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THANK YOU

MATINS AND EVENSONG



INTRODUCTORY NOTE

WITHIN TEN YEARS of his completion of this Chapel by glazing and furnishing it, King Henry VIII changed the forms of worship of the English church. The many services of prayer which had punctuated the days and nights of the medieval church were concentrated into two: Morning and Evening Prayer. These are the services which we use now.

They are made out of layers of tradition which are much older. The medieval services drew on the patterns and content of worship in Christian churches of the first centuries. They in turn drew on the worship of the Jewish synagogues, which themselves depended on the traditional Jewish scriptures which Christians call the Old Testament.

Throughout this development, and surviving strongly in our present services, there was a pattern of dialogue. Readings from the books of history, myth, legend and exhortation which formed the historical identity of Jews and Christians were answered by prayers. So old memories stimulated and formed the expression of present need and celebration. They both combine in the psalms which take up much of our services, with their reflections on the past and urgent expressions of personal and corporate anxiety or delight.

It follows that we need to do two things in order to enter into the spirit of these services. First we have to be patient and relaxed enough to allow a long tradition to have its say. Then we should allow our own thoughts and feelings to become closer to us than life outside admits. These two things are not separate. In the tradition there are, along with what is strange, strong expressions of our basic feelings about ourselves and God. And it is precisely the cool and ancient order of the services which gives a space and frame, as well as cues, for reflections on our regrets and hopes and gratitudes. The best analogy of it is in a relation of love. There, as here, we find ourselves by attending to another. So we may learn here a little of what we need and enjoy everywhere.

MATINS



ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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INTROIT or HYMN

SENTENCE

BIDDING PRAYER

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¶ All kneel

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GENERAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Minister ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father

All ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us: but thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, restore thou them that are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

Minister MAY the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Minister OUR FATHER

All OUR FATHER, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ **All stand**

PRECES

Minister O LORD, open thou our lips;

Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

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

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

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

Praise ye the Lord;
 The Lord's name be praised.

PSALMS: which are to be found in the small blue psalter or towards the back of the older prayer books in the stalls and sub-stalls.

¶ **All sit with the Choir for the FIRST LESSON from the Old Testament or Apocrypha.**

¶ **After a short pause, all stand with the Choir.**

OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE

During Lent, the Choir sings the BENEDICITE.

O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord

O ye Heavens, bless ye the Lord

O ye Waters that be above the firmament, bless ye the Lord

O all ye Powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord

O ye Sun and Moon, bless ye the Lord

O ye Stars of Heaven, bless ye the Lord

O ye Showers and Dew, bless ye the Lord

O ye Winds of God, bless ye the Lord

O ye Fire and Heat, bless ye the Lord

O ye Winter and Summer, bless ye the Lord

O ye Dews and Frosts, bless ye the Lord

O ye Frost and Cold, bless ye the Lord

O ye Ice and Snow, bless ye the Lord

O ye Nights and Days, bless ye the Lord

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O ye Light and Darkness, bless ye the Lord
O ye Lightnings and Clouds, bless ye the Lord
O let the Earth bless the Lord
yea, let it praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Mountains and Hills, bless ye the Lord
O all ye Green Things upon the earth, bless ye the Lord
O ye Wells, bless ye the Lord
O ye Seas and Floods, bless ye the Lord
O ye Whales, and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord
O all ye Fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord
O all ye Beasts and Cattle, bless ye the Lord
O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord
O let Israel bless the Lord
O ye Priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord
O ye Servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord
O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous, bless ye the Lord
O ye holy and humble Men of heart, bless ye the Lord
O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Or, at other times, the JUBILATE.

