freely.

In the love and faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Fr. Ian Emile Dunn

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Devotional:

When we start to read our Old Testament lesson for the evening, we may be tempted to think, “my goodness, this is hopeless!” Jeremiah prophesizes from the Lord, “your hurt is incurable, and your wound is grievous.” He goes on to describe deep and dreadful maladies and the judgment of the Lord being upon His people.

So often, it can feel as though we are experiencing a harsh judgment, whether it may be spiritual maladies, financial hardships, emotional despondency, health issues, or even our present national crisis. We may cry out to God and ask Him why it is that we have to go through a time such as these. While Jeremiah doesn’t leave us with an incredible amount of hope, he ends with this final thought “in the latter days you will understand this.” I think these words from him are enough for now.

We are not promised to understand everything that we go through when we do, but simply continue to know and come to understand that the Lord is good and faithful. It may be that when we look back upon this past month in ten years, we will see it as a sweet time of growth in faith in Christ. It may be that when we get to eternity, we will see how faithfully God shepherded us through this time. Regardless of what you’re feeling this week, remember that the Lord is a good shepherd.

Daily Activity:

What do I find discomfoting about not knowing in the now why we are facing these present trials?

Take a little time to think through this, and then spend some time praying about it.

When Jeremiah writes, “In the latter days you will understand,” how is this a comfort to you today?

The Order for Morning Prayer Thursday, April 2

Psalms and Lessons:

Psalm 144

Exodus 11:1-8

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Read the open sentences.

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

Psalm li. 17.

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. *St. Luke xv. 18, 19.*

The Leader shall say,

LET us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A General Confession, to be said by all gathered:

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind In Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Then the leader shall pray the collect for Trinity XXI:

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

All together:

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Then likewise he shall say,

O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Here the leader shall say,

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

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

Leader: Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.

Then shall be said or sung the following Canticle;

Venite, exultemus Domino.

O COME, let us sing unto the LORD; * let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; * and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God; * and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth; * and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it; * and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, * and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God; * and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

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

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; * and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

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

Then shall follow a Portion of the Psalms, followed by the Gloria Patri:

Psalm 144

BLESSED be the LORD my strength, * who teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight:
My hope and my fortress, my castle and deliverer, my defender in whom I trust; * who subdueth
my people that is under me.

LORD, what is man, that thou hast such respect unto him? * or the son of man, that thou so
regardest him?

Man is like a thing of nought; * his time passeth away like a shadow.

Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down; * touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

Cast forth thy lightning, and tear them; * shoot out thine arrows, and consume them.

Send down thine hand from above; * deliver me, and take me out of the great waters, from the
hand of strangers;

Whose mouth talketh of vanity, * and their right hand is a right hand of wickedness.

I will sing a new song unto thee, O God; * and sing praises unto thee upon a ten-stringed lute.

Thou hast given victory unto kings, * and hast delivered David thy servant from the peril of the
sword.

Save me, and deliver me from the hand of strangers, * whose mouth talketh of vanity, and their

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right hand is a right hand of iniquity:

That our sons may grow up as the young plants, * and that our daughters may be as the polished corners of the temple;

That our garner may be full and plenteous with all manner of store; * that our sheep may bring forth thousands, and ten thousands in our fields;

That our oxen may be strong to labour; that there be no decay, * no leading into captivity, and no complaining in our streets.

Happy are the people that are in such a case; * yea, blessed are the people who have the LORD for their God.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

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

Then shall be read the First Lesson for Morning Prayer

Exodus 11:1-8

The Lord said to Moses, “Yet one plague more I will bring upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt. Afterward he will let you go from here. When he lets you go, he will drive you away completely. Speak now in the hearing of the people, that they ask, every man of his neighbor and every woman of her neighbor, for silver and gold jewelry.” And the Lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover, the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh’s servants and in the sight of the people.

So Moses said, “Thus says the Lord: ‘About midnight I will go out in the midst of Egypt, and every firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the slave girl who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the cattle. There shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there has never been, nor ever will be again. But not a dog shall growl against any of the people of Israel, either man or beast, that you may know that the Lord makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.’ And all these your servants shall come down to me and bow down to me, saying, ‘Get out, you and all the people who follow you.’ And after that I will go out.” And he went out from Pharaoh in hot anger.

Then shall be read or said: Benedictus es, Domine.

BLESSED art thou, O Lord God of our fathers: * praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty: * praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness: * praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the Cherubim: * praised and exalted above all forever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom: * praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven: * praised and exalted above all for ever.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

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

Then shall be read the Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Then shall be read or sung: Jubilate Deo. Psalm c.

O BE joyful in the LORD, all ye lands: * serve the LORD with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the LORD he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; * we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; * be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; * and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

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

Then shall be said the Apostles' Creed by all

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Then the leader says:

The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Leader: Let us pray.

Leader. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Answer. And grant us thy salvation.

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

Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Then shall be said the Collects,

Fifth Sunday in Lent

ALMIGHTY God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Ash Wednesday

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

A Collect for Peace.

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Grace.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Time of Great Sickness and Mortality.

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

(You may continue here for the full service of Morning Prayer, or stop and off your own prayers and have a time of devotion – for those participating with the stream from the church we will continue with the following prayers).

A Prayer for The President of the United States, and all in Civil Authority.

