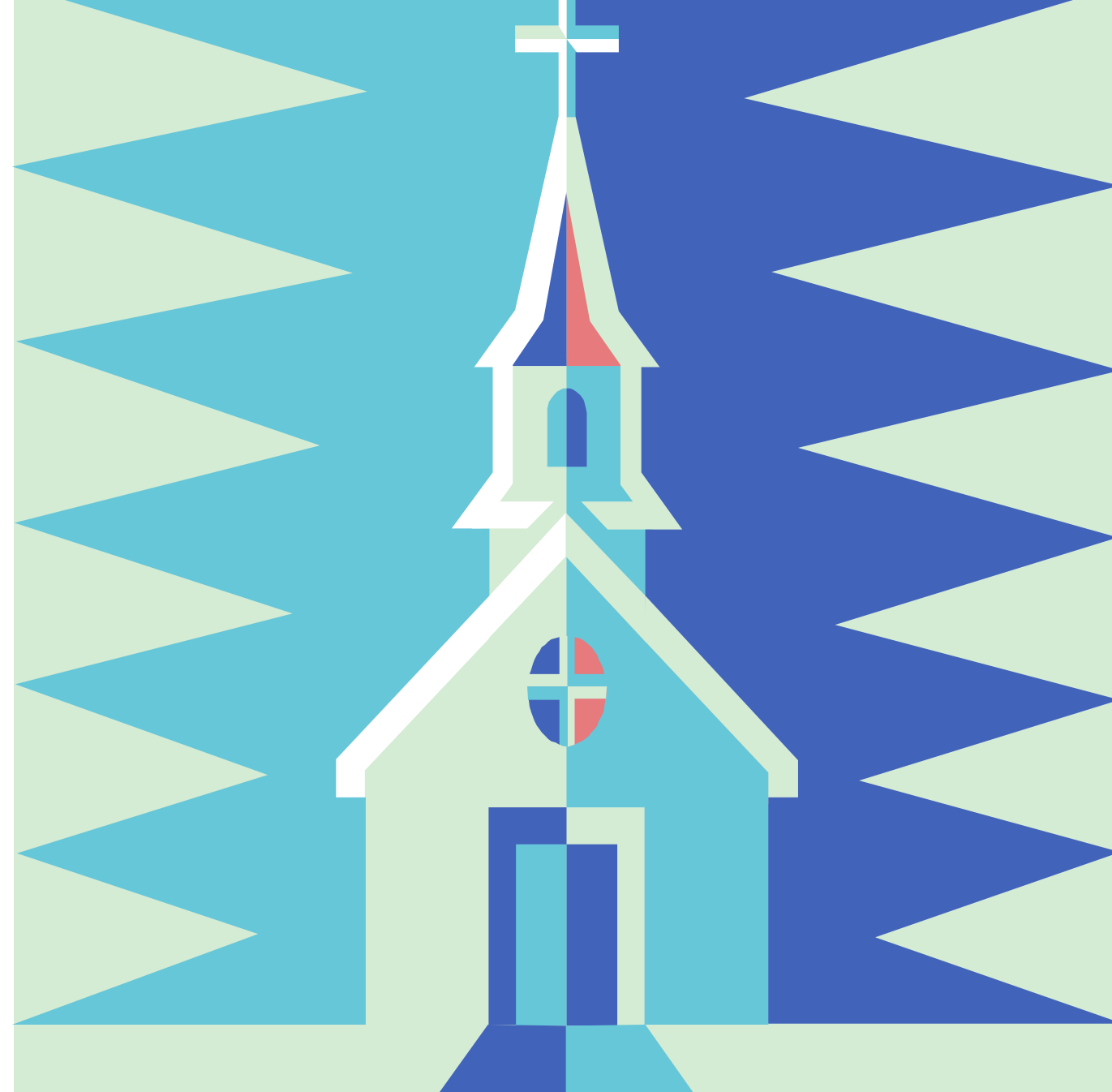




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# Forward

On January 31st, 2004, I commissioned Archdeacon Dennis Drainville as Chaplain of Lay Readers of the Diocese of Québec. That day at the Cathedral I said the Lay Readers of the Diocese were blessed in having a devoted Warden in Graham Jackson and were now gaining a wonderful Chaplain in Fr. Dennis Drainville.

Fr. Dennis didn’t waste much time in looking after Lay Readers’ needs. What a wonderful resource this booklet is for private, family or small group daily prayer based on the age old tradition of praying the “daily office”. The collection of prayers and offices of commissioning will be a very useful resource as well.

The Lay Readers are blessed with a Warden and a Chaplain. This Forward, though, gives me the opportunity to say how blessed our Diocese of Quebec is by its many Lay Readers. What an important ministry you have in so many ways! I am most grateful for all you do and for who you are to your communities. I hope this booklet finds its way to some congregations who do not yet have a Lay Reader, to be perhaps a little hint that they might urge an obvious person or two to take on this ministry.

+Bruce Stavert  
Archbishop of Quebec

# Preface

In this slim volume, we are invited to embark on a powerful prayerful journey. Our

Chaplain of Lay Readers has set out for our use a series of services to assist and sustain us on our spiritual quest. This is an invitation and challenge to us to strengthen our faith and to open ourselves even more to the transcendent presence of Our Lord.

We are, of course, all ordinary people. However, if we decide to follow the discipline implicit in these services and prayers, our lives will be increasingly enriched and inspired as we experience something of the extraordinary and, as a consequence, rejoice in God’s redemptive power.

Archdeacon Dennis Drainville has given to lay readers and lay leaders alike an invaluable resource for those of us today and for those who will follow.

*All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.*

***Te Deum Laudamus***

Graham Jackson  
Warden of Lay Readers  
Diocese of Quebec

# Introduction

This booklet of prayers is offered to the Lay Readers of the Diocese of Quebec. The impetus for its preparation is simply to provide one more resource to those hard-working individuals who have given and continue to give a priority to the worship and ministry of the Anglican Church in their lives and in their communities. Lay readers are being called on more and more by parishes throughout our Diocese to respond to worship and pastoral needs. It is therefore the responsibility of the church (ordained and lay) to support these ministries in whatever ways we can. This offering is made to support efforts to place prayer at the centre of one's life through the practice of praying the daily offices.

This booklet is essentially for private use; the supplemental prayers at the back are intended as a pocket resource for those unforeseen yet inevitable occasions when one is called on to minister, yet is without either a Book of Alternative Services or a Book of Common Prayer.

The importance of prayer, central to our Anglican tradition, is something that cannot be overstated. Indeed, the biblical witness encourages us to pray without ceasing. But the secular age in which we now live and work has little if any use, time, place or space for prayer. What a confusing challenge to the Christians of today! Cell phones, computers, faxes and pagers insistently summon us to march to digital time. This pocket resource is a reminder that our ultimate duty is to follow and honour “kairos” — God's time.

The booklet is in three parts. The first section is comprised of a seven day cycle of Morning Prayer, Noon Prayer, Evening Prayer and Compline. One of the most important principles in the selection of texts for the offices was that they should vary and reflect the richness and diversity of the scriptures. Because a seven-day cycle is short, I chose not to take a strongly thematic approach to the texts, although Friday's prayers do focus on the crucifixion and Sunday's on the Resurrection.

