

Morning and Evening Prayer 2008

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THE STRUCTURE OF MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER

Items marked * are optional.

Reference is made to the relevant Appendices.

Appendix II contains variants suitable for particular seasons, occasions and themes.

Refer to the Notes for more detailed guidance.

1 THE INTRODUCTION

The following forms are provided:

A - Prayers of Penitence

Appendix 1

Morning Prayer

Evening Prayer

B - Opening Versicles and Responses, etc.,

E - Opening Versicles and Responses, etc.,

C - Morning Acclamation of Christ

F - Evening Blessing of the Light

D - A Simple Introduction

G - Verses from Psalm 141

H - A Simple Introduction

2 THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

- *Either* Pattern 1 (with two readings)

Psalmody

Old Testament Reading

Gospel Canticle - *Benedictus* (morning) or *Magnificat* (evening)

New Testament Reading

*Canticle

Appendix III

Creed

Appendix IV

- *Or* Pattern 2 (with one reading)

Psalmody

*Canticle

Appendix III

Biblical Reading

Gospel Canticle - *Benedictus* (morning) or *Magnificat* (evening)

Creed

Appendix IV

3 THE PRAYERS

Intercessions

Appendix V

The Lord's Prayer

The Collect of the Day

*The Second and/or Third Collects

4 THE CONCLUSION

Dismissal or Other Ending

NOTES

1. Morning and Evening Prayer occupy a place of special importance in the daily worship of the Church. For this reason, it is the duty of the clergy to say these two offices each day, preferably in church after tolling the bell.
2. Hymns, songs or anthems may be sung before, during or immediately after The Introduction (1), as indicated, and before and after The Prayers (3).
3. Sentences, refrains and other material suitable for particular seasons and festivals, or based on particular themes, can be found in Appendix II.
4. Psalms and canticles may be sung in metrical, responsorial or alternative chanted versions, and traditional language texts may be substituted.
5. The readings are introduced with the opening reference: Book, Chapter, Verse (if not verse one).
6. The use of silence is recommended before the confession (1), after each reading (2), after the sermon and during The Prayers (3).
7. When Morning or Evening Prayer is the main service on a Sunday,
 - Introduction A (Prayers of Penitence) should always be used, followed by either the Opening Versicles and Responses (B and E) or, at Morning Prayer, the Morning Acclamation of Christ (C) or, at Evening Prayer, the Evening Blessing of the Light (F) and/or Verses from Psalm 141 (G).
 - The Ministry of the Word (2) should follow Pattern 1 (with two readings) and a sermon should be preached after the second reading, after the Creed or after The Prayers (3).
8. The Simple Introductions (D and H) are suitable for use on ordinary weekdays.
9. When The Ministry of the Word (2) follows Pattern 2 (with one reading), one of the passages appointed in the Almanac should be chosen. The other passage may be used at Prayer during the Day or at Night Prayer (if these offices are being said), or it may be omitted.
10. In the selection of daily readings for Pattern 2, care should be taken to observe, as far as possible, the principle of reading Holy Scripture in course.
11. The canticle *Te Deum Laudamus* is traditionally used at Morning Prayer on Sundays and the Holy Days listed in Groups I and II in The New Calendar (2003), except on Sundays in Lent. The canticle *Nunc Dimittis* is traditionally used at Evening Prayer, except when Night Prayer is to be said later on the same evening.
12. When The Litany (Appendix VI) is used at Morning or Evening Prayer, it replaces The Prayers (3). It ends with the Lord's Prayer, the Collect and The Conclusion (4).
13. When Morning or Evening Prayer replaces The Preparation and is combined with The Proclamation of the Word at the Holy Eucharist, it should begin with Introduction A (Prayers of Penitence) followed by one of the other Introductions, and Pattern 2 (with one reading) should be used. The Collect should be said at the end of the psalmody, immediately before the reading. The reading selected should not be a gospel passage. After the reading and gospel canticle, the gospel appointed for the Holy Eucharist is read. The Eucharist proceeds in the normal manner after the gospel reading. This arrangement should not be adopted on Sundays.
14. On any occasion when Morning or Evening Prayer immediately precedes or follows the Holy Eucharist, the use of Introductions D and H is particularly recommended. Introduction A should not be used. If Pattern 1 is used for The Ministry of the Word (2), the Collect(s) and The Conclusion (4) are said immediately after the New Testament reading (or second canticle, if desired). If Pattern 2 is used for The Ministry of the Word (2), the Collect(s) and The Conclusion (4) are said immediately after the Gospel Canticle.
15. Basic guidance regarding posture is given in the text. These suggestions may be altered to suit local needs and practice: all should stand, however, for the Gospel Canticle and the Creed.
16. Notices and banns of marriage may be read at the beginning of the service, before The Prayers (3) or immediately before The Conclusion (4).

AN ALTERNATIVE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER (MATTINS)

1 THE INTRODUCTION

(A) Prayers of Penitence

[Stand]

The minister reads one of the following, or another appropriate sentence of Holy Scripture.

It was very early in the morning on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb. (*John 20:1*)

God is Spirit and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and in truth. (*John 4:24*)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Romans 1:7*)

God said, 'Let there be light', and there was light; and God saw the light was good, and he separated light from darkness. So evening came, and morning came; it was the first day. (*Genesis 1:3-5*).

This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (*Psalms 118:24*)

The minister says

We have come together as the family of God in our Father's presence, to offer him praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive his word, to bring before him the needs of the world and to seek his grace, that, through his Son, Jesus Christ, we may give ourselves to his service.

Jesus said: "The first commandment is: 'Listen Israel! the Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these".

Silence.

[Kneel]

Let us confess our sins to the Father and seek his pardon and peace.

**Almighty and merciful God,
we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with all our heart;
and we have not loved others as Christ loves us.
We are truly sorry.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Help us to amend our lives;
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you and set you free from sin,
strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In place of the absolution, a deacon or lay minister says

May God our Father,
who by our Lord Jesus Christ
has reconciled the world to himself
and forgives the sins of all who truly repent,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
and grant us the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

(B) Opening Versicles and Responses and Invitatory Canticle

[Stand]

O Lord, open our lips,
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise

We sing to you, O Lord, and bless your name:
And tell of your salvation from day to day.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Worship the Lord.
All praise to his name.

*(The following is added in Eastertide: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!)*

*The invitatory canticle (Venite, Jubilate or the Easter Anthems) follows.
A refrain may be used, for instance:*

May Christ the daystar dawn in our hearts
and triumph over the shades of night.

(or)
May Christ, the true, the only light
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

(or)
Come, let us worship and bow down
And kneel before the Lord our Maker.

*A hymn may be sung immediately after the invitatory.
The office continues with The Ministry of the Word (Page 7 or Page 9).*

(C) Morning Acclamation of Christ.

[Stand]

O Lord, open our lips,
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*The Venite, the Jubilate, the Easter Anthems or another canticle or hymn are said or sung.
An antiphon (refrain) may be used, for instance:*

May Christ the daystar dawn in our hearts
and triumph over the shades of night.

(or)
May Christ, the true, the only light,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

(or)
Come, let us worship and bow down
And kneel before the Lord our Maker.

One of the following, or a seasonal opening prayer of blessing, is said.

(On Sundays)
Eternal God,
we praise and thank you for the day
on which you created light
and saw that it was good;
the day on which the disciples
discovered the empty tomb

and met the risen Christ.
This is the day that you have made;
we rejoice and are glad in it.

Blessed be God for ever.

(or, on weekdays)

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
You founded the earth in the beginning
and the heavens are the work of your hands.
You have made us in your image
and in these last days you have spoken to us
in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,
your Spirit ever renew our lives
and your praise ever be on our lips,
Father Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

(or)

Blessed are you, creator of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As your dawn renews the face of the earth
bringing light and life to all creation,
may we rejoice in this day you have made;
as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,
open our eyes to behold your presence
and strengthen our hands to do your will,
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

The office continues with The Ministry of the Word (Page 7 or Page 9).

(D) A Simple Introduction to Morning Prayer

[Stand]

O Lord, open our lips.
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Silent prayer/reflection on the coming day.

Early in the morning
my prayer comes before you.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You speak in my heart and say 'Seek my face'
– your face, Lord, will I seek.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, Lord,
my strength and my Redeemer.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

The office continues with The Ministry of the Word (Page 7 or Page 9).

2 THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD (Pattern 1, with two readings)

Psalmody.

[Stand/Sit]

Each of the psalms appointed for the day ends with:

**Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son,
and / to the / Holy / Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is / now,
and shall be for / ever. / Amen.**

The Old Testament reading.

[Sit]

Before the reading: A reading from...

After the reading: This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Or: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Or: Here ends the Old Testament reading.

Silence

The Gospel Canticle – Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel

[Stand]

An antiphon (refrain) may be used, for instance:

Give your people knowledge of salvation, Lord, by the forgiveness of all their sins.

Or

In your tender compassion, O God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

Or

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of David.

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the / God of / Israel *
for he has come to his / people ' and /set them /free.
- 2 The Lord has raised up for us a / mighty / Saviour *
born of the / house of his / servant / David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to / save us ' from our / enemies *
from the / hands of / all who / hate us.
- 4 To show / mercy ' to our / forebears *
and to re/member ' his / holy / covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our / father Abraham *
to set us / free ' from the / hands of ' our / enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him / without fear *
holy and righteous before him / all the / days of ' our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet / of the Most / High *
for you will go before the / Lord ' to prepare his / way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge / of sal/vation:
by the for/giveness ' of / their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion / of our God *
the dawn from on / high shall / break up/on us,

10. To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the / shadow ' of / death *
and to guide our feet / into the / way of / peace.

**Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son,
and / to the / Holy / Spirit;
As it was in the be/ginning, is / now,
and shall / be for / ever. / A/men.**

The New Testament reading.

[Sit]

Before the reading: A reading from...

After the reading: This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Or: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Or: Here ends the New Testament reading.

Silence

A canticle may be said or sung after the New Testament reading.

[Stand/Sit]

An Affirmation of the Faith

The Creed is said on Sundays and the Holy Days listed in Groups I and II in The New Calendar (2003). On other days, the office may continue immediately with The Prayers (Page 10).

The Apostles' Creed

[Stand]

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The Baptismal Creed may be used in place of the Apostles' Creed. (See Appendix IV)
The office continues with The Prayers (Page 10).*

(Pattern 2, with one reading)

Psalmody.

[Stand/Sit]

Each of the psalms appointed for the day ends with:

**Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son,
and / to the / Holy / Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is / now,
and shall be for / ever. / Amen.**

A canticle may be added at the end of the appointed psalms.

The Biblical reading.

[Sit]

Before the reading: A reading from...

After the reading: This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Or: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Or: Here ends the reading.

Silence

The Gospel Canticle – Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel

[Stand]

An antiphon (refrain) may be used, for instance:

Give your people knowledge of salvation, Lord, by the forgiveness of all their sins.

Or

In your tender compassion, O God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

Or

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of David.

1. Blessed be the Lord the / God of / Israel *
for he has come to his / people ' and /set them /free.
2. The Lord has raised up for us a / mighty / Saviour *
born of the / house of his / servant / David.
3. Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to / save us ' from our / enemies *
from the / hands of / all who / hate us.
4. To show / mercy ' to our / forebears *
and to re/member ' his / holy / covenant.
5. This was the oath God swore to our / father Abraham *
to set us / free ' from the / hands of ' our / enemies,
6. Free to worship him / without fear *
holy and righteous before him / all the / days of ' our life.
7. And you, child, shall be called the prophet / of the Most / High *
for you will go before the / Lord ' to prepare his / way,
8. To give his people knowledge / of sal/vation:
by the for/giveness ' of / their sins.

9. In the tender compassion / of our God *
the dawn from on / high shall / break up/on us,
10. To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the / shadow ' of / death *
and to guide our feet / into the / way of / peace.

**Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son,
and / to the / Holy / Spirit;
As it was in the be/ginning, is / now,
and shall / be for / ever. / A/men.**

An Affirmation of the Faith

The Creed is said on Sundays and the Holy Days listed in Groups I and II in The New Calendar (2003). On other days, the office may continue immediately with The Prayers (Section 3).

The Apostles' Creed

[Stand]

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Baptismal Creed may be used in place of the Apostles' Creed. (See Appendix IV)

3 THE PRAYERS

[Stand/Kneel]

At Morning Prayer, prayers are offered for the day and its tasks, for the world and its needs and for the Church and its life.

The prayers in Appendix V, the Litany (Appendix VI), or other suitable prayers, are used.

Appropriate responses may be used, for example

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.	Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.	We pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.
Hear us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.	In faith we pray. We pray to you, O God.	Lord, have mercy. Hear us, good Lord.

The Lord's Prayer is said. It may be introduced as follows, or with other suitable words.

Let us pray with confidence to the Father: **Our Father in heaven...**

(or) As our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray: **Our Father, who art in heaven...**

On Sundays and the Holy Days listed in Groups I and II of The New Calendar (2003), the Collect of the Day is said. It may be followed by the second and third collects.

On other days, one or both of the following is said.

The second collect, for peace:

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord,
to know you is eternal life,
to serve you is perfect freedom:
defend us in all assaults of our enemies,
that we, surely trusting in your protection,
may not fear the power of any adversaries;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The third collect, for grace:

O Lord and heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God,
we thank you for bringing us safely to the beginning of this new day:
defend us by your mighty power
that we may be kept free from all sin
and safe from every danger;
and enable us in everything
to do only what is right in your eyes;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Or)

Eternal God and Father,
by your power we are created
and by your love we are redeemed:
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to you
in love and service of one another;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

4 THE CONCLUSION

One of the following, a seasonal dismissal (Appendix II), or other appropriate words, may be used.

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

The Lord bless us and protect us from evil and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Now to him who is able through the power which is at work among us to do immeasurably more than we can ask or conceive, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus from generation to generation for ever. **Amen.**

To the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever. **Amen.**

Now to him who can keep us from falling and set us in the presence of his glory, jubilant and above reproach, to the only God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all time, now and for ever. **Amen.**

To him who loves us and has set us free from our sins with his blood, who has made us a royal house, to serve as the priests of his God and Father: to him be glory and dominion for ever. **Amen.**

To the holy and glorious Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be blessing and honour, thanksgiving and praise, now and for ever. **Amen.**

To God the Father, who first loved us, and made us accepted in the Beloved;
to God the Son, who loved us, and washed us from our sins by his own blood;
to God the Holy Spirit, who sheds the love of God abroad in our hearts;
be all love and all glory, for time and for eternity. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

The following dismissals may be used, with or without a blessing, either on their own or immediately before Let us bless the Lord and Go in the peace of Christ respectively in the above two sets of final greetings.

- 1 The peace of God which is beyond all understanding guard your hearts in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ...
- 2 The Lord bless you and keep watch over you; the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look lovingly on you and give you peace...
- 3 The God of all grace who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, restore, establish and strengthen you in the Faith...
- 4 God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ, keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory with great joy...
- 5 Christ, who nourishes you with himself, the living bread and the true vine, make you one in praise and service, and raise you up at the last day...
- 6 The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may be filled with hope...
- 7 The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself; the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service; the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts...
- 8 Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus who was wounded for our sins, that you may bear in your life the love and joy and peace which are the marks of Jesus in his disciples...

AN ALTERNATIVE ORDER FOR EVENING PRAYER (EVENSONG)

1 THE INTRODUCTION

(A) Prayers of Penitence

[Stand]

The minister reads one of the following, or another appropriate sentence of Holy Scripture.

