

Evening Prayer
Sunday next before Advent

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God is love; and he that abideth in love abideth in God and God in him. *1 John 4.16*

Enter not into judgement with thy servant, O Lord; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. *Psalms 143.2*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1.8,9*

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.**

Hymn

O strength and stay upholding all creation,
Who ever dost thyself unmoved abide,
Yet day by day the light in due gradation

From hour to hour through all its changes guide;

Grant to life's day a calm, unclouded ending,
An eve untouched by shadows of decay,
The brightness of a holy deathbed, blending
With dawning glories of the eternal day.

Hear us, O Father, gracious and forgiving,
Through Jesus Christ thy co-eternal Word,
Who with the Holy Ghost, by all things living,
Now and for endless ages art adored.

Psalm 93

- 1 The Lord is king and has put on glorious
apparel;
the Lord has put on his glory
and girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole world so sure
that it cannot be moved.
- 3 Your throne has been established from of old;
you are from everlasting.
- 4 The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the thunder of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea,
the Lord on high is mightier.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure;
holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever.

Old Testament Reading 2 Samuel 23.1-7

Now these be the last words of David.
David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was
raised up on high, the anointed of the God of
Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,
The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and his word
was in my tongue.
The God of Israel said,
the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over
men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.
And he shall be as the light of the morning, when
the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as
the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear
shining after rain.
Although my house be not so with God; yet he
hath made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things, and sure: for this is all my
salvation, and all my desire, although he make it
not to grow.
But the sons of Belial shall be all of them as
thorns thrust away, because they cannot be taken
with hands:
But the man that shall touch them must be fenced
with iron and the staff of a spear; and they shall be
utterly burned with fire in the same place.

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 :
- 10 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 Matthew 28.16-20

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee,
into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.
And when they saw him, they worshipped him:
but some doubted.
And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All
power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing
them in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost:
Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I
have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you
always, even unto the end of the world. 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

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord,
the wills of thy faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of
good works,
may of thee be plenteously rewarded;
through 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
Hymn**

O Thou who camest from above
The fire celestial to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart!

There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source return
In humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
To work, and speak, and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire,
And still stir up the gift in me.

Still let me prove thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat;

Till death thy endless mercies seal,
And make the sacrifice complete.

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.**