The canticles have been chosen from *A Prayer Book for New Zealand*. The psalms and prayers come from the *Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church of the United States*. By drawing on the riches of the Anglican tradition as expressed by these other national churches, lay readers are provided with a frame of reference which takes them beyond their essential texts of our own *Book of Alternative Services* and *Book of Common Prayer*.

The Scriptures quoted are from *The Revised English Bible*.

The second section of the book is a compendium of prayers, some in traditional language, some in contemporary language. These prayers are meant to serve as a resource for the lay reader in the preparation of services and in ministry.

The seven Prayers of Thanksgiving (Noon Prayer), as well as several of the prayers in the second section, I have written, some at earlier times, some specifically for this booklet.

The third section provides two forms of the *Service for the Commissioning of Lay Readers* in recognition of the fact that some individuals, while participating in services and becoming active in ministry, are still being formed as lay readers and may not yet have been commissioned by the Archbishop.

If this booklet of prayers helps to make the task of the Lay Readers of the Diocese of Quebec a little simpler and the movement to prayer a little easier, then the effort will have borne fruit.

My final words must acknowledge a debt of gratitude to two individuals. Firstly, my thanks go to the Reverend Susan Hutchinson, for formatting and preparing the booklet for printing. This project has been a challenging task, requiring strong computer skills (none of which I possess) and a “good eye” for how things look in print (another of her many talents). Secondly, I offer thanks to my wife, Cynthia Patterson, my most demanding critic and my strongest support. Her continual posing of the question why? led to my seeing many a false assumption, an inappropriate turn of phrase, or an unsuitable text. Her editorial skills were sorely needed and were a tremendous blessing to the project.

Dennis Drainville+

Archdeacon of Gaspé

Chaplain of Lay Readers

The Diocese of Quebec

Day One  
Sunday  
Morning Prayer

Opening Sentence

This is the day the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Canticle

*The Venite*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout with joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down. And bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**Psalm 95:1-8**

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

*Psalm 1 (select verses)*

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.

*Day One — Sunday*

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves  
that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Lesson

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see,  
everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself  
through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

**2 Corinthians 5:17-18**

The Lord's Prayer

Collect

Holy and ever-living God, 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 your  
service, and live each day in love to one another and to you. We ask this through Jesus  
Christ, the source of our Love. AMEN

Prayers

Grace

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

*Day One — Sunday*

# Noon Prayer

## Opening Sentences

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

## Hymn

God my hope on you is founded;  
You my faith and trust renew:  
Through all change and chance you guide me,  
Only good and only true.  
God unknown, You alone,  
Call my heart to be your own.

Human pride and earthly glory,  
Sword and crown, betray our trust;  
Though with care and toil we build them,  
Tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But your power, hour by hour,  
Is my temple and my tower.

Joachim Neander trans. Robert Seymour Bridges

## Psalm 5 (select verses)

Give ear to my words, O Lord; \*  
    consider my meditation.

Hearken to my cry for help, my King and my God, \*  
    for I make my prayer to you.

In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; \*  
    early in the morning I make my appeal and watch for you.

But as for me, through the greatness of your mercy I will go into your house; \*  
I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you.

For you, O Lord, will bless the righteous; \*  
    you will defend them with your favour as with a shield.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. AMEN

## Lesson

Therefore, now that we have been justified through faith, we are at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to that grace in which we now live; and we exult in the hope of the divine glory that is to be ours.

Romans 5:1-2

## The Lord's Prayer

## Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, O God, for all the blessings that we have received from you. For the gifts of Faith, Hope and Love which have been lavished upon us through your Son Jesus. For the freedom to follow his path and the opportunity to serve as he served. May we continue to seek out ways to conform to his image and so let his light shine in the lives of people everywhere. AMEN

## Grace

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Evening Prayer

Anthem

*This anthem should precede the lighting of a candle.*

You, O Lord, are my lamp; \*  
**my God, you make my darkness bright.**

You, O Lord, are my lamp; \*  
**my God, you make my darkness bright.**

You have been my helper: \*  
**my God, you make my darkness bright.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

You, O Lord, are my lamp; \*  
**my God, you make my darkness bright.**

Let my prayer be set forth, O Lord:  
**As incense in your sight**

Canticle

*The Magnificat*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; \*  
for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**Luke 1:46-55**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. AMEN 5.

*Psalm 46*

God is our refuge and strength,\*  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear though the earth be moved,\*  
And though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;  
Though its waters rage and foam,\*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.  
The Lord of hosts is with us;\*  
The God of Jacob is our stronghold.  
Come now and look upon the works of the Lord,\*  
What awesome things he has done on earth.  
It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;\*  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.  
“Be still then, and know that I am God;\*  
I will be exalted among the nations.”  
The Lord of hosts is with us;\*  
The God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Lesson

And when he had sat down with them at table, he took bread and said the blessing; he broke the bread, and offered it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; but he vanished from their sight. They said to one another, ‘Were not our hearts on fire as he talked with us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?’

**Luke 27:30-32**

The Lord’s Prayer

Collect

Lord God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. AMEN

Prayers

Grace

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. AMEN

Compline

Opening Sentence

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. AMEN

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
**The maker of heaven and earth.**

*Psalm 4*  
Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

“You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.

Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Lesson

One of the Pharisees, called Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish Council, came to Jesus by night. ‘Rabbi,’ he said, ‘we know that you are a teacher sent by God; no one could perform these signs of yours unless God were with him.’ Jesus answered, ‘In very truth I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he has been born again.’

John 3:1-3

Collect

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in 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

Prayers

Antiphon  
Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Canticle  
*The Song of Simeon*  
Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the saviour, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to lighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel

Luke 2:29-32

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. AMEN

Antiphon  
Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Grace  
The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. AMEN



Day Two  
Monday

Morning Prayer

Opening Sentence

I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

**Psalm 19:14**

Canticle

*The Song of Our Adoption*

Blessed are you, God and father of our lord Jesus Christ: \*  
you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.

Even before the world was made you chose us to be yours in Christ: \*  
that we should be holy and blameless in your sight.

In love you destined us for adoption as your children through Christ Jesus: \*  
such was your pleasure and your purpose,

to the praise of your glorious grace: \*  
which you have freely given us in your beloved Son.

**Ephesians 1:3-6**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. AMEN

*Psalm 92 (select verses)*

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, \*  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
and of your faithfulness in the night season.

On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
and to the melody of the harp.

For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

Lord, how great are your works! \*

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your thoughts are very deep.

Those who are planted in the house of the Lord \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;

9.  
They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
they shall be green and succulent;

That they may show how upright the Lord is, \*  
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

Lesson

The whole company of believers was united in heart and soul. Not one of them claimed any of his possessions as his own; everything was held in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the lord Jesus, and all were held in high esteem.

**Acts 4:32-33**

The Lord's Prayer

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day. Keep us from falling into danger, and guide us to do always what is right in your eyes; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. AMEN

Prayers

Grace

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. AMEN

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Noon Prayer

Opening Sentence

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

Hymn

Come down O Love divine,  
Seek thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,  
Till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let thy glorious light  
Shine ever on thy sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Bianco da Siena, tran. Richard Frederick Littledale

Psalm 119 (select verses)

Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgements.

I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgements.

My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

Your decrees are my inheritance forever; \*

truly, they are the joy of my heart.