This is what we have heard from him, and the message we are announcing to you: God is light; there is no darkness in him at all. (*1 John 1:5*)

God is Spirit and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and in truth. (*John 4:24*)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (*Romans 1:7*)

God said, 'Let there be light', and there was light; and God saw the light was good, and he separated light from darkness. So evening came, and morning came; it was the first day. (*Genesis 1:3-5*).

This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (*Psalms 118:24*)

The minister says

We have come together as the family of God in our Father's presence, to offer him praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive his word, to bring before him the needs of the world and to seek his grace, that, through his Son, Jesus Christ, we may give ourselves to his service.

Jesus said: "The first commandment is: 'Listen Israel! the Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these".

Silence.

[Kneel]

Let us confess our sins to the Father and seek his pardon and peace.

**Almighty and merciful God,
we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with all our heart;
and we have not loved others as Christ loves us.
We are truly sorry.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Help us to amend our lives;
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you and set you free from sin,
strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In place of the absolution, a deacon or lay minister says.

May God our Father,
who by our Lord Jesus Christ
has reconciled the world to himself
and forgives the sins of all who truly repent,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
and grant us the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

(E) Opening Versicles and Responses

[Stand]

O Lord, open our lips,
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise

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

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen**

Worship the Lord.
All praise to his name.

*(The following is added in Eastertide: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!)*

The following, or another evening hymn, or a hymn appropriate to the season, may be sung.

Phos Hilaron

1. O Gracious light,
pure brightness of the everliving / Father ' in / heaven *
O Jesus Christ, / holy / and / blessed!
2. Now, as we come to the / setting ' of the / sun *
and our / eyes be/hold the / evening light,
3. We sing your / praises, O / God *
Father, / Son and / Holy / Spirit.
4. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O / Giver ' of life *
and to be / glori'fied through / all ' the / worlds.

The office continues with The Ministry of the Word (Page 16 or Page 18) .

(F) Evening Blessing of the Light.

[Stand]

A lamp or candle may be lit.

The Lord is my light and my salvation:
whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life:
of whom then shall I be afraid?

One of the following, or a seasonal opening prayer of blessing, is said

(On Sundays)

Almighty God,
we give you thanks for your Son, Jesus Christ.
Triumphing over the powers of darkness,
he rose from the grave to prepare for us
a place in the new Jerusalem.
Bring us, who rejoice in his risen life,
to praise you in that eternal city
of which he is the everlasting light.
Blessed be God for ever.

(or, on weekdays)

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:
to you be glory and praise for ever.
As darkness falls you renew your promise
to reveal among us the light of your presence.
By the light of Christ, your living Word,
drive out all darkness from our hearts
that we may walk as children of light
and sing your praise throughout the world.
Blessed be God for ever.

Phos Hilaron (Appendix II, Canticle 49), or another suitable hymn or canticle, is sung. Other candles may be lit. Unless the following Verses from Psalm 141 are used at this point, the office continues with The Ministry of the Word (Page 16 or Page 18).

(G) Verses from Psalm 141

[Stand]

These verses may be used immediately after the Evening Blessing of the Light, or as a separate Introduction. Incense may be burned while they are being recited.

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to you.
Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips.

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.
But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;
in you I take refuge; do not leave me defenceless.

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

This opening prayer may be said
That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful, let us pray to the Lord.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The office continues with The Ministry of the Word (Page 16 or Page 18).

(H) A Simple Introduction to Evening Prayer

[Stand]

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

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Silent prayer/reflection on the past day.

Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not be in want.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Teach me, Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

The office continues with The Ministry of the Word (Page 16 or Page 18).

2 THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD (Pattern 1, with two readings)

Psalmody.

[Stand/Sit]

Each of the psalms appointed for the day ends with:

**Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son,
and / to the / Holy / Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is / now,
and shall be for / ever. / Amen.**

The Old Testament reading.

[Sit]

Before the reading: A reading from...

After the reading: This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Or: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Or: Here ends the Old Testament reading.

Silence

The Gospel Canticle – Magnificat anima mea Dominum

[Stand]

An antiphon (refrain) may be used, for instance:

You have done great things, O God, and holy is your name.

Or
My spirit rejoices in you, O God, my soul proclaims your greatness.

Or
You have mercy on those who fear you, in every generation.

1 My soul proclaims the / greatness ' of the / Lord:*
my spirit re/joices ' in / God my / Saviour,

2 who has looked with favour on his / lowly / servant. *
From this day all gener / ations ' will / call me / blessed:

3 the Almighty has done / great things / for me *
and / holy / is his / name.

4 God has mercy on / those who / fear him *
from gener/ation ' to / gener/ation.

- 5 The Lord has shown / strength with ' his / arm *
and scattered the / proud in / their con/ceit,
- 6 casting down the mighty / from their / thrones *
and / lifting / up the / lowly.
- 7 God has filled the hungry with / good / things *
and has / sent the / rich ' away / empty.
- 8 He has come to the aid of his / servant / Israel *
to re/member ' the / promise ' of / mercy,
- 9 the promise / made ' to our / forebears *
to Abraham / and his / children ' for / ever.

**Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son,
and / to the / Holy / Spirit.*
As it was in the be/ginning, is / now,
and shall be for / ever. / A/men.**

The New Testament reading.

[Sit]

Before the reading: A reading from...

After the reading: This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Or: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Or: Here ends the New Testament reading.

Silence

A canticle may be said or sung after the New Testament reading.

[Stand/Sit]

An Affirmation of the Faith

The Creed is said on Sundays and Holy Days listed in Groups I and II in The New Calendar (2003). On other days, the office may continue immediately with The Prayers (Page 22).

The Apostles' Creed

[Stand]

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The Baptismal Creed may be used in place of the Apostles' Creed. (See Appendix IV)
The office continues with The Prayers (Page 22).*

(Pattern 2, with one reading)

Psalmody.

[Stand/Sit]

Each of the psalms appointed for the day ends with:

**Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son,
and / to the / Holy / Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is / now,
and shall be for / ever. / Amen.**

A canticle may be added at the end of the appointed psalms.

The Biblical reading.

[Sit]

Before the reading: A reading from...

After the reading: This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Or: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Or: Here ends the reading.

Silence

The Gospel Canticle – Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

[Stand]

An antiphon (refrain) may be used, for instance:

You have done great things, O God, and holy is your name.

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and / holy / is his / name.

4 God has mercy on / those who / fear him *
from gener/ation ' to / gener/ation.

5 The Lord has shown / strength with ' his / arm *
and scattered the / proud in / their con/ceit,

6 casting down the mighty / from their / thrones *
and / lifting / up the / lowly.

7 God has filled the hungry with / good / things *
and has / sent the / rich ' away / empty.

- 8 He has come to the aid of his / servant / Israel *
to re/member ' the / promise ' of / mercy,
- 9 the promise / made ' to our / forebears *
to Abraham / and his / children ' for / ever.

**Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son,
and / to the / Holy / Spirit.*
As it was in the be/ginning, is / now,
and shall be for / ever. / A/men.**

An Affirmation of the Faith

The Creed is said on Sundays and the Holy Days listed in Groups I and II in The New Calendar (2003). On other days, the office may continue immediately with The Prayers (Section 3).

The Apostles' Creed

[Stand]

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Baptismal Creed may be used in place of the Apostles' Creed. (See Appendix IV)

3 THE PRAYERS

[Kneel/Stand]

At Evening Prayer, prayers are offered for peace and for individuals and their needs, and thanksgiving may be made for the day.

The prayers in Appendix V, the Litany (Appendix VI), or other suitable prayers, are used.

Appropriate responses may be used, for example

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.	Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.	We pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.
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Hear us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.	In faith we pray. We pray to you, O God.	Lord, have mercy. Hear us, good Lord.
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The Lord's Prayer is said. It may be introduced as follows, or with other suitable words.

Let us pray with confidence to the Father: **Our Father in heaven...**

(or)

As our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray: **Our Father, who art in heaven...**

On Sundays and the Holy Days listed in Groups I and II of The New Calendar (2003), the Collect of the Day is said. It may be followed by the second and third collects.

On other days, one or both of the following is said

The second collect, for peace

Eternal God, source of all holy desires,
all good counsels and all just works:
give your servants that peace which the world cannot give,
that we may willingly obey your commandments,
and that, free from the fear of our enemies,
we may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The third collect:

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray,
and by your great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of your only Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

(Or)

Creator of the universe, watch over us
and keep us in the light of your presence.
Let our praise continually blend with that of all creation,
and bring us, with all for whom we pray,
to the eternal joys which you promise in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

4 THE CONCLUSION

One of the following, a seasonal dismissal (Appendix II), or other appropriate words, may be used.

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

The Lord bless us and protect us from evil and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Now to him who is able through the power which is at work among us to do immeasurably more than we can ask or conceive, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus from generation to generation for ever. **Amen.**

To the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever. **Amen.**

Now to him who can keep us from falling and set us in the presence of his glory, jubilant and above reproach, to the only God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all time, now and for ever. **Amen.**

To him who loves us and has set us free from our sins with his blood, who has made us a royal house, to serve as the priests of his God and Father: to him be glory and dominion for ever. **Amen.**

To the holy and glorious Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be blessing and honour, thanksgiving and praise, now and for ever. **Amen.**

To God the Father, who loved us, and made us accepted in the Beloved;
to God the Son, who loved us, and loosed us from our sins by his own blood;
to God the Holy Spirit, who pours the love of God into our hearts;
to the one true God be all love and all glory
for time and for eternity. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The following dismissals may be used, with or without a blessing, either on their own or immediately before Let us bless the Lord and Go in the peace of Christ respectively in the above two sets of final greetings.

- 1 The peace of God which is beyond all understanding guard your hearts in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ...
- 2 The Lord bless you and keep watch over you; the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look lovingly on you and give you peace...
- 3 The God of all grace who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, restore, establish and strengthen you in the Faith...
- 4 God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ, keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory with great joy...
- 5 Christ, who nourishes you with himself, the living bread and the true vine, make you one in praise and service, and raise you up at the last day...
- 6 The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may be filled with hope...
- 7 The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself; the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service; the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts...
- 8 Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus who was wounded for our sins, that you may bear in your life the love and joy and peace which are the marks of Jesus in his disciples...

Appendix I

ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AT THE BEGINNING OF MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER.

(1)

Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near.

Let the wicked abandon their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Turn back to the Lord, who will have mercy;
to our God who will richly pardon.

Silence.

**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done what is wrong in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
In your love, have mercy on us;
cleanse us from our sin, renew a right spirit within us
and grant us the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(2)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: "The first commandment is: 'Listen Israel! The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these".

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Silence

Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

**Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Lord grant you
pardon and remission of all your sins,
time for amendment of life
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

(3)

The form of penitence at the beginning of Night Prayer may also be used.

Appendix II

SUGGESTED TEXTS FOR USE AT MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER DURING PARTICULAR SEASONS AND ON PARTICULAR THEMES.

The selection given contains suggestions only and is not intended to be exhaustive.

ADVENT

Sentences

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

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, Hope of the nations and their Saviour: come and save us,
O Lord our God.

Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. (*Matthew 3:2*)

Opening Prayer of Blessing

You are blessed, Sovereign God, Lord of all!
In your tender compassion
the dawn from on high breaks upon us,
to dispel the lingering shadows of night.
As we look for your coming among us,
open our eyes to behold your presence
and strengthen our hands to do your will,
that the world may rejoice to give you praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

Canticle Antiphons

The wilderness and the dry land shall rejoice*
the desert shall blossom and burst into song.

Or

All the ends of the earth*
shall see the salvation of our God.

Or

Happy are those who are invited*
to the wedding banquet of the Lamb.

Or

The Lord says, 'Surely I am coming soon'*
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Or

Great 'O' Antiphons (for use from 17th-23rd Dec.)

17th Dec.: O Sapientia

O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, and stretching from end to end of creation,
setting all things in order with strong and gentle hand: Come and teach us the path of true judgement

18th Dec.: O Adonai

O Adonai, O Prince of the house of Israel,
who appeared to Moses in the burning bush,
and delivered to him the law on Sinai:
Come and deliver us with outstretched arm.

19th Dec.: O Radix Jesse

O Root of Jesse,
standing like a banner before the nations,
in whose presence kings fall silent,
whose praise all peoples shall sing:
Come and set us free, do not delay.

20th Dec.: O Clavis David

O Key of David, Sceptre of the house of Israel,
what you close none shall open,
what you open none shall close:
Come and lead forth from prison those who lie in chains,
who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

21st Dec.: O Oriens

O Morning Star,
O radiance of the everlasting light, O sun of righteousness:
Come and shed your light
on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

22nd Dec.: O Rex gentium

O King of the nations, Lord for whom they long,
O cornerstone that binds in one Jew and Gentile:
Come and save mankind,
save the men and women you have moulded from the earth.

23rd Dec.: O Emmanuel

O Emmanuel,
our king and lawgiver, for whom the nations wait,
O Saviour of all people:
Come, Lord our God, and save us.

Canticles

(15) A song of the Wilderness (*Isaiah 35:1, 2b-4a, 4c-6, 10*)

(18) A song of the Lord's Return (*Isaiah 52:7-10*)

(36) Rejoice in the Lord. (*Phil. 4.4-7*)

(44) A Song of the Lamb (*Rev. 19:1b, 5b, 6b, 7, 9b*)

Dismissals

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before you...

May God the Father
who loved the world so much he sent his only Son,
give you grace to prepare for eternal life. **Amen**
May God the Son,
who comes to us as Redeemer and Judge,
show you the path from darkness to light. **Amen.**
May God the Holy Spirit,
by whom the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ,
help you to bear the fruits of holiness. **Amen.**

And the blessing...

CHRISTMAS

Sentences

I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. (*Luke 2:10-11*)

Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. (*Revelation 21:3*)

The word became flesh; he made his home among us, and we saw his glory, such glory as befits the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. (*John 1:14*)

For use on Christmas Eve:

'A virgin will conceive and bear a son, and he shall be called Emmanuel', a name which means 'God is with us'. (*Matthew 1:23*)

Opening Prayer of Blessing

Glory to God in highest heaven,
and peace on the earth to which he came.
Like the shepherds, encouraged by angels,
may we still seek and find you,
born of Mary in crowded Bethlehem,
and glorify and praise you
for all we have heard and seen.

Blessed be God for ever.

Canticle Antiphons

A child is born to us, a son is given to us*
and his name will be called Prince of Peace

Or

Arise, shine, for your light has come*
the glory of the Lord has risen upon you

Or

Glory to God in highest heaven*
and peace to his people on earth

Or

The people who walked in darkness*
has seen a great light

Or, on Dec. 24th,

O Virgin of virgins, how may this be?
Daughters of Jerusalem, marvel not at me*
For that which you behold
is a divine mystery.

Canticles

(12) A Song of the Messiah (*Isaiah 9:2-7*)

(13) A Song of God's Chosen One (*Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6, 9*)

(52) Plygain canticle (*Brother Madog ap Gwallter*)

Dismissals

Christ, who by taking our flesh, gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace...

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will ...

God the Father,
who reigns in highest heaven,
bring you the grace and truth of the Word made flesh. **Amen**
Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace
to trust his promises and obey his will. **Amen.**
God the Holy Spirit,
by whose power Mary conceived,
dwell in your hearts in love. **Amen.**

And the blessing...

