

The Order for Morning Prayer and  
the Ante-Communion  
on the

Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at 10 a.m.

*Where it is desired to have a very short and simple service (as when children are taking part), it shall suffice to say the Collect, the Epistle, and Gospel, for Easter Sunday, together with the Nicene Creed, and the Lord's Prayer.*

*In the absence of opportunities to administer the sacrament, please note the rubric in the Communion of the Sick, p. 323 in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer:*

*¶ But if a man, either by reason of extremity of sickness, or for want of warning in due time to the Minister, **or by any other just impediment**, do not receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, the Minister shall instruct him, that if he do truly repent him of his sins, and stedfastly believe that Jesus Christ hath suffered death upon the Cross for him, and shed his Blood for his redemption, earnestly remembering the benefits he hath thereby, and giving him hearty thanks therefor, he doth eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ profitably to his soul's health, although he do not receive the Sacrament with his mouth.*

## PREPARING IN PENITENCE.

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. *St. Luke xv. 18, 19.*

### **A General Confession (*said by all*).**

**A**LMIGHTY 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 those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who 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 Declaration of Absolution, or Remission of Sins**

***Said by the Priest alone, standing, the People still kneeling.***

**A**LMIGHTY 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 those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Lord's Prayer

**O**UR 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Opening Versicles & Responses (*alternating*)

O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Answer.* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

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

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

Praise ye the Lord.

*Answer.* The Lord's Name be praised.

## PRAISE OF GOD'S GLORY.

The Lord who cast out seven devils from Mary: O come let us adore him.

**Psalm 95.** *Venite, exultemus.*

**O** COME, let us sing unto the LORD;

\* let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving;

\* and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great God;

\* and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth;

\* and the strength of the hills is his also.

5 The sea is his, and he made it;  
\* and his hands prepared the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship and fall down,  
\* and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For he is the Lord our God;  
\* and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.

8 To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts  
\* as in the provocation,  
and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

9 When your fathers tempted me,  
\* proved me, and saw my works.

10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said,  
\* It is a people that do err in their hearts,  
for they have not known my ways:

11 Unto whom I swear in my wrath,  
\* that they should not enter into my rest.

**G**LORY 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 Lord who cast out seven devils from Mary: O come let us adore him.

**Psalm 5.** *Verba mea auribus.*

PONDER my words, O LORD,  
\* consider my meditation.

2 O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King and my God: \*  
for unto thee will I make my prayer.

- 3 My voice shalt thou hear betimes, O LORD;  
\* early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee,  
and will look up.
- 4 For thou art the God that hast no pleasure in wickedness;  
\* neither shall any evil dwell with thee.
- 5 Such as be foolish shall not stand in thy sight;  
\* for thou hatest all them that work iniquity.
- 6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak lies:  
\* the LORD will abhor both the blood-thirsty and deceitful man.
- 7 But as for me, in the multitude of thy mercy  
I will come into thine house;  
\* and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.
- 8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness, because of mine enemies;  
\* make thy way plain before my face.
- 9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth;  
\* their inward parts are very wickedness.
- 10 Their throat is an open sepulchre;  
\* they flatter with their tongue.
- 11 Destroy thou them, O God; \*  
let them perish through their own imaginations;  
Cast them out in the multitude of their ungodliness; \*  
for they have rebelled against thee.
- 12 And let all them that put their trust in thee rejoice:  
\* they shall ever be giving of thanks,  
Because thou defendest them; \*  
they that love thy Name shall be joyful in thee;

13 For thou, LORD, wilt give thy blessing unto the righteous,  
\* and with thy favourable kindness wilt thou defend him  
as with a shield.

**G**LORY 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.

**Psalm 6.** *Domine, ne in furore.*

O LORD, rebuke me not in thine indignation,  
\* neither chasten me in thy displeasure.

