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The Hours of  
the Passion.











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**HOURS OF THE PASSION.**

INCLUDING IN FULL

**The Daily Office for Morning and Night,**

CHIEFLY AFTER

THE ANCIENT ENGLISH USE OF SALISBURY,

WITH OTHER

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TO  
THE CRUCIFIED SON OF MARY,  
MY LORD AND MY GOD.



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## P R E F A C E .

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It is a matter of great thankfulness to Almighty God that there is now among us a large and increasing number of devout persons, who habitually attend the public Daily Services of the Church, and have become thereby accustomed to that beautiful model of Prayer and Praise which, —consecrated as it then was by use during many ages in the Western Church,—the Catholic Church of this country three centuries ago revised, and placed in the hands of all her children in their mother tongue.

And many such, from long use of the English Matins and Evensong as arranged in the Book of Common Prayer, have come to prefer to all other forms of devotion, even for private use, that regular order of Psalms and Lessons, Responsive Versicles, and Collects, which is there retained, and which also distinguished those other daily offices of the Ancient Breviary which the English Church did not at the Reformation think proper to retain for general and public use, the Offices, viz. for the First, Third, Sixth, and Ninth Hours, and the Night Office or Compline.

It is for such as these that this little work is intended. It seemed that for persons desirous in some way or other to observe those Canonical Hours of Prayer to which—receiving them as she did from God's elder People—the Catholic Church has given a still deeper significance by connecting them with the events of the Lord's Passion, no better way could be recommended than that they should begin with the observance of them on all Fridays, and daily during Passion-tide.

The Offices here provided for these Hours are taken wholly in form, and very largely in matter, from the ancient devotional manuals, which under the names of "Horæ," "Manuale," or "Enchiridion," were in common circulation in England before the Reformation, and which, also, under the names of "The Primer" or "Orarium," were issued, with more or less of authority, in a revised form after that event.

To the "Hours of the Passion" it was thought good to add, for the sake of greater completeness, the daily morning Office for the first Hour, or "Prime," and the daily final Office at night, or "Compline," as well as the latter or prayer-portion of the daily Mid-day Office, or "Sext." These three Offices are modelled as closely as possible from those of the Sarum Breviary, care being taken not to repeat those portions which, anciently occurring in Prime or Compline, were by the Reformers transferred to Matins and Evensong. On this principle that portion of the weekly recitation of the Psalms which fell in Prime has been removed, on the ground that the Ecclesiastical Authority definitely substituted a monthly for the old weekly recitation, and confined it entirely to Matins and Evensong. The recitation of certain selected Psalms at certain Hours, besides their recitation in the regular monthly order, seemed to stand on a different footing. Indeed, the change from weekly to monthly recitation of the Psalter, seemed to render it more needful than before that some Psalms should recur more frequently by being selected for use at certain fixed times. It is for this reason that, just as the Resurrection Psalms (liv. cxviii.) are appropriated to Sunday, and the Passion Psalms (xxii. lix. lxi. and lxxviii.) to Friday, so the Psalms which speak of the Incarnation (viii. xix. xxiv. anciently appointed for Matins in the Office of the Blessed Virgin,) should be said on all Festivals of our Lord, or of the Blessed Virgin, and daily during the great Festal Seasons of the Church; whilst other suitable Psalms are appointed for the Festivals of Saints. This ensures at the same time greater variety, without at all lengthening the office as actually used.

Similarly, the Athanasian Creed, being now appointed to be said at Matins, is removed from its ancient place among the daily Psalms of Prime. Still the association of that hour with the mystery of the Ever-Blessed Trinity has been preserved by the retention of the old Antiphons, or Anthems, to the "*Psalmus, Quicumque Vult*," as the Anthems for the Psalms at Prime.

Again, the Apostles' Creed and the Confession and Absolution have been omitted from among the Preces after the Lord's Prayer at Prime, because they are now said at Matins.

Lastly, for the old Collect at Prime, which we now say daily as the Third Collect at Matins, and for the old Collect

at Compline, now said at Evensong, other suitable Collects have been substituted.

The Versicles and Responses after the Lord's Prayer at Prime, p. 21, are exactly those of the Salisbury Use. So, too, are those at Compline. p. 49, except that the second, ("Come, O Lord,") and the third ("Lord save us,") are two of the Sarum occasional Antiphons to "Nunc Dimittis," inserted among the Preces on account of their obvious appropriateness. The "Suffrages," or Prayers and Intercessions after the Collects, (such as those at pp. 24, 33, 51,) are not found in the Breviary, but are usual in the "Horæ" or "Prymers," of Sarum Use.

At Compline the Confession and Absolution have been removed from the Preces to the position which they occupy in the Reformed Matins and Evensong; the sentence of Scripture, "Brethren, be sober," &c., being prefixed to them (from the Roman Office,) from its exact analogy to the opening Sentences of our authorized daily office.

The Lessons from the Gospels at Prime, and from the Epistles at Compline, (for which see "Household Prayer," by the REV. P. G. MEDD, published by Messrs. Rivington,) are added as a suggestion to be adopted or omitted at the discretion of those who use the book.

Three Offices, viz., for Morning, Noon, and Night, are thus offered for the daily private or social use of Christian people, and Offices for all the seven Hours on Friday. They can be used by those who do, and by those who do not use, or attend at, the Public Daily Services; and to Lay persons it is of course open to use them either instead of, or in addition to, the Prayer Book Services. Much will depend on their engagements, and the convenience of the times of public worship, but the Editor would earnestly deprecate the substitution of these offices for those which are of public authority, where the latter can conveniently be attended. And even where the Prayer Book Services cannot be conveniently attended at Church, they may be used in private with great advantage, *in a shortened form*; e. g., the portion from the first Lord's Prayer to the Third Collect, omitting the Canticles and the First Lesson, and prefixing to this the Confession at Evensong, and adding any of the Intercessory Prayers, and the General Thanksgiving, at discretion. A short trial will convince any person of both the feasibility and the advantage of this use of the Daily Services of the Church, ensuring as it does the

regular reading of the Psalms and of the New Testament.

The Clergy need not be reminded that the daily saying of the Authorized Matins and Evensong is for them of paramount obligation.

Where Matins is attended in Church at an early hour, the Office for Prime will of course be said in its usual place *after* Matins; and if Matins is said privately it should be said before Prime. When the Public Matins is at a late hour, Prime will of course be said privately, on first rising.

To these Daily Offices some other devotional Forms in use amongst us are added for convenience, and with the view of rendering the work more complete; and the sources from which these are taken are usually indicated as they occur. (See explanation of abbreviations appended to the Preface.)

The only hitherto unpublished portions are the Litany of Intercession for the Sick, parts of the Litanies on pages 73 to 85, and the short Litany for the Dying.

The Hymns in most cases are taken from "Hymns Ancient and Modern," with the kind permission of the Editors. For some of the Prayers the Editor is indebted to the admirable "Hours of Prayer for Daily Use," prepared for the Theological College at Cuddesden. Of these the Collect numbered 9, on page 26, may well be used by Members of our Universities on behalf of the College and University to which they belong.

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*Explanation of Abbreviations used to indicate the source from which a Prayer is taken.*

C.—The Cuddesden "Hours of Prayer."

Ed.—The Editor.

G.—The "Sacramentary" of S. Gelasius.

Gr.—The "Sacramentary" of S. Gregory.

L.—The "Sacramentary" of S. Leo.

M.—The Mozarabic Missal.

P.B.—The Book of Common Prayer.

R.M.—The Roman Missal.

S.B.—The Salisbury Breviary.

S.M.—The Salisbury Missal.

S.P.—The Salisbury Primer.

*Other sources are indicated at length in each case. An asterisk is appended where a Prayer has been altered, adapted, or recast.*

# TABLE

OF

## DAILY READINGS FOR A MONTH.

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DAY.	MORNING.	DAY.	EVENING.
1.	S. Matthew v. 1—16.	1.	Romans vi. 2—14.
2.	_____ v. 17—30.	2.	_____ xii.
3.	_____ v. 31—48.	3.	_____ xiii.
4.	_____ vi. 1—19.	4.	1 Corinthians vi. 9—20.
5.	_____ vi. 19—34.	5.	_____ xiii.
6.	_____ vii. 1—14.	6.	_____ xv. 39—58.
7.	_____ vii. 15—29.	7.	2 Corinthians iv. 16; v. 10.
8.	_____ { x. 28—39.	8.	Galatians v. 13—26.
	_____ { xvi. 24—27.		
9.	_____ xviii. 1—14.	9.	_____ vi. 1—10.
10.	_____ xviii. 15—35.	10.	Ephes. iv. 1—6; 17—32.
11.	_____ xxiv. 36—51.	11.	_____ v. 1—21.
12.	_____ xxv. 31—46.	12.	_____ vi. 10—20.
13.	Saint Mark xii. 28—34.	13.	Philippians iii. 7; iv. 8.
14.	Saint Luke vi. 20—36.	14.	Colossians iii. 1—17.
15.	_____ vi. 37—49.	15.	1 Thess. iv. 13; v. 24.
16.	_____ xii. 15—40.	16.	Hebrews x. 19—39.
17.	_____ xiii. 23—30.	17.	_____ xii.
18.	_____ xiv. 25—33.	18.	_____ xiii. 1—17.
19.	_____ xv. 1—24.	19.	S. James i. 12—27.
20.	_____ xviii. 18—30.	20.	_____ ii. 14—26.
21.	Saint John i. 1—13.	21.	_____ iii.
22.	_____ iii. 14—21.	22.	_____ iv.
23.	_____ vi. 26—40.	23.	_____ v.
24.	_____ vi. 41—63.	24.	1 S. Peter i. 13—25.
25.	_____ x. 1—18.	25.	_____ ii. 1—17.
26.	_____ xiv. 1—14.	26.	_____ iii. 8—22.
27.	_____ xiv. 15—31.	27.	_____ iv. 1—19.
28.	_____ xv. 1—17.	28.	1 S. John i. 1; ii. 17.
29.	_____ xvi. 1—15.	29.	_____ iii.
30.	_____ xvi. 16—33.	30.	_____ iv.
31.	_____ xvii.	31.	_____ v.

THE  
HISTORY  
OF  
The Holy Incarnation, Passion,  
Death, and Resurrection  
OF  
Our Lord God and Only Saviour  
JESUS CHRIST.





## The Glorious Godhead of JESUS CHRIST.

*The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to S. John.*

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was Life; and the Life was the Light of men. And the Light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

That was the true Light, Which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. **AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, AND DWELT AMONG US,** (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Rz. Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

## The Holy Incarnation of God the Son.

*Part of the Holy Gospel according to S. Luke.*

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

The Angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a Virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the Virgin's name was Mary. And the Angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

And when she saw him she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

And the Angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast

found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call His Name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: and He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His Kingdom there shall be no end.