Lesson

You are light for all the world. A town that stands on a hill cannot be hidden. When a lamp is lit, it is not put under the meal- tub, but on the lamp-stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. Like the lamp, you must shed light among your fellows, so that, when they see the good you do, they may give praise to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16

The Lord’s Prayer

Thanksgiving

We give thanks this and every day for God’s gift of light. May the light of Christ, that we received at our baptism, illumine the shadows of our lives and penetrate the hidden recesses of our souls. May the light of the Holy Spirit enlighten the darkness of our ignorance and unbelief. And may the Great Creator God, who called into existence the very light that sustains the Earth, continue to shine His love upon us. AMEN

Grace

Let us bless the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

# Evening Prayer

## Anthem

*This anthem should precede the lighting of a candle.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is the strength of my life:

**And my salvation.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

I will bless the Lord at all times:

**His praise shall ever be in my mouth.**

## Canticle

*The Prologue of John*

In the beginning was the Word:

and the Word was with God;

and the Word was God:

he was in the beginning with God.

All things were made through him:

and without him was not anything made that was made.

In him was life:

and the life was the light of the human race.

The light shines in the darkness:

and the darkness has never overcome it.

He was in the world.

And the world was made through him:

yet the world knew him not...

And the Word became flesh:

and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

We have seen his glory:

glory as of the only Son from the Father.

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And from his fullness we have all received:

even grace upon grace.

**John 1:1-5, 10-14, 16**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. AMEN

*Psalms 145 (select verses)*

I will exalt you, O God my King, \*

and bless your name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless you \*

and praise your name for ever and ever.

The Lord is faithful in all his words \*

and merciful in all his deeds.

The Lord is near to those who call upon him,\*

to all who call upon him faithfully.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; \*

let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

## Lesson

The Lord has told you mortals what is good, and what it is that the Lord requires of you: only to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

**Micah 6:8**

## The Lord's Prayer

## Collect

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of Love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

## Prayers

## Grace

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

*Day Two — Monday*

Compline

Opening Sentence

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. AMEN

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
**The maker of heaven and earth.**

*Psalm 131*  
O Lord, I am not proud; \*  
I have no haughty looks.

I do not occupy myself with great matters, \*  
or with things that are too hard for me.

But I still my soul and make it quiet, like a child upon its mother’s breast; \*  
my soul is quieted within me.

O Israel, wait upon the Lord, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

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

Lesson

Young men may grow weary and faint, even the fittest may stumble and fall; but those who look to the Lord will win new strength, they will soar as on eagle’s wings; they will run and not feel faint, march on and not grow weary.

**Isaiah 40:30-31**

Collect

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

Prayers

Antiphon

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with

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Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Canticle

*The Song of Simeon*  
Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the saviour, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to lighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel

**Luke 2:29-32**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. AMEN

Antiphon

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Grace

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.  
AMEN

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Day Three  
Tuesday

Morning Prayer

Opening Sentence

The Lord is in his holy temple; let the earth keep silence before him.

**Habakkuk 2:20**

Canticle

*The Steadfast Love of the Lord*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases:\*

God’s mercies never come to an end;

they are new every morning:\*

your faithfulness Lord is great.

You are all that I have:\*

and therefore I will wait for you.

You Lord are good to those who wait for you:\*

to all those who seek you.

It is good to wait in patience:\*

for the salvation of the Lord.

**Lam. 3:22-26**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. AMEN

*Psalms 100*

Be joyful in the Lord all you lands; \*

serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*

he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \*

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \*

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Lesson

Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee when he saw Simon Peter and his brother Andrew at work with casting-nets in the lake; for they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, ‘Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ At once they left their nets and followed him.

**Mark 1:16-18**

The Lord’s Prayer

Collect

God the source of eternal light, shed forth your unending day on us who watch for you; that our lips may praise you, our hearts bless you and our lives glorify you; through our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN

Prayers

Grace

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in such harmony with one another and in accord with Jesus Christ, that we may with one voice praise and glorify God’s holy Name. AMEN

# Noon Prayer

## Opening Sentence

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

## Hymn

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him King of glory now;  
‘tis the Father’s pleasure we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Name him, Christians name him, with love strong as death,  
but with awe and wonder, and with bated breath;  
he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue  
all that is not holy, all that is not true;  
crown him as your Saviour, in temptations hour;  
let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Caroline Maria Noel

## *Psalm 121*

I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he that watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel\*  
Shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*

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nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

## Lesson

If then our common life in Christ yields anything to stir the heart, any consolation of love, any participation in the Spirit, any warmth or affection or compassion, fill up my cup of happiness by thinking and feeling alike, with the same love for one another and a common attitude of mind. Leave no room for selfish ambition and vanity, but humbly reckon others better than yourselves. Look to each other’s interests and not merely to your own. Take to heart among yourselves what you find in Christ Jesus: He was in the form of God; yet he laid no claim to equality with God, but made himself nothing, assuming the form of a slave. Bearing the human likeness, sharing the human lot, he humbled himself, and was obedient, even to the point of death, death on a cross.

Phil. 2:1-8

## The Lord’s Prayer

## Thanksgiving

We thank you God that the service we render the Church and our community is manifested within the context of the household of faith. We are gifted by the friends and comrades with whom we share ministry. With them, and because of them, we experience the joy of your presence as we seek to do your will. May your concerns be our concerns, and may we always be ready to respond to the prompting of your Holy Spirit. AMEN

## Grace

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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# Evening Prayer

## Anthem

*This anthem should precede the lighting of a candle.*

With you, O Lord, is the well of life, \*  
and in your light we see light.  
With you, O lord, is the well of life,  
and in your light we see light.  
Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness to the clouds:  
And in your light we see light.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
With you, O lord, is the well of life,  
and in your light we see light.

Abide with us, O Lord:

**For it is toward evening.**

## Canticle

*Great and Wonderful*

Great and wonderful are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty:\*  
just and true are your ways, O Sovereign of the nations.  
Who shall not revere and praise your name, O Lord?:\*  
for you alone are holy.  
All nations shall come and worship in your presence:\*  
for your just dealings have been revealed.  
To the One who is seated on the throne and to the lamb:\*  
be blessing and honour, glory and might for ever and ever. AMEN

**Revelation 15:3b-4, 5:13**

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

*Psalms 82*

God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*  
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

“How long will you judge unjustly, \*

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and show favour to the wicked?

Save the weak and the orphan:\*  
defend the humble and needy;

Rescue the weak and the poor; \*  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.

They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; \*  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, \*  
and all of you children of the Most High;

Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*  
and fall like any prince.’

Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \*  
for you shall take all nations for your own.

## Lesson

Then the righteous will reply, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and fed you, or thirsty and gave you drink, a stranger and took you home, or naked and clothed you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and come to visit you?” And the King will answer, “Truly I tell you; anything you did for one of my brothers and sisters here, however insignificant, you did for me.

**Matthew 25:37-40**

## The Lord’s Prayer

## Collect

O God the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

## Prayers

## Grace

Now the God of peace, give us peace, at all times and in all ways. Amen.

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Compline

Opening Sentence

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. AMEN

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
**The maker of heaven and earth.**

*Psalm 134*  
Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, \*  
you that stand by night in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord; \*  
the Lord who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

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

Lesson

Jacob set out from Beersheba and journeyed towards Haran. He came to a certain shrine and, because the sun had gone down, he stopped for the night. He took one of the stones there and, using it as a pillow under his head, he lay down to sleep. In a dream he saw a ladder, which rested on the ground with its top reaching to heaven, and angels of God were going up and down on it. The Lord was standing beside him saying, ‘I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham, and the God of Isaac. This land on which you are lying I shall give to you and your descendants... I shall be with you to protect you wherever you go, and I shall bring you back to this land. I shall not leave you until I have done what I have promised you. When Jacob awoke from his sleep he said, ‘Truly the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it.’ He was awestruck and said, ‘how awesome is this place! This is none other than the House of God; it is the gateway to heaven.’