2 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am weak;  
\* O LORD, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

3 My soul also is sore troubled:  
\* but, LORD, how long wilt thou punish me?

4 Turn thee, O LORD, and deliver my soul;  
\* O save me, for thy mercy's<sup>1</sup> sake.

5 For in death no man remembereth thee;  
\* and who will give thee thanks in the pit?

6 I am weary of my groaning;  
\* every night wash I my bed, and water my couch with my tears.

7 My beauty is gone for very trouble,  
\* and worn away because of all mine enemies.

8 Away from me, all ye that work iniquity;  
\* for the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.

9 The LORD hath heard my petition;  
\* the LORD will receive my prayer.

10 All mine enemies shall be confounded, and sore vexed;  
\* they shall be turned back, and put to shame suddenly.

**G**LORY 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.

**Psalm 63.** *Deus, Deus meus.*

O GOD, thou art my God;  
\* early will I seek thee.

2 My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee,  
\* in a barren and dry land where no water is.

3 Thus have I looked for thee in the sanctuary,  
\* that I might behold thy power and glory.

4 For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself:  
\* my lips shall praise thee.

5 As long as I live will I magnify thee in<sup>1</sup> this manner,  
\* and lift up my hands in thy Name.

6 My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness,  
\* when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips.

7 Have I not remembered thee in my bed,  
\* and thought upon thee when I was waking?

8 Because thou hast been my helper;  
\* therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

9 My soul hangeth upon thee;  
\* thy right hand hath upholden me.

10 These also that seek the hurt of my soul,  
\* they shall go under the earth.

11 Let them fall upon the edge of the sword,  
\* that they may be a portion for foxes.

12 But the King shall rejoice in God;  
all they also that swear by him shall be commended;  
\* for the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

**G**LORY 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 First Lesson: Proverbs 31:10-31**

*A virtuous woman and her works*

- 10 Who can find a virtuous woman?  
for her price is far above rubies.
- 11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her,  
so that he shall have no need of spoil.
- 12 She will do him good and not evil  
all the days of her life.
- 13 She seeketh wool, and flax,  
and worketh willingly with her hands.
- 14 She is like the merchants' ships;  
she bringeth her food from afar.
- 15 She riseth also while it is yet night,  
and giveth meat to her household,  
and a portion to her maidens.
- 16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it:  
with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.
- 17 She girdeth her loins with strength,  
and strengtheneth her arms.
- 18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good:  
her candle goeth not out by night.
- 19 She layeth her hands to the spindle,



- and her hands hold the distaff.
- <sup>20</sup> She stretcheth out her hand to the poor;  
yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
- <sup>21</sup> She is not afraid of the snow for her household:  
for all her household are clothed with scarlet.
- <sup>22</sup> She maketh herself coverings of tapestry;  
her clothing is silk and purple.
- <sup>23</sup> Her husband is known in the gates,  
when he sitteth among the elders of the land.
- <sup>24</sup> She maketh fine linen, and selleth it;  
and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.
- <sup>25</sup> Strength and honour are her clothing;  
and she shall rejoice in time to come.
- <sup>26</sup> She openeth her mouth with wisdom;  
and in her tongue is the law of kindness.
- <sup>27</sup> She looketh well to the ways of her household,  
and eateth not the bread of idleness.
- <sup>28</sup> Her children arise up, and call her blessed;  
her husband also, and he praiseth her.
- <sup>29</sup> Many daughters have done virtuously,  
but thou excellest them all.
- <sup>30</sup> Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain:  
but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.
- <sup>31</sup> Give her of the fruit of her hands;  
and let her own works praise her in the gates.

**Canticle:** *Te Deum laudamus.*

*The praise of the Creator by the whole creation, and by the Church.*

**W**E praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.  
To thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the Powers therein;  
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.  
The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.  
The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;  
The Father of an infinite Majesty;  
Thine adorable, true and only Son;  
Also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

**T**HOU art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst humble thyself  
to be born of a Virgin.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the  
Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed  
with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, in glory everlasting.