EPIPHANY

Sentences

I shall appoint you a light to the nations so that my salvation may reach earth's farthest bounds.
(*Isaiah 49:6*)

Once you were far off, but now you have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood.
For he is himself our peace. (*Ephesians 2:13-14*)

They opened their treasure chests and presented gifts to him: gold, frankincense and myrrh.
(*Matthew 2:11*)

Opening Prayer of Blessing

Glorious God,
you reveal yourself to the world
and call us to be a royal priesthood,
to show forth the praises of Christ
who has called us out of darkness
into his marvellous light.
May we present ourselves as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to you,
King of all kings and Lord of all lords.
Blessed be God for ever.

Canticle Antiphons

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness*
let the whole earth stand in awe of him

Or

Nations will stream to your light*
and kings to your dawning brightness

Or

Lead us, God, with joy*
to walk in the light of your glory

Or

Let my prayer rise before you as incense*
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice
Or, on 6th January,

Three mysteries mark this holy day:
today the star leads the Magi to the infant Christ;
today water is changed into wine for the wedding feast;
today Christ wills to be baptised by John in the river Jordan
to bring us salvation.

Canticles

(17) A Song of the Covenant (*Isaiah 42:5-8a*)

(20) Your Light has come (*Isaiah 60: 1-3, 11, 18-19*)

(43) A Song of the Redeemed (*Revelation 4:8b, 11; 5:9-10 & 15:3-4*)

Dismissals

Christ the Son of God

gladden your hearts with the good news of his Kingdom....

May God the Father,
who led the wise men by the shining of a star
to find the Christ, the light from light,
lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God the Son,
who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana,
transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit,
who, at the river Jordan,
descended upon the Beloved Son, in the likeness of a dove,
pour out his gifts on you
who have been washed in the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

And the blessing....

LENT

Sentences

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts: let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (*Isaiah 55:6-7*)

Jesus said: "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life and there are few who find it." (*Matt. 7:13-14*)

God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. (*Romans 5:8*)

Opening Prayer of Blessing

Almighty God,
you fed your people in the wilderness,
and guided them by cloud and fire,
giving commandments to order their lives.
Give us eyes to see your purpose,
perseverance to follow where you lead,
and courage to know the truth that sets us free;
that our lives may be blessed
and your will may be done.

Blessed be God for ever.

Canticle Antiphons

God's justice will come to us like the showers*
like the spring rains that water the earth

Or

Create in me a clean heart, O God*
and renew a right spirit within me

Or

Christ your light shall rise in the darkness*
and your healing shall spring up like the dawn

Or

Enter not into judgement with your servant*
for in your sight shall no-one living be justified

Canticles

(19) A Song of the Word of the Lord (*Isaiah 55:6-11*)

(26) The Beatitudes (*Matthew 5:3-12*)

(50) *Salvator Mundi*

Dismissals

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross and follow him...

The God of mercy transform you by his grace and give you strength to overcome temptation ...

May God the Father,
who does not despise the broken spirit,
give to you a contrite heart. **Amen.**

May Christ,
who bore our sins in his body on the tree,
set you free to die to sin and live in righteousness **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit,
who leads us into all truth,
speak to you words of pardon and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing...

PASSIONTIDE

Sentences

Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Here is your king, who comes to you in gentleness, riding on a donkey, on the foal of a beast of burden' (*Matthew 21:5*) (*Palm Sunday*)

'Stay awake, and pray that you may be spared the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak'.
(*Matthew 26:41*)

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on the Cross; therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name. (*Phillipians 2:8-9*)

Opening Prayer of Blessing

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal!

By his Cross and Passion,
our Saviour Christ declared your love,
forgave his killers,

and promised to the penitent thief
a place that day with him in Paradise.

Into your hands we commit our spirit.
Accomplish your will in our world,
where many thirst, many feel forsaken;
and bring reconciliation and the brotherly care
shown and offered to us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Blessed be God for ever.

Canticle Antiphons

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you*
because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Or

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree*
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness

Or

By your life laid down on the Cross, you set your people free*
we look to you to save and help us

Or, on Palm Sunday,

Hosanna to the Son of David*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Canticles

(21) A Song of Lamentation (*Lamentations 1:12,16; 3:19, 22-28, 31-33*)

(41) A Song of Christ the Servant (*1 Peter 2:21-25*)

(51) God the Saviour (*Black Book of Carmarthen.*)

Dismissals

Christ crucified draw you to himself:
the sure ground of faith,
the firm support for hope
and the assurance of sins forgiven...

God,

who, through the saving Passion of his Son,
has called the whole world to acknowledge and praise his majesty,
show to you the wondrous power of the Cross,
in which the judgement of this world is revealed
and the glory of the Crucified shines forth...

May God the Father,
into whose hands our Lord committed his spirit,
give you grace to trust him in life and death. **Amen.**

May Christ,
who on the Cross forgave the penitent thief,
heal you by his wounds. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit,
who prays within us with sighs too deep for words,
support and strengthen you
as you follow the way of the Cross. **Amen.**

And the blessing...

EASTER

Sentences

The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia! (*Luke 24:34*)

The truth is Christ was raised to life - the firstfruits of the harvest of the dead. As in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be brought to life. (*1 Corinthians 15:20,22*)

The angel said to the women: 'Do not be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he promised.' (*Matthew 28:5-6, altd.*)

Opening Prayer of Blessing

Most glorious Lord of life,
whose Son Jesus Christ conquered death
and rose victorious from the grave:
may we walk in his company,
hear the mystery of the Scriptures unfold to us,
and, with burning hearts, know his presence
in the breaking of the bread,
for our Saviour is risen indeed – Alleluia!

Blessed be God for ever.

Canticle Antiphons

Alleluia! The Lord is risen*
as he promised to you. Alleluia!

Or

God has raised Christ Jesus from the dead*
so that we have a sure hope in him

Or

God has given us new birth into a living hope*
by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

Or

The Lord is my strength and my song*
and has become my salvation

Canticles

(10) The Song of Moses and Miriam (*Exodus 15:1b-2, 6a, 11-12a, 13-18*)

(14) A Song of Deliverance (*Isaiah 12:2-6*)

(32) The Easter Anthems

(39) A Song of Faith (*1 Peter 1:3-5, 18-21*)

Dismissals

The God of peace who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good deed to do his will, creating in you that which is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever ...

Almighty God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in believing ...

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life ...

May God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
awaken you to new life. **Amen.**

May Christ
who walked with the disciples on the road to Emmaus,
kindle in you the fire of his love
and strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit,
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,
send you out to bring his new life to the world. **Amen.**

And the blessing...

ASCENSIONTIDE

Sentences

The angel said: 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven'.
(Acts 1:11)

God is gone up with a shout of joy: and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. (Psalm 47:5)

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast to the faith we profess. (Hebrews 4:14)

Opening Prayer of Blessing

King of kings and Lord of lords,
risen, ascended, glorified:
you have left us a lasting command to go out,
make disciples of all nations,
baptise, teach and live to your glory.
May we perceive your presence with us always,
even to the end of time. Alleluia!

Blessed be God for ever.

Canticle Antiphons

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, everlasting doors*
and the king of glory shall come in

Or

Go and tell my brothers*
I am ascending to my father and your father,
to my God and your God

Or

The rulers of the earth belong to God*
and he is highly exalted.

Canticles

(2) A Song of God's Triumph (Psalm 47)

(28) *Benedicite*

(35) The Song of Christ's Glory (Phil. 2:5b-11)

(53) Glorious Lord (*Black Book of Carmarthen*)

Dismissals

Christ our exalted King pour on you his abundant gifts that you may serve him and reign with him in glory. **Amen.**

Christ give you grace to go in obedience to his command,
to make disciples of all the nations,
and to know he is with you to the end of the age...

May God the Father,
who has given his Son the name above every name,
lift up your hearts to worship in spirit and in truth. **Amen.**
May Christ, our exalted King,
pour upon you his abundant gifts
that you may serve him and reign with him in glory. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit,
draw you at the last to your heavenly home,
where Christ has gone to prepare a place for you. **Amen.**

And the blessing...

PENTECOST

Sentences

Jesus said: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments; and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever - the Spirit of truth' (*John 14:15-16*)

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. (*Genesis 1:1-3*)

'I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh: your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions'. (*Joel 2:16-17*)

Opening Prayer of Blessing

Inspiring God,
in the beginning your Holy Spirit
hovered over the surface of the waters
and all creation came alive.
Send on us your life-giving breath,
that, as we are recreated,
you may renew the face of the earth
in love, in joy and in peace. Alleluia!

Blessed be God for ever.

Canticle Antiphons

A new heart I will give you, says the Lord,*
and put a new spirit within you

Or

These are the fruits of the Spirit:*

love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Or

If we live by the Spirit*
let us walk by the Spirit

Or

The love of God has been poured into our hearts*
through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us

Canticles

(7) A Song of God's Greatness (*Ps 104:1-2, 32-36*)

(28) *Benedicite*

(47) A Song of the Spirit (*Rev. 22:12-14, 17, 20*)

Dismissals

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord
and to proclaim the mighty works of God...

God stir up in you the gifts of his Spirit,
that you may witness to Christ the Lord
and proclaim the joy of the eternal Gospel...

May the Spirit,
who moved over the face of the waters at creation,
breathe into you the life he gives. **Amen.**

May the Spirit,
who overshadowed the Virgin Mary
when our Lord Jesus Christ came among us,
make you joyful in the service of the Lord. **Amen.**

May the Spirit
who, like wind and flame, came upon the disciples at Pentecost,
help you in bringing the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

And the blessing..

TRINITY

Sentences

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. (*Isaiah 6:3*)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come! (*Revelation 4:8*)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and fellowship in the Holy Spirit, be with you all. (*2 Corinthians 13:14*)

Opening Prayer of Blessing

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God almighty,
living and reigning
in the unity of perfect love:
draw us so to know you,
to love and follow you,
that in you we may find the fullness of life
which knows no beginning nor end
in Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Canticle Antiphons

Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit*
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever

Or

To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb*
be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever

Or

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity: three persons and one God*
have mercy on us

Canticles

(24) The Song of the Three (*Song of the Three 29-34*)

(34) A Song of God's Grace (*Ephesians 1:3-10*)

(42) A Song of God's Love (*1 John 4.7-11, 12b.*)

Dismissals

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, and guide you in truth and peace ...

May the love of the Father enfold you,
the wisdom of the Son enlighten you
and the fire of the Holy Spirit set your hearts ablaze...

May God the Father,
who first loved us
and made us accepted in the Beloved,
fill us with his love. **Amen.**

May God the Son,
who loved us,
and washed us from our sins in his own blood,
give us his peace. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit,
who sheds the love of God abroad in our hearts,
inspire us to offer him all love and all glory,
for time and for eternity. **Amen.**

And the blessing...

KINGDOM

Sentences

Lift up your heads, O gates, and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, and the king of glory shall come in.
(Ps. 24)

The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. (Romans 14:17)

The Kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. (Matthew 13:44)

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever. (Revelation 11:15)

Opening Prayer of Blessing

King of glory,
once crowned with thorns:
may the servants of your Kingdom,
whom you call your friends,
be inspired to hunger and thirst
to see right prevail,
for your kingdom to come
and your will to be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

Blessed be God for ever.

Canticle Antiphons

The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel*
the Lord has put on his glory and girded himself with strength

Or

Jesus remember me*
when you come into your kingdom

Or

Seek first the kingdom of God*
and his righteousness

Or

At the name of Jesus*
every knee shall bow

Canticles

(1) A Song of the King's Glory (*Psalm 24*)

(37) A Song of Redemption (*Colossians 1:13-18a, 19-20*)

(38) A Song of Christ's Appearing (*1 Timothy 3:16; 6:15-16*)

Dismissals

Christ the King make you faithful and strong to do his will, and bring you to reign with him in glory ...

Christ, the Sun of righteousness,
gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom...

Christ the King rule in your hearts
that you may bear the fruits of holiness. **Amen.**

Christ the King reveal to you his majesty,
that you may draw near to him with awe and reverence. **Amen.**

Christ the King make you strong in faith and love,
that you may reign with him in glory. **Amen.**

And the blessing...

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Sentences

Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother. (*Mark 3.38*)

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.
(*Galatians 4.4-5.*)

Opening Prayer of Blessing

Blessing and praise,
honour and thanksgiving,
to you, God our Saviour.

In wisdom and mercy,
you chose Mary, the lowly virgin of Nazareth,
to be the mother of your Son.

With her, we magnify your holy name,
we rejoice in your love, and we give thanks
that you exalt the humble and meek,
filling the hungry with good things.

Blessed be God for ever.

Canticle Antiphons

Blessed are you, Mary, *
for you believed that what was said to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.

Mary gave birth to the Word of God;*
she is the ever-blessed Mother of Christ our Saviour.

In the womb of Mary, you found a dwelling place on earth, O Christ.:*
Remain for ever in our hearts.

Canticles

(11) A Song of Hannah. (*1 Samuel 2. 1,2,3b-5, 7-8.*)

(42) A Song of God's Love. (*1 John 4.7-11, 12b.*)

(45) A Song of the Holy City. (*Revelation 21.1-5a.*)

Dismissals

Christ, who by taking our flesh, gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace...

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will ...

God the Father,
who reigns in highest heaven,
bring you the grace and truth of the Word made flesh. **Amen**

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace
to trust his promises and obey his will. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,
by whose power Mary conceived,
dwell in your hearts in love. **Amen.**

And the blessing...

SAINTS

Sentences

We are all citizens with the saints and belong to the family of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far away and to those who were near.
(*Ephesians 2:19*)

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, ... and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant.
(*Hebrews 12:22-23*)

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.
(*Hebrews 12:1 altd.*)

Opening Prayer of Blessing

Sovereign God, ruler and judge of all,
to you be glory and praise!

As we rejoice with your Saints
- that great cloud of witnesses -
may we run with perseverance

the race you set before us,
looking to Jesus Christ,
the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Blessed be God for ever.

Canticle Antiphons

Blessed are the pure in heart *
For they shall see God

Or

Alleluia! The saints have conquered by the blood of the Lamb*
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Alleluia!

Or

The righteous will shine like the sun*
in the kingdom of their father.

Canticles

(23) *Justorum animae (Wisdom 3:1-2a, 3b-9)*

(36) Rejoice in the Lord (*Phillipians 4:4-7*)

(43) A Song of the Redeemed (*Revelation 4:10-11, 5:9b, 10*)

Dismissals

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love...

God give you grace to share the inheritance of his saints in glory...

God,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation
to know the hope to which you have been called. **Amen.**

God,
who has kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,
give you a share in the joy of their fellowship. **Amen.**

God,
who, in the lives of the saints,
has shown you a pattern of holy living and holy dying,
bring you to share in their inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing...

DEDICATION

Sentences

Will God indeed reside with mortals on earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, how much less this house that I have built! (*2 Chronicles 6:18*)

Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it!' And he was afraid and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God and this is the gateway of heaven'. (*Genesis 28:16-17*)

'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples'. Thus says the Lord God. (*Isaiah 56:7*)

Opening Prayer of Blessing

Sovereign God,
in your Son Jesus Christ
the very stone which the builders rejected
has become the head of the corner.
As we build your Church on this corner-stone,
hear the prayers of your faithful people
and build us, living stones,
into a holy temple to your praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

Canticle Antiphons

Lord, I love the habitation of your house*
and the place where your glory dwells

Or

My soul has a desire and longing*
to enter the courts of the Lord

Or

The stone that the builders rejected*
has become the very head of the corner

Or

'My house shall be a house of prayer*
for all nations,' says the Lord.