**Genesis 28:10-17**

Collect

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illumine this night with your celestial brightness; that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

Prayers

Antiphon

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Canticle

*The Song of Simeon*  
Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the saviour, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to lighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

**Luke 2:29-32**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. AMEN

Antiphon

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Grace

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
bless us and keep us. AMEN



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Morning Prayer

Opening Sentence

The hour is coming, and now is, when the worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.

John 4:23

Canticle

*The Song of Zechariah*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty saviour, \*

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, \*

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath which he swore to our father Abraham, \*

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, \*

holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation \*

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender mercy of our God \*

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1:68-79

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. AMEN

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*Psalm 30 (select verses)*

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up \*

and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O Lord, my God, I cried out to you, \*

and you restored me to health.

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; \*

you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; \*

give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*

his favour for a lifetime.

Weeping may spend the night, \*

but joy comes in the morning.

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \*

O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Lesson

While he was still on the road and nearing Damascus, suddenly a light from the sky flashed all around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?’ ‘Tell me, Lord,’ he said, ‘who you are.’ The voice answered, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you have to do.’

Acts 9:3-6

The Lord’s Prayer

Collect

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

Prayers

Grace

May we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ; to whom be glory both now and for evermore. AMEN

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# Noon Prayer

## Opening Sentence

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

Hymn  
Of eternal love begotten  
ere the world began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega,  
he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are and have been,  
and the future years shall see,  
ever more and ever more.

At his Word the worlds were framed.  
He commanded, it was done:  
heaven and earth and depth of ocean  
in their threefold order one;  
all that grows beneath the shining  
of the moon and burning sun,  
ever more and ever more.

This is he whom seers in old time  
chanted of with one accord,  
whom the voices of the prophets  
promised in their faithful word;  
now he shines the long expected;  
let creation praise its Lord,  
ever more and ever more.

**Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, tran. John Mason Neale**

*Psalm 8 (select verses)*  
O Lord our Governor, \*  
    how exalted is your Name in all the world!  
Out of the mouths of infants and children \*  
    your majesty is praised above the heavens.  
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*

    the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,  
What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
    the son of man that you should seek him out?  
You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
    you adorn him with glory and honour;  
You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:  
O Lord our Governor, \*  
    how exalted is your Name in all the world!

## Lesson

Seek the Lord while he is present, call to him while he is close at hand. Let the wicked abandon their ways and the evil their thoughts: let them return to the lord, who will take pity on them, and to our God , for he will freely forgive. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways. This is the word of the Lord. But as the heavens are high above the earth, so are my ways high above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts. As the rain and snow come down from the heavens and do not return there without watering the earth, making it produce grain to give seed for sowing and bread to eat, so is it with my word issuing from my mouth; it will not return to me empty without accomplishing my purpose and succeeding in the task for which I sent it.

**Isaiah 55:6-11**

## The Lord's Prayer

### Thanksgiving

Glory to you, Creator God. You breathed over the abyss and the earth began to form. With words of power, energy and light, you transformed the void into a habitation for your creatures, and a world of wonders evolved. You bade us become stewards, that the teeming life with which we are inextricably linked might thrive. Although we have not yet lived up to your challenge, send us again the Holy Spirit, to hover this time over us, and draw deeply from within us, a will to lovingly renew the world that you imagined on that first day. AMEN

### Grace

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

# Evening Prayer

## Anthem

*This anthem should precede the lighting of a candle.*

From the rising of the sun to its going down,  
let the name of the Lord be praised.  
From the rising of the sun to its going down,  
let the name of the Lord be praised.  
From this time forth for evermore:  
let the name of the Lord be praised.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
From the rising of the sun to its going down,  
Let the name of the Lord be praised.

The sun knows the time of its setting.

**You make darkness that it may be night.**

## Canticle

*The Third Song of Isaiah*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

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The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.

**Isaiah 60:1-3, 18, 19**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. AMEN

*Psalm 27 (select verses)*

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 thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;  
To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \*  
and to seek him in his temple.  
For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.  
You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my face.”\*  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.  
O tarry and await the Lord’s pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \*  
wait patiently for the Lord.

## Lesson

Here is a saying that you may trust, one that merits full acceptance: ‘Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners’ and among them I stand first. But I was mercifully dealt with for this very purpose, that Christ Jesus might find in me the first occasion for displaying his inexhaustible patience, and that I might be typical of all who were in the future to have faith in him and gain eternal life.

**Timothy 1:15-16**

## The Lord’s Prayer

### Prayers

### Collect

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labour, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

### Grace

May the God of grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, restore, establish

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and strengthen us. To the one true God be dominion for ever and ever. AMEN

Compline

Opening Sentence

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. AMEN

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
**The maker of heaven and earth.**

*Psalm 91 (select verses)*

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High \*  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

He shall say to the Lord, “you are my refuge and my stronghold, \*  
my God in whom I put My trust.”

He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter \*  
and from the deadly pestilence.

He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; \*  
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, \*  
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, \*  
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, \*  
and the Most High your habitation,

There shall no evil happen to you, \*  
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over you, \*  
to keep you in all of your ways.

Lesson

Here is the message we have heard from him and pass on to you: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to be sharing in his life while we go on living in darkness, our words and our lives are a lie.

1 John 1:5-6

Collect

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive from it all the snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

Prayers

Antiphon

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Canticle

*The Song of Simeon*

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the saviour, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to lighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel

Luke 2:29-32

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. AMEN

Antiphon

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Grace

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. AMEN

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Morning Prayer

Opening Sentence

The Lord is near; do not be anxious, but in everything make  
your requests known to God in prayer and petition with thanksgiving.

Phil. 4:5-6

Canticle

*The Time of God's Favour*

Listen to me you islands:\*

and hearken you peoples from afar.P

My servant, in the time of my favour I will answer you:\*

and in the day of salvation I will help you to restore the land: and share out afresh its  
desolate fields;

to say to the captives 'Go free':\*

and to those in darkness, 'Come forth into the light.'

They will feed beside the way:\*

and find pasture on every barren hill.

They will neither hunger nor thirst:\*

nor will the desert heat nor the sun beat upon them,

for the One who loves them will guide them:\*

and lead them beside the springs of water.

Shout for joy O heavens and exult O earth:\*

break forth O mountains into song;

for I the Lord will comfort my people:\*

and will have compassion on my own in their distress.

Isaiah 49:1,8-10,13

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. AMEN

*Psalms 103 (select verses)*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*

and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*

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and forget not all his benefits.

He forgives all your sins \*

and heals all your infirmities;

He redeems your life from the grave \*

and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

He satisfies you with good things, \*

and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

The Lord executes righteousness \*

and judgement for all who are oppressed.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \*

slow to anger and of great kindness.

