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History

From the beginning, the worship of the people of God has been not just a weekly, but a daily affair. The sanctification of time by acts of prayer and praise at specific times during the day was a practice of venerable age at the beginning of the Christian era, and one can find clear indications of it in the Scriptures of the Old as well as of the New Testament. The writings of the early Fathers of the Church bear abundant witness to the keeping of hours of prayer, both privately and corporately.

Initially, the Daily Office consisted simply of morning and evening prayers, together with the reading of Scripture and portions of the Psalter. As the monastic movement began to gain influence, the Daily Office became more complex, even in parish and cathedral churches. This is not unnatural, given the fact that major churches were frequently, even typically, served by monastic or other regular communities whose members were obliged to say all the offices. (In the classical form, there are seven day offices - Matins, Prime, Terce, Sext, None, Vespers, and Compline - and one night office - Vigils.) Over a period of time, the offices became increasingly complicated. This increased complexity, combined with the abandonment of the vernacular tongue in public prayer, made it exceedingly difficult for ordinary men and women to participate in the daily prayer of the Church.

One of the beneficial effects of the Reformation in England was a deliberate effort to simplify the Daily Office so that both

clergy and laity could participate in its offering. Morning Prayer was based upon the Medieval office of Matins together with elements from Prime. Evening Prayer was, in its essence, a combination of Vespers and Compline. But the Office as a whole was revised around the importance of regular recitation of the Psalter, reading of the whole of Scripture, and set prayer. This gives the Anglican Office its distinctive character. In more recent times, Sext (Noonday Prayer) and Compline have been restored for optional use in various Anglican Prayer Books, such as the American Book of 1979.

By Scriptural example and ancient canonical precept, the clergy are obliged to recite the Office every day, and it is the clear intent of every Anglican prayer book since 1549 that the Office be a *daily* Office. Local modifications of this precept (such as the implied permission in the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* to use only one office in the day) do not overthrow the principle that the recitation should be daily. The establishment of a regular schedule of publicly offered daily offices is an essential element to the fullness of parochial life for the laity as well as the clergy.

Purpose

The purpose of the Daily Office is two-fold: First, it serves to sanctify time, or perhaps more accurately, to remind us in the time it takes for our offering of the office that all time is sacred, since all time belongs to God. Herein is embodied the same principle that lies behind the stewardship of our material resources: All that we have belongs to God, and we render a portion of it to him in sacrificial remembrance of that fact. The consequence of the faithful rendering of this service is the fulfillment of the second purpose of the Daily Office, which is the sanctification, both of those who pray it, and of the Church for which they pray.

The Order for Daily Morning Prayer

The Officiant begins the service with one or more of these sentences of Scripture, or with the versicle "O Lord, open thou our lips" on page 38.

Advent

Watch ye, for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning; lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. *Mark 13:35, 36.*

Prepare ye 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*

Christmas

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:10, 11*

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. *Revelation 21:3*

Epiphany

The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. *Isaiah 60:3*

I will give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my Name shall be great among the Gentiles, and in every place incense shall be offered unto my Name, and a pure offering: for my Name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

Lent

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

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. *Joel 2:13*

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son." *Luke 15:18, 19*

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. *Daniel 9:9, 10*

Jesus said, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." *Mark 8:34*

Holy Week

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. *Isaiah 53:6*

Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow which is done unto me, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted me. *Lamentations 1:12*

Easter Season, including Ascension Day and the Day of Pentecost

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

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalms 118:24*

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

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

Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us. *Hebrews 9:24*

Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. *Acts 1:8*

Trinity Sunday

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. *Revelation 4:8*

All Saints and other Major Saints' Days

We give thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.
Colossians 1:12

Ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God. *Ephesians 2:19*

Their sound is gone out into all lands; and their words into the ends of the world. *Psalms 19:4*

Occasions of Thanksgiving

O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name; tell the people what things he hath done. *Psalms 105:1*

At any Time

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." *Isaiah 57:15*

The following Confession of Sin may then be said; or the Office may continue at once with "O Lord, open thou our lips."

