

Evening Prayer
St Luke

¶ *Introduction*

Dearly beloved,
the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

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.**

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his ministers

to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins: he pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

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.**

O Lord, open thou our lips

All **and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

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

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

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

Praise ye the Lord.

All **The Lord's name be praised.**

Psalm 147

¹ Praise ye the LORD:

for *it is* good to sing praises unto our God; for *it is* pleasant; and praise is comely.

² The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

³ He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

⁴ He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by *their* names.

⁵ Great *is* our Lord, and of great power:
his understanding *is* infinite.

⁶ The LORD lifteth up the meek:
he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

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

Old Testament Reading Ecclesiasticus 38.1-14

Honour a physician with the honour due unto him
for the uses which ye may have of him: for the
Lord hath created him.

For of the most High cometh healing, and he shall
receive honour of the king.

The skill of the physician shall lift up his head:
and in the sight of great men he shall be in
admiration.

The Lord hath created medicines out of the earth;
and he that is wise will not abhor them.

Was not the water made sweet with wood, that the
virtue thereof might be known?

And he hath given men skill, that he might be
honoured in his marvellous works.

With such doth he heal [men,] and taketh away
their pains.

Of such doth the apothecary make a confection;
and of his works there is no end; and from him is
peace over all the earth,

My son, in thy sickness be not negligent: but pray
unto the Lord, and he will make thee whole.

Leave off from sin, and order thine hands aright,
and cleanse thy heart from all wickedness.

Give a sweet savour, and a memorial of fine flour;
and make a fat offering, as not being.

Then give place to the physician, for the Lord hath
created him: let him not go from thee, for thou
hast need of him.

There is a time when in their hands there is good
success.

For they shall also pray unto the Lord, that he
would prosper that, which they give for ease and
remedy to prolong life.

Magnificat

1 My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my
Saviour.

2 For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his handmaiden.

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

4 For he that is mighty hath magnified me :

and holy is his Name.

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

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

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

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

9 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his
servant Israel :

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

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

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

New Testament Reading Colossians 4.7-18

All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, who
is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and
fellowservant in the Lord:

Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose,
that he might know your estate, and comfort your
hearts;

With Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother,
who is one of you. They shall make known unto
you all things which are done here.

Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and
Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom
ye received commandments: if he come unto you,
receive him;)

And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the
circumcision. These only are my fellowworkers
unto the kingdom of God, which have been a
comfort unto me.

Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ,
saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in
prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in
all the will of God.

For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for
you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in
Hierapolis.

Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet
you.

Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and
Nymphas, and the church which is in his house.
And when this epistle is read among you, cause
that it be read also in the church of the
Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the epistle
from Laodicea.

And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry
which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou
fulfil it.

The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen.

Nunc dimittis

- 1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.
- 2 For mine eyes have seen :
thy salvation;
- 3 Which thou hast prepared :
before the face of all people;
- 4 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be :
world without end. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

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.**

Prayers

- The Lord be with you.
- All* **And with thy spirit.**
Let us pray.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
- All* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Lord, have mercy upon us.
- 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. Amen.**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

All **And grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen.

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

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

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

O Lord, save thy people.

All **And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

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

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who calledst Luke the Physician,
whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an Evangelist,
and Physician of the soul; May it please thee that,
by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine
delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may
be healed; through the merits of thy Son Jesus
Christ our Lord.

The Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good
counsels, and all just works do proceed;
give unto thy servants that peace which the world
cannot give;
that 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.
All **Amen.**

The Collect for Aid against all Perils

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

Homily

Prayers

The Grace

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