Canticles

(5) A Song of God's Glory (*Psalm 96:1-3, 6-10a, 13b*)

(40) Living Stones (*1 Peter 2:4-10*)

(46) A Song of the Heavenly City (*Revelation 21: 22-26, 22:1, 2b, 2d, 3b-4*)

Dismissals

Christ, whose glory fills heaven and earth,
shine in your hearts as you worship in this place...

God the Father,
whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain,
bring you the knowledge of his glory. **Amen.**

God the Son,
who taught us to pray to the Father,
fill your worship and inspire your praise. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,
by whom the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, build you, like living stones, into a
spiritual temple. **Amen.**

And the blessing...

BAPTISM

Sentences

We have been buried with Christ by baptism into death, so that, just as He was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. (*Romans 6:4, altd.*)

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. (*Galatians 3:27*)

Jesus said: 'Do not be astonished that I said to you, "you must be born from above" ' (*John 3:7*)

Opening Prayer of Blessing

God of mercy and love,
in you we live and move
and have our being:
in the waters of baptism
we die and rise with Jesus Christ.
Strengthened by your Spirit,
may we be his body in the world,
inheritors of eternal life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Canticle Antiphons

With joy you will draw water*
from the wells of salvation

Or

The river of the water of life*
flows from the throne of God and of the Lamb

Or

Since we have died with Christ*
we believe we shall also live with him

Or

Alleluia! Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations*
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia!

Canticles

(30) You must be born from above (*John 3:5-8*)

(31) Dying and rising with Christ (*Romans 6:3-5, 8-11*)

(33) A Song of Divine Love (*1 Corinthians 13:4-13*)

Dismissals

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ,
establish and strengthen you in the faith...

May the Lord of his great mercy bless you,
and give you understanding of his wisdom and grace. **Amen.**
May he nourish you with the riches of the catholic faith,
and help you to persevere in all good works. **Amen.**
May he keep your steps from wandering
and direct you into the paths of love and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing...

In baptism we are buried with Christ
and raised to new life with him.
May you know his joy in lives of service and praise. **Amen.**

In Baptism we are renewed
by the healing grace of the Holy Spirit.
May the fruits of the Spirit grow and flourish
in your works of compassion and love. **Amen.**

In Baptism we are ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven.
May you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ. **Amen.**

And the blessing...

THANKSGIVING FOR ALL GOD'S GIFTS

Sentences

As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease. (*Genesis 8:22*)

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. (*Genesis 1:31*)

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. (*2 Corinthians 9:10*)

Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters; they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep. (*Psalms 107:23-24*)

Opening Prayer of Blessing

God of life and growth and harvest,
your Son, the Good Shepherd, knows his sheep by name,
and his sheep know him.

As, through the works of nature,
you bring us to a deeper understanding of your love,
may we care for all you have created
and, with thankful hearts,
rejoice in the wonder of the earth.

Blessed be God for ever.

Canticle Antiphons

These are the fruits of the Spirit*
love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control
Or

You crown the year with your goodness*
and your paths overflow with plenty
Or

I will always give thanks to the Lord*
his praise shall ever be in my mouth
Or

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly*
The one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully

Canticles

- (3) A song of God's Blessing (*Psalms 67*)
- (9) *Oculi omnium* (*Psalms 145:16-20, 22*)
- (54) The Canticle of Brother Sun (*Prayer of St. Francis*)

Dismissals

May God our Creator,
who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the sky,
bestow upon you his care
and increase the harvest of your righteousness...

God the Father, who created the world,
give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation. **Amen.**

God the Son, who redeemed the world,
inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation,
help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing...

UNITY

Sentences

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.
(*Ephesians 4:4-6*)

Grace be with all who have an undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ. (*Ephesians 6:24*)

Jesus said: 'Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another'. (*John 13:34-35*)

Opening Prayer of Blessing

All glory and praise to you,
eternal God and Father.
In your great mercy,
you sent your Son
to gather all your scattered children into one.
Inflame our hearts with love for you
and draw us closer to one another
as we bless your holy name.

Blessed be God for ever.

Canticle Antiphons

Behold how good and lovely a thing it is *
when brothers live together in unity

Or

Be eager to maintain the unity of the spirit *
in the bond of peace

Or

We have died together with Christ*
we rise united with him

Canticles

(8) Psalm of Unity (*Psalms 133*)

(16) A Song of a Herald (*Isaiah 40:9-11*)

(42) A Song of God's Love (*1 John 4:7-11, 12b*)

Dismissals

Christ the good Shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep, bring us and all who hear his voice
into one fold ...

May God, who gives patience and encouragement,
give you a spirit of unity
as you follow the one Lord Jesus Christ...

God the Father,
whose power at work within us
can do infinitely more than all we can ask or conceive,
strengthen you on your pilgrimage of faith. **Amen.**

God the Son,
who was lifted up from the earth
that he might draw all people to him,
reconcile you to one another and to God. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,
who leads us into all truth,
draw you together in the love and praise of God. **Amen.**

And the blessing...

Appendix III

CANTICLES

Canticles from the Psalms, the Old Testament and Apocrypha and New Testament are given in biblical order.

Verses indicated by square brackets in certain canticles may be omitted.

The antiphons (refrains) given in square brackets may be replaced by other appropriate words, or no antiphon may be used. .

Except in the cases indicated, each canticle ends with the doxology

**Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son,
and / to the / Holy / Spirit.*
As it was in the be/ginning, is / now,
and shall be for / ever. / A/men.**

PSALM CANTICLES

(1) A Song of the King's Glory (Psalm 24)

[Antiphon: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.]

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, *
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For he has founded it upon the seas *
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep
- 3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, *
or who can rise up in his holy place?'
- 4 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor sworn an oath to a lie;
- 5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, *
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
- 6 Such is the company of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 'Who is the King of glory?' *
'The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord who is mighty in battle.'
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 'Who is this King of glory?' *
'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

(2) A Song of God's Triumph (Psalm 47)

[Antiphon: O sing praises to God, sing praises.]

- 1 Clap your hands together, all you peoples; *
O sing to God with shouts of joy.
- 2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdued the peoples under us *
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He has chosen our heritage for us, *
the pride of Jacob, whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a merry noise, *
the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
- 6 O sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is the King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; *
God has taken his seat upon his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples are gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 For the powers of the earth belong to God *
and he is very highly exalted.

(3) A Song of God's Blessing (Psalm 67)

- 1 God be gracious to us and bless us *
and make his face to shine upon us,
- 2 That your way may be known upon earth, *
your saving power among all nations.
- 3 *Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.*
- 4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad, *
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.
- 5 *Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.*
- 6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, *
and God, our own God, will bless us.
- 7 God will bless us, *
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

(4) Venite exultemus Domino (Psalm 95)

[Antiphon: Come, let us worship and bow down.]

1. O come let us /sing out ` to the / Lord *
Let us shout in triumph to the / rock of our sal/vation.
2. Let us come before his / face with / thanksgiving *
and cry / out to ` him / joyfully ` in / psalms.
3. For the Lord is a / great / God *
and a great / king a`bove / all / gods.
4. In his hands are the /depths ` of the / earth *
and the peaks of the / mountains ` are / his / also.
5. The sea is his and / he / made it *
his hands / moulded / dry / land.
6. Come let us worship and / bow / down *
and kneel be/fore the / Lord our / maker.
7. For he is the / Lord our / God *
we are his / people ` and the / sheep of ` his / pasture.
- [8. Today if only you would / hear his / voice -
`Do / not / harden ` your / hearts` as at / Meribah *
as on that day at / Massah / in the / wilderness
9. `When your fathers / tested / me *
put me to the proof, / though` they had / seen my / works.
10. Forty years long I loathed that gener/ation` and / said *
"It is a people who err in their hearts for they / do not / know my /
ways".
11. `Of whom I / swore` in my / wrath *
"They / shall not / enter` my / rest.".']

(5) A Song of God's Splendour (Psalm 96:1-3, 6-10a, 13b)

[Antiphon: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.]

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his name; *
tell out his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 6 Honour and majesty are before him; *
power and splendour are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is king. *
with righteousness he will judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.

(6) *Jubilate Deo* (Psalm 100)

[Antiphon: The Lord is gracious, his steadfast love is everlasting.]

1. O Shout to the Lord in triumph / all the / earth *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his / face with /songs of / joy.
2. Know that the Lord / he is God *
it is he who has made us and we are his,
we are his / people ' and the / sheep of ' his / pasture.
3. Come into his gates with thanksgiving and into his / courts with / praise *
give thanks to him and / bless his / holy / name.
4. For the Lord is good, his loving mercy / is for / ever *
his faithfulness through/out all / generations.

(7) A Song of God's Greatness (Psalm 104:1-2, 32-36)

[Antiphon: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.]

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
- 2 You are clothed with majesty and honour, *
wrapped in light as in a garment.
- 32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, *
and you renew the face of the earth.
- 33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in his works;
- 34 He looks on the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will make music to my God while I have my being.
- 36 So shall my song please him*
while I rejoice in the Lord.

(8) A Song of Unity (Psalm 133)

[Antiphon: Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other.]

- 1 Behold how good and pleasant it is *
to dwell together in unity.
- 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, *
running down upon the beard,
- 3 Even on Aaron's beard, *
running down upon the collar of his clothing.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
running down upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has promised his blessing: *
even life for evermore.

(9) *Oculi omnium* (Psalm 145:16-20, 22)

[Antiphon: Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised.]

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, *
and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand *
and fill all things living with plenty.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.

The Lord is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.

He fulfils the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and saves them.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, *
and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

CANTICLES FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT AND APOCRYPHA

(10) The Song of Moses and Miriam (Exodus 15:1b-2, 6a, 11-12a, 13-18)

[Antiphon: In your unfailing love, O Lord, you lead the people whom you have redeemed.]

I will sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously, *
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my song *
and has become my salvation.

This is my God, whom I will praise, *
the God of my forebears, whom I will exalt.

The Lord is a warrior, *
the Lord is his name.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power; *
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

At the blast of your nostrils the sea covered them; *
They sank as lead in the mighty waters.

In your unfailing love, O Lord, *
you lead the people whom you have redeemed.

And by your invincible strength *
you will guide them to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them, O Lord, *
in the sanctuary which your hands have established.

(11) A Song of Hannah (1 Samuel 2.1,2,3b-5, 7-8.)

[Antiphon: Blessed are those who believe, for what God has promised will be fulfilled.]

My heart exults in the Lord;*
my strength is exalted in my God.

My mouth derides my enemies,*
because I rejoice in your salvation.

There is no Holy One like you, O Lord,*
nor any Rock like you, our God.

For you are a God of knowledge*
and by you our actions are weighed.

The bows of the mighty are broken,*
but the feeble gird on strength.

Those who were full now hire themselves out for bread,*
but those who were hungry are well fed.

The barren woman has borne sevenfold,*
but she who has many children is forlorn.

Both the poor and the rich are of your making:*
you bring low and you also exalt.

You raise up the poor from the dust,*
and lift the needy from the ash heap.

You make them sit with the rulers*
and inherit a place of honour.

For the pillars of the earth are yours*
and on them you have set the world.

(12) A Song of the Messiah (Isaiah 9:2-7)

[Antiphon: To us a child is born, to us a son is given.]

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

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

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

For to us a child is born and to us a son is given, *
and the government will be upon his shoulder.

And his name will be called: Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God; *
the Everlasting Father; the Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace *
there will be no end,

upon the throne of David and over his kingdom, *
to establish and uphold it with justice and righteousness.

From this time forth and for evermore; *
the zeal of the Lord of Hosts will do this.

(13) A Song of God's Chosen One (Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6, 9)

[Antiphon: The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord.]

There shall come forth a shoot from the stock of Jesse, *
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, *
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might, *
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, *
or decide by what his ears hear,

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, *
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, *
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid.

The calf, the lion and the fatling together, *
with a little child to lead them.

They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; *
for the land shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord,
as the waters cover the sea.

(14) A Song of Deliverance (Isaiah 12:2-6)

[Antiphon: Shout and sing for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One.]

'Behold, God is my salvation; *
I will trust and will not be afraid;

'for the Lord is my strength and my song, *
and has become my salvation.'

With joy you will draw water *
from the wells of salvation.

On that day you will say, *
'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;

'make known his deeds among the nations, *
proclaim that that his name is exalted.

'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously; *
let this be known in all the world.

'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion, *
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

(15) A Song of the Wilderness (Isaiah 35:1, 2b-4a, 4c-6, 10)

[Antiphon: Lift up your voice with strength, O herald of good tidings.]

The wilderness and the dry land shall rejoice,
the desert shall blossom and burst into song.*
they will see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weary hands, make firm the feeble knees.
Say to the anxious, "Be strong, fear not! *
Your God is coming with judgement,
coming with judgement to save you.'

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped; *
then shall the lame leap like a hart
and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness *
and streams in the desert.

The ransomed of the Lord shall return with singing,
with everlasting joy upon their heads. *
Joy and gladness shall be theirs,
And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

(16) A Song of God's Herald (Isaiah 40:9-11)

[Antiphon: God will feed his flock like a shepherd, and gather the lambs in his arms.]

Go up to a high mountain,
herald of good tidings to Zion; *
lift up your voice with strength,
herald of good tidings to Jerusalem.

Lift up your voice, fear not; *
say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!'

See, the Lord God comes with might, *
and his arm rules for him.

Behold his reward is with him, *
and his recompense before him.

God will feed his flock like a shepherd, *
and gather the lambs in his arms;

he will carry them in his breast, *
and gently lead those that are with young.

(17) A Song of the Covenant (Isaiah 42:5-8a)

[Antiphon: I have given you as a light to the nations, and I have called you in righteousness.]

Thus says God, who created the heavens, *
who fashioned the earth and all that dwells in it;

who gives breath to the people upon it *
and spirit to those who walk in it,

'I am the Lord and I have called you in righteousness, *
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

'I have given you as a covenant to the people, *
a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the captives from the dungeon, *
from the prison, those who sit in darkness.

'I am the Lord. that is my name;
My glory I give to no other.'

(18) A Song of the Lord's Return (Isaiah 52:7-10)

[Antiphon: Break forth into singing, for the Lord has comforted his people.]

How lovely on the mountains*
are the feet of those who bring good news.

Who announce peace, who proclaim salvation,*
who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'

Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices,
together they shout for joy;*
for with their own eyes they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing
you ruins of Jerusalem,*
for the Lord has comforted his people.

The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations, *
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

(19) A Song of the Word of the Lord (Isaiah 55:6-11)

[Antiphon: Return to the Lord, who will have mercy, to our God, who will richly pardon.]

Seek the Lord while he may be found, *
call upon him while he is near.

Let the wicked abandon their ways, *
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

Return to the Lord, who will have mercy, *
to our God, who will richly pardon.

‘For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
neither are your ways my ways,’ says the Lord.

‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

‘As the rain and the snow come down from above, *
and return not again but water the earth,

‘Bringing forth life and giving growth,*
Seed for sowing and bread to eat,

‘so is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me fruitless,

‘But it will accomplish that which I purpose, *
and succeed in the task I gave it.’

(20) Your Light has Come (Isaiah 60: 1-3, 11, 18-19)

[Antiphon: The Lord will be your everlasting light, your God will be your glory.]

1. Arise, shine, for your / light has / come *
the glory of the / Lord has / risen ‘ up/on you.
2. Though night still / covers ‘ the / earth *
and / darkness / covers ‘ the / nations,
3. over you will the / Lord a/rise *
over / you ‘ will his / glory ‘ a/ppear.
4. Nations will / stream ‘ to your / light *
and / kings ‘ to your / dawning / brightness.
5. Your gates will / always ‘ be / open *
day and / night ‘ they will / never ‘ be / shut.
6. Violence will no more be heard / in your / land *
ruin or des/truction ‘ with/in your borders.
7. You will name your / walls Sal/vation,*
you will / call your / gates / Praise.