O LORD our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer for the Clergy and People.

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, especially +Walter and +Robert, and other Clergy, and upon the Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Prayer for All Conditions of Men.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

(If doing the whole service of Morning Prayer – here offer your own prayers and petitions).

A General Thanksgiving. – prayed together

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and lovingkindness to us, and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name

thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

2 Cor. xiii. 14.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Here endeth the Order of Morning Prayer.

The Order for Evening Prayer Thursday, April 2

Join us for Evening Prayer on Zoom - <https://zoom.us/j/218432479>

Lessons

Psalm 133, Psalm 134, Psalm 137:1-6

Jeremiah 30:12-17, Jeremiah 30:23-24

John 12:34-43

Read the sentences for the day,

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us. *Dan. ix. 9, 10.*

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

followed by:

LET us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A General Confession, to be said by all present:

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind In Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Then the leader shall pray the Collect for Trinity XXI:

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

Then all together pray:

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive

those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Then likewise the leader shall say,

O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

The leader shall say,

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

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

Leader. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.

Then shall follow a Portion of the Psalms, followed by the Gloria Patri:

Psalm 133

BEHOLD, how good and joyful a thing it is, * for brethren to dwell together in unity!
It is like the precious oil upon the head, that ran down unto the beard, * even unto Aaron's beard,
and went down to the skirts of his clothing.

Like as the dew of Hermon, * which fell upon the hill of Sion.

For there the LORD promised his blessing, * and life for evermore.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

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

Psalm 134

BEHOLD now, praise the LORD, * all ye servants of the LORD;

Ye that by night stand in the house of the LORD, * even in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, * and praise the LORD.

The LORD that made heaven and earth * give thee blessing out of Sion.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

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

Psalm 137:1-6

BY the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, * when we remembered thee, O Sion.

As for our harps, we hanged them up * upon the trees that are therein.

For they that led us away captive, required of us then a song, and melody in our heaviness: *

Sing us one of the songs of Sion.

How shall we sing the LORD'S song * in a strange land?

If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, * let my right hand forget her cunning.

If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; * yea, if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

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

Then shall be read the First Lesson, according to the Table or Calendar.

Jeremiah 30:12-17

“For thus says the Lord:
 Your hurt is incurable,
 and your wound is grievous.
 There is none to uphold your cause,
 no medicine for your wound,
 no healing for you.
 All your lovers have forgotten you;
 they care nothing for you;
 for I have dealt you the blow of an enemy,
 the punishment of a merciless foe,
 because your guilt is great,
 because your sins are flagrant.
 Why do you cry out over your hurt?
 Your pain is incurable.
 Because your guilt is great,
 because your sins are flagrant,
 I have done these things to you.
 Therefore all who devour you shall be devoured,
 and all your foes, every one of them, shall go into captivity;
 those who plunder you shall be plundered,
 and all who prey on you I will make a prey.
 For I will restore health to you,
 and your wounds I will heal, declares the Lord,
 because they have called you an outcast:
 ‘It is Zion, for whom no one cares!’

Jeremiah 30:23-24

Behold the storm of the Lord!
 Wrath has gone forth,
 a whirling tempest;
 it will burst upon the head of the wicked.
 The fierce anger of the Lord will not turn back
 until he has executed and accomplished
 the intentions of his mind.
 In the latter days you will understand this.

After which shall be sung or said the Hymn called Magnificat, as followeth.

Magnificat. St. Luke i. 46.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, * and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
 For he hath regarded * the lowliness of his handmaiden.
 For behold, from henceforth * all generations shall call me blessed.
 For he that is mighty hath magnified me; * and holy is his Name.
 And his mercy is on them that fear him * throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; * he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, * and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; * and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; * as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

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

Then a Lesson of the New Testament, as it is appointed.

John 12:34-43

So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

“He has blinded their eyes

and hardened their heart,

lest they see with their eyes,

and understand with their heart, and turn,

and I would heal them.” Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him.

Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

And after that shall be sung or said the Hymn called Nunc dimittis,

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, * according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen * thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared * before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, * and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

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

Then shall be said the Apostles' Creed by all people.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Leader first pronouncing,

The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Leader. Let us pray.

Leader. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Answer. And grant us thy salvation.

Leader. O Lord, save the State.

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

Leader. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer. And make thy chosen people joyful.

Leader. O Lord, save thy people.

Answer. And bless thine inheritance.

Leader. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

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

Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

ALMIGHTY God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

A Collect for Peace.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

A Collect for Aid against Perils.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

In Time of Great Sickness and Mortality.

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

(You may continue here for the full service of Evening Prayer, or stop and offer your own prayers and have a time of devotion).

A Prayer for The President of the United States, and all in Civil Authority.

Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting and power infinite; Have mercy upon this whole land; and so rule the hearts of thy servants THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, The Governor of this State, and all others in authority, that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek thy honour and glory; and that we and all the People, duly considering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honour them, according to thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer for the Clergy and People.

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, especially +Walter and +Robert, and other Clergy, and upon the Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Prayer for All Conditions of Men.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we

commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

(Here pause and offer your own prayers and thanksgivings.)

A General Thanksgiving. – Prayed together

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and lovingkindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

2 Cor. xiii. 14.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Here endeth the Order of Evening Prayer.