

Morning and Evening Prayer  
With devotionals  
For March 25  
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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Morning Prayer will be cast live at 8:30 am on our YouTube channel (find link at <https://www.allsaintsprescott.org/covid-19>)

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We will be livestreaming Evensong at 6pm Arizona time – join us for this service on our YouTube channel. Link available at: <https://www.allsaintsprescott.org/covid-19>

**Devotional:**

The Psalmist writes: He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? or he that made the eye, shall he not see? At times it can seem as though we are alone in all of this, but what a sweet thing it is to know that He who created the heavens and the earth fashioned each of us with care and not only that He hears us when we cry out to him. We live in a very secular age, where the world has fashioned a new religion of science that believes it has logical explanations for everything. But as Christians, we allow scripture to form and frame our worldviews, which tells us every human being is created in the image of God.

Scripture tells us that because we are made by God, He knows even the hairs on our head. We know that we have ears to hear, and therefore, we have confidence that God has ears to hear. So it is in this time we are called to cry out to God for He is the God that created us, formed us in His image, and longs to hear from us.

**Daily Activity:**

What is troubling you today? Take sometime to think about your troubles and cares.

Now, intentionally offer them to God and then take some time to simply be quiet before the Lord. Continue to offer these cares up to the Lord in the days going forward, until you find peace about them. If you are struggling – call a friend and take time to chat.

## The Order for Morning Prayer Wednesday, March 25

### **Psalms and Lessons:**

Psalm 94

Genesis 47:29-31, 48:8-20

I Corinthians 14:1-12

### *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 94*

O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth, \* thou God, to whom vengeance belongeth, show thyself.

Arise, thou Judge of the world, \* and reward the proud after their deserving.

LORD, how long shall the ungodly, \* how long shall the ungodly triumph?

How long shall all wicked doers speak so disdainfully, \* and make such proud boasting?

They smite down thy people, O LORD, \* and trouble thine heritage.

They murder the widow and the stranger, \* and put the fatherless to death.

And yet they say, Tush, the LORD shall not see, \* neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.

Take heed, ye unwise among the people: \* O ye fools, when will ye understand?

He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? \* or he that made the eye, shall he not see?

Or he that instructeth the heathen, \* it is he that teacheth man knowledge; shall not he punish?

The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, \* that they are but vain.

Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, \* and teachest him in thy law;

That thou mayest give him patience in time of adversity, \* until the pit be digged up for the ungodly.

For the LORD will not fail his people; \* neither will he forsake his inheritance;

Until righteousness turn again unto judgment: \* all such as are true in heart shall follow it.  
 Who will rise up with me against the wicked? \* or who will take my part against the evil doers?  
 If the LORD had not helped me, \* it had not failed, but my soul had been put to silence.  
 But when I said, My foot hath slipt; \* thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.  
 In the multitude of the sorrows that I had in my heart, \* thy comforts have refreshed my soul.  
 Wilt thou have any thing to do with the throne of wickedness, \* which imagineth mischief as a law?  
 They gather them together against the soul of the righteous, \* and condemn the innocent blood.  
 But the LORD is my refuge, \* and my God is the strength of my confidence.  
 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*

*Genesis 47:29-31, 48:8-20*

And when the time drew near that Israel must die, he called his son Joseph and said to him, "If now I have found favor in your sight, put your hand under my thigh and promise to deal kindly and truly with me. Do not bury me in Egypt, but let me lie with my fathers. Carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burying place." He answered, "I will do as you have said." And he said, "Swear to me"; and he swore to him. Then Israel bowed himself upon the head of his bed.

When Israel saw Joseph's sons, he said, "Who are these?" Joseph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom God has given me here." And he said, "Bring them to me, please, that I may bless them." Now the eyes of Israel were dim with age, so that he could not see. So Joseph brought them near him, and he kissed them and embraced them. And Israel said to Joseph, "I never expected to see your face; and behold, God has let me see your offspring also." Then Joseph removed them from his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near him. And Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on the head of Manasseh, crossing his hands (for Manasseh was the firstborn). And he blessed Joseph and said,

"The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked,  
 the God who has been my shepherd all my life long to this day,  
 the angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the boys;  
 and in them let my name be carried on, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac;  
 and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him, and he took his father's hand to move it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. And Joseph said to his father, "Not this way, my father; since this one is the firstborn, put your right hand on his head." But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great. Nevertheless, his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his offspring shall become a multitude of nations." So he blessed them that day, saying,

"By you Israel will pronounce blessings, saying,  
 'God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh.'" Thus he put Ephraim before Manasseh.

*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 14:7-12*

Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit. On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church. Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up.