8. No longer will the sun be you / light by. day *
no longer the / moon ' give you / light by / night.
9. The Lord will be your e/ternal / light *
your / God will / be your / glory.

(21) A Song of Lamentation (Lamentations 1:12,16; 3:19, 22-28, 31-33)

[Antiphon: Great is your faithfulness, O Lord.]

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? *
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow;

which was bought upon me, *
which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears; *
for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my courage;

remember my affliction and my bitterness, *
the wormwood and the gall!

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, *
his mercies never come to an end;

they are new every morning; *
great is your faithfulness.

'The Lord is my portion', says my soul, *
therefore I will hope in him.'

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, *
To the soul that seeks him.

It is good that we should wait quietly *
for the salvation of the Lord.

It is good to bear the yoke in our youth; *
to sit alone in silence when he has imposed it.

For the Lord will not reject for ever; *
though he causes grief, he will have compassion,

according to the abundance of his steadfast love; *
for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

(22) A Song of Ezekiel (Ezekiel 36:24-28)

[Antiphon: The Spirit of God fills the whole world.]

I will take you from the nations,
and gather you from every land, *
and bring you to your homeland.

I shall sprinkle clean water upon you, *
and you will be purified from everything that defiles you.

A new heart I will give you *
and put a new spirit within you;

I shall remove from your body the heart of stone *
and give you a heart of flesh.

You shall dwell in the land I gave to your fathers; *
you will be my people, and I shall be your God.

(23) *Justorum Animae* (Wisdom 3:1-2a, 3b-9)

[Antiphon: They are in the hand of God; they are at peace.]

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God *
and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish, they seem to have died; *
but they are at peace.

For though, in the sight of others, they were punished, *
their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, *
because God tested them and found them worthy.

Like gold in the furnace, God tried them *
and, like a sacrificial burnt offering, accepted them.

In the time of their visitation, they will shine forth *
and will run like sparks through the stubble.

They will govern nations and rule over peoples *
and God will reign over them for ever.

Those who have put their trust in him will understand that he is true, *
and the faithful will attend upon him in love;

they are his chosen, *
and grace and mercy will be theirs.

(24) The Song of the Three (Song of the Three 29-34)

Bless the Lord, the God of our forebears: *
Sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless his holy and glorious name; *
Sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless him in his holy and glorious temple; *
Sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless him who beholds the depths; *
Sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless him who sits between the cherubim; *
Sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless him on the throne of his kingdom; *
Sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless him in the heights of heaven; *
Sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

**Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:
Sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

(25) *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini, Domino*

1 Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord: *
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

2 Bless the Lord you heavens: *
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

3 Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord: *
bless the Lord all you his hosts;

bless the Lord you waters above the heavens: *
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

4 Bless the Lord sun and moon: *
bless the Lord you stars of heaven;

bless the Lord all rain and dew: *
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

5 Bless the Lord all winds that blow: *
bless the Lord you fire and heat;

bless the Lord scorching wind and bitter cold: *
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

6 Bless the Lord dews and falling snows: *
bless the Lord you nights and days;

bless the Lord light and darkness: *
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

- 7 Bless the Lord frost and cold: *
bless the Lord you ice and snow;
- bless the Lord lightnings and clouds: *
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 8 O let the earth bless the Lord: *
bless the Lord you mountains and hills;
- bless the Lord all that grows in the ground: *
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 9 Bless the Lord you springs: *
bless the Lord you seas and rivers;
- bless the Lord you whales and all that swim in the waters: *
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 10 Bless the Lord all birds of the air: *
bless the Lord you beasts and cattle;
- bless the Lord all people on earth: *
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 11 O people of God bless the Lord: *
bless the Lord you priests of the Lord;
- bless the Lord you servants of the Lord: *
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 12 Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit: *
bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart;
- Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: ***
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

CANTICLES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

(26) The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12)

[Antiphon: Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.]

Blessed are the poor in spirit; *
for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed those who mourn *
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the gentle; *
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right; *
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful; *
for mercy shall be shown to them.

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

Blessed are the peacemakers; *
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted in the cause of right; *
for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are you, when others revile you and persecute you *
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake;

rejoice and be glad *
for your reward is great in heaven.

(27) The Song of Mary (*Magnificat Anima Mea Dominum*)

1 My soul proclaims the / greatness ' of the / Lord: *
my spirit re/joices ' in / God my / Saviour,

2 who has looked with favour on his / lowly / servant. *
From this day all gener / ations ' will / call me / blessed:

3 the Almighty has done / great things / for me *
and / holy / is his / name.

4 God has mercy on / those who / fear him *
from gener/ation ' to / gener/ation.

5 The Lord has shown / strength with ' his / arm *
and scattered the / proud in / their con/ceit,

6 casting down the mighty / from their / thrones *
and / lifting / up the / lowly.

7 God has filled the hungry with / good / things *
and has / sent the / rich ' away / empty.

8 He has come to the aid of his / servant / Israel *
to re/member ' the / promise ' of / mercy,

9 the promise / made ' to our / forebears *
to Abraham / and his / children ' for / ever.

(28) The Song of Zechariah (*Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel*)

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the / God of / Israel *
for he has come to his / people ' and /set them /free.
- 2 The Lord has raised up for us a / mighty / Saviour *
born of the / house of his / servant / David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to / save us ' from our / enemies *
from the / hands of / all who / hate us.
- 4 To show / mercy ' to our / forebears *
and to re/member ' his / holy / covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our / father Abraham *
to set us / free ' from the / hands of ' our / enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him / without fear *
holy and righteous before him / all the / days of ' our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet / of the Most / High *
for you will go before the / Lord ' to prepare his / way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge / of sal/vation:
by the for/giveness ' of / their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion / of our God *
the dawn from on / high shall / break up/on us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the / shadow ' of / death *
and to guide our feet / into the / way of / peace.

(29) The Song of Simeon (*Nunc Dimittis*)

1. Lord, now you have set your / servant / free *
to go in / peace as / you have / promised.
2. For these eyes of mine have / seen ' your sal/vation *
which you have prepared for / all the / world to / see;
3. a light to re/veal you ' to the / nations *
and to give / glory ' to your / people / Israel.

(30) You must be born from above (John 3:5-8)

[Antiphon: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.]

No one can enter the kingdom of God *
without being born from water and spirit.

Flesh can give birth only to flesh; *
it is spirit that gives birth to spirit.

The wind blows where it wills; you hear the sound of it,
but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. *
So it is with everyone who is born from the Spirit.

(31) Dying and rising with Christ (Romans 6:3-5, 8-11)

[Antiphon: See yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God, in Jesus Christ our Lord.]

When we were baptized into union with Christ Jesus *
we were baptized into his death.

By baptism into his death we were buried with him, *
in order that, as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, so also we might
set out on a new life.

For if we have become identified with him in his death, *
we shall also be identified with him in his resurrection.

But if we thus died with Christ, *
we believe that we shall also live with him,

for we know that Christ, once raised from the dead, dies no more: *
death has no more dominion over him.

In dying, he died to sin, once for all, *
in living, he lives to God.

See yourselves, therefore, as dead to sin *
and alive to God, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

(32) The Easter Anthems

[Antiphon: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who sleep.]

1. Christ our Passover has been / sacrificed / for us *
so let us / cele/brate the / feast,
2. Not with the old leaven of cor/ruption ' and / wickedness *
but with the unleavened / bread of ' sin/cerity ' and / truth.
3. Christ once raised from the dead / dies no / more *
death has no / more do/minion / over him.
4. In dying he died to sin / once for / all *
in / living ' he / lives to / God.

5. See yourselves therefore as / dead to / sin *
and alive to God in / Jesus / Christ our / Lord.
6. Christ has been / raised ' from the / dead *
the / firstfruits ' of / those who / sleep.
7. For as by / man came / death *
by man has come also the resurrection / of the / dead.
8. For as in / Adam ' all / die *
even so in Christ shall / all be / made a/live.

(33) A Song of Divine Love (1 Corinthians 13:4-13)

[Antiphon: Love bears all things, and will never come to an end.]

Love is patient and kind. *
Love is not jealous or boastful, it is not arrogant or rude.

Love does not insist on its own way,*
it is not angry or resentful.

It does not rejoice in wrongdoing,*
but rejoices in the truth.

Love bears all things and believes all things; *
love hopes all things and endures all things.

Love will never come to an end, *
but prophecy will vanish, tongues cease and knowledge pass away.

Now we know only in part *
and we prophesy only in part,

but when the perfect comes*
the partial shall pass away.

When I was a child, I spoke like a child,
I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child.

But when I became mature, *
I put an end to childish ways.

For now we see only puzzling reflections in a mirror, *
but then we will see face to face.

Now I know only in part; *
then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

There are three things that last for ever,
faith, hope and love; *
but the greatest of these is love.

(34) A Song of God's Grace (Eph. 1:3-10)

[Antiphon: The glorious grace of God is freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.]

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *
who has conferred on us in Christ
every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.

Before the foundation of the world
he chose us in Christ to be his people, *
to be without blemish in his sight, to be full of love;

he predestined us to be adopted as his children through Jesus Christ; *
this was his will and pleasure;

in order that the glory of his gracious gift,
so graciously conferred on us in his Beloved, *
might redound to his praise.

In Christ our release is secured and our sins forgiven *
through the shedding of his blood.

In the richness of his grace*
God has lavished on us all wisdom and insight.

He has made known to us his secret purpose, *
in accordance with the plan which he determined beforehand in Christ,
to be put into effect when the time was ripe:

that the universe, everything in heaven and on earth, *
might be brought into a unity in Christ.

(35) The Song of Christ's Glory (Phil. 2:5b-11)

[Antiphon: At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow.]

Christ Jesus was in the form of God; *
yet he did not cling to equality with God,

He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave *
and was born in our human likeness.

Being found in human form, he humbled himself, *
and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God highly exalted him *
and bestowed on him the name above all names,

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow *
in heaven, on earth, and in the depths;

and every tongue confess, 'Jesus Christ is Lord,' *
to the glory of God the Father.

(36) Rejoice in the Lord (Phil. 4:4-7)

[Antiphon: The peace of God will keep your hearts and minds.]

Rejoice in the Lord always. *
Again I say: rejoice.

Be known to everyone *
for your consideration of others.

The Lord is near; *
do not be anxious,

but in everything make your requests known to God *
in prayer and petition with thanksgiving.

Then the peace of God, which passes all understanding, *
will keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus our Lord.

(37) A Song of Redemption (Col. 1:13-18a,19-20)

[Antiphon: Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.]

The Father has delivered us from the dominion of darkness, *
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

In whom we have redemption, *
the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the invisible God; *
the firstborn of all creation.

For in him all things were created, *
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.

All things were created through him and for him, *
he is before all things and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church,
he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead.

In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell; *
and through him to reconcile all things to himself,

making peace through the shedding of his blood on the cross; *
all things, whether on earth or in heaven.

(38) A Song of Christ's Appearing (1 Timothy 3:16; 6:15-16)

[Antiphon: Christ was believed in throughout the world, and taken up in glory.]

Christ Jesus was revealed in the flesh, *
and vindicated in the spirit.

He was seen by angels; *
and proclaimed among the nations.

Believed in throughout the world, *
he was taken up in glory.

This will be made manifest at the proper time *
by the blessed and only Sovereign,

who alone has immortality, *
and dwells in unapproachable light.

To the King of kings and Lord of lords
be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

(39) A Song of Faith (1 Peter 1:3-5, 18-21)

[Antiphon: God raised Christ from the dead, the Lamb without spot or stain.]

Blessed be the God and Father *
of our Lord Jesus Christ!

By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope, *
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, *
kept in heaven for you,

who are being protected by the power of God
through faith for a salvation, *
ready to be revealed in the last time.

You were ransomed from the futile ways of your ancestors *
not with perishable things like silver or gold

but with the precious blood of Christ *
like that of a lamb without spot or stain.

Through him you have confidence in God,
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, *
so that your faith and hope are set on God.

(40) Living Stones (1 Peter 2:4-10)

[Antiphon: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner-stone.]

Come to him, the living stone rejected by men *
but chosen by God and precious to him.

As living stones, be built into a spiritual temple, *
and form a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices
acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For you will find in scripture:
I am laying in Zion a chosen corner-stone of great worth. *
Whoever has faith in it will not be put to shame.

So for you who have faith it has great worth; *
but for those who have no faith
“the stone which the builders rejected has become the corner-stone”,

and also “a stone to trip over, a rock to stumble against”. *
They trip because they refuse to believe the word; this is the fate appointed for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, *
a dedicated nation, a people claimed by God for his own,

to proclaim the glorious deeds *
of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people at all; but now you are God’s people. *
Outside his mercy once; you have now received mercy.

(41) A Song of Christ the Servant (1 Peter 2:21-25)

[Antiphon: Christ committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips.]

Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, *
that you should follow in his steps.

He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips, *
when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.

When he suffered, he did not threaten, *
but he trusted himself to God who judges justly.

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, *
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

By his wounds, you have been healed,
for you were straying like sheep, *
but have now returned
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

(42) A Song of God's Love (1 John 4:7-11, 12b)

[Antiphon: God sent his Son into the world, so that we might live through him.]

Beloved, let us love one another,
for love is of God; *
everyone who loves is a born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, *
for God is love.

In this the love of God was revealed among us, *
that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through him.

In this is love,
not that we loved God, but that he loved us, *
and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, *
we ought also to love one another.

For if we love one another, God abides in us, *
and God's love will be perfected in us.

(43) A Song of the Redeemed (Rev. 4:8b, 11; 5:9-10 & 15:3-4)

[Antiphon: You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honour and power.]

Holy, holy, holy is God
the sovereign Lord of all *
who was, and is, and is to come.

You are worthy, O Lord our God, *
to receive glory and honour and power;

for you created all things; *
and by your will they have their being.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain *
to receive glory and honour and praise;

For by your blood you bought for God *
people of every tribe and language, nation and race.

You have made them a kingdom of priests *
to stand and serve before our God.

Great and wonderful are your deeds
Lord God, sovereign of all; *
just and true are your ways,
King of the ages.

Who shall not fear you, Lord,
and do homage to your name? *
For you alone are holy.

All nations shall come
and worship before you *
for your just dealings have been revealed.

**To him who sits on the throne
and to the Lamb *
be praise and honour, glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

(44) A Song of the Lamb (Revelation 19:1b, 5b, 6b, 7, 9b)

[Antiphon: Let us rejoice and exult and give glory and homage to our God.]

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,*
whose judgements are true and just.

Praise our God, all you his servants, *
all who fear him, both small and great.

The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns: *
let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

For the marriage of the Lamb has come *
and his bride has made herself ready.

Blessed are those who are invited *
to the wedding banquet of the Lamb.

**To him who sits on the throne
and / to the / Lamb *
be praise and honour, glory and might,
for / ever and / ever. A/men.**

(45) A Song of the Holy City (Revelation 21.1-5a.)

[Antiphon: I saw the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God.]

I saw a new heaven and a new earth,*
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
Coming down out of heaven from God,*
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice from the throne saying,*
'Behold the dwelling of God is among mortals.

'He will dwell with them and they shall be his peoples,*
and God himself will be with them..'

'He will wipe every tear from their eyes,*
and death shall be no more.

Neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more,*
For the former things have passed away.'