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth

his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

or this

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

**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 Priest alone stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you ✠ absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

| *Here may be added the Lord's Prayer.*

All stand

Officiant ✠ O Lord, open thou our lips.
People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
 and to the Holy Ghost:
People **As it was in the beginning,**
 is now, and ever shall be *
 world without end. Amen.

| *Officiant* Praise ye the Lord.
People **The Lord's Name be praised.**

or, except in Lent, all may say,
 Alleluia.

Then follows one of the Invitatory Psalms, Venite or Jubilate.

One of the following Antiphons may be sung or said with the Invitatory Psalm

In Advent

Our King and Savior draweth nigh:
O come, let us adore him.

On the Twelve Days of Christmas

Alleluia. Unto us a child is born:
O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

From the Epiphany through the Baptism of Christ, and on the Feasts of the Transfiguration and Holy Cross

The Lord hath manifested forth his glory:
O come, let us adore him.

In Lent

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:
O come, let us adore him.

From Easter Day until the Ascension

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:
O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

From Ascension Day until the Day of Pentecost

Alleluia. Christ the Lord ascendeth into heaven:
O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

On the Day of Pentecost

Alleluia. The spirit of the Lord filleth the world:
O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

On Trinity Sunday

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God:
O come, let us adore him.

On other Sundays and Weekdays

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

or this

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
O come, let us adore him.

or this

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:
O come, let us adore him.

*The Alleluias in the following Antiphons are used only in
the Easter Season.*

On Feasts of the Incarnation

(Alleluia.) The word was made flesh and dwelt among us:
O come, let us adore him. (Alleluia.)

On All Saints and other Major Saints' Days

(Alleluia.) The Lord is glorious in his saints:
O come, let us adore him. (Alleluia.)

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7; 96:9, 13*

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.

or Psalm 95, page 559, especially suitable during Lent.

Jubilate *Psalm 100*

**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.**

*In Easter Week, in place of an Invitatory Psalm, the following is sung
or said. It may also be used daily until the Day of Pentecost.*

Pascha nostrum *I Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11;
I Corinthians 15:20-22*

Alleluia.

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, *
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with old leaven,
neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; *
death hath no more dominion over him.**

**For in that he died, he died unto sin once; *
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed
unto sin, *
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

**Christ is risen from the dead *
and become the first fruits of them that slept.
For since by man came death, *
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

Then shall be sung or said the Psalm or Psalms appointed.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

**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 Lesson or Lessons, as appointed, the reader
first saying,*

A Reading from _____.

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

or

Here beginneth the _____ verse of the
_____ chapter of (*the Book of*) _____.

After each Lesson the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

or Here endeth the (*First* or *Second*) Lesson.

After each Lesson, one of the following canticles is sung or said.

Benedicite, omnia opera Domini

Song of the Three Young Men, 35-65

- I O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
 praise him and magnify him for ever.
 O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
 praise him and magnify him for ever.
- II O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord; *
 O ye waters that be above the firmament,
 bless ye the Lord;
 O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
 praise him and magnify him for ever.
- O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord; *
 O ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord;
 O ye showers and dew, bless ye the Lord; *
 praise him and magnify him for ever.
- O ye winds of God, bless ye the Lord; *
 O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord;
 O ye winter and summer, bless ye the Lord; *
 praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye dews and frosts, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye frost and cold, bless ye the Lord;
O ye ice and snow, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye nights and days, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord;
O ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

III O let the earth bless the Lord; *
O ye mountains and hills, bless ye the Lord;
O all ye green things upon the earth, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye wells, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye seas and floods, bless ye the Lord;
O ye whales and all that move in the waters,
bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O all ye fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord; *
O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord;
O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

IV O ye people of God, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord;
O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.
O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

Benedictus es, Domine

Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

**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 for ever.**

**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.**

**Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

Benedictus Dominus Deus *Luke 1:68-79*

Antiphons for major Holy Days may be found on page 668.

- ✠ **Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, *
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *
in the house of his servant David,
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *
which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies, *
and from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
and to remember his holy covenant;**

To perform the oath which he sware to our
forefather Abraham, *
that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, *
all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, *
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord
to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God, *
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory be 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.