Then said Mary unto the Angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

And the Angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the Power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that Holy Thing which shall be born

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of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible.

And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the Angel departed from her.

*Mary visits her Cousin Elisabeth.*

And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda; and entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. And it came to pass, that, when

Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: and she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and Blessed is the Fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the Mother of my Lord should come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

*Rz.* Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

## The Birth of JESUS CHRIST.

*Part of the Holy Gospel according to S. Matthew.*

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Now the Birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as His Mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

But while he thought on these things, behold, the Angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son

of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for That which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His Name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins.

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a Virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His Name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

*Rz.* Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

## The Loving Condescension of our Lord JESUS CHRIST.

“Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich.” (2 COR. viii. 9.)

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the Form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion

as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a NAME Which is above every name: that at the NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, of things in Heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that JESUS CHRIST IS LORD, to the glory of God the Father.” (PHIL. ii. 5.) R̄. Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

## The Homage enjoined by the Church to JESUS.

“When in time of Divine Service the Lord Jesus shall be mentioned, due and lowly reverence shall be done by all persons present, as it hath been accustomed: testifying by these outward ceremonies and gestures, their inward humility, Christian resolution, and due acknowledgement that THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE

TRUE ETERNAL SON OF GOD, IS THE ONLY SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD, in Whom alone all the mercies, graces, and promises of God to mankind, for this life, and the Life to come, are fully and wholly comprised.” (*Canon XVIII. of the Constitutions and Canons Ecclesiastical of the Church of England.*)

✠	I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me.	✠
<p>The Love of Christ constraineth us. Greater love hath no man than this.</p>	<p>[In the middle of this page may be placed a Picture of our Blessed Lord upon the Cross.]</p>	<p>Who Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own Blood, be glory for ever.</p>
✠	The Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.	✠

## The Passion of our Lord God and Saviour.

(Harmonized from the four Holy Gospels.)

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

*The Agony of JESUS in the Garden.*

When JESUS had spoken these words, and they had sung an hymn, He went forth with His disciples over the brook Cedron, to the Mount of Olives, where was a Garden called Gethsemane, into the which He entered, and His disciples. And Judas also which betrayed Him knew the place : for JESUS oftentimes resorted thither with His disciples.

And when He was at the place, He said unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. And He took with Him Peter and James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful, sore amazed, and very heavy. Then saith He unto them, My Soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death : tarry ye here, and watch with Me. And He went a little farther, and was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and fell on His Face on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. And He said, Abba, Father, if it be possible, and all things are possible unto Thee, take away this cup from Me : nevertheless, not My will, but Thine, be done. And He cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou ? What, could ye not watch with me one hour ? Watch ye, rise and pray, that ye enter not into temptation : the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O My Father, if this cup may not pass

away from Me, except I drink it, Thy Will be done. And when He returned, He found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy) neither wist they what to answer Him. And He left them and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. And there appeared an Angel unto Him from Heaven, strengthening Him. And being in an agony He prayed more earnestly : and His sweat was as it were great drops of Blood falling down to the ground. And when He rose up from prayer, and was come the third time to His disciples, He found them sleeping for sorrow, and said unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest : it is enough, the hour is come ; behold the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise up, let us go ; he that betrayeth Me is at hand.

*JESUS is betrayed and apprehended.*

And immediately while He yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the Twelve, came, having received a band of men and officers from the Chief Priests and Pharisees, the scribes and the elders of the people, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, with lanterns and torches and weapons. JESUS therefore, knowing all things that should come upon Him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye ? They answered Him, JESUS of Nazareth. JESUS saith unto them, I am He. And Judas also, which betrayed Him, stood with them. As soon then as He had said unto them, I am He, they went backward, and fell to the ground. Then asked He

them again, Whom seek ye ? And they said JESUS of Nazareth. JESUS answered, I have told you that I am He : if therefore ye seek Me, let these go their way : that the saying might be fulfilled, which He spake, Of them which Thou gavest Me have I lost none. Now he that betrayed Him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is He ; take Him, hold Him fast, and lead Him away safely. And he went before them, and forthwith he came to JESUS, and said, Hail, master ; and kissed Him. And JESUS said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come ? Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss ? Then came they, and laid hands on JESUS, and took Him. When they which were about Him saw what would follow, they said unto Him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword ? And, behold, one of them which were with JESUS, Simon Peter, having a sword, stretched out his hand, and drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. And JESUS answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And He touched his ear and healed him. Then said JESUS unto Peter, Put up again thy sword into the sheath : for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He shall presently give Me more than twelve legions of Angels ? But how then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be ? The cup which My Father hath given Me, shall I not drink it ?

In that same hour said JESUS unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, and to the multitudes which were come to Him, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords

and staves for to take Me ? When I was daily with you in the temple teaching, ye stretched forth no hands against Me : but this is your hour, and the power of darkness. But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.

Then all the disciples forsook Him, and fled. And there followed Him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body ; and the young men laid hold on him : and he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked.

*JESUS is brought before Annas and Caiaphas.*

Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took JESUS, and bound Him, and led Him away to Annas first ; for he was father in law to Caiaphas, which was the High Priest that same year. Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people. And Annas sent Him bound unto Caiaphas the High Priest : and with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes.

And Simon Peter followed JESUS afar off unto the High Priest's palace, and so did another disciple : that disciple was known unto the High Priest, and went in with JESUS into the palace of the High Priest. But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, which was known unto the High Priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter. And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals in the midst of the hall, for it was cold : and when they were set down together, and warmed themselves, Peter sat down among them to

see the end, and warmed himself at the fire.

The High Priest then asked JESUS of His disciples and of His doctrine. JESUS answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. Why askest thou Me? ask them which heard Me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said.

And when He had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck JESUS with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest Thou the High Priest so? JESUS answered him, If I have spoken evil bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou Me.

Now the chief priests and elders, and all the Council, sought false witness against JESUS to put Him to death; but found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, and bare false witness against Him, yet found they none: for their witness agreed not together. At the last came two false witnesses, and said, We heard this fellow say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands. But neither so did their witness agree together. And the High Priest stood up in the midst, and asked JESUS, saying, Answerest Thou nothing? what is it which these witness against Thee? But JESUS held His peace, and answered nothing.

Again the High Priest asked Him, and said unto Him, I adjure Thee by the Living God, that Thou tell us whether Thou be the Christ, the Son of God the Blessed. JESUS saith unto him, Thou hast said; I am: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man

sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of Heaven.

Then the High Priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard His blasphemy. What think ye? And they all answered and condemned Him and said, He is guilty of death.

Then did they spit in His Face, and buffeted Him; and the men that held JESUS mocked Him, and covered His Face. And when they had blindfolded Him, they struck Him on the Face, and asked Him, saying, Prophecy, who is it that smote Thee? And many other things blasphemously spake they against Him. And the servants did strike Him with the palms of their hands.

*Peter denies the Lord thrice.*

Now Peter sat without in the palace: and as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the High Priest: the damsel that kept the door. And when she saw Peter, as he sat by the fire, warming himself, she earnestly looked upon him, and said, Art not thou also one of His disciples? Thou also wast with JESUS of Galilee. But he denied before them all, saying, Woman, I am not. I know Him not. I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew.

And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them that were there, This fellow was also with JESUS of Nazareth. And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee. And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man.



And about the space of one hour after, one of the servants of the High Priest, being his kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with Him : for he is a Galilæan. And he said to Peter, Did not I see thee in the garden with him ? Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, Man, I know not what thou sayest. I know not this man of whom ye speak. And immediately, while he yet spake, the second time the cock crew.

And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny Me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he went out, and wept bitterly.

*JESUS is brought before Caiaphas and the whole Jewish Council, and is pronounced worthy of death.*

And as soon as it was day, the elders of the people and the chief priests and the scribes came together, and led Him into their Council, saying, Art Thou the Christ ? tell us. And He said unto them, If I tell you ye will not believe : and if I also ask you, ye will not answer Me, nor let Me go. Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God. Then said they all, Art Thou then the Son of God ? And He said unto them, Ye say that I am. And they said, What need we any further witness ? for we ourselves have heard of His own mouth. And the whole multitude of them arose, and when they had bound Jesus, they led Him away from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment : and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the Governor : and it was early.

*JESUS before Pilate.*

And they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled ; but that they might eat the Passover. Pilate then went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man ? They answered and said unto him, If He were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered Him up unto thee.

Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye Him, and judge Him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death : that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which He spake, signifying what death He should die.

Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus and said unto Him, Art Thou the King of the Jews ?

Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of Me ?

Pilate answered, Am I a Jew ? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered Thee unto me : what hast Thou done ?

Jesus answered, My Kingdom is not of this world : if My Kingdom were of this world, then would My servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews : but now is My Kingdom not from hence.

Pilate therefore said unto Him, Art Thou a King then ?

Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a King. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth My voice.

Pilate saith unto Him, What is truth ? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in Him no fault at all. And they began to accuse Him, saying, We found this fellow perverting

the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Cæsar, saying that He Himself is Christ a King. And JESUS stood before the Governor: and the Governor asked Him saying, Art Thou the King of the Jews? JESUS answering said unto him, Thou sayest it. And the chief priests and elders accused Him of many things: but He answered nothing. And Pilate asked Him again, saying, Answerest Thou nothing? Behold how many things they witness against Thee. But JESUS yet answered him to never a word; insomuch that Pilate marvelled greatly. Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this Man. And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place. When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilæan. And as soon as he knew that He belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time.

*JESUS before Herod.*

And when Herod saw JESUS, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see Him of a long season, because he had heard many things of Him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by Him. Then he questioned with Him in many words; but He answered him nothing. And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused Him. And Herod with his men of war set Him at nought, and mocked Him, and arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him again to Pilate. And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves.

*JESUS again before Pilate.*

And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, said unto them, Ye have brought this Man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined Him before you, have found no fault in this Man, touching those things whereof ye accuse Him: no, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto Him. I will therefore chastise Him, and release Him. Now at that feast the Governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas, which lay bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection. And the multitude crying aloud began to desire him to do as he had ever done unto them. (For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.) Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or JESUS which is called Christ? Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews? For he knew that the chief priests had delivered Him for envy.

When he was set down on the judgment-seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that Just Man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of Him. But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy JESUS. The Governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this Man and release unto us

Barabbas. Pilate therefore, willing to release JESUS, answered and said again unto them, What shall I do then with JESUS which is called Christ, Him Whom ye call the King of the Jews? And they all cried out again, Crucify Him, crucify Him. And Pilate said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath He done? I have found no cause of death in Him: I will therefore chastise Him, and let Him go. And they cried out the more exceedingly, and were instant with loud voices, requiring that He might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed.

When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this Just Person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His Blood be on us, and on our children. And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired; and took JESUS and scourged Him.

*JESUS mocked by the Soldiers.*

Then the soldiers of the Governor took JESUS and led Him away into the common hall, and gathered unto Him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped Him, and put on Him a scarlet robe.

