

THE ORDER FOR
EVENING PRAYER

The Second Sunday after Easter (BCP)

April 18, 2021

*The Minister shall read aloud one or more of these Sentences of
the Scriptures that follow, or at special seasons the appropriately
Sentences provided in Morning Prayer.*

Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures; make our hearts burn within us while you speak. *See Luke 24.32*

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him. *Psalms 96.9*

Opening Hymn: **God, Your Glorious Presence #337 (Common Praise, 1998)**

1 God, your glorious presence
draws us to adore you,
and with awe appear before you.
In your holy temple
all keep mystic silence,
prostrate lie with deepest reverence.
You alone
God we own,
you our God and Saviour:
praise your name for ever.

2 In God's glorious presence
hear the harps resounding!
See the hosts the throne surrounding!
"Holy, holy, holy,"
hear the hymn ascending,
angels, saints, their voices blending!

Bow your ear
to us here:
hear, O Christ, the praises
that your church now raises.

3 Fount of every blessing,
purify my spirit,
trusting only in your merit.
Like the holy angels
who behold your splendour,
may I ceaseless worship render.
Let your will
ever still
rule your church terrestrial,
as the hosts celestial.

Text: Translator: John Miller (1756-1810); Translator: Frederick William Foster (1760-1835); Author: Gerhard Tersteegen (1697-1769); Translator: William Mercer (1811-1873) (alt.)
Tune: ARNSBERG

The Minister, turning to the people, shall say the Exhortation in the form following. Occasionally the second paragraph may be omitted, or in place of the Exhortation the Minister may say, Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

DEARLY beloved brethren, 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.

A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation with the Minister, all kneeling.

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 Jesus 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

The Absolution, or Remission of sins, to be pronounced by the Priest alone, standing; the people still kneeling.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Here the Lord's Prayer may be said; the people repeating it with the Minister.

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Minister. O LORD, open thou our lips;

People. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Minister. O God, make speed to save us;

People. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say: GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

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

Minister. Praise ye the Lord;

People. The Lord's Name be praised.

Then shall follow THE PSALMS. Then THE FIRST LESSON as appointed. And after that shall be sung or said Magnificat (or the Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary).

PSALM 115. Non nobis, Domine.

NOT unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy Name give the praise, / for thy loving mercy and for thy truth's sake.

2 Wherefore should the nations say, / 'Where is now their God?'

3 As for our God, he is in heaven: / he hath done whatsoever pleased him.

4 THEIR idols are silver and gold, / even the work of men's hands.

5 They have mouths, and speak not: / eyes have they, and see not.

6 They have ears, and hear not: / noses have they, and smell not.

7 They have hands, and handle not; feet have they, and walk not: / neither speak they through their throat.

8 They that make them are like unto them; / and so are all such as put their trust in them.

9 BUT thou, house of Israel, trust thou in the LORD: / he is their succour and defence.

10 Ye house of Aaron, put your trust in the LORD: / he is their helper and defender.

11 Ye that fear the LORD, put your trust in the LORD: / he is their helper and defender.

12 The LORD hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us: / even he shall bless the house of Israel; he shall bless the house of Aaron.

13 He shall bless them that fear the LORD, / both small and great.

14 MAY the LORD increase you more and more, / you and your children.
 15 Blessed be ye of the LORD, / who hath made heaven and earth.
 16 All the whole heavens are the LORD'S, / but the earth hath he given to the children of men.
 17 The dead praise not thee, O LORD, / neither all they that go down into Silence.
 18 But we will praise the LORD, / from this time forth for evermore. Praise the LORD.

The First Lesson is taken from the Book of Exodus, Chapter 24.

Here endeth the lesson.

MAGNIFICAT. St Luke 1. 46.

MY soul doth magnify • the | Lord : and my spirit hath re- joiced • in
 | God my | Saviour.

2 For I he hath • re- | garded : the | lowli-ness ' of his | hand-
 maiden.

3 For be- | hold from | henceforth : all gene- | rations • shall | call me | blessed.

4 For he that is mighty hath | magni- • fied | me : and | holy ' is his | Name.

5 And his mercy is on | them that | fear him : throughout | all ' gene- | rations.

6 He hath shewed | strength • with his | arm : he hath scattered the proud, in the imagi- | nation ' of their
 | hearts.

7 He hath put down the mighty ' from their | seat : and hath ex- | alted • the | humble • and | meek.

8 He hath filled the | hungry with | good things : and the rich he ' hath sent | empty • a- 1 way.

9 He re- | memb'ring • his | mercy : hath | holpen • his | servant | Israel;

10 As he promised ' to our | forefathers : Abraham ' and his | seed for | ever.

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

The Second Lesson is taken from the Gospel according to St. John, Chapter 21 beginnng at verse 1 and ending at verse 14.

Here endeth the lesson.

THE SECOND LESSON as appointed. And after that shall be sung or said Nunc Dimittis (or the Song of Simeon).

NUNC DIMITTIS. St Luke 2.29.

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.**

Sermon:

Then shall be said or sung the Confession of the Faith, called 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.

R. Goodson
 (1655-1719)



And after the Creed these prayers following, all devoutly kneeling, the Minister first pronouncing:

The Lord be with you;

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

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.

Then the Priest standing up shall say: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People. And grant us thy salvation.

Priest. O Lord, save the Queen;

People. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Priest. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

People. And make thy chosen people joyful.

Priest. O Lord, save thy people;

People. And bless thine inheritance.

Priest. Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People. And evermore mightily defend us.

Priest. O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Then shall follow THE COLLECT OF THE DAY, together with any other Collects appointed to be said, and these two prayers in order.

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.. *Amen.*

The Second Collect, for Peace.

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

The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils.

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

Here may follow an Anthem or a Hymn. Here may be said the prayers found at this point in Morning Prayer or selections from the Prayers and Thanksgivings or such other prayers as are contained in this Book or set forth by lawful authority, always ending with the Prayer of St Chrysostom and the Grace.

O Jesus, I Have Promised (#438 Common Praise, 1998)

1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,

my Master and my Friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,

not wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me feel thee near me:
the world is ever near;

I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer
and shield my soul from sin.

3 O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised

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Tune: WOLVERCOTE

Composer: William Harold Ferguson (1874-1950)

to serve thee to the end!

O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

4 O let me see thy footmarks
and in them plant mine own:
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone.

O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.d.

5. Therefore, we pray you, Lord, forgive; so when
our wanderings here shall cease, we may with you
forever live in love and unity and peace.

Other prayers and thanksgivings are offered.

A Prayer of Saint 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.

The Grace

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