

The Order for Evening Prayer

(based on the Book of Common Prayer)

The Psalms and Lessons for each day this week may be found on Saint Jude's website along with a YouTube video of the clergy leading Evening Prayer. If you would like to pray along with the video then you will be asked to pause it in a couple of places in order to read for yourself the daily Psalms and Lessons.

Thus says the high and lofty One that inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit. Isaiah 57. 15.

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

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 person 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. Isaiah 55. 6, 7.

Exhortation

DEARLY beloved, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke 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 most 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.

Confession & Absolution

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 them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu 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.

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 them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore we 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.**

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

V O Lord, open thou our lips;

R **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

V O God, make speed to save us;

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

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

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

V Praise ye the Lord;

R **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Psalm

Please read the appointed Psalm for the day

First Lesson

Please read the appointed Lesson for today

Magnificat Luke 1:46

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.

Second Lesson

Please read the Lesson appointed for the day

Nunc Dimittis Luke 2:29

**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

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.

V The Lord be with you;
R **And with thy spirit.**
V Let us pray.

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

Lord's Prayer

**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 them
that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

V	O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;	R	And grant us thy salvation.
V	O Lord, save the Queen;	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	And evermore mightily defend us.
V	O God, make clean our hearts within us	R	And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect for the Day

We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that 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.**

The 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.**

The Collect for Aid against all 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.**

Prayers

A Prayer at Evening

O LORD, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for those in Anxiety

ALMIGHTY God, who art afflicted in the afflictions of thy people: Regard with thy tender compassion those in anxiety and distress; bear their sorrows and their cares; supply all their manifold needs; and help both them and us to put our whole trust and confidence in thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The General Thanksgiving *may be said*

**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 honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

A Prayer of Saint 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

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 2 Corinthians 13:14.