And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon His Head, and a reed in His right Hand: and they bowed the knee before Him, and mocked Him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon Him, and smote Him with their hands, and took the reed, and smote Him on the Head.

*"Behold the Man."*

Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in Him. Then came JESUS forth, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the Man! When the chief priests therefore and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, Crucify Him, crucify Him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye Him, and crucify Him; for I find no fault in Him. The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God.

When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; and went again into the judgment hall, and said unto JESUS, Whence art Thou? But JESUS gave him no answer.

Then saith Pilate unto Him, Speakest Thou not unto me? knowest Thou not that I have power to crucify Thee, and have power to release Thee?

JESUS answered, Thou couldst have no power at all against Me, except it were given thee from above: therefore He that delivered Me unto thee hath the greater sin.

And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release Him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this Man go, thou art not Cæsar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Cæsar.

When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought JESUS forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried out, Away

with Him, away with Him, crucify Him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Cæsar.

*JESUS is led away to be Crucified.*

And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required, and he delivered JESUS to their will to be crucified.

And the soldiers after they had mocked Him, took off the purple from Him, and put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him.

And He bearing His Cross, went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: and as they led Him away, they laid hold upon a man of Cyrene, by name Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, who passed by, coming out of the country; and on him they laid the cross, and compelled him to bear it after JESUS.

And there followed Him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented Him. But JESUS turning unto them, said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for Me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. For, behold, the days are coming, in which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?

And there were also two other, malefactors, led with Him, to be put to death.

And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, they gave Him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when He

had tasted thereof He would not drink. And they gave Him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but He received it not.

*JESUS Crucified.*

There they crucified Him, and the two malefactors with Him, one on the right hand, and the other on the left, and JESUS in the midst. And the Scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.

Then said JESUS, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where JESUS was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that He said, I am the King of the Jews. Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.

Then the soldiers when they had crucified JESUS, took His garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also His coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the Scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted My raiment among them, and for My vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did. And sitting down they watched Him there. And it was the third hour.

And they that passed by reviled Him and railed on Him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, Thou that destroyest the

temple, and buildest it in three days, save Thyself. If Thou be the Son of God, come down from the Cross. And the people stood beholding. Likewise also the chief priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes and elders, He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He be Christ the King of Israel, the Chosen of God, let Him now come down from the Cross, and we will believe Him. He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him: for He said, I am the Son of God. The thieves also which were crucified with Him, cast the same in His teeth, and reviled Him. And the soldiers also mocked Him, coming to Him and offering Him vinegar, and saying, If Thou be the King of the Jews, save Thyself.

And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on Him, saying, If Thou be Christ save Thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this Man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto JESUS, Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom. And JESUS said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with Me in Paradise. Now there stood by the Cross of JESUS His Mother, and His Mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When JESUS therefore saw His Mother, and the disciple standing by, whom He loved, He saith unto His Mother, Woman, behold thy Son! Then saith He to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over

all the land unto the ninth hour.

And at the ninth hour JESUS cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabacthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me? And some of them that stood by, when they heard that, said, Behold this Man calleth for Elias.

After this, JESUS, knowing that all things that were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave Him to drink. The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save Him.

When JESUS therefore had received the vinegar, He said, It is finished.

And when JESUS had cried again with a loud voice, He said, Father, into Thy Hands I commend My spirit: and having said thus, He bowed His Head, and gave up the ghost.

And, behold, the veil of the Temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after His Resurrection, and went into the Holy City, and appeared unto many.

Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching JESUS, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, and that He so cried out, and gave up the ghost, they feared greatly; and the centurion glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a Righteous Man; truly this was the Son of God.

And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding

the things which were done, smote their breasts, and returned. And all His acquaintance, and the women that followed Him from Galilee, ministering unto Him, stood afar off beholding these things: among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome, the mother of Zebedee's children, and many other women were there, which came up with Him unto Jerusalem.

*JESUS hangs dead upon the Cross.*

The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath day, (for that Sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with Him. But when they came to JESUS, and saw that He was dead already, they brake not His legs: but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and forthwith came thereout Blood and Water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the Scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of Him shall not be broken. And again another Scripture saith, They shall look on Him Whom they pierced.

*JESUS is taken down from the Cross.*

And after this, when the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathæa, a city of the Jews, named Joseph, an honourable counsellor, and he was a good man, and a just: the same had

not consented to the counsel and deed of them, but also himself waited for the Kingdom of God, being a disciple of JESUS, but secretly for fear of the Jews. This man went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the Body of JESUS, that he might take it away. And Pilate marvelled if He were already dead: and calling unto him a centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead. And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave him leave, and commanded the Body to be delivered to Joseph. He came therefore and took the Body of JESUS. And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to JESUS by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight. Then took they the Body of JESUS, and wound It in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

*JESUS is buried.*

Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, which Joseph had hewn out in the rock; wherein was never man yet laid. There laid they JESUS therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. And the women also which came with Him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre. And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre, and beheld how His Body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the Sabbath day, according to the commandment.

Rz. Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.



## The Resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

(From the Holy Gospels according to S. Matthew and S. Mark.)

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

When the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint Him. And very early in the morning the First Day of the week, as it began to dawn, they came unto the sepulchre to see it, at the rising of the sun. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the Angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: and for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the women said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? for it was very great. And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: and enter-

ing into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And the Angel answered and said unto the women, Be not affrighted: for I know that ye seek JESUS of Nazareth, which was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell His disciples and Peter that He is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see Him, as He said unto you: lo, I have told you. And they departed quickly, and fled from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they anything to any man; for they were afraid, and did run to bring His disciples word.

Rz. Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

## Christ's Appearance to S. Mary Magdalene.

(From the Holy Gospels according to S. Matthew, S. Luke, and S. John.)

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

The First Day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom JESUS loved, and said unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid Him. It

was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles. Then arose Peter and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in. Then cometh



Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, and the napkin that was about His head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. For as yet they knew not the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again unto their own home, wondering at that which was come to pass.

But 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 said 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 to the disciples as they mourned and wept, and told them that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

**Rz.** Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

¶ *The following Prayers, translated from the Salisbury Primer, may be said after the preceding Readings from the Holy Gospels. Dulcissime Salvator ac Redemptor.*

O Lord, Our Saviour and Redeemer JESUS CHRIST, Who, through Thy most true heralds the Holy Evangelists, hast vouchsafed to reveal unto us the most sacred mysteries of Thine Eternal Generation from the Father, and Thine Incarnation of the most pure Virgin Mary Thy Mother; and also to tell us of Thy most holy Life and Conversation on earth, and of Thy most saving Passion, Death, and Resurrection, as well as of Thy glorious Ascension into Heaven: Grant unto us we beseech Thee, faithfully to believe the same, and so to follow

Thy footsteps on earth, that finally we may be worthy to praise Thee evermore in Heaven. Who livest and reignest with the Father, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

O God, Who didst vouchsafe to enlighten Thy blessed Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit: Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may not only confess with our mouth that which they wrote, but also, by the help of Thy grace may so fulfil it in deed, that, after this life ended, we may attain to the glories of Paradise, and finally with them may enjoy everlasting blessedness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## A Prayer in Memory of our Lord's Sufferings.

(From Bishop Jeremy Taylor's Holy Living.)

*A Form of Prayer recording all the points and Mysteries of Christ's Passion, being a short History of it: to be used especially in the week of the Passion, and before the receiving the Blessed Sacrament.*

All praise, honour, and glory be to Thee, O Holy JESUS. I adore Thee, O Blessed Redeemer, my Lord and my God, the Light of the Gentiles and the Glory of Israel, for Thou hast done and suffered for me more than I could wish, more than I could think of; even all that a lost and miserable and perishing sinner could possibly need.

Thou wert afflicted with thirst and hunger, with heat and cold, with labours and sorrows, with hard journeys and restless nights. Thou wentest about doing good, working miracles of mercy, healing the sick, comforting the distressed, instructing the ignorant, feeding the hungry, giving sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf, strengthening the lame, cleansing the lepers, raising the dead, and preaching the Gospel to the poor, graciously receiving the penitent sinners, and making atonement for the sins of the world by the merits of Thy Passion, Thy healthful and bitter Passion.

Blessed be Thy Name, O Holy JESUS, Who wast content to be conspired against by the Jews, to be sold by Thine own disciple for a vile price, and to wash the feet of him that took money for Thy life: to give to him, and to all Thine Apostles Thy most Holy Body and Blood: to become a sacrifice for their sins, even theirs that betrayed and denied Thee: and for all the sins of all the

whole world; and for all my sins, even for my crucifying Thee afresh, and for other my sins, whereof I am ashamed to think, but that the greatness of my sins magnifieth the boundless greatness of Thy mercies, Who didst so great things for one that is so vile.

Ÿ. O Saviour of the world, Who by Thy Cross and Precious Blood hast redeemed us. *Rz. Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.*

Ÿ. O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world. *Rz. Have mercy upon us.*

Ÿ. O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world. *Rz. Grant us Thy peace.*

Blessed be Thy Name, O Holy JESUS, Who, being about to depart from this world, didst comfort Thine Apostles, pouring out into their ears and hearts treasures of admirable discourses: Who didst recommend them and us to Thy Father with a mighty charity; and then didst enter into the Garden where Thou didst suffer a most unspeakable Agony, until the sweat strained through Thy pure skin like drops of blood, and there didst sigh and groan, and falling down upon the earth in prayer didst submit to the intolerance of Thy Father's wrath, which we had deserved and Thou sufferedst.

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Blessed be Thy Name, O Holy JESUS, and blessed be Thy loving-kindness and pity by which Thou didst neglect Thine own sorrows, and go to comfort the sadness of Thy disciples, quickening their dulness, encouraging them to their duty, and arming their weakness with excellent precepts against the day of trial. Blessed be that humility and sorrow of Thine, Who, being Lord of the Angels, yet wouldst need and receive comfort from Thy servant the Angel: Who didst offer Thyself to Thy persecutors: and didst receive the traitor's kiss; and wouldst do a miracle to cure a wound of one of Thy spiteful enemies, and, reproving Thine over-zealous servant, didst go like a lamb to the slaughter, without noise, or violence or resistance, when Thou couldst have commanded millions of Angels for Thy guard and rescue.

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Blessed be Thy Name, O Holy JESUS, and blessed be that holy sorrow Thou didst suffer, when Thy disciples fled, and Thou wert left alone in the hands of cruel men who thirsted for Thy Blood:

when Thou wert led to the house of Annas, and thence to the house of Caiaphas, and there asked ensnaring questions, and smitten on the face, enduring all night long affronts and scorn and intolerable insults; and all this for man who was Thine enemy, and the cause of all Thy sorrows.