**O** LORD, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.

Govern them and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee;

And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

**The Second lesson: St. Luke 7:36-8:3 *The Woman who was a Sinner, and the ministry of Mary Magdalene.***

**A**T that time: one of the Pharisees desired Jesus that he would eat  
with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to  
meat. <sup>37</sup> And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she  
knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an  
alabaster box of ointment, <sup>38</sup> And stood at his feet behind him weeping,  
and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs  
of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.  
<sup>39</sup> Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within  
himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who

and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner. <sup>40</sup> And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on. <sup>41</sup> There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most? <sup>43</sup> Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged. <sup>44</sup> And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. <sup>45</sup> Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. <sup>46</sup> My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup> Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. <sup>48</sup> And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. <sup>49</sup> And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also? <sup>50</sup> And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace. **8** And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him, <sup>2</sup> And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, <sup>3</sup> And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.

**Benedictus. St. Luke i. 68.**

*Thanksgiving for our redemption in Christ, and self-dedication to his service.*

**B**LESSED be the Lord God of Israel; \*  
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, \*  
in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets, \*  
which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies, \*  
and from the hand of all that hate us.

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, \*  
and to remember his holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, \*  
that he would give us;

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies \*  
might serve him without fear;

In holiness and righteousness before him, \*  
all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: \*  
for thou shalt go. before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people \*  
for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God; \*  
whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**G**LORY 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.

## **PRAYERS FOR GOD'S GRACE.**

*Minister.* The Lord be with you.

*Answer.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

## **The Collect of the Day**

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost enkindle the name of thy love in the hearts of the Saints; Grant to us, thy humble servants, the same faith and power of love; that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may profit by their examples; through Jesus Christ our Lord who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

### **A Collect for Peace.**

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Collect for Grace.**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



# THE ANTE-COMMUNION

*Minister.* The Lord be with you.

*Answer.* And with the spirit.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

## OPENING PRAYERS

*said by the priest alone*

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. Amen.

## The Collect for Purity

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## PREPARING IN PENITENCE.

*Priest.* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

**T**HOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *Here shall be said,*

*Answer.*           The Lord be with you.  
                          And with thy spirit.  
*Minister.*         Let us pray.

### **The Collect of the Day.**

**O** GOD, whose Son did cast out seven devils from Mary Magdalene and made her a witness of his resurrection: mercifully grant that by thy grace we may be healed of all infirmities, and serve thee in the power of his endless life, through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

### **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**The Lesson for the Epistle:** Song of Solomon 3:1-5

**Clerk:** The Lesson for the Epistle is written in the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of the Song of Songs, which is Solomon's, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse:

**B**Y night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not. I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not. The watchmen that go about the city found me: to whom I said, Saw ye him whom my soul loveth? It was but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him, and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me. I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake *my* love, till he please.

**The Gospel:** St. John 20:11-18

*Priest.* The Holy ✠ Gospel according to St. John, in the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning at the 11<sup>th</sup> verse.

*Answer:* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**A**T that time: Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, and seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

*Answer:* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

### **The Nicene Creed** *said by all*

**I**BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son



together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection ☩ of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

**The Address** – Mr. David Svihel, Minister with Youth

## **THE OFFERTORY**

God is not unrighteous, that he will forget your works, and labour that proceedeth of love; which love ye have showed for his Name's sake, who have ministered unto the saints, and yet do minister. *Heb. vi. 10.*

## **The Biddings**

### **The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed**

*Minister.* I bid your prayers for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed:

Rest ☩ eternal grant unto them, O Lord;

*Answer.* and let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. *Amen.*

### **The Prayer for Christ's Church.**

¶ *Then shall the Priest say,*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

**A**Lmighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless ✠ thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**O**UR 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Closing Prayers**

**A**Lmighty and everliving God, we yield unto thee most high praise and hearty thanks, for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all thy saints, who have been the choice vessels of thy grace, and the lights of the world in their several generations; most humbly beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow the example of their stedfastness in thy faith, and obedience to thy holy commandments, that at the day of the general Resurrection, we, with all those who are of the mystical body of thy Son, may be set on his right hand, and hear that his most joyful voice: Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Grant this, O Father, for the sake of the same, thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and

Advocate. *Amen.*

*And the Blessing, or if there be no priest to pronounce the blessing, then:*

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all ever more. Amen.