Now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching? If even lifeless instruments, such as the flute or the harp, do not give distinct notes, how will anyone know what is played? And if the bugle gives an indistinct sound, who will get ready for battle? So with yourselves, if with your tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is said? For you will be speaking into the air. There are doubtless many different languages in the world, and none is without meaning, but if I do not know the meaning of the language, I will be a foreigner to the speaker and the speaker a foreigner to me. So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

*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,*

***Fourth Sunday in Lent***

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

***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 offer 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 Evensong Wednesday, March 25 The Annunciation of Our Lord

We will be livestreaming Evensong at 6pm Arizona time – join us for this service on our YouTube channel. Link available at:  
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### Lessons

Psalm 36, 138

I Samuel 2:1-10

Matthew 1:18-23

*Note: the order for Evensong begins on the next page.*

## Evensong

Opening Hymn:

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## Holy Communion

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PICARDY

*Unison, in strict rhythm, slowly*Traditional French Melody,  
17th century

1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;  
2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on earth he stood,  
3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van-guard on the way,

Pon-der noth-ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless-ing in his hand  
- Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
As the Light of Light de - scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth, our full hom-age to de - mand.  
He will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n-ly food.  
That the powers of hell may van - ish as the dark-ness clears a - way.

4 At his feet the six-winged seraph;  
cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the Presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
"Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord most high!"  
Amen.

*Liturgy of St. James; Para. GERARD MOULTRIE. 1864*

*In harmony*

A - men.

*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.

*The Declaration of Absolution, or Remission of Sins. To be made by the Priest alone:*

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; 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 36**

MY heart showeth me the wickedness of the ungodly, \* that there is no fear of God before his eyes.

For he flattereth himself in his own sight, \* until his abominable sin be found out.

The words of his mouth are unrighteous and full of deceit: \* he hath left off to behave himself wisely, and to do good.

He imagineth mischief upon his bed, and hath set himself in no good way; \* neither doth he abhor any thing that is evil.

vs 5 Thy mercy, O LORD, reacheth unto the heavens, \* and thy faithfulness unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains: \* thy judgments are like the great deep.

Thou, LORD, shalt save both man and beast: how excellent is thy mercy, O God! \* and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house; \* and thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures, as out of the river.

For with thee is the well of life; \* and in thy light shall we see light.

O continue forth thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee, \* and thy righteousness unto them that are true of heart.

O let not the foot of pride come against me; and let not the hand of the ungodly cast me down.

There are they fallen, all that work wickedness; \* they are cast down, and shall not be able to stand.

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 138**

I WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; \* even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name, because of thy loving-kindness and truth; \* for thou hast magnified thy Name, and thy word, above all things.

When I called upon thee, thou heardest me; \* and enduedst my soul with much strength.

All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD; \* for they have heard the words of thy mouth.

Yea, they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, \* that great is the glory of the LORD.

For though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly; \* as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me; \* thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

The LORD shall make good his loving-kindness toward me; \* yea, thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever; despise not then the works of thine own hands

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.*

*I Samuel 2:1-10*

And Hannah prayed and said,  
 “My heart exults in the LORD;  
 my horn is exalted in the LORD.  
 My mouth derides my enemies,  
 because I rejoice in your salvation.

“There is none holy like the LORD:  
 for there is none besides you;  
 there is no rock like our God.  
 Talk no more so very proudly,  
 let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
 for the LORD is a God of knowledge,  
 and by him actions are weighed.  
 The bows of the mighty are broken,  
 but the feeble bind on strength.  
 Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
 but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger.  
 The barren has borne seven,  
 but she who has many children is forlorn.  
 The LORD kills and brings to life;  
 he brings down to Sheol and raises up.  
 The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
 he brings low and he exalts.  
 He raises up the poor from the dust;  
 he lifts the needy from the ash heap  
 to make them sit with princes  
 and inherit a seat of honor.  
 For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,  
 and on them he has set the world.

“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
 but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness,

for not by might shall a man prevail.  
 The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces;  
 against them he will thunder in heaven.  
 The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;  
 he will give strength to his king  
 and exalt the horn of his anointed.”

*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.*

**Matthew 1:18-23**

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and they shall call his name Immanuel”  
(which means, God with us).

*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.

*Then shall be said the Collect for the Day, and after that the Collects and Prayers following.*

***Fourth Sunday in Lent***

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

***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, 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.

Closing hymn:

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*In moderate time* CLEMENT C. SCHOLEFIELD, 1874

1 The day thou ga - vest, Lord, is end - ed, The dark - ness  
2 We thank thee that thy Church, un - sleep - ing While earth rolls  
3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land The dawn leads

falls at thy be - hest; To thee our morn - ing hymns as -  
on - ward in - to light, Through all the world her watch is  
on an - oth - er day, The voice of prayer is nev - er

ced - ed, Thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.  
keep - ing, And rests not now by day or night.  
si - lent, Nor dies the strain of praise a - way. A - men.

4 The sun that bids us rest is waking  
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,  
And hour by hour fresh lips are making  
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

5 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,  
Like earth's proud empires, pass away:  
Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,  
Till all thy creatures own thy sway. Amen.

JOHN ELLERTON, 1870

Here endeth the Order of Evening Prayer.