As a father cares for his children, \*

so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

Lesson

While tending the sheep of his father-in-law Jethro, priest of Midian, Moses led the flock along the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There an angel of the Lord appeared to him as a fire blazing out from a bush. Although the bush was on fire, it was not being burnt up, and Moses said to himself, 'I must go across and see this remarkable sight. Why ever does the bush not burn away?' When the Lord saw that Moses had turned aside to look, he called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' He answered, 'Here I am!' God said, 'Do not come near! Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.' Then he said, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.' Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Exodus 3:1-6

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers

Collect

Remember, O Lord, what you have wrought in us and not what we deserve; and, as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN

Grace

The Lord bless us and preserve us both today and always. AMEN

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# Noon Prayer

## Opening Sentence

But the time is coming, indeed it is already here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. These are the worshippers the Father wants.

John 4:23

## Hymn

O love, how deep, how broad, how high!  
It fills the heart with ecstasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

God sent no angel to our race,  
of higher or of lower place,  
but wore the robe of human frame  
for us, and to this lost world came.

For us he rose from death again,  
for us he went on high to reign,  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

Latin trans Benjamin Webb

## Psalm 34 (select verses)

Fear the Lord, you who are his saints, \*  
for those who fear him lack nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

Come children, and listen to me; \*  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Who among you loves life \*  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

Keep your tongue from evil-speaking \*  
and your lips from lying words.

Turn from evil; and do good; \*  
seek peace and pursue it.

The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them \*  
and delivers them from all their troubles.

The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in him.

## Lesson

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. The Spirit you have received is not a spirit of slavery, leading you back into a life of fear, but a Spirit of adoption; enabling us to cry ‘Abba! Father!’ The Spirit of God affirms to our spirit that we are God’s children; and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow-heirs with Christ; but we must share his sufferings if we are also to share his glory.

Romans 8:14-17

## The Lord’s Prayer

## Thanksgiving

We thank you, Loving God, that you have created the human race in wondrous diversity. Just as each flower and snowflake is unique in its creation, so we humans reveal a multiplicity of physical attributes, traditions, beliefs, languages and talents, all of which speak of a world that is over-flowing with creativity and dynamism. Give us the wisdom and the imagination to see these gifts, not as obstacles or walls, but as potential bridges that will help us to acknowledge our need to share both the Earth, and to honour and respect the needs and aspirations of all God’s people. AMEN

## Grace

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.





# Evening Prayer

## Anthem

*This anthem should precede the lighting of a candle.*

All nations shall be blessed in him, and do him service.

**All nations shall be blessed in him, and do him service.**

All kings shall bow down before him:

**And do him service,**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**All nations shall be blessed in him, and do him service.**

The King's of Tarshish and the Isles shall pay tribute:

**The Kings of Arabia and Saba shall offer gifts.**

## Canticle

*God's Chosen One*

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse:\*  
and a branch shall grow out of its 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.

And the calf and the lion cub together:\*  
and a little child shall lead them.

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

**Isaiah 11:1-4, 6, 9**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. AMEN

*Psalm 113*

Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord; \*

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praise the Name of the Lord.

Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

From the rising of the sun to its going down \*  
let the name of the Lord be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, \*  
and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the lord our God, who sits enthroned on high, \*  
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

He takes out the weak out of the dust \*  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

He sets them with the princes, \*  
with the princes of his people.

He makes the woman of a childless house \*  
to be a joyful mother of children.

## Lesson

Samuel asked, ‘Are these all the sons you have?’ ‘There is still the youngest,’ replied Jesse, ‘but he is looking after the sheep’. Samuel said to Jesse, ‘send and fetch him; we will not sit down until he comes.’ So he sent and fetched him. He was handsome, with ruddy cheeks and bright eyes. The Lord said, ‘Rise and anoint him: this is the man.’ Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came upon David and was with him from that day onwards.

**1 Samuel 16:11-13**

## The Lord's Prayer

### Prayers

### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-Beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN

## Grace

May the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and may our spirit, soul and body, be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN

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Compline

Opening Sentence

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. AMEN

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
**The maker of heaven and earth.**

*Psalm 139 (select verses)*

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
    you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
    you discern my thoughts from afar.  
You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
    and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Indeed, there is not one word on my lips, \*  
    but you, O Lord know it altogether.  
You press upon me behind and before \*  
    and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
    it is so high that I cannot attain to it.  
Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
    where can I flee from your presence?  
If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
    if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.  
If I take the wings of the morning \*  
    and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
Even there your hand will lead me \*  
    and your right hand hold me fast.  
For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
    you knit me together in my mother’s womb.  
I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
    your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

Lesson

When they reached a place called Gethsemane, he said, to his disciples, ‘Sit here while I pray.’ And he took Peter and James and John with him. Horror and anguish

overwhelmed him, and he said to them, ‘My heart is ready to break with grief; stop here, and stay awake.’ Then he went on a little farther, threw himself on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible this hour might pass him by. ‘Abba, Father,’ he said, ‘all things are possible to you; take this cup from me. Yet not my will but yours be done.

**Mark 14:32-36**

Collect

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other’s toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

Antiphon

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Canticle

*The Song of Simeon*

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
    to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the saviour, \*  
    whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to lighten the nations, \*  
    and the glory of your people Israel

**Luke 2:29-32**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. AMEN

Antiphon

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Grace

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. AMEN

Day Six  
Friday

Morning Prayer

Opening Sentence

It follows that there is now no condemnation for those who are united with Christ Jesus. In Christ Jesus the life giving law of the Spirit has set you free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-2

Canticle

*Our Great High Priest*

In you, Jesus, Son of God, we have a great high priest: \*  
you have passed through the heavens, and are seated at the right hand of God on high.  
Therefore we hold fast to the faith that we profess: \*  
for you are not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses.  
In every respect you have been tempted as we are: \*  
and yet you did not sin.  
Although a Son, you learned obedience through what you suffered: \*  
and being made perfect, you have become the source of eternal salvation for all who obey you.  
This gives us every confidence: \*  
to draw near to the throne of grace.  
Where we receive mercy: \*  
and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:8-9, 8:1

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. AMEN

*Psalm 23*

The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside the still waters.  
He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along the right pathways for his Name's sake.

*Day Six — Friday*

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.  
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Lesson

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, to be tempted by the devil. For forty days and nights he fasted, and at the end of them he was famished. The tempter approached him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.' Jesus answered, 'Scripture says, "Man is not to live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."' The devil then took him to the Holy City and set him on the parapet of the temple. 'If you are the son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says, "He will put his angels in charge of you, and they will support you in their arms, for fear you should strike your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'Scripture also says, "You are not to put the Lord your God to the test."' The devil took him next to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their glory. 'All these', he said, 'I will give you, If you will only fall down and do me homage.' But Jesus said, 'Out of my sight Satan! Scripture says, "You shall do homage to the Lord your God and worship him alone."' Then the devil left him; and angels came and attended to his needs.

Matthew 4: 1-11

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers

Collect

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN

Grace

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and for ever. AMEN

*Day Six — Friday*



# Noon Prayer

## Opening Sentence

We had all strayed like sheep, each of us going his own way, but the Lord laid upon him the guilt of us all.

## Hymn

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the King of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it Lord that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ, my God:  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small:  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

## *Psalm 22 (select verses)*

My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?  
And are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?  
O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
by night as well, but I find no rest.  
Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.  
Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
they trusted, and you delivered them.  
They cried out to you and were delivered; \*

Isaiah 53:6

Isaac Watts

they trusted in you and were not put to shame.  
But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
scorned by all and despised by the people.  
All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,  
“He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”  
Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.  
I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.  
Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.