And the One who sat upon the throne said,*
'Behold, I make all things new.'

**To him who sits on the throne
and / to the / Lamb *
be praise and honour, glory and might,
for / ever and / ever. Amen.**

(46) A Song of the Heavenly City (Revelation 21: 22-26, 22:1, 2b, 2d, 3b-4)

[Antiphon: By the river stood the tree of life, with healing for all the nations.]

I saw no temple in the city, *
for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine upon it, *
for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

By its light the nations shall walk, *
and the rulers of the earth shall bring their glory into it.

Its gates shall never be shut by day, nor shall there be any night; *
they shall bring into it the glory and honour of the nations.

I saw the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, *
flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

And either side of the river stood the tree of life, yielding its fruit each month, *
and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

The throne of God and of the Lamb shall be there,
and his servants shall worship him; *
and they shall see his face and his name shall be on their foreheads.

**To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb *
be blessing and honour, glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

(47) A Song of the Spirit (Revelation 22:12-14, 17, 20)

[Antiphon: Surely, I am coming soon. Amen. Come, Lord, Jesus!.]

'Behold I am coming soon', says the Lord,
'and bringing my reward with me, *
to give to everyone according to their deeds.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, *
the beginning and the end.'

Blessed are those who do God's commandments,
that they may have the right to the tree of life *
and may enter into the city through the gates.

'I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you *
with this testimony for all the churches.

I am the root and the offspring of David, *
I am the bright morning star.'
'Come!' say the Spirit and the bride; *
'Come!' let each hearer reply.

Come forward you who are thirsty, *
let those who desire take the water of life as a gift.

'Surely I am coming soon.' *
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

OTHER CANTICLES

(48) *Te Deum Laudamus*

1. We praise / you, O / God, *
We acclaim / you / as / Lord;
2. All creation / worships / you *
the / Father / ever/lasting.
3. To you all angels, all the / powers of / heaven *
the cherubim and seraphim / sing in /endless / praise,
4. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of / power and / might *
heaven and / earth are / full of ' your / glory.
5. The glorious company of ap/ostles / praise you: *
the noble fellowship of prophets praise you,
the white-robed / army of / martyrs / praise you.
6. Throughout the world the holy / Church ac/claims you *
Father of / majes/ty un/bounded;
7. Your true and only Son, worthy / of all / praise *
the Holy Spirit / advocate and / guide.
8. You Christ are the / King of / glory *
the et/ernal / Son ' of the / Father
9. When you took our flesh to / set us / free *
you humbly / chose the / Virgin's / womb.
10. You overcame the / sting of / death *
and opened the kingdom of / heaven ' to / all be/lievers.
11. You are seated at God's right / hand in / glory *
we believe that you will / come and / be our / judge.
12. Come then Lord and help your people *
bought with the / price of / your own / blood;
13. And bring us / with your / saints *
to / glory / everlasting.

- [14. Save your people Lord and / bless ' your in/heritance *
govern and up/hold / them/ now and / always.
15. Day by / day we / bless you *
we / praise your / name for / ever.
16. Keep us today, Lord, / from / all sin *
have mercy / on us, / Lord have / mercy.
17. Lord show us your / love and / mercy *
for we have / put our / trust in / you.
18. In you Lord / is our / hope *
let us / never ' be / put to / shame.]
[No Doxology.]

(49) Phos Hilaron

1. O Gracious light,
pure brightness of the everliving / Father ' in / heaven *
O Jesus Christ, / holy / and / blessed!
2. Now, as we come to the / setting ' of the / sun *
and our / eyes be/hold the / evening light,
3. We sing your / praises, O / God *
Father, / Son and / Holy / Spirit.
4. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O / Giver ' of life *
and to be / glori'fied through / all ' the / worlds.
[No Doxology.]

(50) Salvator Mundi

Jesus, Saviour of the world,
come to us in your mercy: *
we look to you to save and help us.

By your life laid down on the Cross
you set your people free: *
we look to you to save and help us.

When they were ready to perish
you saved your disciples: *
we look to you to come to our help.

In the greatness of your mercy
loose us from our chains: *
forgive the sins of all your people.

Make yourself known as our saviour
and mighty deliverer: *
save and help us that we may praise you.

And when you come in your glory: *
make us to be one with you
and to share the life of your kingdom.

(51) God the Saviour (*Black Book of Carmarthen – 13th Century.*)

In the name of God,
Who should be praised,
Whose praise is great:

*We praise God's ever-increasing mercy –
Christ is a strong shepherd, honoured for ever.*

God created us,
God defended us,
God has rescued us:

*We praise God's ever-increasing mercy –
Christ is a strong shepherd, honoured for ever.*

God is our hope,
Deservedly perfect,
His blessing beautiful:

*We praise God's ever-increasing mercy –
Christ is a strong shepherd, honoured for ever.*

We owe our king, the Trinity, everything.
In his suffering God was our help;
Enslaving himself for us in humility.

*We praise God's ever-increasing mercy –
Christ is a strong shepherd, honoured for ever.*

May the blessed Lord free us by Judgement Day:
Through his gentle purity bring us to feast
In Paradise, welcome and free of sin's burden.

*We praise God's ever-increasing mercy –
Christ is a strong shepherd, honoured for ever.*

When God became man he was tortured for us.
Christ's flawless deed was our redemption:
The universe was saved by a bloodstained cross.

*We praise God's ever-increasing mercy –
Christ is a strong shepherd, honoured for ever.*
[No Doxology.]

(52) Plygain canticle
(Brother Madog ap Gwallter c. 1250, adapted.)

A Son was given us.

A glorious Son, a Son to save us, the best of sons,
A virgin's Son, a gentle teacher, a wise speaker,
Without human father, a gracious Son, a giver of blessings

A Son was given us.

Wonder of wonders beyond our wisest wonderings!
No tongue shall ever proclaim a greater wonder:
God the creator came to us, as God as man, as God-man.

A Son was given us.

[Great little giant, strong, powerful, weak and beautiful,
Wealthy and poor, our Father, Brother, Judge: Jesus,
King of kings, a honeyed thought, exalted, lowly Emmanuel.

A Son was given us.]

The world's Lord in an ox and ass's manger,
Hay, not a cradle, for the Lord of hosts:
No patterned silk or linen, only rags.

A Son was given us.

On Christmas night: a night unlike all evil nights,
A night of joy: let us rejoice!
Blessed is Christmas when a Son was born.

A Son was given us.

[No Doxology.]

(53) Glorious Lord (Black Book of Carmarthen – 13th Century.)

Welcome Glorious Lord!

May church and chancel praise you;
May chancel and church praise you;
May hill and valley praise you;
May woods and orchards praise you.

Welcome Glorious Lord!

Abraham, first of the faithful, praised you;
May life eternal praise you;
May birds and insects praise you;
May green grass and after-grass praise you;
Aaron and Moses praised you.

Welcome Glorious Lord!

May male and female praise you;
May planets and stars praise you;
May fish in flowing waters praise you;
May all good things created praise you.
We praise you, Lord of glory.

Welcome Glorious Lord!
[No Doxology.]

(54) The Canticle of Brother Sun (*Prayer of St. Francis*)

Most High, all powerful, good Lord, *
to you be praise, glory, honour and all blessing.

Only to you, Most High, do they belong *
and no one is worthy to call upon your name.

May you be praised, my Lord, with all your creatures, especially brother sun, through whom you
lighten the day for us.

He is beautiful and radiant with great splendour, *
he signifies you, O Most High.

Be praised, my Lord, for sister moon and the stars; *
clear and precious and lovely,
they are formed in heaven.

Be praised, my Lord, by brother wind
and by air and clouds, clear skies and all weathers, *
by which you give sustenance to your creatures.

Be praised, my lord, for sister water, *
who is very useful and humble and precious and pure.

Be praised, my Lord, for brother fire,
by whom the night is illumined for us: *
he is beautiful and cheerful, full of power and strength.

Be praised, my Lord, for sister, our mother earth,
who sustains and governs us *
and produces diverse fruits and coloured flowers and grass.

Be praised, my Lord,
by all those who forgive for love of you *
and who bear weakness and tribulation.

Blessed are those who bear them in peace: *
for you, Most High, they will be crowned.

Be praised, my Lord, for our sister, the death of the body, *from which no one living is able to flee;
woe to those who are dying in mortal sin.

Blessed are those who are found doing your most holy will, *
for the second death will do them no harm.

Praise and bless my Lord and give him thanks *
and serve him with great humility.
[No Doxology.]

Appendix IV

A BAPTISMAL CREED

The following may be used instead of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe and trust in God the Father
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist.**

**I believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again.**

**I believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world.**

**This is the faith of the Church.
This is our Faith,
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Appendix V

PRAYERS

When the Prayers take the form of biddings, or when any of the Short Litanies (3)-(10) is used, brief re-sponsorial prayers should be inserted after each bidding or petition, for example

Lord, in your mercy	Lord, hear us.	We pray to you, O Lord.
hear our prayer.	Lord, graciously hear us.	Lord, have mercy.

Hear us, O Lord,	In faith we pray.	Lord, have mercy.
For your mercy is great.	We pray to you, O God.	Hear us, good Lord.

The bracketed endings to Short Litanies (5)-(10) are optional and interchangeable. In addition, any of them may be used, if desired, at the end of any of Short Litanies (1)-(4).

A Cycle of Intercession

Prayers may include the following concerns if it is desired to pray for different topics in the course of the week or through the seasons.

In Ordinary Time

Every day

In the morning: the day and its tasks; the world and its needs; the Church and her life.
In the evening: peace; individuals and their needs.

Sunday

The universal Church
Bishops, synods and all who lead the Church
The leaders of the nations
The natural world and the resources of the earth
All in any kind of need

Monday

The media and the arts
Farming and fishing
Commerce and industry
Those whose work is unfulfilling, stressful or dangerous
All who are unemployed

Tuesday

Those who are sick in body, mind or spirit
Victims of famine or disaster
Victims of violence and abuse, prejudice and intolerance
The bereaved
Members of the medical and healing professions

Wednesday

The social services
Victims and perpetrators of crime
Those who work in the criminal justice system
Aid agencies throughout the world
Those living in poverty or under oppression

Thursday

Local government, community leaders
All who provide local services
Those who work with young or elderly people
Schools, colleges and universities
Emergency and rescue organizations

Friday

The Queen
Members of Parliament and the National Assembly for Wales
The armed forces
Peace and justice
Those who work for reconciliation
Victims of war and civil strife
Prisoners, refugees and homeless people

Saturday

Our homes, families, friends and all whom we love
Those whose time is spent caring for others
Those who are close to death
Those who have lost hope
The worship of the Church.

During the Seasons

Every day

In the morning: the day and its tasks; the world and its needs; the Church and her life.
In the evening: peace; individuals and their needs.

Advent

The Church, that she may be ready for the coming of Christ
The Church's leaders
The nations, that they may be subject to the rule of God
Those who are working for justice in the world
The broken, that they may find God's healing

Christmas

The Church, especially in places of conflict
The Holy Land, for peace with justice, and reconciliation
Refugees and asylum seekers
Homeless people
Young children and their families

Epiphany

Christian unity
The peace of the world
The healing of the sick
The revelation of Christ to all from whom his glory is hidden
All who travel

Lent

Those preparing for baptism and confirmation
Those serving through leadership
Those seeking forgiveness
Those misled by the false gods of this present age
The hungry

Passiontide

Persecuted Christians
The oppressed
The lonely
All who are near to death
All who are facing loss

Easter

The people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord
God's creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care
Those in despair and darkness, that they may find the hope and light of Christ
Those in fear of death
Prisoners and captives

Ascension to Pentecost

God's royal priesthood, for empowerment by the Spirit
Those who wait on God, that they may find renewal
All people, that they may acknowledge the lordship of the ascended Christ
The earth, for productivity and fruitful harvests
All who are struggling with broken relationships

Kingdom

Christian people, that they may live as citizens of heaven
All people, that they may hear and believe the word of God
All who fear the winter months
All sovereigns and leaders of the nations, that they imitate the righteous rule of Christ
All who grieve or who wait with the dying

Short Litanies

(1)

Show us your mercy, O Lord;
that we may know your saving love.

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness:
and let your servants sing for joy.

O Lord, make your ways known on earth;
your saving power among all nations.

O Lord, give grace to the queen,
And guide her counsellors in wisdom.

Give your people the blessing of peace;
and for ever defend us.

Purify our hearts, O God;
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

[The people may be invited to share their petitions aloud or to pray silently.]

(2)

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens:
may your glory cover the earth.

Renew your Church in holiness;
and give your people the blessing of peace.

Keep our nation under your care:
and guide us in justice and truth.

Let your way be known on earth:
your saving power among all nations.

Do not let the needy, O God, be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Lord, hear our prayer,
for we put our trust in you.

[The people may be invited to share their petitions aloud or to pray silently.]

(3)

For the unity of the Church in witness and proclamation of the Gospel...

For the peace and stability of all peoples, and for the leaders of the nations...

For places of work, education and leisure...

For a blessing on our homes; for our relations and friends and all whom we love...

For the sick and suffering, and all who minister to their needs...

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

[The people may be invited to share their petitions aloud or to pray silently.]

(4)

Let us pray to God the Father, who has reconciled to himself all things in Christ:

For peace among the nations, that God may rid the world of violence and let peoples grow in justice and harmony...

For those who serve in public office, that they may work for the common good...

For Christian people everywhere, that we may joyfully proclaim and live our faith in Jesus Christ...

For those who suffer from hunger, sickness or loneliness, that the presence of Christ may bring them health and wholeness...

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God,

[The people may be invited to share their petitions aloud or to pray silently.]

(5)

Let us pray for the Church of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

O God, the creator and preserver of all, we pray for people of every race and in every kind of need: make your ways known on earth, your saving power among all nations...

We pray for your Church throughout the world; guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that all Christian people 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...

We commend to your fatherly goodness all who are anxious or distressed in mind, body or spirit; comfort and relieve them in their need; give them patience in their sufferings, and bring good out of their troubles...

We entrust to your gracious keeping all who have died in the faith of Christ: grant us with them a share in your kingdom...

[The people may be invited to share their petitions aloud or to pray silently.]

[Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.]**

(6)

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

For all people in their daily life and work, for our families friends and neighbours, and for those who are alone ...

For this community, for our nation and its government, for the Queen; for all who work for justice, freedom and peace ...

For the right use of your creation; for the victims of hunger, fear, injustice or oppression...

For all in danger, sorrow or any kind of trouble; for those who are sick, lonely or in need and for those who serve and care for them...

For the peace, mission and unity of the Church; for all who proclaim the gospel and all who search for truth...

For N our bishop and all ministers; for all the members of your Church...

[The people may be invited to share their petitions aloud or to pray silently.]

[Almighty God, your Son has promised that, when we meet in his name and pray according to his mind, he will be among us and hear our prayer. In your love and mercy, fulfil our desires and give us your greatest gift, which is to know you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.]

(7)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love and reveal your glory in the world...

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honour one another and seek the common good...

Teach us to respect the earth as your creation, that we may use its resources wisely to your glory and for the good of all...

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours. May we serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us...

Comfort and heal all who suffer in body, mind or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation...

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the peace of Christ. May the risen Saviour give them a share in his joy...

[The people may be invited to share their petitions aloud or to pray silently.]

[Lord, hear the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.]**

(8)

Let us pray to the Father for the Church and the world.

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of truth, unity and praise: fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit...

Deepen our awareness of the unity of the human family. Grant that we, and all people, may live together in justice, peace and mutual trust...