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence
with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us,
and not we ourselves:
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his
courts with praise:
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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

¶ **All sit with the Choir for the SECOND LESSON from the New Testament.**

¶ **After a short pause, all stand with the Choir.**

NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE

During Lent, the Choir sings the BENEDICTUS.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel:
 for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
 And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us,
 in the house of his servant David:
 As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets,
 which have been since the world began;
 That we should be saved from our enemies,
 and from the hands of all that hate us;
 To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers,
 and to remember his holy covenant;
 To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham,
 that he would give us;
 That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies,
 might serve him without fear;
 In holiness and righteousness before him,
 all the days of our life.
 And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest:
 for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his
 ways;
 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people,
 for the remission of their sins;
 Through the tender mercy of our God,
 whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

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To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death:

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

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

Or, at other times, the TE DEUM

WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all angels cry aloud,

the heavens and all the powers therein.

To thee cherubin and seraphin continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.

The noble army of martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world

doth acknowledge thee;

The Father of an infinite majesty;

Thine honourable, true and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,

thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,

thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,

whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.

Govern them and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee;
 And we worship thy Name ever world without end.
 Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
 O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.
 O Lord, in thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded.

¶ **All turn to face the altar.**

CREED

Minister I BELIEVE IN GOD

All I BELIEVE IN GOD the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

¶ **All turn back.**

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

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Choir And with thy spirit.

¶ **All kneel**

LET us pray.

LORD, have mercy upon us.

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bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

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Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECT(S) OF THE DAY

SECOND COLLECT

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

THIRD COLLECT

O LORD our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always

that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

¶ **The congregation sits.**

ANTHEM: the words are usually to be found in the anthem book.

An **ADDRESS** or **READING** may follow.

¶ **All kneel**

PRAYERS: usually ending with the **Grace** or a **Blessing**.

HYMN

FINAL BLESSING

FINAL RESPONSES

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LET us bless the Lord.

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BIDDING PRAYER

ON WEEKDAYS

Minister BELOVED, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves. Wherefore let us remember God's presence with us now.

¶ The service continues with the Preces on page 14.

ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS

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MAGNIFICAT

MY soul doth magnify the Lord,
And my spirit hath rejoiced in
God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded the lowliness
of his hand-maiden:

For behold, from henceforth all
generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.

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

*Magnificat anima mea Dominum,
Et exsultavit spiritus meus in
Deo salutari meo.*

*Quia respexit humilitatem
ancillae suae:*

*Ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent
omnes generationes.*

*Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est,
et sanctum nomen eius.*

*Et misericordia eius a progenie in progenies
timentibus eum.*

*Fecit potentiam in brachio suo;
dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.*

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

*Deposuit potentes de sede,
et exaltavit humiles.*

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

*Esurientes implevit bonis,
et divites dimisit inanes.*

He remembering his mercy hath holpen
his servant Israel,

*Suscepit Israel puerum suum, recordatus
misericordiae suae,*

As he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.

*Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros,
Abraham et semini eius in saecula.*

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

*Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto;*

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

*Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et
in saecula saeculorum. Amen.*

Amen.

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¶ After a short pause, all stand with the Choir.

NUNC DIMITTIS

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

*Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine,
secundum verbum tuum in pace.*

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face
of all people,

*Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum,
Quod parasti ante faciem
omnium populorum,*

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

*Lumen ad revelationem gentium et gloriam
plebis tuae Israel.*

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And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECT(S) OF THE DAY

SECOND COLLECT

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

THIRD COLLECT

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

¶ **The congregation sits.**

ANTHEM: the words are usually to be found in the anthem book.

¶ **All kneel**

PRAYERS: usually ending with the Grace or a Blessing.

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ON WEEKDAYS

FINAL RESPONSES

Minister THE Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy Spirit.

The Lord give us his peace.

And life eternal. Amen.

ON SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND FESTIVALS

HYMN

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ADDITIONAL PRAYERS WHICH MAY BE USED

A PRAYER OF KING HENRY VI, FOUNDER OF KING'S COLLEGE

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast created and redeemed me, and hast brought me unto that which now I am; thou knowest what thou wouldest do with me: do with me according to thy will, for thy tender mercy's sake. Amen.

