

The Order for Evensong with the Great Litany

Opening Hymn

Opening Sentences for Lent

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. *Psalm 51. 17.*

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. *Joel 2. 13.*

Exhortation to Confession

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

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

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

General Confession

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

Prayer of Pardon through the Cross

ALMIGHTY Father, who of thy great love to men didst give thy dearly beloved Son to die for us; Grant that through his Cross our sins may be put away, and remembered no more against us, and that, cleansed by his Blood, and mindful of his sufferings, we may take up our cross daily, and follow him in newness of life, until we come to his everlasting kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Responses

O Lord, open thou our lips;

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

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

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

The Psalms

The First Lesson

The Magnificat (Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

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

For he hath regarded / the lowliness of his handmaiden.

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

For he that is mighty hath magnified me; / and holy is his Name.

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

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

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

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

He remembering his mercy / hath holpen his servant Israel;

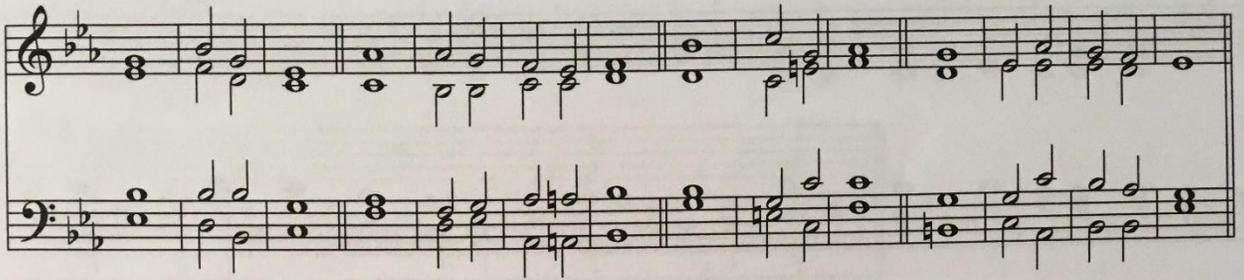
As he promised to our forefathers, / Abraham and his seed for ever.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;

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

Magnificat

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My soul | magni-fies the | Lord
and my spirit has re- | joiced in | God my | Savior,
For | He has • re- | garded
the | low es- | tate of • His | handmaiden.

For behold, from | this time | forth
all gener- | ations shall | call me | bles-sed,
For the Mighty One has done | great things • for | me,
and | ho-ly | is His | name.

And His mercy is upon generation after | gen-er- | ation
Toward | those who | **FEAR** | Him
He has shown | strength with • His | arm;
He has scattered the proud in the imagi- | na-tion | of their | hearts.

He has brought down the | mighty • from their | thrones,
And exalted | those of | low de- | gree.
He has filled the hungry with | **GOOD** | things,
And the rich He has | sent a-way | emp-ty- | handed.

He has given help to His | ser-vant | Israel,
So as to re- | member His | mercy for- | ever;
As He | spoke to • our | fathers,
To | Abra-ham and | to his | seed.

Glory | be to • the | Father,
And to the | Son, • and to the | Ho-ly | Spirit;
As it | was in • the be- | ginning,
Is now and ever shall be, | age after | age. A- | men.

The Second Lesson

The Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)

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

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

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

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;

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

The Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell;

The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,

And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of
Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life
everlasting. Amen.

The Great Litany

O GOD the Father, Creator of heaven and earth : have mercy upon us.

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O God the Son, Redeemer of the world : have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world : have mercy upon us

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful: have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful: have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God : have mercy upon us.

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REMEMBER not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood.

Spare us, good Lord.

FROM all evil and mischief; from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath, and from everlasting condemnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all uncleanness in thought, word, and deed; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all sedition, conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; by thy sending of the Holy Spirit; by thy heavenly Intercession; and by thy Coming again in glory,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all times of tribulation; in all times of prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgement,

Good Lord, deliver us.

WE sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God: and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way.

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To keep and strengthen in the true worshipping of thee, in holiness of life, and in devotion to her people, thy servant ELIZABETH, our most gracious Queen and Governor,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To be her defender and keeper, giving her the victory over all her enemies,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To bless and preserve all the Royal Family,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To give to thy servants Andrew and Jenny and to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth and show it accordingly,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To send forth labourers into thy harvest; to prosper their work by thy Holy Spirit; to make thy saving health known unto all nations; and to hasten thy kingdom,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To bless the people of our Country and the Commonwealth, and to endue those set in authority with grace, wisdom, and understanding,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To bless and guide the Judges and Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To bless and keep the Queen's forces by sea, and land, and air, and to shield them in all dangers and adversities,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To give to all nations unity, peace, and concord, that they may serve thee without fear,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To bless and protect all who serve mankind by their labour and learning,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To preserve all that travel, all women labouring of child, all sick persons and young children; and to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To defend, and provide for, all widows and orphans, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To bless and keep all thy people,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To give to all thy people increase of grace, to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To strengthen such as do stand; to encourage the faint-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To succour, help, and comfort all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To have mercy upon all men, women and children,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

SON of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;

Grant us thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Collect(s) of the Day

The Collect for Ash Wednesday

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer in the time of any common Plague or Sickness

O ALMIGHTY God, the Lord of life and death, have pity on us miserable sinners, now visited with great sickness [and mortality]. Withdraw from us, we pray thee, this grievous affliction. Teach us so to understand and obey thy laws, that under thy good providence we may live in health and well-being all our days. Enlarge our charity to relieve the distressed, and above all, bless this visitation to the welfare of thy people and the glory of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer in time of Great Sickness and Mortality

O MOST mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for succour. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Supplication

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thine honour.

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

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

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

From our enemies defend us, O Christ;

Graciously look upon our afflictions.

Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts;

Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.

Favourably with mercy hear our prayers;

O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;

Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

Lord, deal not with us according to our sins;

Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

O GOD, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful: Mercifully assist our prayers that we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils, which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, be brought to nought; and by the providence of thy goodness they may be dispersed; that we thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13. 14

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

Closing Hymn