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Blessed be Thy Name, O Holy JESUS, and blessed be Thy mercy, Who, when Thy servant Peter denied Thee and forsook Thee, didst but look upon him, and by that gracious and chiding look didst call him back to himself and Thee: Who, being accused and examined before the High Priest and the Jewish Council, wast declared guilty of death as a blasphemer, and mocked, and buffeted, and blindfolded, and spit upon: Who wert sent to Pilate and found innocent, and sent to Herod and still found innocent, and there arrayed in white, both to declare Thine innocence, and yet to deride Thy person: and wert sent back again to Pilate, and again examined, and yet nothing but innocence found in Thee, and malice round about Thee to devour Thy life, which yet Thou wert more desirous to lay down for them than they to take it from Thee.

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Blessed be Thy Name, O Holy JESUS, and blessed be that patience and charity, by which Thou wert content to be rejected for Barabbas, and scourged most rudely by unhallowed hands, till the pavement was empurpled with Thine Holy Blood: to be condemned to a sad and shameful, a public and painful death; to be arrayed in a scarlet robe for mockery and crowned with thorns; to suffer that Holy Face, which Angels with joy and wonder do behold, to be spit upon in contempt, and thus to be exposed to the scorn of the multitude that clamoured for Thy death; to be rejected of them over whom Thou camest graciously to reign; to be led away to be crucified, loaden with the Cross, bound hard with cords, and dragged most vilely and most piteously till the load was too great, and did sink Thy Body to the earth, Thyself the while seeking to comfort the weeping women, and pitying more Thy persecutors than Thyself, being grieved for the miseries of Jerusalem that were to come, more than for Thy present Passion.

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Ÿ. O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world. *Rz. Grant us Thy peace.*

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Blessed be Thy Name, O Holy JESUS, and blessed be that incomparable sweetness and holy patience wherewith Thou sufferedst, when Thy holy Hands and Feet were nailed upon the Cross, and the Cross, being set up in the opened ground, did in its fall rend Thy Wounds wider; when, naked and bleeding, sick and faint, a very scorn of men and the outcast of the people, Thou didst hang upon Thy Wounds three whole long hours, numbered with the transgressors; there praying for Thy persecutors, satisfying Thy Father's wrath, reconciling the penitent thief, providing for Thy holy Mother in her affliction, forsaken of Thy God, tasting when athirst the vinegar and gall; and when the fulness of Thy Suffering was accomplished, commending Thy Spirit into the Hands of Thy Heavenly Father, and descending into the regions where longing souls in their prisons of hope waited for the revelation of this Thy day; whilst from Thy most holy Body, pierced with the soldier's spear, there issued forth two Sacraments, the Water and the Blood; after which It was taken down from the Cross, and being composed to burial, lay in the darkness of the grave three days and nights until Thy glorious Resurrection on the First Day of the week. *Rz. For which all praise and glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

Ÿ. O Saviour of the world, Who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us. *Rz. Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.*

Ÿ. O Lamb of God, That takest

away the sins of the world.

*R.* Grant us Thy peace.

Ÿ. O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world.

*R.* Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, hear us.

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Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, Which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Ÿ. We worship Thee, O Christ, and honour Thee. *R.* For by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Let us pray.

*Prayer.* Thus, O Blessed Jesus, Thou didst finish Thy holy Passion with pain and anguish so great that nothing could be greater than it except Thyself and Thine own infinite mercy. And all this Thou sufferedst for man, for us miserable sinners who lay in darkness and the shadow of death, that Thou mightest make us the children of God, and exalt us to Everlasting Life. And now, Lord, Who hast done so much for us, than whom, without Thee, nothing could be more miserable, be pleased to make it effectual unto us, that Thy Sufferings be not, as to us, useless and lost, lest we become eternally miserable, and lost to all hopes and possibilities of comfort.

Thou, Lord, deservest more love than we can give. But do Thou turn us wholly into love, and all our love into obedience,

and let our obedience be without reserve or interruption, that so we may hope Thou wilt accept such a return as we can make. Make us to be what Thou delightest in, that Thou mayest have all that we are or have from Thee, even whatsoever in us Thou makest fit for Thyself; for we are Thine, bought with Thy Blood.

Teach us to live wholly to Thee, our Saviour; to be in all things conformable to the holy example of Thy Life and Sufferings; to be united unto Thee in an inseparable union; to own no passions or affections but what may be servants to Thee, and disciples of Thy Religion; to be ready to die for Thee.

O sweetest Saviour, clothe our souls with Thy holy robe; hide our sins in Thy wounds, and bury them in Thy grave; and let us rise in Thee to the life of grace, and live and grow in it, until we come to Thy Kingdom of glory. For Thy tender mercy's sake. Amen.

*For the whole Catholic Church.*

O Holy Jesus, King of the Saints, and Prince of the Catholic Church, preserve Thy Spouse whom Thou hast purchased with Thy Right Hand, and redeemed and cleansed with Thy Precious Blood, the whole Catholic Church from one end of the earth to the other. She is founded upon a Rock, but planted in the sea; O preserve her from the overflowings of ungodliness, from the floods of unbelief, heresy, sacrilege, and schism. Unite all her members with the bands of Faith, Hope, and Charity, in one external Communion, when it shall seem good in Thine eyes. Let the daily Sacrifice of Prayer and Sacramental Thanksgiving never cease, but, being for ever presented in union with the Intercession

of Thee her dearest Lord, may it for ever prevail for the obtaining for every one of her members pardon and salvation, and every needful grace and blessing. For Thy tender mercy's sake, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.* (From Bp. Jeremy Taylor. \*)

*Blessing.* ✠ The glorious Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ deliver us from sorrowful heaviness, and bring us to the joys of Paradise. *Amen.*

May Christ our Lord, Who

redeemed us by the Blood of His Cross, mortify in us the carnal desires of the flesh; and as by dying He triumphed over death, so may He make us conquerors over all our sins. *Amen. M.*

The God of peace, That brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the Blood of the Everlasting Covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do His Will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*





# The Hours of the Passion.



## PRAYERS ON FIRST RISING.

*Signing yourself on the Forehead with the Sign of the Cross, say :*

✠ 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.

O Holy, Blessed, and Glorious Trinity, Three Persons, and One God, have mercy upon me, a miserable sinner.

Defend me this day from all the assaults of the enemy, and give Thy holy Angels charge over me.

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

Preserve me from danger, and from sudden death.

O Holy Jesus, give me grace this day and ever to remember I am Thine, to renounce the world, the flesh, and the devil, and to take up my cross and follow Thee.

O Saviour of the world, Who by Thy Cross and Precious Blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world, Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world, Grant us Thy peace.

O Most Merciful and loving Father, Who givest us life and breath and all things, and hast redeemed us to Thyself by the precious Blood of Thy dear Son : Give us, we beseech Thee, a hearty love toward Thee, that we may love Thee above all things, with all our heart and mind and soul and strength, and all other in Thee, and nothing out of Thee ; so that, ever mindful of Thine infinite mercies, we may do all things solely for Thee, and for Thy glory, and finally may come to Thine everlasting kingdom.

Through the Same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Ed.*

*Also, unless you immediately begin Matins or Prime, without leaving your Chamber, say :*

Our Father.

NOTE.—And remember, whilst washing and dressing yourself ;

That God and His good Angels are continually present with us :

That our need of clothing is the token of our shame, and of our fall from the innocence in which our first Parents were created, and should remind us that we need to be clothed upon with the new nature of the Second Adam :

That our sinful bodies need to be made clean by His Body, and our souls washed through His most precious Blood :

That the bodies of Christians are consecrated to God, being "Members of Christ" and "temples of the Holy Ghost," so that they are not our own, but "for the Lord, and the Lord for the body, (1 Cor. 6.) ; and that He has promised to raise them up again at the last day, and make them "like unto His glorious Body." (Phil. 3. 21.)

*On leaving your Chamber, say :*

✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Lord bless me and keep me in all my goings out and comings in, this day and evermore.

*On entering Church :*

O how amiable are Thy dwellings : Thou Lord of Hosts !

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice in the Living God.

*On kneeling down :*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, Which was, and is, and is to come.

Worthy art Thou, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power : for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are, and were created.

*Before saying any Office :*

Lord, open Thou my mouth,

that I may worthily bless Thy Name: Cleanse also my heart from all vain thoughts, that I

may be heard in the presence of Thy Divine Majesty. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### PRAYERS FOR THE CLERGY.

*At putting on the Cassock :*

Grant me, O Lord, to mourn for sin, and to be dead to the world by the virtue of Thy Blessed Passion.

*At putting on the Girdle :*

Gird me, O Lord, with purity, that righteousness may be the girdle of my loins, and faithfulness the girdle of my reins.

*At putting on the Surplice :*

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, and cleanse me from all stains of sin: That, with those who have made their robes white in the Blood of the Lamb, I may have grace to attain to everlasting happiness.

*Or this :*

O Blessed Saviour, Who in Thy Holy Word, hast represented unto us Thy holy Saints and Angels as clothed in white raiment for the Service of Thy Heavenly Sanctuary: Have mercy upon me, a miserable sinner, and so renew and sanctify me by Thy continual grace, that being cleansed in Thy precious Blood I may be worthy to walk with Thee in white with all the host of Thy Redeemed in Thy Heavenly Kingdom for ever. For Thy tender mercy's sake. Amen. *Ed.*

*At putting on the Stole :*

Lord, give me grace to bear Thy yoke, and evermore to serve but Thee alone.

*At putting on the Hood.*

O Holy Spirit, Source and Fountain of all Truth, give me grace to prize above all knowledge the knowledge of Him Who is the True God, and Eternal Life, and to remember that all that Thou hast given me of the trea-

asures of the mind is to be used for the honour of our Lord Jesus Christ, and for the advancement of His Holy Church. *Ed.*

*Before reading Holy Scripture or studying Theology.*

O Holy Saviour, the Very Everlasting Word of God, the Way, the Truth, the Life, and Light of Light: Have mercy upon me, who am weak, sinful and ignorant. Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy Statutes. Lighten mine eyes that I sleep not in death, and open them that I may see the wondrous things of Thy Law. Guide me by Thy Holy Spirit, and lead me in the way of Thy commandments, that I may know and love Thee, the True God and Eternal Life, and may daily be built up in all truth and holiness both of doctrine and of life. For Thy tender mercy's sake. Amen. *Ed.*

*Before Preaching :*

O God, the Fountain of all Wisdom, enlighten Thou my mind at this time, that I may myself see, and be able to teach others, the wondrous things of Thy Law; that I may learn from Thee what I ought to think and speak concerning Thee and Thy Truth: And do Thou, Who makest eloquent the tongues of those that want utterance, instruct my tongue, and pour on my lips the grace of Thy blessing; that what Thou shalt give me to say may touch the hearts of Thy people, that, by Thy help, they may both perceive and know which things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*After Preaching.*

O Lord Jesu Christ, Thou Chief Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, grant that what is uttered by my mouth as Thy ambassador may by Thy grace turn to the profit of those who hear. From hard-

ness of heart and contempt of Thy Word, Good Lord, deliver us; and give us grace to hear it meekly, and to receive it with pure affection, and amend our lives according thereunto. For Thy tender mercy's sake. Amen.