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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

A PRAYER OF BENJAMIN WHICHCOTE, PROVOST 1644–1660

Let the light of truth, and the help of grace, be vital principles of action in us; that we may, in the time of life, attain the ends for which we live; and that our religion, which begins in knowledge, may proceed in action, settle in temper, and end in happiness: that we may make it the work and business of our lives, to reconcile the temper of our spirits to the rule of righteousness; and to incorporate the principles of our religion into the complexion of our minds; that what we attribute to God, as his moral excellencies and perfections; we may propose to our selves, as matter of practice and imitation; and that what is our best employment in this world, and will be our only employment in the next, may be our free choice, and our transcendant pleasure. Amen.

A PRAYER OF SAMUEL JOHNSON

Almighty God, the giver of wisdom, without whose help resolutions are vain, without whose blessing study is ineffectual, enable us, if it be thy will, to attain such knowledge as may qualify us to direct the doubtful, and instruct the ignorant, to prevent wrongs, and terminate contentions; and grant that we may use that knowledge which we shall attain, to the good of our fellows. Amen.

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A PRAYER BEFORE THE SERMON TO THE UNIVERSITY

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

And we pray for a blessing on all schools, colleges and universities; and herein for our Chancellor; for the Right Worshipful the Vice-Chancellor; for the Professors, Proctors, and all that bear office in this our body; and particularly for this royal and religious foundation of King Henry the Sixth: for its Provost, Fellows, Chaplain, Scholars, Students, Choristers and Staff.

Pray we likewise for the Civil Incorporation of this City; for the Right Worshipful the Mayor, the Councillors, and all that bear office in that body, and for all the commonwealths of the whole world, that all mankind may live in love and charity.

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

A HEBREW PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

O Lord and King, who art full of compassion, God of the spirits of all flesh, in whose hand are the souls of the living and the dead, receive, we beseech thee, in thy great loving-kindness the soul of our brother who hath been gathered unto his people. Have mercy upon him; pardon all his transgressions, for there is none righteous upon the earth, who doeth only good, and sinneth not. Remember unto him the righteousness which he wrought, and let his reward be with him, and his recompense before him. Shelter his soul in the shadow of thy wings. Make known to him the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand, bliss for evermore.

O Lord, who healest the broken-hearted and bindest up their wounds, grant thy consolation unto the mourners. Strengthen and support them in the day of their grief and sorrow; and remember them for a long and good life. Put into their hearts the fear and love of thee, that they may serve thee with a perfect heart; and let their latter end be peace. Amen.

SUNG EUCHARIST



INTRODUCTORY NOTE

The first half of this service is dominated by readings, the second half by sacramental action and communion.

READINGS. Christianity begins with Jesus. He was not himself a Christian, but an unofficial Jewish teacher and healer. He was crucified by the Romans around 30 CE – an event which is commemorated at the climax of this service. He taught orally and left no writings. But he drew on the rich Jewish inheritance of Scripture, the Old Testament. And he stimulated a vast Christian literature which still goes on. The earliest Christian writings are collected in the New Testament. They divide, roughly, into epistles or letters and gospels or lives of Jesus. Extracts from each are read at this service.

EPISTLES. St Paul's letters are the earliest of these. He wrote them around 55–65 CE as part of his work to establish Christianity as a universal religion for humanity, not confined to the boundaries or customs of Judaism. The churches which he founded were realisations of this ideal. So it mattered crucially to him that they should live up to it. The Christians at Corinth started to split into cliques. He recalled them to unity by reminding them of what Jesus did on the night before his death, how he

took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

So one of the earliest Christian writings witnesses to something earlier than itself: how Jesus's use of bread and wine became the Christian custom. It still survives as the turning point of this service. Paul invoked it as the focus of Christian identity until its final realisation with Jesus's return at the end of time.