Te Deum laudamus

We praise thee, O God; *
we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, *
the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud, *
the Heavens and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim *
continually do cry:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; *
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

**The glorious company of the apostles praise thee: *
the goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee: *
the holy Church throughout all the world
doth acknowledge thee,
The Father, of an infinite majesty,
thine adorable, true, and only Son, *
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.
Thou art the King of glory, O Christ: *
thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, *
thou didst humble thyself to be born of a virgin.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, *
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, *
in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge: *
we therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints, *
in glory everlasting.**

Here may be added

**V. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;
R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.
V. Day by day we magnify thee;
R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.
V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;
R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;
R. As our trust is in thee.
V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;
R. Let me never be confounded.**

The Apostles' Creed

Then, standing, all shall say

**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 Prayers

The People kneel

<i>Officiant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Officiant</i>	Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Officiant and People then say 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 follow the Suffrages

A

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in thee can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let thy way be known upon earth;

R. Thy 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 thy Holy Spirit.

B *The versicles and responses at the conclusion of the Te Deum may be used as suffrages if desired.*

C

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

R. **And grant us thy salvation.**

V. O Lord, save the State.

R. **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

V. O Lord, save thy people.

R. **And bless thine inheritance.**

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

R. **For it is thou, Lord, Because there is none other
only, that makest us or that fighteth for us, but
dwell in safety. only thou, O God.**

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

R. **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

The Officiant then says the following Collects

The Collect(s) of the Day

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 defense, 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.**

Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.

The following, or other additional collects may be added, if desired.

A Collect for Sundays

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

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 the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Saturdays

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world didst rest from all thy works and sanctify a day of rest for all thy

creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of thy sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to thy people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

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

A Collect for Guidance

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

Then, unless the Eucharist or a form of general intercession is to follow, one of these prayers for mission is added

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

or the following

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

or this

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

Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,**

**and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves 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 honor 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 supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

*The Officiant says the following
(or, if desired, the grace may be said here)*

People **The Lord be with you.
 And with thy Spirit.**

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

From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the preceding versicle and response.

The Officiant then concludes with one of the following

✠ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.
Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

The Officiant may add

✠ May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

Additional Canticles

These canticles may be used, if desired, in the place of the traditional canticles at Morning Prayer.

Cantemus Domino

Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

Especially suitable for use in the Easter Season

**I will sing unto the Lord,
for he hath triumphed gloriously; *
the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and song, *
and he is become my salvation:
He is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; *
my father's God and I will exhalt him.
The Lord is a man of war: *
the Lord is his name.
Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: *
his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.
The depths have covered them: *
they sank into the bottom as a stone.
Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power: *
thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.
Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like thee, glorious in holiness,
fearful in praises, doing wonders?
Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, *
the earth swallowed them.
Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people
which thou hast redeemed: *
thou hast guided them in thy strength
unto thy holy habitation.**

Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them *
 in the mountain of thine inheritance,
In the place, O Lord, which thou hast
made for thee to dwell in; *
 in the sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established.
The Lord shall reign *
 for ever and 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.

Ecce, Deus

Isaiah 12:2-6

Behold, God is my salvation; *
 I will trust, and not be afraid:
For the Lord God is my strength and my song; *
 he also is become my salvation.
Therefore with joy shall ye draw water *
 out of the wells of salvation.
And in that day shall ye say, *
 Praise the Lord, call upon his Name,
Declare his doings among the people, *
 make mention that his name is exalted.
Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things: *
 this is known in all the earth.
Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: *
 for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.
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.

Quaerite Dominum

Isaiah 55:6-11

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, *
call ye upon him while he is near:
Let the wicked forsake his way, *
and the unrighteous man his thoughts:
And let him return unto the Lord,
and he will have mercy upon him; *
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
neither are your ways my ways, saith 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 the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, *
and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth,
And maketh it bring forth and bud, *
that it may give seed to the sower,
and bread to the eater:
So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: *
it shall not return unto me void,
But it shall accomplish that which I please, *
and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.
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.

Surge, illuminare

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

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, *
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, *
and gross darkness the people:
But the Lord shall arise upon thee, *
and his glory shall be seen upon thee.
And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, *
and kings to the brightness of thy rising.
Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; *
they shall not be shut day nor night.
They shall call thee, The city of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, *
wasting nor destruction within thy borders;
But thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, *
and thy gates Praise.
The sun shall be no more thy light by day; *
neither for brightness shall the moon
give light unto thee:
But the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, *
and thy God thy glory.
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.