Cleanse the prejudice and selfishness from our hearts, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right...

Teach us to use your creation for your greater glory, that all may share the good things you provide...

Lead us to love one another, and unite us in the service of your kingdom...

Strengthen all who give their energy and skill for the healing of those who are sick in body, mind or spirit...

Set free all who are bound by illness, fear or despair...

Grant a peaceful end and eternal joy to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn...

[The people may be invited to share their petitions aloud or to pray silently.]

[The things, good Lord, that we pray for, give us the grace to labour for. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**]

(9)

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Father.

Merciful Father, we pray for ourselves and all Christians, that we may be a royal priesthood, a holy people, to the praise of Jesus Christ our Redeemer...

We pray for our bishop and for all bishops and other ministers, that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth...

We pray for children and young people and for all who are new in the Faith. Direct and guide them in the way that leads to you...

We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, and for those who bear the responsibility of government in this and every nation, that your people may rejoice in your gifts of true justice and peace...

We pray for the people of *this nation, this parish/city/village*, asking that you will show your mercy to them all...

We pray for all who are sick or in any other kind of trouble, that you will deliver them and keep them in our love...

We pray for the victims of sin and those who minister to them, that you will be their help and defence...

We pray that we may all be strengthened in our faith, our love and our service...

We pray for the departed, commending them to your eternal love...

[The people may be invited to share their petitions aloud or to pray silently.]

[We commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to you, Lord God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**]

(10)

Trusting in his promises, let us pray to the Father.

For the people of God, that every one may be a true and faithful servant of Christ ...

For all who proclaim the word of truth, that they may be inspired by the wisdom your Spirit gives...

For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord will bring them to true knowledge of himself...

For those who teach, those who learn, and all who seek the truth...

For our families and friends, that the Lord will guide them in his way and give them joy in all they do...

For all who are hungry or sick, persecuted, lonely or marginalized, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them...

For the people of Wales and of this Kingdom and Commonwealth, that the Lord will lead us in truth and righteousness...

For the whole human race, that we may live together in true peace...

For those who have died in the faith of Christ, and for those who faith is known to God alone...

[The people may be invited to share their petitions aloud or to pray silently.]

[Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of your servants as may be best for them, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come, the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**]

A General Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good:
his love is everlasting.

**Almighty God, merciful Father,
source of all holiness and grace,
we thank you for your goodness and unending love
to us and all creation.**

**We thank you for making and sustaining us
and surrounding us with your blessings;
but of all your gifts we thank you most
that in your love, beyond our power to express,
you gave your Son our Lord Jesus Christ
to restore and heal the human race.**

**We praise you, Father,
for all the channels of your grace,
and for the hope of sharing your glory.
Enlighten our hearts and minds
and show us the greatness of your love,
that our gratitude may be sincere:
not only the praise of our lips
but the offering of our lives,
dedicated and righteous in your service.**

**All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, now and ever.
Alleluia. Amen.**

Appendix VI

THE LITANY

Sections I and III must always be used, with any or all of the sub-sections II a, b & c.

Let us pray.

I God the Father,
have mercy on us.

God the Son,
have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,
have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity,
have mercy on us.

From all evil and harmful actions;
from pride, vanity and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred and malice;
and from all evil intent,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money;
from hardness of heart
and contempt for your word and your laws,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From sins of body and mind;
from the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From famine and disaster;
from violence and murder,
and from dying unprepared,
Good Lord, deliver us.

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy;
in the hour of death, and at the day of judgement,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation;
by your birth, childhood and obedience;
by your baptism, fasting and temptation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work;
by your mighty acts of power;
and by your preaching of the kingdom,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By your agony and trial;
by your cross and passion;
and by your precious death and burial,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection;
by your glorious ascension;
and by the coming of the Holy Spirit,
Good Lord, deliver us.

II Hear our prayers, O Lord our God.
Hear us, good Lord.

a. Govern and direct your holy Church;
fill it with love and truth;
and grant it that unity which is your will.
Hear us, good Lord.

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world,
and to make disciples of all the nations.
Hear us, good Lord.

Enlighten all bishops, priests and deacons
with knowledge and understanding,
that by their ministry and their lives
they may proclaim your word.
Hear us, good Lord.

(In Ember weeks and on other appropriate occasions)

Give your grace [to **N.** and] to all who are called to any office or ministry in your Church,
that they may serve to the glory of your name.
Hear us, good Lord.

(At ordinations)

Pour your grace on your servants
who at this time are to be admitted to the order of deacons or of priests,
that they may strengthen your people in bringing salvation to all.
Hear us, good Lord.

Give all your people grace to hear and receive your word,
and to bear the fruit of the Spirit.
Hear us, good Lord.

Bring into the way of truth all
who have erred and have strayed from you.
Hear us, good Lord.

Strengthen those who stand;
comfort and help those who are fainthearted;
raise up all who are fallen;
and beat down Satan under our feet.
Hear us, good Lord.

- b. Guide the leaders of the nations
in the ways of justice and peace.
Hear us, good Lord.

Guard and strengthen your servant *Elizabeth* our *Queen*,
that she may put her trust in you,
and seek your honour and glory.
Hear us, good Lord.

Endue the High Court of Parliament
and all the Ministers of the Crown
with wisdom, understanding and compassion.
Hear us, good Lord.

Guide with your grace the members of the European Parliament,
the local councils, and the leaders of this people of Wales.
Hear us, good Lord.

Bless those who administer the law,
that they may uphold justice and honesty, mercy and truth.
Hear us, good Lord.

Give us a reverence for the earth as your creation
that we may use its resources with integrity
in the service of others and to your honour and glory.
Hear us, good Lord.

Bless and keep all your people.
Hear us, good Lord.

- c. Help and comfort those who are lonely, bereaved and oppressed.
Lord, have mercy.

Keep in safety those who travel, and all who are in danger.
Lord, have mercy.

Heal those who are sick in body, mind or spirit,
and provide for all who are homeless, hungry and destitute.
Lord, have mercy.

Show your pity on Prisoners and refugees, and all who are in trouble.
Lord, have mercy.

Have mercy on all humanity.
Lord, have mercy.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.
Lord, have mercy.

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the peace of Christ,
and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.
Lord, have mercy.

- III Give us true repentance; forgive our sins of negligence and ignorance, and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy word.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

The Litany concludes with the Lord's Prayer, a collect (of the day, or for morning or evening) and The Conclusion (Section 4) from Morning and Evening Prayer.

When the Litany is used at the Holy Eucharist, it replaces everything in the Eucharist before the collect. The intercession is omitted.

PRAYER DURING THE DAY

STRUCTURE OF PRAYER DURING THE DAY

*N.B. Items marked * are optional.*

1 THE INTRODUCTION

Versicle and Response, etc.

*Opening meditation, hymn, song or canticle.

2 THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Psalmody.

A reading from Holy Scripture

*Response

3 THE PRAYERS

*Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer.

Collect of the Day or one of the prayers provided.

4 THE CONCLUSION

A closing versicle and response, or another appropriate ending.

NOTES

This Order for Prayer During the Day is designed to help those who wish to use a structured but reasonably flexible form for prayer and reflection in the course of the day. It is not intended as an alternative to either Morning or Evening Prayer.

Appropriate psalms, short readings and other material are provided for each day of the week. Alternative short readings and other suitable material for seasonal use are provided in Appendix VII.

1 THE INTRODUCTION

Throughout this order, the bracketed *Alleluia* in the versicles and responses is recommended for use during Eastertide.

In place of the introductory meditative passages provided, some will prefer to use one of the traditional office hymns for Prayer During the Day. These can be found in many hymnals.

2(a) THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD – PSALMODY

Tables of psalms for days of the week or month are given immediately after these Notes. In accordance with traditional usage, the psalms listed in these tables are Psalm 119 and Psalms 121-131, 133.

The psalms listed in the Almanac for Morning and Evening Prayer on a given day should not be used at Prayer During the Day. If a psalm appointed for Morning or Evening Prayer on a particular day appears also in the table that happens to be being used at Prayer During the Day on that day, a psalm or psalms from one of the other two tables should be used instead.

2(b) THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD – SCRIPTURE READING

One of the following is used:

One of the short readings printed in the order.

One of the seasonal passages listed in the Seasonal Material (Appendix VII).

One, but no more, of the readings listed in the Almanac for Morning and Evening Prayer. In this case, the remaining lesson provided will be the only one read at Morning or Evening Prayer.

One of the readings listed in the Almanac for use at the Holy Eucharist.

A versicle and response are provided for optional use after the reading. Other appropriate ways of responding to the reading of Holy Scripture include singing and silent reflection.

3 THE PRAYERS

If desired, intercessions may be inserted at the beginning of the Prayers.

The Lord's Prayer and concluding prayer should never be omitted.

The collect of the day should always be used as the concluding prayer on the Sundays and Holy Days listed in Groups I and II in the *New Calendar* (2003). The collect of the day may be used also on commemorations listed in Groups III-V and on occasions of special importance for a parish, community or individual.

4 THE CONCLUSION

One of the endings of Morning and Evening Prayer may be substituted for those provided.

The closing versicles and responses beginning 'May the light of Christ...' and 'If we live by the Spirit...' are recommended as particularly suitable for use in Eastertide, before and after Ascension Day respectively. Their use need not and should not, however, be limited to Eastertide.

Other possible ways of ending Prayer During the Day are by singing an appropriate hymn or by exchanging the Peace, to which may be added 'Let us offer one another a sign of peace, God's seal on our prayers'.

Tables of Psalms for Use at Prayer During the Day

Over a calendar month

Day 1	119.1-8
Day 2	119.9-16
Day 3	119.17-24
Day 4	119.25-32
Day 5	119.33-40
Day 6	119.41-48
Day 7	119.49-56
Day 8	119.57-64
Day 9	119.65-72
Day 10	119.73-80
Day 11	119.81-88
Day 12	119.89-96
Day 13	119.97-104
Day 14	119.105-112
Day 15	119.113-120
Day 16	119.121-128
Day 17	119.129-136
Day 18	119.137-144
Day 19	119.145-152
Day 20	119.153-160
Day 21	119.161-168
Day 22	119.169-end
Day 23	121, 122
Day 24	123, 124
Day 25	125, 126
Day 26	127
Day 27	128
Day 28	129
Day 29	130
Day 30	131
Day 31	133

Over a week or a fortnight

Psalm 119 and the Psalms of Ascent may be used over a fortnight as follows:

Sunday	119.1-32
Monday	119.33-56
Tuesday	119.57-80
Wednesday	119.81-104
Thursday	119.105-128
Friday	119.129-152
Saturday	119.153-end

Sunday	121, 122
Monday	123, 124
Tuesday	125, 126
Wednesday	127
Thursday	128
Friday	129, 130
Saturday	131, 133

Alternatively, Psalm 119 and the Psalms of Ascent may be used, together or alone, on a weekly cycle.

AN ORDER FOR PRAYER DURING THE DAY

1 THE INTRODUCTION

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, [alleluia,]

and all that is within me bless his holy name. [Alleluia.]

One of the following, or some other appropriate hymn, song or canticle may be used..

(1)

I bind unto myself today
The strong name of the Trinity,
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One and One in Three.
Of whom all nature hath creation;
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.

(2)

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

(3)

I am giving you worship with all my life,
I am giving you obedience with all my power,
I am giving you praise with all my strength,
I am giving you honour with all my speech.

I am giving you love with all my heart,
I am giving you affection with all my sense,
I am giving you my being with all my mind,
I am giving you my soul, O most high and holy God.

Praise to the Father,
Praise to the Son,
Praise to the Spirit,
The Three in One.

(4)

What shall I give you, Lord, in return for all your kindness?

Glory to you for your love.

Glory to you for your patience.

Glory to you for forgiving us all our sins.

Glory to you for coming to save our souls.

Glory to you for your incarnation in the Virgin's womb.

Glory to you for your bonds.

Glory to you for receiving the cut of the lash.

Glory to you for accepting mockery.

Glory to you for your crucifixion.

Glory to you for your burial.

Glory to you for your resurrection.

Glory to you that you were preached to all.

Glory to you in whom they believed.

(5)

My soul, there is a country

Far beyond the stars,

Where stands a winged sentry

All skilful in the wars.

There above noise and danger

Sweet Peace sits crowned with smiles,

And one born in a manger

Commands the beautiful files.

He is thy gracious friend

And – O my soul awake! –

Did in pure love descend

To die here for thy sake.

If thou canst get but thither,

There grows the flower of Peace,

The Rose that cannot wither,

Thy fortress and thy ease.

Leave then thy foolish ranges,

For none can thee secure,

But one who never changes,

Thy God, thy life, thy cure.

(6)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a Feast:
Such a Feast as mends in length:
Such a Strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy as none can move:
Such a Love as none can part:
Such a Heart as joys in Love.

(7)

Christ Jesus was revealed in the flesh
and vindicated in the Spirit.
He was seen by angels
and proclaimed among the nations.
Believed in throughout the world,
he was taken up in glory.
This will be made manifest at the proper time
by the blessed and only Sovereign,
who alone has immortality,
and dwells in unapproachable light.
To the King of kings and Lord of lords
be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

2 THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Each psalm is followed by the doxology

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

After the psalmody, one of the readings provided for the day in the Almanac, or one of the following short readings, is read.

See also Appendix VII.

Sunday: Genesis 1.1-5; 2 Corinthians 5.17-19a; John 5.15-18; Revelation 21.1-4.
Monday: Isaiah 49.1b-4; Proverbs 3.7-12; Mark 4.26-29; Matthew 25.19-21.
Tuesday: Deuteronomy 28.1-4; Isaiah 35.3-6; John 9.1-5; Revelation 22.1-2.
Wednesday: Isaiah 61.1-3a; Micah 4.1-4a; Matthew 9.35-end; John 18.33,36-38.
Thursday: Deuteronomy 15.7-11; Isaiah 43.5-7; I Peter 2.9-10; John 17.18-23.
Friday: 2 Chronicles 7.13-14; Isaiah 57.15-19; Ephesians 2.13-18; Luke 9.22-25.
Saturday: Isaiah 11.6-9; Ephesians 3.14-19; John 11.17-26a; Revelation 5.8-10.

One of the following versicles and responses may be said after the reading.

Let the word of Christ dwell with you in all its richness. [Alleluia.]

Teach and instruct each other in all wisdom. [Alleluia.]

Teach me to observe your law. [Alleluia.]

I will keep it with my whole heart. [Alleluia.]

Lead me in the way of your truth and teach me, O Lord. [Alleluia.]

You are the God who saves me. [Alleluia.]

Teach me goodness and discernment and knowledge. [Alleluia.]

I trust in your commands. [Alleluia.]

My soul trusts in the word of the Lord. [Alleluia.]

My soul is longing for him. [Alleluia.]

Lord, to whom shall we go? [Alleluia.]

You have the words of eternal life. [Alleluia.]

The unfolding of your word gives light. [Alleluia.]

It gives understanding to the simple. [Alleluia.]

You will show me the path of life. [Alleluia.]

In your presence is the fullness of joy. [Alleluia.]

This is my comfort in my trouble. [Alleluia.]

Your promise gives me life. [Alleluia.]

3 THE PRAYERS

Intercessions may be included at this point.

The Lord's Prayer is said.

The collect of the day should always be used on the Sundays and Holy Days listed in Groups I and II in The New Calendar (2003). On other occasions, one of the following may be used.