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GOSPELS. The gospels were written towards the end of the first Christian century. They are four versions of Jesus's life as a teacher and healer, full of short and striking incidents and culminating in their narratives of his death and the renewal of his presence after death. At this service a reading from them, done in the middle of the congregation, follows a reading from the epistles.

COMMUNION. Jesus's symbolic action with the bread and wine at his last supper with his disciples is, as we have seen, older than any of the Christian writings. And as an authentic trace of his way of living and dying it is even more powerful to affect us than the writings. It combines what is spiritual and moral with what is physical and corporeal. Bread and wine become the way in which we learn to live communion: that is, life as full participation in human society and in God. This was put before us verbally at the beginning of this service with the command to love God with all our being and our neighbours as ourselves. Now it is enacted physically. We take it into our systems as our food and drink. Life in all its needs and richness is, if we follow Jesus's way here, to be taken gratefully and spent on other people. This is how human society becomes holy and good. It is how the Kingdom of God is among us.

PRAYER is the usual language of this service. Statements are self contained and expect no response. But prayer – which includes asking and praising – is centred on a reality beyond itself, to which all its words are thrown out. It is energetic, alert, precise. It is also a kind of attentive waiting. So it is the right and only language for this service of communion with God and with one another. Communion depends both on our readiness to express ourselves and give, and on our readiness to be patient and receive.

MUSIC. What is actually done is more effective than what is only said: in this service as in life generally. Between the two comes what is sung or played. Music takes words to a deeper level of effectiveness than they have on their own. By its power to bring us together, whether we participate in it as performers or listeners, it takes us to the threshold of the full life we hope for – though it cannot do more than that. It has several ways to this.

At the beginning of the service the *Kyrie* expresses our negative experience: of failure and the need of mercy. The *Gloria*, by contrast, is a celebration of abundance and fulfilment. After the readings and the

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sermon comes the *Creed*; a concise proclamation of Christian beliefs in dramatic narrative form. Then for a while there is no music. Prayer and petition are done in the austerity of unadorned words. Music returns with a hymn or anthem, or with the priest singing the first part of the eucharistic prayer, and also as the setting of two short and strong texts. The *Sanctus* celebrates God's sanctity and glory. Then the *Benedictus* proclaims Jesus's coming among us in the name and power of God. Finally, after the priest has recalled Jesus's words at the last supper and begun distributing the consecrated bread and wine, the *Agnus Dei* points us to the painstaking way through life of one who cancels sin and gives peace. So we are directed onto our practical path as this ritual representation of it ends.

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¶ All stand as the Choir enters. Anyone who finds it difficult to stand for any part of this service is invited to remain seated.

While the clergy enter the Choir may sing an INTROIT.

INTRODUCTION

Priest IN THE name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Priest THE Lord be with you.

All And with thy spirit.

DURING THE EASTER SEASON

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Priest Almighty God

All Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Priest OUR LORD JESUS Christ said: Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All LORD, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Priest LET us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with our neighbours.

Priest ALMIGHTY GOD

All ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against thee, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins. For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life, to the glory of thy name. Amen.

Priest ALMIGHTY GOD, who forgives all those who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

KYRIE

Κύριε ἐλέησον.

Χριστέ ἐλέησον.

Κύριε ἐλέησον.

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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GLORIA (omitted in Advent and Lent and on lesser festivals)

GLORIA in excelsis Deo,
Et in terra pax hominibus
bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, Benedicimus te,
Adoramus te, Glorificamus te,
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe;
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris,
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus;
Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe, cum
Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

*Glory be to God on high,
And in earth peace,
goodwill towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
We worship thee, we glorify thee,
We give thanks to thee
for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God
the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art Holy,
thou only art the Lord;
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art Most High, in the glory of God the
Father. Amen.*

COLLECT

Priest LET us pray.

¶ **After the priest has recited the prayer of the day.**

All Amen.

READING FROM THE OLD OR NEW TESTAMENT

¶ **All sit**

Reader A READING from (name of the book).

¶ **At the end**

Reader THANKS be to God.