Kyrie Pantokrator

Prayer of Manasseh, 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15

Especially suitable in Lent, and on other penitential occasions

O Lord, Almighty God of our fathers, *
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of their righteous seed;

Who hast made heaven and earth, *
with all the ornament thereof;
Whom all men fear, *
and tremble before thy power;
But thy merciful promise *
is unmeasurable and unsearchable;
For thou art the most high Lord, of great compassion,
long-suffering, very merciful, *
and repentest of the evils of men.
Thou, O Lord, according to thy great goodness
hast promised repentance and forgiveness *
to them that have sinned against thee.
And of thine infinite mercies
hast appointed repentance unto sinners, *
that they may be saved.
Now therefore I bow the knee of mine heart, *
beseeching thee of grace.
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *
and I acknowledge mine iniquities:
Wherefore I humbly beseech thee, forgive me,
O Lord, forgive me *
and destroy me not with mine iniquities.
Be not angry with me forever, by reserving evil for me; *
neither condemn me into the lower parts of the earth.
For thou art the God, even the God of them that repent; *
and in me thou wilt show all thy goodness:
For thou wilt save me, that am unworthy, *
according to thy great mercy.
Therefore I will praise thee for ever all the days of my life: *
for all the powers of the heavens do praise thee,
And thine is the glory *
for ever and ever. Amen.

Dignus es

Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10a, 13b

Thou art worthy, O Lord, *
 to receive glory and honor and power:
For thou hast created all things, *
 and for thy pleasure they are and were created.
Thou art worthy, O Lamb that wast slain, *
 and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood
Out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; *
 and hast made us unto our God kings and priests.
Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power *
 be unto him that sitteth upon the throne
And unto the Lamb *
 for ever and ever.

Magna et mirabilia

Revelation 15:3-4

Great and marvellous are thy works, *
 Lord God Almighty!
Just and true are thy ways, *
 Thou King of saints.
Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy Name? *
 For thou only art holy:
For all nations shall come and worship before thee; *
 for thy judgments are made manifest.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
 and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
 world without end. Amen.

The Order for Noonday Prayer

Officiant ✠ O God, make speed to save us.
People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
 and to the Holy Ghost:
People As it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ever shall be, *
 world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.
People The Lord's Name be praised.

One or more of the following Psalms is sung or said.

Psalm 119: xiv. *Lucerna pedibus meis*

**Thy word is a lantern unto my feet, *
and a light unto my paths.
I have sworn, and am steadfastly purposed, *
to keep thy righteous judgments.
I am troubled above measure: *
quicken me, O Lord, according to thy word.
Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please thee, O Lord; *
and teach me thy judgments.
My soul is always in my hand; *
yet do I not forget thy law.
The ungodly have laid a snare for me; *
but yet I swerved not from thy commandments.**

**Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever; *
and why? they are the very joy of my heart.
I have applied my heart to fulfill thy statutes alway, *
even unto the end.**

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

**I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills; *
from whence cometh my help?
My help cometh even from the Lord, *
who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; *
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper; *
the Lord is thy defense upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, *
neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; *
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.**

Psalm 126 *In convertendo*

**When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, *
then were we like unto them that dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with joy.
Then said they among the heathen, *
the Lord hath done great things for them.**

**Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already; *
whereof we rejoice.
Turn our captivity, O Lord, *
as the rivers in the south.
They that sow in tears *
shall reap in joy.
He that now goeth on his way weeping,
and beareth forth good seed, *
shall doubtless come again with joy,
and bring his sheaves with him.**

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

**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.**

*One of the following, or some other suitable passage of Scripture,
is read*

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation.
2 Cor. 5:17-18

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

People

Thanks be to God.

The Officiant begins the Prayers

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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.**

Officiant

O Lord, hear our prayer;

People

And let our cry come unto thee.

Officiant

Let us pray.

The Officiant then says one of the following, or, if desired, the Collect of the Day.