**Memorials after Matins.**

1. *On Sundays. Of the Holy Trinity.*

*Anthem.* Save and deliver and justify us: O Blessed Trinity.

¶ Blessed is the Name of the Lord. *Rz.* From this time forth for evermore.

*Prayer.* Almighty 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 steadfast in this Faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, Who livest and reignest, One God, world without end. *Amen. Gr.*

2. *Of the Incarnation, daily.*

*Anthem, on Sundays.* Behold, Mary hath brought forth to us the Saviour: Whom John beholding cried and said, Behold the Lamb of God, That taketh away the sins of the world. Alleluia!

*Anthem, on Week Days.* The Root of Jesse hath budded, the Star is risen out of Jacob: the Virgin hath brought forth the Saviour; we praise Thee, O our God.

¶ There shall come forth a Rod out of the Stem of Jesse. *Rz.* And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

*Prayer.* Grant to Thy People, O Lord, we beseech Thee, inviolable steadfastness of faith, that we who do confess Thy Only-Begotten, Co-eternal with Thee in Thine Own Glory, to be born in the very truth of our body of His Virgin Mother, may be both delivered from all adversities of this present life, and brought to Thine enduring joys, through the Same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Gr.*

3. *Of the Passion. Daily, except in Passion-tide and Easter-tide, and except on Sundays and Fridays.*

*Anthem.* We ought to glory: in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¶ Let all the earth worship Thee, O God. *Rz.* Sing of Thee, and praise Thy Name.

*Prayer.* O God, Who didst ascend Thy Holy Cross, and enlightenedst the darkness of this world: Vouchsafe to enlighten both our hearts and bodies, O Saviour of the world, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen. S.B.*

4. *Sunday Memorial of the Resurrection.*

*Anthem.* Like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father: even so we

also should walk in newness of life.

Ÿ. May all carnal affections die in us. *Rz.* And may all things belonging to the Spirit live and grow in us.

*Prayer.* Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who do acknowledge the grace of the Resurrection of the Lord, may ourselves through the love of the Spirit rise from the death of the soul. Through the Same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Gr.*

5. *Daily in Easter-tide.*

*Anthem.* Now is Christ risen from the dead: and become the First-fruits of them that slept. Alleluia.

Ÿ. The Lord is risen from the grave. *Rz.* Who suffered death mankind to save. Alleluia!

*Prayer.* O God, Who makest us glad by the yearly Festival of the Resurrection of the Lord: Mercifully grant that we who now do celebrate these joyous holy-days on earth, may attain hereafter to eternal joys in Heaven. Through the Same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Gr.*

6. *Of the Holy Eucharist, on Thursday.*

*Anthem.* O how gracious is Thy Spirit, O Lord, Who, that Thou mightest shew Thy tenderness towards Thy children, didst give them Food from Heaven: filling the hungry with good things, and sending the rich ones empty away.

Ÿ. Thou givest to us the true Bread from Heaven. *Rz.* Having in itself all manner of delights.

*Prayer.* O God, Who in Thy wonderful Sacrament hast left us a perpetual Memorial of Thy Passion: Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may so reverently handle and devoutly receive the Sacred Mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may ever feel within our-

selves the fruit of Thy Redemption, Who livest and reignest with the Father, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen. S.B.*

7. *Of the Judgment, daily in Advent.*

*Anthem.* Behold the Lord shall come, and with Him all His Saints: and in that day shall be great light. Alleluia!

Ÿ. The Lord will appear upon a cloud of light. *Rz.* And with Him the thousands of His Saints.

*Prayer.* Cleanse our consciences, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by Thy visitation, that Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ when He cometh may find in us a mansion prepared for Himself, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen. S.B.*

8. *Of Repentance, daily in Lent.*

*Anthem.* Turn ye even unto Me, saith the Lord, with all your heart: and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning.

Ÿ. We have sinned with our fathers. *Rz.* We have done amiss and dealt wickedly.

*Prayer.* O Lord, we beseech Thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto Thee: that they whose consciences by sin are accused, by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. S.B.*

NOTE.—The Memorials after Matins and Evensong, which according to the Ancient Use of Salisbury were said after Lauds and Vespers in commemoration of, and thanksgiving for, the principal Mysteries of Redemption, may be said either privately before leaving the Church, or in your chamber. If the Public Matins is said so late that Prime is said before it privately, then the Memorials may be said after the Collects at Prime.

## The Hours of the Passion.

### Matins.

¶ *After Matins, or, if Prime be said first, after the Collects at Prime, may be said on Fridays, and daily from Passion Sunday (the Fifth Sunday in Lent) to Good Friday inclusive, the following.*

*Memorial of the Passion.*

*Anthem.* As soon as it was day the Elders of the People and the Chief Priests and Scribes came together, and led HIM into their Council.

Lord, Who for me diedst on the Tree, of Thine exceeding love, Be Thou my life in death's dread strife, and help me from above.

✠ We worship Thee, O Christ, and honour Thee. *Ry. For by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.*

*Prayer.* O Saviour of the world,

Who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. *P. B.*

O Lord Jesu Christ, Son of the Living God, set Thy Holy Passion, Cross, and Death between Thy judgment and our souls now and in the hour of death. And, moreover, vouchsafe to grant unto the living mercy and grace, to the departed peace and rest, to Thy Holy Church unity and concord, and to us sinners life and joy everlasting. Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost ever one God, world without end. Amen.

✠ The glorious Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ deliver us from sorrowful heaviness, and bring us to the joys of Paradise. Amen. *S. B.*

### The Day Hours.

¶ *The Office for the four Day Hours—i. e. the First, Third, Sixth, and Ninth Hours, shall begin as follows :*

*Let all kneel and say secretly :*

✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Our Father, Which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; But deliver us from evil : For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

O Lamb of God, That takest

away the sins of the world, Have mercy upon us.

*Then the Reader shall say aloud :*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Ry. O Lord, make haste to help us.*

*Then, all standing.*

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.

Alleluia !

*But from Septuagesima to Easter, instead of Alleluia, is said :*

Praise to Thee, O Lord, we sing. *Of Glory the Eternal King.*

¶ *And then shall follow the Hymn, the Reader presenting the first line, as he does also the first half verse of each Psalm, when the Psalms are sung.*

## The First Hour, or Morning Prayers,

(Otherwise called 'Prime.')

### On Sundays.

#### HYMN.

*En Dies est Dominica.*

Again the LORD's own day is here,  
The day to Christian people dear,  
As week by week it bids them tell  
How JESUS rose from death and  
hell.

For by His flock their Lord declared  
His resurrection should be shared ;  
And they who trust in Him to save  
In Him are risen from the grave.

We, one and all, of Him possess  
Are with exceeding treasures blest  
—For all He did, and all he bare,  
He gives it as our own to share.

Eternal glory, rest on high,  
A blessed immortality, [throne,  
True peace and gladness, and a  
Are all His gifts, and all our own,  
And therefore unto Thee we sing.  
O LORD of Peace, Eternal King ;  
Thy love we praise, Thy Name  
adore, Both on this day and  
evermore. Amen.

*Anthem.* Thee the Father Un-  
begotten, Thee the Sole-Begotten  
Son, Thee the Holy Ghost the  
Comforter : we with heart and  
lips confess, and evermore do  
praise and bless.

#### PSALM LIV.

*Deus in nomine.*

1. Save me, O God, for thy  
Name's sake : and avenge me in  
Thy strength.

2. Hear my prayer, O God :  
and hearken unto the words of  
my mouth.

3. For strangers are risen up  
against me : and tyrants, which  
have not God before their eyes,  
seek after my soul.

4. Behold, God is my helper :

the Lord is with them that up-  
hold my soul.

5. He shall reward evil unto  
mine enemies : destroy thou them  
in thy truth.

6. An offering of a free heart  
will I give thee, and praise thy  
Name, O Lord : because it is so  
comfortable.

7. For he hath delivered me  
out of all my trouble : and mine  
eye hath seen his desire upon  
mine enemies.

#### PSALM CXVIII.

*Confitemini Domino.*

1. O give thanks unto the Lord,  
for he is gracious : because his  
mercy endureth for ever.

2. Let Israel now confess, that  
he is gracious : and that his  
mercy endureth for ever.

3. Let the house of Aaron now  
confess : that his mercy endureth  
for ever.

4. Yea, let them now that fear  
the Lord confess : that his mercy  
endureth for ever.

5. I called upon the Lord in  
trouble : and the Lord heard me  
at large.

6. The Lord is on my side : I  
will not fear what man doeth  
unto me.

7. The Lord taketh my part  
with them that help me : there-  
fore shall I see my desire upon  
mine enemies.

8. It is better to trust in the  
Lord : than to put any confidence  
in man.

9. It is better to trust in the  
Lord : than to put any confidence  
in princes.

10. All nations compassed me  
round about : but in the Name of  
the Lord will I destroy them.

11. They kept me in on every

side, they kept me in, I say, on every side: but in the Name of the Lord will I destroy them.

12. They came about me like bees, and are extinct even as the fire among the thorns: for in the Name of the Lord I will destroy them.

13. Thou hast thrust sore at me, that I might fall: but the Lord was my help.

14. The Lord is my strength, and my song, and is become my salvation.

15. The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

16. The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence: the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

17. I shall not die, but live: and declare the works of the Lord.

18. The Lord hath chastened and corrected me: but he hath not given me over unto death.

19. Open me the gates of righteousness: that I may go into them and give thanks unto the Lord.

20. This is the gate of the Lord: the righteous shall enter into it.

21. I will thank thee for thou hast heard me: and art become my salvation.

22. The same stone which the builders refused: is become the head-stone in the corner.

23. This is the Lord's doing: and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24. This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25. Help me now, O Lord: O Lord, send us now prosperity.

26. Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: we have wished you good luck, ye that are of the house of the Lord.

27. God is the Lord who hath shewed us light: bind the sacri-

fice with cords, yea, even unto the horns of the altar.

28. Thou art my God, and I will thank thee: thou art my God, and I will praise thee.

29. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever.

### On Saints' Days.

#### HYMN.

How bright those glorious spirits shine,  
Whence all their bright array?  
How came they to the blissful seats  
Of everlasting day?

Lo, these are they from sufferings great  
Who came to realms of light;  
And in the Blood of Christ  
Have washed Those robes which shine  
so bright.

Now with triumphal palms they stand  
Before the throne on high,  
And serve the God they love  
amidst The glories of the sky.

Hunger and thirst are felt no more,  
Nor sun with scorching ray;  
God is their Sun, Whose cheering beams  
Diffuse eternal day.

The Lamb, Who reigns upon the throne,  
Shall o'er them still pre-  
side, Feed them with nourish-  
ment divine, And all their foot-  
steps guide.