¶ **After a short pause, all stand with the Choir.**

ALLELUIA, GRADUAL or TRACT sung by the Choir while the deacon processes with the Gospel amongst the congregation.

GOSPEL

Deacon THE Lord be with you.

All And with thy spirit.

¶ **All turn to face the deacon**

Deacon THE Holy Gospel is written in that according to (name of the Gospel).

All Glory be to thee, O Lord.

¶ **At the end**

Deacon THIS is the Gospel of Christ.

All Praise be to thee, O Christ.

¶ **The deacon and servers return to their seats.**

ADDRESS or READING (if there is an address or reading the congregation is invited to sit, and then stands before the Creed).

¶ **All turn to face the altar.**

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CREED (omitted on lesser festivals)

CREDO in unum Deum,
Patrem omnipotentem, factorem
caeli et terrae, visibilium omnium
et invisibilium:
Et in unum Dominum Iesum Christum,
Filium Dei unigenitum,
Et ex Patre natum ante omnia saecula,
Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine,
Deum verum de Deo vero,
Genitum non factum,
consubstantiali Patri:
per quem omnia facta sunt;
Qui propter nos homines, et propter
nostram salutem descendit de caelis.
Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex
Maria Virgine: et homo factus est.
Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio
Pilato: passus, et sepultus est.
Et resurrexit tertia die
secundum Scripturas,
Et ascendit in caelum, sedet
ad dexteram Patris.
Et iterum venturus est cum gloria
iudicare vivos et mortuos: cuius regni
non erit finis.
Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum,
et vivificantem,
Qui ex Patre Filioque procedit,
Qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur, et
conglorificatur,
qui locutus est per Prophetas.
Et in unam sanctam catholicam
et apostolicam ecclesiam.
Confiteor unum baptisma
in remissionem peccatorum.

*I believe in one God,
The Father almighty, maker of heaven
and earth, and of all things visible
and invisible:
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the
only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
Begotten not made,
being of one substance with the Father:
by whom all things were made;
Who for us men, and for our salvation came
down from heaven.
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the
Virgin Mary: and was made man.
And was crucified also for us under Pontius
Pilate: he suffered, and was buried.
And the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures,
And ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the
right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to
judge both the quick and the dead: whose
kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord
and giver of life,
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is
worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy catholic
and apostolic church.
I acknowledge one baptism
for the remission of sins.*

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Et exspecto resurrectionem mortuorum.
Et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen.

*And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.*

¶ **All turn back.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Priest LET us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

¶ **All kneel**

EITHER

Priest ALMIGHTY God, who hast promised to hear the prayers of those who ask in faith:

¶ **Here the priest makes special prayers and thanksgivings.**

¶ **After each petition**

Priest LORD in thy mercy,
All Hear our prayer.

¶ **Following the final petition**

Priest MERCIFUL FATHER
All MERCIFUL FATHER, accept these our prayers, for the sake of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ **The service continues on page 31.**

OR

¶ **The priest may make some special biddings before starting the formal prayer, which is taken from the *Liturgy of the Orthodox Church* by Lancelot Andrewes (1555–1626).**

Priest THOU that art the hope of all the ends of the earth: remember all thy creation for good; visit the world with thy compassion. Thou preserver and lover of mankind: remember all, and on all have mercy, O Lord.

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REMEMBER thy holy Church that is from one end of the earth to the other, and pacify her which Thou hast purchased with thy precious blood, and stablish her even unto the end of the world. Remember every human soul afflicted and oppressed and struggling and needing thy mercy and succour: and our brethren that are in captivities and in prisons and bonds and bitter thraldoms: supplying return to the wanderers, health to the sick, deliverance to the captives, and rest to them that have fallen asleep aforetime.