Blessed Savior, who at this hour didst hang upon the cross, stretching out thy loving arms: grant that all the nations of the earth may look unto thee and be saved; for thy tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

Almighty Savior, who at noonday didst call thy servant Saint Paul to be an apostle to the Gentiles: We pray thee to illumine the world with the radiance of thy glory, that all nations may come and worship thee; for thou livest and reignest for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst unto thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church; and grant to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Ghost thou livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Gracious heavenly Father, we beseech thee to send thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us in accordance with thy will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into thy truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

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

The Officiant may add

✠ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

The Order for Daily Evening Prayer

The Officiant begins the service with one or more of the following sentences of Scripture, or one of those on pages 32-36;

or with the versicle "O Lord, open thou our lips" on page 71.

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

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

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

Thine is the day, O God, thine also the night; thou hast established the moon and the sun. Thou hast fixed all the boundaries of the earth; thou hast made summer and winter. *Psalm 74:15,16*

I will bless the Lord who giveth me counsel; my heart teacheth me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7,8*

Seek him that made the Pleiades and Orion, that turneth deep darkness into the morning, and darkeneth the day into night; that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his Name. *Amos 5:8*

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

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."
John 8:12

The following Confession of Sin may then be said; or the Office may continue at once with "O Lord, open thou our lips."

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us, in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying:

or this

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

**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 Priest alone stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you ✠ absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

**Thou art 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.**

Hail, gladdening Light

**Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured
Who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,
Holiest of Holies, Jesus Christ our Lord!
Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,
The lights of evening round us shine,
We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine.
Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung
With undefiled tongue,
Son of our God, giver of life, alone:
Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.**

c. 3rd cent., trans. Bl. J. Keble

Then shall be sung or said the Psalm or Psalms appointed.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

**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, as appointed, the reader
first saying,*

A Reading from _____.

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

or

Here beginneth the _____ verse of the
_____ chapter of (*the Book of*) _____.

After the lesson the Reader says

People **The Word of the Lord.**
 Thanks be to God.

or Here endeth the (First) Lesson.

After the Lesson the following canticle is sung or said.
Antiphons for major Holy Days begin on page 672.

Magnificat *St. Luke 1:46-55*

✠ **My soul doth magnify the Lord, ***
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth *
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him *
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; *
he hath scattered the proud
in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed forever.
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, as appointed.

After the Lesson the Reader says

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

or Here endeth the (Second) Lesson.

After the Lesson the following canticle is sung or said

Nunc dimittis *St. Luke 2: 29-32*

✠ 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.

The Apostles' Creed

Then, standing, all shall say

**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 Prayers

The People kneel

<i>Officiant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Officiant</i>	Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant and People

**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 follows one of these sets of Suffrages

A

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. **And grant us thy salvation.**
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in thee can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. **Thy 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 thy Holy Spirit.**

B

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

That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace
and goodwill,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

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

That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole world,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear, and not be
condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by the Holy Spirit in the
Communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, (Blessed
N. _____), and all thy saints, entrusting one another
and all our life to Christ,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

C

- V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. **And grant us thy salvation.**
V. O Lord, save the State.
R. **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**
V. O Lord, save thy people.
R. **And bless thine inheritance.**
V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
R. **For it is thou, Lord, Because there is none other
only, that makest us or that fighteth for us, but
dwell in safety. only thou, O God.**
V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
R. **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

The Officiant then says the following Collects

The Collect(s) of the Day

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 our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. **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 Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Here may be sung a hymn or anthem. The traditional Marian anthems may be found on pages 730-732.

The following, or other additional collects may be added, if desired

A Collect for Sundays

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 thee in that city of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Fridays

O Lord Jesus Christ, who by thy death didst take away the sting of death: Grant unto us thy servants so to follow in faith where thou has led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in thee, and awake up after thy likeness; for thy tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

A Collect for Saturdays

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

A Collect for Protection

O God, who art 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 thee for the timely blessings of the day, and humbly beseech thy merciful protection all the night. Bring us, we pray thee, in safety to the morning hours; through him who died for us and rose again, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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 thee as thou art revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love. **Amen.**

Then, unless the Eucharist or a form of general intercession is to follow, one of these prayers for mission is added

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

or the following

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine 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 thy love's sake. **Amen.**

or this

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

Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow. The Prayer for All Sorts and Conditions of Men is on page 634.

Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;**

but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor 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 hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill 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.

Then the Officiant says (or if desired, the Grace may be said here)

<i>People</i>	The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.
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<i>Officiant</i>	Let us bless the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the preceding versicle and response.