## Lesson

Meanwhile, near the cross on which Jesus hung, his mother was standing with her sister, Mary, wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. Seeing his mother, with the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, Jesus said to her, ‘Mother, there is your son’, and to his disciple, ‘There is your mother’; and from that moment the disciple took her into his home. After this, Jesus, aware that all had now come to its appointed end, said in fulfilment of the scriptures, ‘I am thirsty.’ A jar stood there full of sour wine; so they soaked a sponge with the wine, fixed it on hyssop, and held it up to his lips. Having received the wine, he said, ‘It is accomplished!’ Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

John 19:24-30

## The Lord’s Prayer, Prayers

## Thanksgiving

We give thanks O God to the Word made flesh, our Jesus, who consciously and willingly accepted your plan for humanity; and in doing so, emptied himself of all self indulgence and personal desires. Help us to understand that when we live in relationships of sacrifice and love, when we seek to put others before ourselves, and when we yearn for justice and peace in the world, we reveal to all our kinship to You and to our brother Jesus, your Son. AMEN

## Grace

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# Evening Prayer

## Anthem

*This anthem should precede the lighting of a candle.*

You, O Lord, are my lamp; my God, you make my darkness bright.  
**You, O Lord, are my lamp; my God, you make my darkness bright.**  
You have been my helper:  
**My God, you make my darkness bright.**  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
**You, O Lord, are my lamp; my God, you make my darkness bright.**

Let my prayer be set forth, O Lord:  
**As incense in your sight**

## Canticle

*Salvator Mundi*

Jesus, Saviour of the world come to us in your mercy:\*  
we look to you to save us and help us.  
By your cross and your life laid down 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.  
Come now and dwell with us, Lord Christ Jesus:\*  
hear our prayer and be with us always.  
And when you come in your glory: make us to be one with you\*  
and to share the life of your kingdom.  
Thanks be to you O Lord:\*  
Alleluia. AMEN

*Psalms 22:24-30*

My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
‘May your heart live for ever!’”  
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.  
For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.  
To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.  
My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord’s for ever.  
They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

## Lesson

Thus you are no longer aliens in a foreign land, but fellow-citizens with God’s people, members of God’s household. You are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the corner-stone. In him the whole building is bonded together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built with the others into a spiritual dwelling for God.

**Ephesians 2:19-22**

## The Lord’s Prayer

## Prayers

## Collect

O God, draw us closer to yourself that we may be drawn closer to one another. Deepen our faith, sustain our hope, and enlarge our capacity to love. Let the mind that was in Christ Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve, be in us. Grant to us the gifts of the Spirit that we may bear faithful witness to the Lordship of Christ by word and by deed. May we be so conscious of your rule in our own lives that with quiet confidence we may proclaim as he did that your kingdom is at hand, here and everywhere in the world. AMEN

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## Grace

Peace to the Community and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. God’s grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with undying love. AMEN

Compline

Opening Sentence

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. AMEN

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
**The maker of heaven and earth.**

*Psalm 36 (select verses)*

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, \*  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; \*  
you save both man and beast, O Lord.

How priceless is your love, O God! \*  
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

They feast upon the abundance of your house; \*  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the well of life, \*  
and in your light we see light.

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \*  
and your favour to those who are true of heart.

Lesson

An argument started among them as to which of them was the greatest. Jesus, who knew what was going on in their minds, took a child, and stood him by his side, and said, ‘Whoever receives this child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives the one who sent me. For the least among you all is the greatest.

**Luke 9:46-48**

Collect

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN

Prayers

Antiphon

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Canticle

*The Song of Simeon*

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the saviour, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to lighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel

**Luke 2:29-32**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever AMEN

Antiphon

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Grace

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. AMEN

Day Seven  
Saturday  
Morning Prayer

Opening Sentence

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

**Psalms 43:3**

Canticle

*A Song of Praise*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*

you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendour of your temple; \*

on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*

in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; \*

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

*Psalms 84 (select verses)*

How dear is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*

My soul has a desire and a longing for the courts of the Lord;

my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest

where she may lay her young; \*

by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*

they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*

for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

*Day Seven — Saturday*

They will climb from height to height, \*

and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

Lesson

Peter began: 'I now understand how true it is that God has no favourites, but that in every nation those who are god-fearing and do what is right are acceptable to him. He sent his word to the Israelites and gave the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. I need not tell you what has happened lately all over the land of the Jews, starting at Galilee after the baptism proclaimed by John. You know how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, because God was with him he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil. And we can bear witness to all he did in the Jewish countryside and in Jerusalem. They put him to death hanging him on a gibbet; but God raised him to life on the third day, and allowed him to be clearly seen, not by the whole people, but by witnesses whom God had chosen in advance-by us, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to proclaim him to the people, and affirm that he is the one designated by God as judge of the living and the dead. It is to him that all the prophets testify, declaring that everyone who trusts in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

**Acts 10:34-43**

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers

Collect

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may duly be prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

Grace

May the peace of God that passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. AMEN

*Day Seven — Saturday*



# Noon Prayer

## Opening Sentence

You are in our midst, Lord, and we bear your name. Do not forsake us.

**Jer 14:9**

## Hymn

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;  
Gifts bestowed on every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.  
In our world-wide task of caring  
For the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

**Fred Pratt Green**

## *Psalm 42 (select verses)*

As the deer longs for the water-brooks, \*  
so longs my soul for you, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; \*  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my food day and night, \*  
while all day long they say to me, 'Where now is your God?

I pour out my soul when I think on these things: \*  
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,

With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, \*  
among those who keep holy-day.

*Day Seven — Saturday*

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?

Put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

## Lesson

Then one of the scribes, who had been listening to these discussions and had observed how well Jesus answered, came forward and asked him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' He answered, 'The first is, "Hear O Israel: the Lord our god is one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all you heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this: "You must love your neighbour as yourself." No other commandment is greater than these.'

**Mark 12:28-31**

## The Lord's Prayer

## Prayers

## Thanksgiving

We thank you God that you sent Jesus to teach us new ways to look at faith, hope and love. Through the agency of this human person you taught us to pray for our persecutors, to make time for children, to set aside a portion of every day for prayer, to be welcoming to all people, especially outcasts and sinners, and to be willing to stand up for what is important and valuable, even though we may stand alone. As we continue to follow in the footsteps of your Son, send your Holy Spirit to encourage and direct our energies, so that this sometimes confused and harsh world might experience the joy and peace that comes from knowing you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

## Grace

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Day Seven — Saturday*

# Evening Prayer

## Anthem

*This anthem should precede the lighting of a candle*

I make my prayer to you O God be merciful to me.

**I make my prayer to you O God be merciful to me.**

Heal my soul, for I have sinned against you:

**Be merciful to me.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**I make my prayer to you O God be merciful to me.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God:

**And renew a right spirit within me.**

## Canticle

*The Desert Shall Blossom*

The desert shall rejoice and blossom;\*

it shall rejoice with gladness and singing.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed:\*

and the majesty of our God.

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened:\*

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then shall the lame leap like the hart:\*

and the tongue of the dumb shall sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth from the wilderness:\*

and streams in the desert.

The ransomed of the Lord shall return:\*

and come with singing, with everlasting joy upon their heads.

They shall obtain joy and gladness;\*

and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**Isaiah 35:1-2, 5-6, 10**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. AMEN

*Psalm 122*

I was glad when they said to me, \*

“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

*Day Seven — Saturday*

Now our feet are standing \*

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city \*

that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, \*

the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.