'Mid pastures green He'll lead His flock,  
Where living streams ap-  
pear; And God the Lord from ev'ry eye  
Shall wipe off every tear.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom we adore, Be  
glory, as it was, is now, And shall  
be evermore. Amen.

*Anthem.* Glory be to Thee, O  
Holy Trinity, One Co-equal Unity:  
by Whose grace they were what  
they were. Alleluia!

#### PSALM I.

*Beatus vir, qui non abiit, &c.*

1. Blessed is the man that hath

not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners: and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

2. But his delight is in the law of the Lord: and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.

3. And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side: that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

4. His leaf also shall not wither: and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

5. As for the ungodly, it is not so with them: but they are like the chaff which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

6. Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement: neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

7. But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM XV.

*Domine, quis habitabit?*

1. Lord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle: or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

2. Even he, that leadeth an uncorrupt life: and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

3. He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour: and hath not slandered his neighbour.

4. He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes: and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.

5. He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not: though it were to his own hindrance.

6. He that hath not given his money upon usury: nor taken reward against the innocent.

7. Whoso doeth these things: shall never fall.

PSALM CXII.

*Beatus vir.*

1. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord: he hath great delight in his commandments.

2. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.

3. Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4. Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness: he is merciful, loving, and righteous.

5. A good man is merciful, and lendeth: and will guide his words with discretion.

6. For he shall never be moved: and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

7. He will not be afraid of any evil tidings: for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord.

8. His heart is established, and will not shrink: until he see his desire upon his enemies.

9. He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor: and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

10. The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him: he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away; the desire of the ungodly shall perish.

*On Fridays and in  
Passion-Tide.*

HYMN.

*Proms vocem mens canoram.*

Now, my soul, thy voice upraising,  
Tell in sweet and mournful strain,  
How the Crucified, enduring  
Grief, and wounds, and dying pain,  
Freely of His love was offered,  
Sinless was for sinners slain.



Scourged with unrelenting fury  
For the sins which we deplore,  
By His livid stripes He heals us,  
Raising us to fall no more ;  
All our bruises gently soothing,  
Binding up the bleeding sore.

See! His Hands and Feet are fastened ;  
So He makes His people free :  
Not a wound whence Blood is flowing,  
But a Fount of Grace shall be ;  
Yea the very nails which nail Him  
Nail us also to the Tree.

Through His Heart the spear is piercing,  
Though His foes have seen Him die ;  
Blood and Water thence are streaming  
In a tide of mystery,  
Water from our guilt to cleanse us,  
Blood to win us crowns on high.

JESU, may those precious Fountains  
Drink to thirsty souls afford ;  
Let them be our Cup and Healing,  
And at length our full Reward ;  
So a ransomed world shall ever Praise Thee,  
its redeeming LORD. Amen.

*Or,*

Angels, lament ; behold, your God  
Man's sinful likeness wears ;  
Behold, upon the accursed tree  
Man's sins the SAVIOUR bears.

O CHRIST, with wondering minds  
we see What mighty love was Thine :  
Did GOD consent to suffer thus,  
And, oh, shall man repine ?

No, SAVIOUR, no! the power of death  
Thy Cross hath overcome,  
To save us, not from earthly woe,  
But from th' eternal doom.

The flesh may shrink, but we submit,  
Whate'er our Cross may be,  
So Thou by grace enable us  
To bear it after Thee.

Thy stripes have healed us, and  
Thy Blood Our guilty stains effaced ;  
Then may Thy Name by sin of ours  
Be never more disgraced. Amen.

*Anthem.* Christ, through the

Holy Spirit, offered Himself without spot to God :  
Glory be to Thee, O Holy Trinity,  
Who hast redeemed us.

PSALM LIX.

*Eripe me de inimicis.*

1. Deliver me from mine enemies, O God :  
defend me from them that rise up against me.

2. O deliver me from the wicked doers :  
and save me from the blood-thirsty men.

3. For lo, they lie waiting for my soul :  
the mighty men are gathered against me,  
without any offence or fault of me, O Lord.

4. They run and prepare themselves without my fault :  
arise thou therefore to help me, and behold.

5. Stand up, O Lord God of hosts,  
thou God of Israel, to visit all the heathen :  
and be not merciful unto them that offend of malicious wickedness.

6. They go to and fro in the evening :  
they grin like a dog, and run about through the city.

7. Behold, they speak with their mouth,  
and swords are in their lips :  
for who doth hear ?

8. But thou, O Lord, shalt have them in derision :  
and thou shalt laugh all the heathen to scorn.

9. My strength will I ascribe unto thee :  
for thou art the God of my refuge.

10. God sheweth me his goodness plenteously :  
and God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies.

11. Slay them not, lest my people forget it :  
but scatter them abroad among the people,  
and put them down, O Lord, our defence.

12. For the sin of their mouth, and for the words of their lips,  
they shall be taken in their pride :  
and why? their preaching is of cursing and lies.

13. Consume them in thy wrath,

consume them, that they may perish: and know that it is God that ruleth in Jacob, and unto the ends of the world.

14. And in the evening they will return: grin like a dog, and will go about the city.

15. They will run here and there for meat: and grudge if they be not satisfied.

16. As for me, I will sing of thy power, and will praise thy mercy betimes in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

17. Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for thou, O God, art my refuge and my merciful God.

### In Festal Seasons.

*From Christmas to the Purification inclusive, and from Easter to the end of Whitsun week, Psalms viii. xix. and xxiv. may be said daily, with the following Hymns and Anthems.*

#### In Christmas-Tide.

HYMN.

Hark! the herald Angels sing,  
Glory to the new-born King!  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
GOD and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the Angelic host proclaim,  
CHRIST is born in Bethlehem!

Hark! the herald Angels sing,  
Glory to the new-born King!

CHRIST, by highest heav'n adored,  
CHRIST, the everlasting LORD;  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the GODHEAD see,  
Hail, the Incarnate Deity;  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,  
JESUS, our Immanuel.

Hark! the herald Angels sing,  
Glory to the new-born King!

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of  
Peace!

Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die;  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.

Hark! the herald Angels sing,  
Glory to the new-born King!

*Anthem.* O wondrous inter-  
change! The Creator of mankind,  
taking to Himself our human flesh  
hath vouchsafed to be born of the  
Virgin: and coming forth as man  
after no carnal manner hath made  
us partakers of His Godhead.

Alleluia!

#### In Easter-Tide.

HYMN.

JESUS lives! no longer now  
Can thy terrors, Death, appal us;  
JESUS lives! and this we know,  
Thou, O Grave, canst not en-  
thral us. Alleluia!

JESUS lives! henceforth is death  
But the gate of Life immortal;  
This shall calm our trembling  
breath, When we pass its gloomy  
portal. Alleluia!

JESUS lives! for us He died;  
Then, alone to JESUS living,  
Pure in heart may we abide,  
Glory to our SAVIOUR giving.  
Alleluia!

JESUS lives! our hearts know well,  
Nought from us His love shall  
sever; Life, nor death, nor powers  
of hell, Tear us from His keeping  
ever. Alleluia!

JESUS lives! to Him the Throne  
Over all the world is given;  
May we go where He is gone,  
Rest and reign with Him in  
Heaven. Alleluia!

*Anthem.* Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

*Ascension-Tide.*

## HYMN.

Thou art gone up on high,  
To realms beyond the skies,  
And round Thy throne unceasing-  
ly The songs of praise arise ;  
But we are lingering here,  
With sin and care oppressed ;  
Lord, send thy promised Com-  
forter, And lead us to our rest.

Thou art gone up on high ; But  
Thou didst first come down,  
Through earth's most bitter mi-  
sery To pass unto Thy crown ;  
And girt with griefs and fears  
Our onward course must be ;  
But only let this path of tears  
Lead us at last to Thee.

Thou art gone up on high ;  
But Thou shalt come again,  
With all the bright ones of the  
sky Attendant in Thy train.  
Lord, by Thy saving power,  
So make us live and die, That we  
may stand at that dread hour At  
Thy right hand on high. Amen.

*Anthem.* Ye men of Galilee,  
why stand ye gazing up into Hea-  
ven : This Same Jesus Which is  
taken up shall so come in like  
manner. Alleluia !

*Whitsun-Tide.*

## HYMN.

*Veni, Creator Spiritus.*

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest,  
Upon our minds vouchsafe to rest,  
Replenish with celestial aid  
The hearts which Thou Thyself  
hast made.

To Thee, the Comforter, we cry,  
The Heavenly Gift of God Most  
High, The Living Fount of Fire  
and Love, The Soul's Anointing  
from above.

Thy gifts in sevenfold order stand,  
The finger Thou of God's Right

Hand, The promise of the Father  
true, Filling our lips with praises  
due.

Thy Light to our dull sense impart,  
And pour Thy Love through every  
heart, Confirm with might that  
never dies Our mortal frame's  
infirmities.

Drive far from us our deadly foe,  
And evermore Thy Peace bestow ;  
So led by Thee, unerring Guide,  
No ill shall draw our steps aside.

Grant us to know the Father's  
Name, The Sole-Begotten Son  
proclaim : And that from both  
Thou dost proceed, Be still our  
fixed unailing Creed.

To Father, Son, and Paraclete,  
All praise for ever, as is meet :  
And may the Son on us bestow  
The gifts that from the Spirit  
flow. Amen.

*Anthem.* I will pour water upon  
him that is thirsty, and floods up-  
on the dry ground : I will pour  
My Spirit on thy seed, and My  
blessing upon thine offspring.

Alleluia !

¶ *Also on all Festivals of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary, and on all  
unoccupied Saturdays, the same  
three Psalms may be said with  
this Hymn and Anthem.*

## HYMN.

*Quem terra, pontus, æthera.*

The God Whom earth, and sea,  
and sky Adore, and laud, and  
magnify, Whose might they own,  
Whose praise they swell, In  
Mary's womb vouchsafed to dwell.  
The Lord, Whom sun and moon  
obey, Whom all things serve from  
day to day, Was by the Holy  
Ghost conceived Of her who  
through His grace believed.

How blest that Mother, in whose  
shrine The world's Creator, Lord  
divine Whose hand contains the

earth and sky, Once deigned, as in His ark, to lie:

Blest in the message Gabriel brought, Blest by the work the Spirit wrought, From whom the great Desire of earth Took human flesh and human birth.

O Lord, the Virgin-born, to Thee Eternal praise and glory be ; Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy Ghost for evermore.

Amen.

*Anthem.* The Angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found favour with God : Blessed is she among women, and blessed is the fruit of her womb.

Alleluia !

PSALM VIII.

*Domine Dominus noster.*

1. O Lord our Governour, how excellent is thy Name in all the world : thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens !

2. Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies : that thou mightest still the enemy, and the avenger.

3. For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers : the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.

