

THE ORDER FOR  
MORNING PRAYER  
On  
Trinity Sunday  
June 7, 2020

*Where this is said privately, a layman or laywoman may take the parts marked “Minister”, but the Absolution is said by a priest alone, and must be omitted in his absence.*

*If you wish to abbreviate this for the sake of young children who are taking part, you may read the General Confession, one of the psalms or lessons, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, the short versicles and responses, the three Collects and the General Thanksgiving.*

**Voluntaries for this Sunday:**

Nicaea, Calvin Hampton

Variations on ‘Leoni’, G. Winston Cassler

**Hymns for this Sunday:**

Hymn #266 Holy, Holy, Holy! (Nicaea)

Hymn #285 The God of Abraham Praise (Leoni)

**Hymn 266 – Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty**  
*Veni Sancte Spiritus (The Golden Sequence)*

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Words: Reginald Heber, 1826

Tune: *Nicea*, John B Dykes, 1861

## **PREPARING IN PENITENCE.**

Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. *Isaiah lvii. 15.*

### **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**

#### **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.

**All say:** Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God : 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 sware 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.

**All say:** Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God : O come let us adore him.

**Psalm 48. *Magnus Dominus*** (Prayer Book, p. 399)

*The greatness of the Lord God, who establishes and delivers his Church, symbolized by Sion, the city of Jerusalem.*

**G**REAT is the Lord, and highly to be praised  
\* in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.

2 The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth;  
\* upon the north side lieth the city of the great King:  
God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.

3 For lo, the kings of the earth  
\* were gathered, and gone by together.

4 They marvelled to see such things;  
\* they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.

5 Fear came there upon them; and sorrow,  
\* as upon a woman in her travail.

6 Thou dost break the ships of the sea  
\* through the east-wind.

7 Like as we have heard, so have we seen  
in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God;  
\* God upholdeth the same for ever.

8 We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God,  
\* in the midst of thy temple.

9 O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end;  
\* thy right hand is full of righteousness.

10 Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughters of Judah be glad,

\* because of thy judgments.

11 Walk about Sion, and go round about her;  
\* and tell the towers thereof.

12 Mark well her bulwarks, consider her palaces,  
\* that ye may tell them that come after.

13 For this God is our God for ever and ever:  
\* he shall be our guide unto death.

**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:** Ezekiel 36:16-28  
*Redemption and Renewal by the Spirit*

In those days: said the prophet Ezekiel: the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, <sup>17</sup> Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings: their way was before me as the uncleanness of a removed woman. <sup>18</sup> Wherefore I poured my fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols wherewith they had polluted it: <sup>19</sup> And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them. <sup>20</sup> And when they entered unto the heathen, whither they went, they profaned my holy name, when they said to them, These are the people of the LORD, and are gone forth out of his land. <sup>21</sup> But I had pity for mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, whither they went.

<sup>22</sup> Therefore say unto the house of Israel, thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went. <sup>23</sup> And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. <sup>24</sup> For I will take you from among the heathen,

and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup> Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. <sup>26</sup> A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. <sup>28</sup> And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

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

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

WE 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.

THOU 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: Revelation 4**  
*A vision in the Spirit of God's throne and kingdom*

In those days: I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be here after. And immediately I was in the Spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes before and behind. And the first was like a lion, and the second like a calf, and the third had a face as a man, and the fourth was like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, the four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on

the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

### **St. John 3:1-15**

*Entering the Kingdom of God by rebirth in the Spirit and by faith in the Son.*

At that time: there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

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

*Thanksgiving for our redemption in Christ*

**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.

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.

## PRAYERS FOR GOD'S GRACE.

### The Apostles' Creed (*said by all*)

**I** believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:  
**I** 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.

*Minister.* The Lord be with you.

*Answer.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

*Minister.* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Answer.* Christ, have mercy upon us.

*Minister.* Lord, have mercy upon us.

### The Lord's Prayer (*said by all*)

**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. Amen.

*Minister.* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*Answer.* And grant us thy salvation.

*Minister.* O Lord, save the State.

*Answer.* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Minister.* Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

*Answer.* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Minister.* O Lord, save thy people.

*Answer.* And bless thine inheritance.  
*Minister.* Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
*Answer.* For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.  
*Minister.* O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
*Answer.* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

### **The Collect for Trinity Sunday**

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; We beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us stedfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, 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.*

### **A Prayer for all in Civil Authority.**

**A**LMIGHTY God, whose kingdom is everlasting and power infinite; Have mercy upon this whole land; and so rule the hearts of thy servants THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, *The Governor of this State*, and all others in authority, that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may

above all things seek thy honour and glory; and that we and all the People, duly considering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honour them, according to thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for the Clergy and People.**

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, and other Clergy, and upon 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.*

### **A Prayer for all Conditions of Men.**

**O**GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; [*\*especially those for whom our prayers are desired;*] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

*\* This may be said when any desire the prayers of the Congregation.*

### **For the Faithful Departed**

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.*

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom & the Grace.

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 of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* (2 Cor. xiii. 14.)

## The Sermon – Father Dunbar

### A General Thanksgiving (*may be said by all*).

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

### The Blessing (*said by the priest*)



## Hymn #285 The God of Abraham Praise

The God of Abraham praise,  
Who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days,  
And God of Love;  
To him uplift your voice,  
At whose supreme command  
From earth we rise  
And seek the joys  
At his right hand.

He by Himself has sworn;  
I on His oath depend,  
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,  
To Heav'n ascend.  
I shall behold His face;  
I shall His power adore,  
And sing the wonders of His grace  
Forevermore.

There dwells the Lord our king,  
The Lord our righteousness,  
Triumphant o'er the world and sin  
The Prince of peace;  
On Sion's sacred height  
His kingdom still maintains,  
And glorious with His saints in light  
Forever reigns.

The God who reigns on high  
The great archangels sing,  
And Holy, holy, holy! cry,  
Almighty King!  
Who was, and is, the same,  
And evermore shall be:  
Jehovah—Father—great I AM,  
We worship Thee!

The whole triumphant host  
Give thanks to God on high;  
Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
They ever cry.  
Hail, Abraham's God, and mine!  
(I join the heav'nly lays)

All might and majesty are Thine,  
And endless praise.

Words – Jewish Doxology, paraphrased Thomas Olivers, c. 1770, alt.

Music – *Leoni*, Trad. Melody, arr. Meyer Leon, c. 1770

#### **A Note on “The God of Abraham Praise”.**

From The Yigdal of Daniel ben Judah, a Jewish judge in Rome, *circa* 1400. Paraphrased by Thomas Olivers, *circa* 1765. First published in The Gospel Magazine, April 1775. The lyrics are based on the 13 creeds of Moses Maimonides (*circa* 1130–1204). The 1940 Hymnal version is much abbreviated.

“One night in London, [Olivers] was attracted to a service in a Jewish synagogue, where he heard a great singer, Leoni, sing an ancient Hebrew melody in the solemn, plaintive mode, and he became impressed with a desire to write a hymn to that tune. The result was our hymn, The God of Abraham Praise, which in a sense is a paraphrase of the ancient Hebrew Yigdal, or doxology, though Olivers gave to it a distinctly Christian flavor.

“The story is told of a young Jewess who had been baptized into the Christian faith, and in consequence was abandoned by her family. She fled to the home of the minister, poured out her heart to him, and as if to show that, after all, her joy in her new-found Saviour was greater than all her loss of home and family, she sang, The God of Abraham Praise”.

From: Price, Carl Fowler. *One Hundred and One Hymn Stories*. New York: Abingdon Press, 1923, p. 105.