For there are the thrones of judgement, \*

the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*

“May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls \*

and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions’ sake, \*

I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, \*

I will seek to do you good.”

## Lesson

One day, when he had been praying by himself in the company of his disciples, he asked them, ‘Who do the people say I am?’ They answered, ‘Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, others that one of the prophets of old has come back to life.’ ‘And you,’ he said, ‘who do you say I am?’ Peter answered, ‘God’s Messiah.’ Then he gave them strict orders not to tell this to anyone. And he said, ‘The Son of Man has to endure great sufferings, and to be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, to be put to death, and to be raised again on the third day.’

**Luke 9:18-23**

## The Lord’s Prayer, Prayers

### Collect

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. AMEN

### Grace

May the Eternal God, shed light on us who watch, that our lips may praise God, our hearts bless God and our lives glorify God, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. AMEN

*Day Seven — Saturday*

# Compline

## Opening Sentence

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. AMEN

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
**The maker of heaven and earth.**

*Psalm 119:129-136*

Your decrees are wonderful; \*  
therefore I obey them with all my heart.  
When your word goes forth it gives light; \*  
it gives understanding to the simple.  
I open my mouth and pant; \*  
I long for your commandments.  
Turn to me in mercy, \*  
as you always do to those who love your Name.  
Steady my footsteps in your word; \*  
let no iniquity have dominion over me.  
Rescue me from those who oppress me, \*  
and I will keep your commandments.  
Let your countenance shine upon your servant \*  
and teach me your statutes.  
My eyes shed streams of tears, \*  
because people do not keep your law.

## Lesson

‘But to those who are listening I say: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who treat you spitefully. If anyone hits you on the cheek, offer the other also; if anyone takes your coat, let him have your shirt as well. Give to everyone who asks you; if anyone takes what is yours, do not demand it back. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love only those who love you, what credit is there in that? Even sinners do as much. But you must love your enemies and do good, and lend without expecting any return; and you will have a rich reward: you will be sons and daughters of the most high.

**Luke 6:27-33,35**

## Collect

Lord, it is night. The night is for stillness.  
Let us be still in the presence of God.  
It is night after a long day.  
What has been done is done; what has not been done, has not been done; let it be.  
The night is dark.  
Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you.  
The night is quiet.  
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace.  
The night heralds the dawn,  
Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities.  
In your name we pray

## Prayers

### Antiphon

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake  
we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

### Canticle

*The Song of Simeon*

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the saviour, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to lighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel

**Luke 2:29-32**

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as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. AMEN

### Antiphon

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we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Grace

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.  
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# Essential Prayers And Creeds

## *Our Father*

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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
Who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen

## *Gloria Patri*

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

# Affirmations Of Faith

## *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
And born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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.  
He will come again 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

## *Hear, O Israel*

Hear, O Israel,  
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.

This is the first and great commandment.  
The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself  
There is no commandment greater than these.

## *The Ten Commandments* NZ

Hear the commandments which God's people were  
given through Moses:  
You shall have no other gods but me.  
You shall not make yourself idols; you shall not worship them or serve them.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your god in vain.  
Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.  
Spirit of God, search our hearts.  
Honour your father and your mother.  
You shall not murder.  
You shall not commit adultery.  
You shall not steal.  
You shall not bear false witness.  
You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour.  
Spirit of God, search our hearts.

## Prayers for The World

### For Joy in God’s Creation ECUSA

O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty. Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ. Amen

### For the whole human Family ECUSA

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### For Good Government NZ

Spirit of Justice, creator Spirit; help us to make and keep this country a home for all its different peoples, and grant to our government and all its representatives imagination, skill and energy, that there may grow amongst us justice and peace. Amen

### For Those Who Govern NZ

Eternal God, Fount of wisdom; we ask you to bless the representatives we have elected; grant that through their discussions and decisions we may solve our problems effectively, enhance the well-being of our nation, and achieve together a fairer and more united society. Amen

### For the Armed Forces NZ

God our stronghold and defence; we commend to you those whose task it is to defend us in danger; inspire them in war to serve our country well; in peace, hold them ready and alert. In their lives may they bring honour to our country’s name. Amen

### Prayers for Peace ECUSA

O God of peace, who taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength; by the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works; Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from fear of all enemies, may live in rest and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Saviour. Amen

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquillity your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

### Prayers for Social Justice ECUSA

Almighty God, who created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

O God, whose blessed son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless,

and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

## Prayers for The Church

### For the Mission of the Church NZ

Draw your Church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island. Amen

### For the Holy Catholic Church ECUSA

Gracious Father, we pray for the holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Saviour. Amen

### For Clergy and People ECUSA

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, and other clergy, and on the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen

### Prayers for a Parish ECUSA

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart ad mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Prayers for the Ministry Of The Church ECUSA

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry

they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, in your divine providence you have appointed various orders in your Church: give your grace, we humbly pray, to all who are called to any office or ministry for your people; and so fill them with the truth of your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life, that they may faithfully serve before you, to the glory of your great Name and for the benefit of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

O God, you led your holy apostles to ordain ministers in every place: Grant that your Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may choose suitable persons for the ministry of the Word and Sacraments, and may uphold them in their work for the extension of your kingdom; through him who is the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

## Prayers for General Intercession

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Pastoral Prayers

### Prayers for Guidance Ecusa

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favour, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgement, and light rises up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYER FOR SELF-DEDICATION ECUSA

Almighty and Eternal god, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

PRAYERS FOR FORGIVENESS NZ

We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us, some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you. Amen

God of grace, we confess that we have sinned, in what we have thought, and said, and done. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen

PRAYER FOR PARDON ECUSA

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION ECUSA

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in 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

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labour, the repose of the dead; We thank you for the blessing of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy

angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

# Prayers for Healing

For a Sick Person ECUSA

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We ask you to behold, visit, and relieve this your servant N. for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon him with the eyes of your mercy; comfort him with a sense of your goodness; preserve him from the temptations of the enemy; and give him patience in his affliction. In your good time, restore him to health, and enable him to lead the remainder of his life in faith, and to your glory, and grant at the last that he may live with you in everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For Recovery from Sickness ECUSA

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servant N. the help of your power, that his sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servant N., that his weakness may be banished and his strength restored; and that his health being renewed, he may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For a Sick Child ECUSA

Heavenly Father, watch with us over your child N., and grant that he may be restored to that perfect health which it is yours alone to give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of the sheep, you gather the lambs in your arms and carry them in your bosom: We commend to your loving care this child N. Relieve his pain, guard him from all danger, restore to him your gifts of gladness and strength, and raise him up to a life of service to you. Hear us, we pray, for your dear Name's sake. Amen

Before an Operation ECUSA

Almighty God our heavenly Father, graciously comfort your servant N. in his suffering, and bless the means made use of for his cure. Fill his heart with confidence that, though at times he may be afraid, he yet may put his trust in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Strengthen your servant N., O God, to do what he has to do and bear what he has to bear; that, in accepting your healing gifts through the skill of surgeons and nurses, he may be restored to usefulness in your world with a thankful heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For Strength and Confidence ECUSA

O God, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your servant N., and give your power of healing to those who minister to his needs, that he may be strengthened in his weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Thanksgiving for a beginning of Recovery ECUSA