God of power and love,
look kindly on the tasks we have begun,
and renew your grace within us;
make good our defects
and bring our work to that fulfilment
which is in accordance with your will,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord and master of the vineyard,
you allot us our tasks
and determine the just rewards of our labours.
Help us to bear the burden of the day
and accept your will in all things without complaint,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eternal light, shine into our hearts,
eternal goodness, deliver us from evil,
eternal power, be our support,
eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,
eternal pity, have mercy upon us;
that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength
we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eternal God,
the light of the minds that know you,
the joy of the hearts that love you,
and the strength of the wills that serve you;
make us so to know you
that we may truly love you,
so to love you that we may truly serve you,
whose service is perfect freedom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord our God,
give us grace to desire you with our whole heart;
that so desiring, we may seek and find you;
and so finding, may love you;
and so loving, may hate those sins from which you have delivered us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you
for all the benefits that you have won for us,
for all the pains and insults that you have borne for us.
Most merciful redeemer,
friend and brother,
may we know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day. **Amen.**

4 THE CONCLUSION

One of the following is said.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

May the gracious favour of the Lord be upon us. [Alleluia]
Prosper our handiwork; O prosper the work of our hands. [Alleluia]

The love of Christ works in us. [Alleluia]
May he guide us and guard us today and always. [Alleluia]

May the light of Christ shine in our hearts. [Alleluia.]
Amen. [Alleluia.]

If we live by the Spirit, [alleluia,]
let us also walk by the Spirit. [Alleluia.]

Appendix VII

PRAYER DURING THE DAY – SEASONAL MATERIAL

ADVENT

Introductory meditative passage

Saviour eternal,
life of the world unfailing,
light everlasting
and our true redemption,

Taking our humanity
in your loving freedom,
you rescued our lost earth
and filled the world with joy.

By your first advent, justify us,
by your second, set us free:
that when the great light dawns
and you come as judge of all,
we may be robed in immortality
and ready, Lord, to follow
in your footsteps blest, wherever they may lead.

Psalmody and Readings

Sunday	Ps. 82.	Revelation 22.17, 20-21.
Monday	Ps. 13	Isaiah 11.1-4.
Tuesday	Ps. 14	Mark 1.1-5.
Wednesday	Ps. 54	Luke 12.35-37.
Thursday	Ps. 70	Mark 13.34-end.
Friday	Ps. 75	Romans 13.11-end.
Saturday	Ps.85	Luke 1.35, 38.

Closing Prayer

O Lord,
keep us ever alert and watchful
as we await the coming of your Son.
Cleanse us from sin, so that, when he comes,
that we may go forth to meet our Saviour with joyful hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CHRISTMASTIDE

Introductory meditative passage

Gift better than himself God doth not know;
 Gift better than his God no man can see.
 This gift doth here the giver given bestow;
 Gift to this gift let each receiver be.
 God is my gift, himself he freely gave me;
 God's gift am I, and none but God shall have me.

Psalmody and Readings

Sunday	Ps. 113	John 1.14, 16-18.
Monday	Ps. 87	Isaiah 9.2,6-7.
Tuesday	Ps. 97	Matthew 1.20b-23.
Wednesday	Ps. 110	Luke 2.16-20.
Thursday	Ps. 127	Galatians 4.4-7.
Friday	Ps. 128	Titus 2.11-14.
Saturday	Ps. 150	Hebrews 1.1-3a.

Closing Prayer

Almighty God,
 your incarnate Word fills us
 with the new light he brought to the world.
 Let the light of faith in our hearts
 shine through all that we do and say;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

This provision is suitable also for use on the Feasts of the Presentation of the Lord and the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

EPIPHANY SEASON

Introductory meditative passage.

Passage (7) in the Order for Prayer During the Day is particularly suitable.

Psalmody and Readings

Sunday	Ps. 67	Malachi 1.11
Monday	Ps. 99	John 2.10-11
Tuesday	Ps. 100	Isaiah 60.1-3.
Wednesday	Ps. 122	2 Corinthians 4.5-6.
Thursday	Ps. 132.10-19	Romans 8.15-17.
Friday	Ps. 138	Ephesians 1.8b-10.
Saturday	Ps. 149	Revelation 1.13-16.

Closing Prayer

O good Jesus,
Word of the Father and brightness of his glory,
whom angels desire to behold:
teach me to do your will that, guided by your Spirit,
I may come to the blessed city of everlasting day,
where all are one in heart and mind,
where there is safety and eternal peace,
happiness and delight,
where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
world without end. **Amen.**

The introductory meditative passage and psalmody and readings above are also suitable for use on the Feast of the Transfiguration when, however, the collect of the day should be used.

LENT

Introductory meditative passage.

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.

Your warmth gives life to the dead,
your touch makes sinners righteous.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;
in your love and tenderness remake us.

In your grace and compassion bring grace and forgiveness,
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.

Psalmody and Readings

Sunday	Ps. 51.11-end	Romans 6.3-5.
Monday	Ps. 3	Joel 2.12-14.
Tuesday	Ps. 6	1 Corinthians 9.24-end.
Wednesday	Ps. 11	Romans 7.21-25a.
Thursday	Ps. 12	Isaiah 58.6-9a.
Friday	Ps. 32	Matthew 6.1-4.
Saturday	Ps. 61	Luke 10.38-end.

Closing Prayer

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost;
to fight and not to heed the wounds;
to toil and not to seek for rest;
to labour and not to seek for any reward,
save that of knowing that we are doing your will. **Amen.**

PASSIONTIDE

Introductory meditative passage.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise and glorify your holy resurrection:
for by virtue of the cross
joy has come to the whole world.

Psalmody and Readings

Sunday	Ps. 27.1-8	Hebrews 2.10-12
Monday	Ps. 43	Mark 8.31-35.
Tuesday	Ps. 142	Isaiah 53.4-6.
Wednesday	Ps. 143	1 Corinthians 1.18-25.
Thursday	Ps. 23	1 Peter 2.24-25.
Friday	Ps. 69.1-13	Romans 5.6-8.
Saturday	Ps.130	John 12..23-26.

Closing Prayer

Lord God, our heavenly Father,
look, we pray, with your divine pity
on the pains of all your children;
and grant that the passion of our Lord
and his infinite love may make fruitful for good
the tribulations of the innocent,
the sufferings of the sick,
and the sorrows of the bereaved;
through him who suffered in our flesh
and died for our sake,
your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

EASTERTIDE BEFORE ASCENSION DAY

Introductory meditative passage.

Yesterday I was crucified with Christ;
today I am glorified with him.
Yesterday I was dead with Christ;
today I am sharing in his resurrection.
Yesterday I was buried with him;
today I am waking with him from the sleep of death.

Psalmody and Readings

Sunday	Ps. 114	1 Peter 1.3-5.
Monday	Ps. 30	Zephaniah 3.14-18.
Tuesday	Ps. 66.1-11	1 Corinthians 15.42-44a, 47-49.
Wednesday	Ps. 106.1-12	Colossians 3.1-4
Thursday	Ps. 111	Luke 24.28-32.
Friday	Ps. 145.1-8	Job 19. 23-27a.
Saturday	Ps. 146	Revelation 1.12-18.

Closing Prayer

Lord our God,
in the resurrection of Christ
you create us anew for eternal life.
Make us firm in faith and constant in hope
as we joyfully await
the fulfilment of your promises;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EASTERTIDE – ASCENSION DAY TO PENTECOST

Introductory meditative passage.

Blessed are you, the God of our ancestors,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed is your holy and glorious name,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you in your holy and glorious temple,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you who look into the depths,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you, enthroned on the cherubim,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you in the heights of heaven,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Psalmody and Readings

N.B. The readings in the first column are for Ascension Day and the two days following. Those in the second column are for the seventh week of Easter and the Day of Pentecost.

Sunday	Ps. 104.26-32		John 7.37-39a.
Monday	Ps. 21.1-7		Isaiah 40.20-end.
Tuesday	Ps. 29		1 Corinthians 12.4-7.
Wednesday	Ps. 46		Joel 2.28-29.
Thursday	Ps. 47	Hebrews 9.24.	Luke 11.9-13.
Friday	Ps. 93	Hebrews 2.8b-10.	2 Corinthians 1.20-22.
Saturday	Ps. 98	Romans 8.38-39.	2 Corinthians 3.17-18.
Pentecost	Ps. 33.1-6		John 20.21-22.

Closing Prayer

*The collect of the day should be used on Ascension Day.
On the other days, the following may be used*

O King enthroned on high, Comforter and Spirit of Truth,
you that are in all places and fill all things,
the treasury of blessings and the giver of life,
come and dwell with us,
cleanse us from every stain
and save our souls, O gracious one. Amen.

KINGDOM SEASON

Introductory meditative passage.

For the gift of his Spirit:
blessed be Christ.

For the catholic Church:
blessed be Christ.

For the means of grace:
blessed be Christ.

For the hope of glory:
blessed be Christ.

For the the triumphs of his gospel:
blessed be Christ.

For the lives of his saints:
blessed be Christ.

In joy and in sorrow:
blessed be Christ.

In life and in death:
blessed be Christ.

Now and to the end of the ages:
blessed be Christ.

Psalmody and Readings

Sunday	Ps. 2	Revelation 4.9-end.
Monday	Ps. 15	Philippians 4.4-7.
Tuesday	Ps. 42.1-7	Hebrews 12.22-24.
Wednesday	Ps. 96	Matthew 24.30-31.
Thursday	Ps. 121	Ephesians 4.11-13.
Friday	Ps. 125	Hebrews 12.1-2.
Saturday	Ps. 133	Daniel 12.2-3.
All Saints' Day	Ps. 92.12-15	Revelation 22.1-5.
Christ the King	Ps. 93	Colossians 1.15-18.

Closing Prayer

*The collect of the day should be used on All Saints' Day and the Feast of Christ the King.
On other days, the following may be used*

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening
into the house and gate of heaven,
to enter that gate and dwell in that house.
where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling
 but one equal light;
no noise nor silence, but one equal music;
no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession;
no ends or beginnings, but one equal eternity;
in the habitations of your glory and dominion,
world without end. **Amen.**

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Introductory meditative passage.

Maiden yet a mother, daughter of thy Son,
High beyond all other, lowlier is none;
Thou the consummation planned by God's decree,
When our lost creation nobler rose in thee.
Thus his place prepared, he who all things made,
'Mid his creatures tarried, in thy bosom laid;
There his love he nourished, warmth that gave increase
To the root whence flourished our eternal peace.

Readings

Mark 3.31-35; John 19.25b-27; Acts 1.12-14; Romans 8.28-30; Galatians 4.4-7; Revelation 12.1-6

Closing Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God,
who stooped to raise fallen humanity
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;
grant that we, who have seen your glory
 revealed in our human nature
and your love made perfect in our weakness,
may daily be renewed in your image
and conformed to the pattern of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SAINTS' DAYS

Introductory meditative passage.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you:

Father of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

Readings

Matthew 5.1-12; Matthew 5.13-16; Revelation 7.9-10 (13-17); Revelation 22.1-5.

Closing Prayer

Almighty Father,
you have built up your Church
through the love and devotion of your saints:
inspire us to follow the example of N,
whom we commemorate today,
that we may at last rejoice with *him/her*
in the vision of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE STRUCTURE OF NIGHT PRAYER

*Items marked * are optional*

- 1 THE INTRODUCTION**
 Opening prayer, versicles and responses
 *Penitence
 *Hymn
- 2 THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**
 Psalm(s)
 Biblical reading
 *Responsory
 The Gospel canticle – *Nunc Dimittis*
- 3 THE PRAYERS**
 *Intercession and Thanksgiving
 *The Lord's Prayer
 The Collect
- 4 THE CONCLUSION**
 Closing Responsory Prayer and Blessing

NOTES

1 Two forms of night Prayer are provided. The first is recommended for more formal occasions, for instance, when Night Prayer is held as a weeknight service in Lent. If a sermon is to be preached on such occasions, it should follow the biblical reading or the responsory if that is said. The second form is designed for those who want a simple, structured form of prayer at night.

2 The following table of psalms and readings arranged by days of the week may be used at Night Prayer.

	Psalm	Reading
Sunday:	91	Rev. 22.4-5.
Monday:	86	1 Thess. 5.9-10.
Tuesday	143.1-11.	1 Peter 5.8-9.
Wednesday	31.1-5, 130.	Eph. 4.26-27.
Thursday	16	1 Thess. 5.23
Friday	88.	Jer. 14.9
Saturday	4, 134.	Rev. 22.4-5.

3. Seasonal selections of psalms and readings may be made from the seasonal tables provided for use at *Prayer during the Day* (Appendix VII).

AN ORDER FOR NIGHT PRAYER (COMPLINE)

1 THE INTRODUCTION

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night,
and a perfect end.

O God, make speed to save us:
O Lord, make haste to help us.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow.

The following or another suitable act of penitence may be used.

**Most merciful God,
we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven and one another,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.
Forgive us our sins,
heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins
and bring us to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A suitable hymn may be sung.

2 THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*One or more of the following, or other suitable psalms, may be used: 4, 91, 134.
One of the following Biblical readings, or another suitable passage, may be read: Jeremiah 14.9, I
Peter 5.8-9, Revelation 22.4-5. A time of silent reflection may follow the reading.
See Notes 2 and 3 for other possible choices of psalmody and readings.*

The following responsory may be said after the reading
Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit [alleluia, alleluia]
Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit [alleluia, alleluia]
For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.
Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit [alleluia, alleluia]
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit [alleluia, alleluia]

Keep me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

The Gospel Canticle – *Nunc Dimittis*

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep may rest in peace. [Alleluia.]**

Lord, now you have set your / servant / free *
to go in / peace as / you have / promised.

For these eyes of mine have / seen ' your sal/vation *
which you have prepared for / all the / world to / see;

a light to re/veal you ' to the / nations *
and to give / glory ' to your / people / Israel.

**Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son,
and / to the / Holy / Spirit.*
As it was in the be/ginning, is / now,
and shall be for / ever. / Amen.**

Save us, O Lord, while waking...

3 THE PRAYERS

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.
The Lord's Prayer may be said.
The following collect, or a seasonal alternative, is said*

Visit this place, Lord, we pray,
drive far from it all the snares of the enemy;
may your holy angels dwell with us
and guard us in peace
and may your blessing be always upon us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

4 THE CONCLUSION

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ.

[Come with the dawning of the day
and make yourself known in the breaking of bread.]

The Lord bless us and watch over us;
the Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;
the Lord look kindly on us [and all for whom we pray] and give us his peace.
Amen.

NIGHT PRAYER – A SIMPLE ORDER.

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night
and a perfect end.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Silent prayer/ reflection on the past day.
I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel.
My heart teaches me, night after night.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We have waited in silence on your loving kindness, God,
in the midst of your temple.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

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

The Psalm.

The Reading.

(A time of silent reflection may follow the reading.)

The Gospel Canticle – The Nunc Dimittis

- 1 Lord, now you have set your / servant / free *
to go in / peace as / you have / promised.
- 2 For these eyes of mine have / seen ‘ your sal/vation *
which you have prepared for / all the / world to / see;
- 3 a light to re/veal you ‘ to the / nations *
and to give / glory ‘ to your / people / Israel.

**Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son,
and / to the / Holy / Spirit.*
As it was in the be/ginning, is / now,
and shall be for / ever. / A/men.**

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

Keep me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with 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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Visit this place, Lord, we pray,
drive far from it all the snares of the enemy;
may your holy angels dwell with us
and guard us in peace
and may your blessing be always upon us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or

Stay with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.
As the night watch longs for the morning,
so do we long for you, Lord.
At the dawning of the day
make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread. **Amen.**

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