4. What is man, that thou art mindful of him : and the son of man, that thou visitest him ?

5. Thou madest him lower than the angels : to crown him with glory and worship.

6. Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands : and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet ;

7. All sheep and oxen : yea, and the beasts of the field ;

8. The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea : and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

9. O Lord our Governour : how

excellent is thy Name in all the world !

PSALM XIX.

*Cæli enarrant.*

1. The heavens declare the glory of God : and the firmament sheweth his handy-work.

2. One day telleth another : and one night certifieth another.

3. There is neither speech nor language : but their voices are heard among them.

4. Their sound is gone out into all lands : and their words into the ends of the world.

5. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun : which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

6. It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again : and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

7. The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul : the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

8. The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart : the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

6. The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever : the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

10. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold : sweeter also than honey and the honey-comb.

11. Moreover, by them is thy servant taught : and in keeping of them there is great reward.

12. Who can tell how oft he offendeth : O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

13. Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me : so

shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

14. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart : be alway acceptable in thy sight,

15. O Lord : my strength and my Redeemer.

PSALM XXIV.

*Domini est terra.*

1. The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is : the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

2. For he hath founded it upon the seas : and prepared it upon the floods.

3. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord : or who shall rise up in his holy place ?

4. Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart : and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

5. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord : and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6. This is the generation of them that seek him : even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

7. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors : and the King of glory shall come in.

8. Who is the King of glory : it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

9. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors : and the King of glory shall come in.

10. Who is the King of glory : even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

On Ordinary Week-Days.

HYMN.

*Jam lucis orto sidere.*

Now that the daylight fills the sky,  
We lift our hearts to God

on high, That He, in all we do or say,  
Would keep us free from harm to-day.

May He restrain our tongues from strife,  
And shield from anger's din our life,  
And guard with watchful care our eyes  
From earth's absorbing vanities.

O may our inmost hearts be pure,  
From thoughts of folly kept secure,  
And pride of sinful flesh subdued  
Through sparing use of daily food.

So we, when this day's work is o'er,  
And shades of night return once more,  
Our path of trial safely trod,  
Shall give the glory to our God.

All praise to GOD the FATHER be ;  
All praise, Eternal SON, to Thee ;  
Whom with the SPIRIT we adore  
For ever and for evermore. Amen.

*Anthem.* Glory to Thee, O Trinity, One and Equal Deity,  
both from the beginning and now  
and for evermore : O God, hear  
my prayer, and with Thine ears  
consider my calling.

Week-Days in Advent.

HYMN.

*Vox clara, ecce, intonat.*

Hark ! a thrilling voice is sounding ;  
" Christ is nigh ! " it seems to say,  
" Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day ! "

Waken'd by the solemn warning,  
Let the earth-bound soul arise ;  
Christ her Sun, all ill dispelling,  
Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo ! the Lamb so long expected,  
Comes with pardon down from heaven ;  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
One and all to be forgiven.

That when next He comes with glory,  
And the world is wrapped in fear,  
With His mercy He may shield us,  
And with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might, and blessing,  
To the FATHER and the SON,  
With the everlasting SPIRIT,  
While eternal ages run. Amen.

*Anthem.* Glory to Thee, O Trinity,  
One and Equal Deity, both from  
the beginning and now and for  
evermore: Come and deliver us,  
O our God.

### Week-Days in Lent.

#### HYMN.

LORD, when we bend before Thy  
Throne, And our confessions pour,  
Teach us to feel the sins we own,  
And hate what we deplore.

Our broken spirit pitying see;  
True penitence impart;  
Then let a kindling glance from  
Thee Beam hope upon the heart.

When we disclose our wants in  
prayer, May we our wills resign;  
And not a thought our bosoms  
share, Which is not wholly Thine.

May faith each weak petition fill,  
And waft it to the skies,  
And teach our hearts 'tis goodness  
still That grants it or denies.

All glory to the FATHER be,  
All glory to the SON,  
All glory, HOLY GHOST, to Thee,  
While endless ages run. Amen.

*Anthem.* As I live, saith the Lord  
God, I have no pleasure in the  
death of the wicked: but that  
the wicked turn from his way  
and live.

¶ *And after any of the above  
Hymns shall be said a portion  
of Psalm cxix. (anciently divided  
between the First, Third, Sixth,  
and Ninth Hours, and said  
daily,)—as follows:*

#### On Mondays.

#### PSALM CXIX. *Beati immaculati.*

1. Blessed are those that are  
undefiled in the way: and walk  
in the law of the Lord.

2. Blessed are they that keep  
his testimonies: and seek him  
with their whole heart.

3. For they who do no wicked-  
ness: walk in his ways.

4. Thou hast charged: that we  
shall diligently keep thy com-  
mandments.

5. O that my ways were made  
so direct: that I might keep thy  
statutes!

6. So shall I not be confound-  
ed: while I have respect unto  
all thy commandments.

7. I will thank thee with an  
unfeigned heart: when I shall  
have learned the judgements of  
thy righteousness.

8. I will keep thy ceremonies:  
O forsake me not utterly.

#### *In quo corriget.*

9. Wherewithal shall a young  
man cleanse his way: even by  
ruling himself after thy word.

10. With my whole heart have  
I sought thee: O let me not go  
wrong out of thy commandments.

11. Thy words have I hid with-  
in my heart: that I should not  
sin against thee.

12. Blessed art thou, O Lord:  
O teach me thy statutes.

13. With my lips have I been  
telling: of all the judgements of  
thy mouth.

14. I have had as great delight  
in the way of thy testimonies:  
as in all manner of riches.

15. I will talk of thy com-  
mandments: and have respect  
unto thy ways.

16. My delight shall be in thy  
statutes: and I will not forget  
thy word.

#### *Retribuere servo tuo.*

17. O do well unto thy servant:  
that I may live, and keep thy  
word.

18. Open thou mine eyes: that  
I may see the wondrous things of  
thy law.

19. I am a stranger upon earth :  
O hide not thy commandments  
from me.

20. My soul breaketh out for  
the very fervent desire : that it  
hath alway unto thy judgements.

21. Thou hast rebuked the  
proud : and cursed are they that  
do err from thy commandments.

22. O turn from me shame  
and rebuke : for I have kept thy  
testimonies.

23. Princes also did sit and  
speak against me : but thy ser-  
vant is occupied in thy statutes.

24. For thy testimonies are my  
delight : and my counsellors.

*Adhasit pavimento.*

25. My soul cleaveth to the  
dust : O quicken thou me, accord-  
ing to thy word.

26. I have acknowledged my  
ways, and thou heardest me : O  
teach me thy statutes.

27. Make me to understand the  
way of thy commandments : and  
so shall I talk of thy wondrous  
works.

28. My soul melteth away for  
very heaviness : comfort thou me  
according unto thy word.

29. Take from me the way of  
lying : and cause thou me to make  
much of thy law.

30. I have chosen the way of  
truth : and thy judgements have  
I laid before me.

31. I have stuck unto thy tes-  
timonies : O Lord, confound me  
not.

32. I will run the way of thy  
commandments : when thou hast  
set my heart at liberty.

**On Tuesdays.**

*Legem pone.*

33. Teach me, O Lord, the way  
of thy statutes : and I shall keep  
it unto the end.

34. Give me understanding,  
and I shall keep thy law : yea, I  
shall keep it with my whole heart.

35. Make me to go in the path  
of thy commandments : for therein  
is my desire.

36. Incline my heart unto thy  
testimonies : and not to covetous-  
ness.

37. O turn away mine eyes,  
lest they behold vanity : and  
quicken thou me in thy way.

38. O stablish thy word in thy  
servant : that I may fear thee.

39. Take away the rebuke that  
I am afraid of : for thy judgements  
are good.

40. Behold, my delight is in  
thy commandments : O quicken  
me in thy righteousness.

*Et veniat super me.*

41. Let thy loving mercy come  
also unto me, O Lord : even thy  
salvation, according unto thy word.

42. So shall I make answer  
unto my blasphemers : for my  
trust is in thy word.

43. O take not the word of thy  
truth utterly out of my mouth :  
for my hope is in thy judgements.

44. So shall I alway keep thy  
law : yea, for ever and ever.

45. And I will walk at liberty :  
for I seek thy commandments.

46. I will speak of thy testimo-  
nies also, even before kings : and  
will not be ashamed.

47. And my delight shall be in  
thy commandments : which I  
have loved.

48. My hands also will I lift up  
unto thy commandments, which I  
have loved : and my study shall  
be in thy statutes.

*Memor esto servi tui.*

49. O think upon thy servant,  
as concerning thy word : wherein  
thou hast caused me to put my  
trust.

50. The same is my comfort in  
my trouble : for thy word hath  
quicken me.

51. The proud have had me ex-  
ceedingly in derision : yet have I  
not shrunk from thy law.

52. For I remembered thine everlasting judgements, O Lord : and received comfort.

53. I am horribly afraid : for the ungodly that forsake thy law.

54. Thy statutes have been my songs : in the house of my pilgrimage.

55. I have thought upon thy Name, O Lord, in the night-season : and have kept thy law.

56. This I had : because I kept thy commandments.

*Portio mea, Domine.*

57. Thou art my portion, O Lord : I have promised to keep thy law.

58. I made my humble petition in thy presence with my whole heart : O be merciful unto me, according to thy word.

59. I called mine own ways to remembrance : and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

60. I made haste, and prolonged not the time : to keep thy commandments.

61. The congregations of the ungodly have robbed me : but I have not forgotten thy law.

62. At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee : because of thy righteous judgements.

63. I am a companion of all them that fear thee : and keep thy commandments.

64. The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy : O teach me thy statutes.

*Bonitatem fecisti.*

65. O Lord, thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant : according unto thy word.

66. O learn me true understanding and knowledge : for I have believed thy commandments.

67. Before I was troubled, I went wrong : but now have I kept thy word.

68. Thou art good and gracious : O teach me thy statutes.

69. The proud have imagined

a lie against me : but I will keep thy commandments with my whole heart.

70. Their heart is as fat as brawn : but my delight hath been in thy law.

71. It is good for me that I have been in trouble : that I may learn thy statutes.

72. The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

*Manus tuæ fecerunt me.*

73. Thy hands have made me and fashioned me : O give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

74. They that fear thee will be glad when they see me : because I have put my trust in thy word.

75. I know, O Lord, that thy judgements are right : and that thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.

76. O let thy merciful kindness be my comfort : according to thy word unto thy servant.

77. O let thy loving mercies come unto me, that I may live : for thy law is my delight.

78. Let the proud be confounded, for they go wickedly about to destroy me : but I will be occupied in thy commandments.

79. Let such as fear thee, and have known thy testimonies : be turned unto me.

80. O let my heart be sound in thy statutes : that I be not ashamed.

*On Wednesdays.*

*Defecit anima mea.*

81. My soul hath longed for thy salvation : and I have a good hope because of thy word.

82. Mine eyes long sore for thy word : saying, O when wilt thou comfort me ?

83. For I am become like a bottle in the smoke : yet do I not forget thy statutes.



84. How many are the days of thy servant : when wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me ?

85. The proud have digged pits for me : which are not after thy law.

86. All thy commandments are true : they persecute me falsely ; O be thou my help.

87. They had almost made an end of me upon earth : but I forsook not thy commandments.

88. O quicken me after thy loving-kindness : and so shall I keep the testimonies of thy mouth.

*In æternum, Domine.*

89. O Lord, thy word : endureth for ever in heaven.

90. Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another : thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.