AND them that we have not remembered by reason of ignorance or forgetfulness or multitude of names, thyself remember, O God, which knowest the age and appellation of each, which knowest every one from his mother's womb. For Thou, O Lord, art the succour of the succourless, and the hope of them that are past hope, the saviour of the tempest-tossed, the harbour of the voyagers, the physician of the sick; Thyself become all things to all men, which knowest each one and his petition, each house and its needs.

REMEMBER, O Lord God, all spirits and all flesh, whom we have remembered and whom we have remembered not, from righteous Abel unto this day that now is. And for us, direct the end of our lives to be Christian, wellpleasing, and if it like Thee, painless in peace, gathering us together under the feet of thine elect, when Thou wilt and as Thou wilt, only without shame and sin.

Priest LORD in thy mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Priest GRANT this our prayer for the sake of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Priest WE do not presume

All WE do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his Blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

¶ **All stand**

Priest THE peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And with thy spirit.

OFFERTORY

A HYMN may be sung by all, or the Choir may sing a MOTET.

¶ **Bread and wine are taken to be offered at the altar.**

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Priest THEREFORE, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee, and singing:

SANCTUS, sanctus, sanctus,
 Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

*Holy, holy, holy,
 Lord God of hosts.*

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
 Hosanna in excelsis.

*Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.*

(Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.)

BENEDICTUS qui venit
 in nomine Domini.

*Blessed is he that cometh
 in the name of the Lord.*

Hosanna in excelsis.

Hosanna in the highest.

Priest HEAR us, O Father, through Christ thy Son our Lord; through him accept our sacrifice of praise; and grant that by the power of thy Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be unto us his body and his blood. Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;

¶ Here the priest takes the bread

and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the cup;

¶ Here the priest takes the cup

and when he had given thanks to thee, he gave it to them saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins: do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of his saving passion, his resurrection from the dead, and his glorious ascension into heaven, and we look for the coming of his kingdom. We pray thee to accept this our duty and service, and grant that we may so eat and drink these holy things in the presence of thy divine majesty, that we may be filled with thy grace and heavenly blessing.

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THROUGH the same Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, from the whole company of earth and heaven, throughout all ages, world without end.

All Amen.

Priest AS OUR Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to say, OUR FATHER,

All OUR FATHER, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

¶ **The priest breaks the bread.**

Priest DRAW near and receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, and his blood, which was shed for you. Take these in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

¶ **The people come to the altar to receive communion or a blessing, led by members of the College. Those seated between the Choir and the organ screen or in the ante-chapel are asked to follow the Choir to the altar after the singing of the AGNUS DEI.**

¶ **Members of all Christian denominations are invited to receive communion if they wish to do so. Those who find it hard to kneel at the altar step should feel free to remain standing. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead should signal this by crossing the hands on the chest and bowing the head.**

¶ **As each communicant receives communion**

Minister THE Body of Christ.

Answer Amen.

Minister THE Blood of Christ.

Answer Amen.

AGNUS DEI and a communion sentence or motet are sung by the Choir during communion.

AGNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of
the world, have mercy upon us;*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of
the world, have mercy upon us;*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of
the world, grant us thy peace.*

AFTER COMMUNION

Priest Let us pray.

¶ **All stand**

EITHER

A post-communion prayer may be said.

Priest ALMIGHTY God

All ALMIGHTY God, we thank thee for feeding us with the body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer thee our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of thy Spirit to live and work to thy praise and glory. Amen.

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OR

Priest ALMIGHTY and everliving God

All ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

On Sundays and festivals a HYMN may be sung by all.

Priest THE Lord be with you.

All And with thy Spirit.

¶ The Priest may give a blessing.

Priest THE blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

DISMISSAL

EITHER

Deacon Go forth in peace.

All Thanks be to God.

OR, DURING THE EASTER SEASON

Deacon Go forth in peace. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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¶ During the voluntary the Choir and clergy leave, followed, after a short pause, by members of the College with their guests, and the rest of the congregation.

¶ The collection taken as you leave the Chapel is for a charitable cause, or for the maintenance of the Chapel and its services.

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