O Lord, your compassions never fail and your mercies are new every morning. We give you thanks for giving our brother/sister N. both relief from pain and hope of health renewed. Continue in him, we pray, the good work you have begun; that he, daily increasing in bodily strength, and rejoicing in your goodness, may so order his life and conduct that he may always do those things that please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayers At The Time Of Death ECUSA

Almighty God, look on this your servant, lying in great weakness, comfort him with the promise of life everlasting, given in the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Deliver your servant, N., O Sovereign Lord Christ, from all evil, and set him free from every bond; that he may rest with all your saints in the eternal habitations; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Prayers for The Dead And For Those Who Mourn

Prayers on the Death or Burial of an Adult ECUSA

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant N., and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant N., being raised with

him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother/sister N. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer on the Death or Burial of a Child ECUSA

O God, whose beloved Son did take little children into his arms and bless them: Give us grace to entrust N., to your never-failing care and love, and bring us all to your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Prayers for Those Who Mourn ECUSA

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, deal graciously with NN. In their grief, surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. And this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of comfort: Deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn; that, casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Other Prayers

For Parents ECUSA



Almighty God, giver of life and love. Grant N. and N. wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counsellor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. And so knit their wills together in your will and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may live together in love and peace all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For the care of Children ECUSA

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

For the Aged ECUSA

Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all whose increasing years bring them weakness, distress, or isolation. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and, as their strength diminishes, increase their faith and their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For a Birthday ECUSA

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favour, we pray, on your servant N. as he begins another year. Grant that he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For Those We Love ECUSA

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For a Person in Trouble or Bereavement ECUSA

O merciful Father, who hast taught us in thy holy Word that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men: (humanity) Look with pity upon the sorrows of thy servant for whom our prayers are offered. Remember him, O Lord, in mercy, nourish his soul with patience, comfort him with a sense of thy goodness, lift up thy countenance upon him, and give him peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For the Victims of Addiction ECUSA

O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the

assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. Amen

Prayers For Lay Readers  
To Be Used In The Exercise Of Their Ministry

Before the Preparation of a Sermon DD

O God, help me now to focus; not on the busyness of the day, nor on the demands of those who depend on me, but on your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Inspire me to communicate: the urgency of his call to ministry, the relevance of his life to our need, and his readiness to support us in the renewal of every part of our lives that diverge from God's Purpose. Make my words alive with your Spirit, so that your Word may be known and acknowledged by your people. I ask this through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Before the Leading of Worship DD, ECUSA

Go before us Lord, into your holy temple, that we might fittingly worship you in spirit and in truth. May the hymns we sing resound with our joy; may the prayers we say, reflect our trust in you; and may we ever and always give thanks to you for all the blessings that you have lavished upon us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

O Almighty God, who pourest out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to thee, from coldness of heart, and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Loving God, as we come to Church this day, we seek as our brother Paul did: to know Christ and the power of his resurrection. Through our worship, help us to enrich our lives by opening us to your Holy Spirit; that allowing our thoughts and desires to conform to his image, we may follow his example, and give ourselves fully to the proclamation of your Holy Word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Before the Delivery of a Sermon

May the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.

I speak in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

I pray, O God, that only the truth be spoken, and only the truth received, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Almighty God, bestow upon us the meaning of words, the light of understanding, the nobility of diction and the faith of the true nature. And grant that what we believe we may also speak. Amen

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After the Delivery of a Sermon

Now to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be ascribed all power, dominion and majesty; this day forth and for evermore. Amen

May our love abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that we may be able to discern what is best and be pure and blameless until the day of Christ; to the glory and praise of God. Amen

After the Leading of Worship ECUSA

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day by our outward ears, may, through thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Before Receiving Holy Communion ECUSA

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen

After Receiving Holy Communion DD

We give you thanks, Loving God, for offering us spiritual nourishment in the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we continue to seek new ways to live in relationships of justice and peace. And may we ever more reflect the faith, hope and love that are marks of those whose lives have been touched by your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

*Services of Commissioning*

# Service Of Commissioning Of A Lay Reader ECUSA

*This service is generally to be done at the main Eucharistic Service following the homily or the Creed.*

*The Commissioning may also be performed at the time of the hymn or anthem following the Collects in Morning and Evening Prayer.*

*After the examination, each candidate is presented separately by an appointed sponsor.*

*Symbols appropriate to a lay reader may be given to the candidate(s) as they are commissioned.*

## The Examination

*The congregation being seated, the celebrant stands in full view of the people, The sponsors and candidates stand facing the celebrant. The celebrant says these or similar words:*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which they are called.

*The Celebrant asks the sponsor or sponsors*

Are these persons you are to present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honour of God, and the well-being of his Church?

*Sponsor* I believe they are.

*The Celebrant then says these or similar words:*

You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Candidate I will.

*Celebrant* Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honour of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Candidate I will.

## The Commissioning

*Services of Commissioning*

*Sponsor* I present to you NN, licensed by the Bishop for the ministry of Lay Reader in this Parish.

*The license, signed by the Bishop is read to the congregation.*

## Antiphon

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same god who inspires them all in everyone.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly:

**Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.**

*Let us pray (silence)*

Look with favour upon those whom you have called, O Lord, to be Lay Readers in your Church; and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit that, seeking your glory and the salvation of souls, they may minister your Word with steadfast devotion, and by the constancy of their faith and the innocence of their lives may adorn in all things the doctrine of Christ our saviour; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

In the Name of God and of this parish, I commission you, NN, as a Lay Reader, and give you this \_\_\_\_\_ as a token of your ministry.



*Services of Commissioning*



# Commissioning for Lay Ministries in the Church

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*The presiding minister says in these or similar words.*

Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
We are all baptized by the one Spirit into one body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good.

Our purpose today is to recognise and affirm the ministry for which this person has offered himself/herself.

*The presiding minister describes the ministry and then continues*

Is it your will that N (or NN)  
Fulfil this ministry?  
*It is.*

*The presiding minister addresses those to be commissioned.*

N (or NN),  
You have been called to this ministry.  
Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with care, to the honour of God and the benefit of the Church?  
*I will.*

*The presiding minister addresses the congregation.*

Will you uphold him/her in this service?  
*We will.*

*The presiding minister continues.*  
Let us pray.

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
Our creator and redeemer.

*Services of Commissioning*

In every age you call people to minister in your name. May the work of this your servant so build up your Church, that we may faithfully serve you and show your love in all the world. Blessed are you, O God, now and forever. Amen

*Symbols appropriate to the ministry may be presented.*

*The presiding minister may say*  
N (or NN), the Lord enable and uphold you in this ministry.

*The service continues with the Prayers of the People, of the Intercessions and Thanksgivings, during which prayer may be offered for the ministry of the congregation, and for those newly commissioned. Litany 3 or Litany 6 in the Book of Alternative Services (pp. 112, 116) is appropriate.*

*In Litany 3 the following may be inserted after the first petition.*

We pray for this parish and for all who minister here (especially N or NN), that we may find joy in your service.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*In Litany 6 the following may be inserted after the first petition.*

For the ministry of this parish, (and especially for N or NN), that we may bear faithful witness to the gospel of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*The prayers may conclude with this collect.*  
Almighty God,  
By your grace alone  
We are accepted and called to your service.  
Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

*At the exchange of the Peace, the presiding minister and others may greet the newly commissioned ministers.*

*Services of Commissioning*