

The Order for Morning Prayer and  
the Ante-Communion  
on the Feast of the Holy Cross

September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 11 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 acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.  
*Psalm li. 3.*

### **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.**

**Antiphon:** Christ the Lord uplifted on the cross for us: 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.

**Antiphon:** Christ the Lord uplifted on the cross for us: O come let us  
adore him.

**Psalm 30.** *Exaltabo te, Domine.*

I WILL magnify thee, O LORD; for thou hast set me up,  
\* and not made my foes to triumph over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried unto thee;  
\* and thou hast healed me.

3 Thou, LORD, hast brought my soul out of hell:  
\* thou hast kept my life, that I should not go down into the pit.

4 Sing praises unto the LORD, O ye saints of his;  
\* and give thanks unto him, for a remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye,  
and in his pleasure is life;  
\* heaviness may endure for a night,  
but joy cometh in the morning.

6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed:  
\* thou, LORD, of thy goodness, hast made my hill so strong.

7 Thou didst turn thy face from me,  
\* and I was troubled.

8 Then cried I unto thee, O LORD;  
\* and gat me to my LORD right humbly.

9 What profit is there in my blood,  
\* when I go down into the pit?

10 Shall the dust give thanks unto thee?  
\* or shall it declare thy truth?

11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;  
\* LORD, be thou my helper.

12 Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy;  
\* thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness:

13 Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing.  
\* O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

**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 47.** *Omnes gentes, plaudite.*

O CLAP your hands together, all ye peoples:  
\* O sing unto God with the voice of melody.

2 For the Lord is high, and to be feared;  
\* he is the great King upon all the earth.

3 He shall subdue the peoples under us,  
\* and the nations under our feet.

4 He shall choose out an heritage for us,  
\* even the excellency of Jacob, whom he loved.

5 God is gone up with a merry noise,  
\* and the Lord with the sound of the trump.

6 O sing praises, sing praises unto our God;  
\* O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.

7 For God is the King of all the earth:  
\* sing ye praises with understanding.

8 God reigneth over the nations;  
\* God sitteth upon his holy seat.

9 The princes of the peoples are joined  
unto the people of the God of Abraham;  
\* for God, which is very high exalted,  
doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

**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.

**Psalm 66.** *Jubilate Deo.*

O BE joyful in God, all ye lands;

\* sing praises unto the honour of his Name;  
make his praise to be glorious.

2 Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works!

\* through the greatness of thy power  
shall thine enemies bow down unto thee.

3 For all the world shall worship thee,

\* sing of thee, and praise thy Name.

4 O come hither, and behold the works of God;

\* how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.

5 He turned the sea into dry land,

\* so that they went through the water on foot;  
there did we rejoice thereof.

6 He ruleth with his power for ever;

his eyes behold the nations:

\* and such as will not believe  
shall not be able to exalt themselves.

7 O praise our God, ye peoples,

\* and make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holdeth our soul in life;

\* and suffereth not our feet to slip.

9 For thou, O God, hast proved us;

\* thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.

10 Thou broughtest us into the snare;

\* and laidest trouble upon our loins.

11 Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads;  
\* we went through fire and water,  
and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

12 I will go into thine house with burnt-offerings,  
and will pay thee my vows,  
\* which I promised with my lips, and spake with my mouth,  
when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the incense of rams;  
\* I will offer bullocks and goats.

14 O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God;  
\* and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.

15 I called unto him with my mouth,  
\* and gave him praises with my tongue.

16 If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart,  
\* the Lord will not hear me.

17 But God hath heard me;  
\* and considered the voice of my prayer.

18 Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer,  
\* nor turned his mercy from me.

**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: Numbers 21**

*The lifting up of the serpent of brass for the deliverance of Israel.*

In those days: when king Arad the Canaanite, which dwelt in the south, heard tell that Israel came by the way of the spies; then he fought against Israel, and took some of them prisoners. <sup>2</sup> And Israel vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities. <sup>3</sup> And



the LORD hearkened to the voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; and they utterly destroyed them and their cities: and he called the name of the place Hormah.

<sup>4</sup> And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way. <sup>5</sup> And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. <sup>6</sup> And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup> Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. <sup>9</sup> And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

**Or this lesson:** Exodus 17

*The Rod of Moses foreshows the lifegiving and victorious Cross.*

In those days: all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched in Rephidim: and there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt the LORD? <sup>3</sup> And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst? <sup>4</sup> And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me. <sup>5</sup> And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go.

<sup>6</sup> Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.  
<sup>7</sup> And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?

<sup>8</sup> Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim. <sup>9</sup> And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand. <sup>10</sup> So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. <sup>11</sup> And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. <sup>12</sup> But Moses hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. <sup>13</sup> And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. <sup>14</sup> And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. <sup>15</sup> And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovahnissi:<sup>16</sup> For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

**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: John 3:1-17**

*Christ foretells the lifting up of the Son of Man.*

At that time: there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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? <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of

the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? <sup>11</sup> Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: <sup>15</sup> That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup> For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

**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**

**O** GOD, who hast lifted up upon the Cross thine only begotten Son, that  
he might draw all men unto himself: Grant, we beseech thee; that we  
who acknowledge the mystery of our redemption on earth, may enjoy its  
rewards in heaven: through the same thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever  
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,*

The Lord be with you.

*Answer.* And with thy spirit.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

## The Collect.

**O** GOD, who hast deigned to redeem mankind by the precious blood of thine only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ: mercifully grant that they who glory in thy life-giving cross, may be freed from the bonds of their sins: through the same thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**The Epistle:** Galatians 6:12-17

**Clerk:** The Epistle is written in the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Epistle to the Galatians, beginning at the 12<sup>th</sup> verse:

**B**RETHREN: As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh. <sup>14</sup> But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. <sup>15</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. <sup>16</sup> And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. <sup>17</sup> From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. <sup>18</sup> Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

**The Gospel:** St. John 12:31-36

*Priest.* The Holy Gospel according to St. John, in the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning at the 31<sup>st</sup> verse.

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

**A**t that time: Jesus said unto the multitudes: Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die. The people answered him: We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man? Then Jesus said unto them: Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light.



*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**

**THE OFFERTORY**

To do good, and to distribute, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. *Heb. xiii. 16.*

**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,

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Closing Prayers

BY the tree we were enslaved; by the holy cross we have been made free; the fruit of the tree beguiled us; the Son of God redeemed us, alleluia.

V. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee;  
R. Because by thy Holy Cross, thou hast redeemed the world.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name; We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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.