The Officiant then concludes with one of the following

- ✠ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3: 20, 21.*

The Officiant may add

- ✠ May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

The Order for Compline

The Officiant begins

✠ The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night
and a perfect end.

People Amen.

Officiant Brethren: Be sober, be vigilant, because your
adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh
about, seeking whom he may devour: whom
resist, steadfast in the faith. But thou, O Lord,
have mercy upon us.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
People Who hath made heaven and earth.

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins unto
Almighty God.

Silence may be kept

Officiant and People

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:
We have sinned against thee,
through our own fault,
in thought, word, and deed,
and in those things which we have left undone.
(*For these offenses we are truly sorry and we humbly repent.*)
For the sake of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
forgive us all our offenses;

**and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Officiant

**May the Almighty God grant us ✠ forgiveness of all our sins,
amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy
Ghost. Amen.**

The Officiant then says

**✠ O God, make speed to save us.
People O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:**

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

**Officiant Praise ye the Lord.
People The Lord's Name be praised.**

*or, except in Lent, all may say,
Alleluia*

One or more of the following Psalms are sung or said.

Psalm 4 *Cum invocarem*

**Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: *
thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble;
have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.
O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honor, *
and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?**

**Know this also, that the Lord has chosen unto himself
the man that is godly; ***

when I call upon the Lord he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not; *

**commune with your own heart, and in your chamber,
and be still.**

Offer the sacrifice of righteousness, *

and put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say, *

Who will show us any good?

Lord, lift thou up *

the light of thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart; *

**yea, more than when their corn and wine and
oil increase.**

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; *

for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalm 31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

**In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put
to confusion; ***

deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me; *

make haste to deliver me.

And be thou my strong rock, and house of defense, *

that thou mayest save me.

For thou art my strong rock, and my castle: *

be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.

Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me; *

for thou art my strength.

Into thy hands I commend my spirit; *

for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

Psalm 91 *Qui habitat*

Whoso dwelleth under the defense of the Most High, *
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say unto the Lord,
Thou art my hope, and my stronghold; *
my God, in him will I trust.
For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter, *
and from the noisome pestilence.
He shall defend thee under his wings,
and thou shalt be safe under his feathers; *
his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night, *
nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
For the pestilence that walketh in darkness, *
nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.
A thousand shall fall beside thee,
and ten-thousand at thy right hand; *
but it shall not come nigh thee.
Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold, *
and see the reward of the ungodly.
For thou, Lord, art my hope; *
thou hast set thine house of defense very high.
There shall no evil happen unto thee, *
neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
For he shall give his angels charge over thee, *
to keep thee in all thy ways.
They shall bear thee in their hands, *
that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.
Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: *
the young lion and the dragon
shalt thou tread under thy feet.
Because he hath set his love upon me,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

**He shall call upon me, and I will hear him; *
yea, I am with him in trouble;
I will deliver him, and bring him to honor.
With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.**

Psalm 134 *Ecce nunc*

**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 Zion.**

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.**

*The following, or some other suitable passage of scripture,
is read*

**Thou, Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy
Name; leave us not, O Lord, our God. Jeremiah 14:9**

People **Thanks be to God.**

The following, or another hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

Te lucis ante terminum

**To thee before the close of day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That, with thy wonted favor, thou
Would'st be our guard and keeper now.**

**From all ill dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Withhold from us our ghostly foe,
That spot of sin we may not know.**

**O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son.
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.**

Latin, c. 7th cent.

Then follows

**V. Into thy hands I commend my spirit.
R. For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.
V. Keep me as an apple of an eye;
R. Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.**

**V. Lord, have mercy upon us.
R. Christ have mercy upon us.
V. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Officiant and People

**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.**

Officiant O Lord, hear my prayer;
People And let my cry come unto thee.
Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant then says the following, or some other suitable collect.

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation: Drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace, and let thy blessing be ever upon us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence may be kept. Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.

The service concludes with the following Antiphon and Nunc dimittis, which is sung or said by all.

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; *
that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may
rest in peace.**

In Easter Season, add Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**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.**

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; *
that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may
rest in peace.**

In Easter Season, add Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

<i>Officiant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.

<i>Officiant</i>	Let us bless the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

The Officiant concludes

The almighty and merciful Lord, ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, bless us and keep us. **Amen.**

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