

THE ORDER FOR  
MORNING PRAYER

On the

Sunday Next Before Advent

November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at 11 a.m.

*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.*

Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of thy faithful people,  
And kindle in them the fire of thy love.

## #137 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,  
Raise the song of harvest home;  
All is safely gathered in,  
Ere the winter storms begin;  
God our Maker doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God's own temple, come,  
Raise the song of harvest home.
2. All the world is God's own field,  
Fruit unto His praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown,  
Unto joy or sorrow grown;  
First the blade, and then the ear,  
Then the full corn shall appear:  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
Wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. For the Lord our God shall come,  
And shall take His harvest home;  
From His field shall in that day  
All offenses purge away;  
Give His angels charge at last  
In the fire the tares to cast;  
But the fruitful ears to store  
In His garner evermore.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,  
Bring Thy final harvest home;  
Gather Thou Thy people in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified,  
In Thy garner to abide;  
Come, with all Thine angels come,  
Raise the glorious harvest home.

Words: Henry Alford, 1844, alt.

Music: ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1858

## 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.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say,*

**D**EARLY 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 cloak 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 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, saying—

### **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.**

*To be made 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.*

*In the absence of a Priest, this prayer may be said by a minister or layman, all kneeling:*

**A**LMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, and hast promised to absolve all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe thy holy Gospel; of thy mercy we beseech thee to grant us true repentance, and thy Holy Spirit, that those things may please thee 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 thine 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**

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.**

**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.

**Psalm 85.** *Benedixisti, Domine.*

**L**ORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land;  
\* thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

2 Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people,  
\* and covered all their sins.

3 Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure,  
\* and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.

4 Turn us then, O God our Saviour,  
\* and let thine anger cease from us.

5 Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever?  
\* and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath  
from one generation to another?

6 Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us,  
\* that thy people may rejoice in thee?

7 Show us thy mercy, O LORD,  
\* and grant us thy salvation.

8 I will hearken what the LORD God will say;  
\* for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints,  
that they turn not again unto foolishness.

9 For his salvation is nigh them that fear him;  
\* that glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together:  
\* righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth,  
\* and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

12 Yea, the LORD shall show loving-kindness;  
\* and our land shall give her increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him,  
\* and shall direct his going in the way.

**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:** Jeremiah 23:5

Here beginneth the 5<sup>th</sup> verse of the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter of the book of Jeremiah the Prophet. *The promise of a new and greater king like David, and a new and greater redemption like the Exodus.*

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that they shall no more say, The Lord liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but, The Lord liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land: saith the Lord Almighty.

**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. John 6:5**

Here beginneth the 5<sup>th</sup> verse of the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John. *The multiplication of loaves and fishes.*

**A**T that time: when Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, Two hundred penny-worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

**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.

**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.**

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

**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.

*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 of the Day**

**S**TIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

### **The 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.*

### **The 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.**

**O** LORD our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, and to all in Authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*Or this:*

**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.

### **In Time of Great Sickness and Mortality.**

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

### **For the Faithful Departed**

Of your charity 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 Address**

### **The Offering**

He that soweth little shall reap little; and he that soweth plenteously shall reap plenteously. Let every man do according as he is disposed in his heart, not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. ix. 6, 7.

*At the presentation of alms and oblations, all may say:*

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.  
Amen.

### **A Thanksgiving for the Blessings of Harvest**

**A**LMIGHTY Father, who hast watered our fields with the dew of heaven, and poured out upon us the former and the latter rain, according to our need, and hast reserved unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest: We bless and praise thee that, in love to thy children, thou hast at this season bestowed upon us such an abundant supply for all our necessities. Grant that we may never be destitute of those better gifts which nourish and enrich the soul. Pour down, we beseech thee, upon us thy heavenly grace, and endue us with the gifts of thy Holy Spirit, that we may bring forth abundant fruits to thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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

**A**LMIGHTY 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**

*To be pronounced by a priest alone.*

*In the absence of a Priest, this prayer may be said by another minister or layman, all kneeling:*

THE Lord bless ☩ us, and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*





## #357 Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus

1. Hail, thou once despised Jesus!  
Hail, thou Galilean King!  
Thou didst suffer to release us;  
thou didst free salvation bring.  
Hail, thou universal Savior,  
who hast borne our sin and shame!  
By thy merits we find favor;  
life is given through thy name.
2. Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,  
all our sins on thee were laid;  
by almighty love anointed,  
thou hast full atonement made.  
Every sin may be forgiven  
through the virtue of thy blood;  
opened is the gate of heaven,  
reconciled are we with God.
3. Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,  
there forever to abide;  
all the heavenly hosts adore thee,  
seated at thy Father's side.  
There for sinners thou art pleading;  
there thou dost our place prepare;  
thou for saints art interceding  
till in glory they appear.
4. Worship, honor, power, and blessing  
Christ is worthy to receive;  
loudest praises, without ceasing,  
right it is for us to give.  
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,  
bring your sweetest, noblest lays;  
help to sing of Jesus' merits,  
help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

Words: John Bakewell, 1757; Martin Madan, 1760; alt.

Tune: IN BABILONE, Traditional Dutch Melody, harm. by T. Tertius Noble, 1918