91. They continue this day according to thine ordinance : for all things serve thee.

92. If my delight had not been in thy law : I should have perished in my trouble.

93. I will never forget thy commandments : for with them thou hast quickened me.

94. I am thine, O save me : for I have sought thy commandments.

95. The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me : but I will consider thy testimonies.

96. I see that all things come to an end : but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

*Quomodo dilexi !*

97. Lord, what love have I unto thy law : all the day long is my study in it.

98. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies : for they are ever with me.

99. I have more understanding than my teachers : for thy testimonies are my study.

101. I have refrained my feet from every evil way : that I may keep thy word.

102. I have not shrunk from thy judgements : for thou teachest me.

103. O how sweet are thy words unto my throat : yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth.

104. Through thy commandments I get understanding : therefore I hate all evil ways.

*Lucerna pedibus meis.*

105. Thy word is a lantern unto my feet : and a light unto my paths.

106. I have sworn, and am steadfastly purposed : to keep thy righteous judgements.

107. I am troubled above measure : quicken me, O Lord, according to thy word.

108. Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please thee, O Lord : and teach me thy judgements.

109. My soul is always in my hand : yet do I not forget thy law.

110. The ungodly have laid a snare for me : but yet I swerved not from thy commandments.

111. Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever : and why ? they are the very joy of my heart.

112. I have applied my heart to fulfil thy statutes alway : even unto the end.

*Iniquos odio habui.*

113. I hate them that imagine evil things : but thy law do I love.

114. Thou art my defence and shield : and my trust is in thy word.

115. Away from me, ye wicked : I will keep the commandments of my God.

116. O stablish me according to thy word, that I may live : and let me not be disappointed of my hope.

117. Hold thou me up, and I

shall be safe: yea, my delight shall be ever in thy statutes.

100. I am wiser than the aged: because I keep thy commandments.

118. Thou hast trodden down all them that depart from thy statutes: for they imagine but deceit.

119. Thou puttest away all the ungodly of the earth like dross: therefore I love thy testimonies.

120. My flesh trembleth for fear of thee: and I am afraid of thy judgements.

*Feci iudicium.*

121. I deal with the thing that is lawful and right: O give me not over unto mine oppressors.

122. Make thou thy servant to delight in that which is good: that the proud do me no wrong.

123. Mine eyes are wasted away with looking for thy health: and for the word of thy righteousness.

124. O deal with thy servant according unto thy loving mercy: and teach me thy statutes.

125. I am thy servant, O grant me understanding: that I may know thy testimonies.

126. It is time for thee, Lord, to lay to thine hand: for they have destroyed thy law.

127. For I love thy commandments: above gold and precious stone.

128. Therefore hold I straight all thy commandments: and all false ways I utterly abhor.

### On Thursdays.

*Mirabilia.*

129. Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

130. When thy word goeth forth: it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.

131. I opened my mouth, and drew in my breath: for my delight was in thy commandments.

132. O look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me: as thou usest to do unto those that love thy Name.

133. Order my steps in thy word: and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.

134. O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men: and so shall I keep thy commandments.

135. Shew the light of thy countenance upon thy servant: and teach me thy statutes.

136. Mine eyes gush out with water: because men keep not thy law.

*Iustus es, Domine.*

137. Righteous art thou, O Lord: and true is thy judgement.

138. The testimonies that thou hast commanded: are exceeding righteous and true.

139. My zeal hath even consumed me: because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

140. Thy word is tried to the uttermost: and thy servant loveth it.

141. I am small, and of no reputation: yet do I not forget thy commandments.

142. Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness: and thy law is the truth.

143. Trouble and heaviness have taken hold upon me: yet is my delight in thy commandments.

144. The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: O grant me understanding, and I shall live.

*Clamavi in toto corde meo.*

145. I call with my whole heart: hear me, O Lord, I will keep thy statutes.

146. Yea, even unto thee do I call: help me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

147. Early in the morning do I cry unto thee: for in thy word is my trust.

148. Mine eyes prevent the night-watches : that I might be occupied in thy words.

149. Hear my voice, O Lord, according unto thy loving-kindness : quicken me, according as thou art wont.

150. They draw nigh that of malice persecute me : and are far from thy law.

151. Be thou nigh at hand, O Lord : for all thy commandments are true.

152. As concerning thy testimonies, I have known long since : that thou hast grounded them for ever.

*Vide humilitatem.*

153. O consider mine adversity, and deliver me : for I do not forget thy law.

154. Avenge thou my cause, and deliver me : quicken me, according to thy word.

155. Health is far from the ungodly : for they regard not thy statutes.

156. Great is thy mercy, O Lord : quicken me, as thou art wont,

157. Many there are that trouble me, and persecute me : yet do I not swerve from thy testimonies.

158. It grieveth me when I see the transgressors : because they keep not thy law.

159. Consider, O Lord, how I love thy commandments : O quicken me, according to thy loving-kindness.

160. Thy word is true from everlasting : all the judgements of thy righteousness endure for evermore.

*Principes persecuti sunt.*

161. Princes have persecuted me without a cause : but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

162. I am as glad of thy word : as one that findeth great spoils.

163. As for lies, I hate and abhor them : but thy law do I love.

164. Seven times a day do I praise thee : because of thy righteous judgements.

165. Great is the peace that they have who love thy law : and they are not offended at it.

166. Lord, I have looked for thy saving health : and done after thy commandments.

167. My soul hath kept thy testimonies : and loved them exceedingly.

168. I have kept thy commandments and testimonies : for all my ways are before thee.

*Appropinquet deprecatio.*

169. Let my complaint come before thee, O Lord : give me understanding, according to thy word.

170. Let my supplication come before thee : deliver me, according to thy word.

171. My lips shall speak of thy praise : when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

172. Yea, my tongue shall sing of thy word : for all thy commandments are righteous.

173. Let thine hand help me : for I have chosen thy commandments.

174. I have longed for thy saving health, O Lord : and in thy law is my delight.

175. O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee : and thy judgements shall help me.

176. I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost : O seek thy servant, for I do not forget thy commandments.

*And after the Psalms shall follow*

**The Text or Petite Chapter.**

*On Sundays and Greater Festivals.* 1 Tim. i. Now unto the King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, the

only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.  
*Ry. Thanks be to God.*

*And this Response, Thanks be to God, shall always be said after the Text, at all the Hours.*

¶ *On Minor Festivals, and daily in Festal Seasons, and on the Eves of Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension, and Whitsun-Day.*

*Isa. xxxiii.* O Lord, be gracious unto us, we have waited for Thee: be Thou our arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

*On Fridays and in Passion-Tide.*

*1 Pet. ii.* Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example that ye should follow His steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth: Who when He was reviled reviled not again; when He suffered He threatened not, but committed Himself to Him That judgeth righteously: Who His own self bare our sins in His own Body on the Tree, that we being dead unto sin should live unto righteousness: by Whose stripes ye were healed.

*On ordinary Week Days.*

*Zech. viii.* Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgement of truth and peace in your gates, saith the Lord.

¶ *And after the Little Chapter follows the Responsory, as followeth:*

Ÿ. O Jesu Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy upon us.

*Ry. On Sundays and during Easter-tide.* Thou That didst rise again from death, Have mercy upon us.

*Ry. On Saints' Days.* Thou That art wonderful in Thy Saints, Have mercy upon us.

*Ry. On Fridays and in Passion-*

*tide.* Thou That for us wast crucified, dead, and buried, Have mercy upon us.

*Ry. On common Week-days.* Thou That sittest at the right hand of the Father, Have mercy upon us.

*Ry. In Advent.* Thou That shalt come to be our Judge, Have mercy upon us.

*Ry. In Christmas-tide.* Thou That for us wast born of a pure Virgin, Have mercy upon us.

*Ry. In Epiphany.* Thou That for us didst manifest Thyself unto the world, Have mercy upon us.

*Ry. In Lent.* Thou That for us didst fast and wast tempted, Have mercy upon us.

*Ry. In Passion-tide, as above on Fridays.*

*Ry. In Easter-tide, as above on Sundays.*

*Ry. In Ascension-tide.* Thou That for us ascendedst up far above all Heavens, Have mercy upon us.

*Ry. In Whitsun-week.* Thou That didst send to us the Comforter, Have mercy upon us.

*Ry. In Trinity-week.* Thou That with the Father and the Spirit art ever One, Have mercy upon us.

Glory be. *As it was.*

O Lord, arise, help us. *And deliver us for Thy Name's Sake.*

[*Here may be said the Apostles' Creed, unless Matins has been said. I believe in God.*]

Ÿ. The Lord be with you. *Ry. And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

¶ *Here, except on Fasting-Days, the Reader, if a Priest, shall rise.*

O let my soul live, and it shall

praise Thee. *And Thy judgements shall help me.*

I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost. *O seek Thy servant, for I do not forget Thy commandments.*

O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise. *That I may sing of Thy glory and honour all the day long.*

O Lord, turn Thy Face away from my sins. *And put out all my misdeeds.*

Make me a clean heart, O God. *And renew a right spirit within me.*

Cast me not away from Thy presence. *And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.*

O give me the comfort of Thy help again. *And stablish me with Thy free Spirit.*

Deliver me, O Lord, from the evil man. *And preserve me from the wicked man.*

Deliver me from mine enemies, O God. *Defend me from them that rise up against me.*

O deliver me from the wicked doers. *And save me from the blood-thirsty men.*

So will I always sing praise unto Thy Name. *That I may daily perform my vows.*

Hear us, O God of our salvation. *Thou That art the Hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.*

O God, make speed to save me. *O Lord, make haste to help me.*

O Holy God, Holy and Strong, Holy and Immortal. *O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world, Have mercy upon us.*

Bless the Lord, O my soul. *And all that is within me, bless His Holy Name.*

Bless the Lord, O my soul. *And forget not all His benefits.*

Who forgiveth all thy sins. *And healeth all thine infirmities.*

Who saveth thy life from destruction. *And crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness.*

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things. *Making thee young and lusty as an eagle.*

Wilt Thou not turn and quicken us, O God. *That Thy people may rejoice in Thee.*

O Lord, shew Thy mercy upon us. *And grant us Thy salvation.*

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 lighten upon us. *As our trust is in Thee.*

¶ *Here, according to the ancient English Use of Sarum, except on Festivals, and during Festal Seasons, was always said, all kneeling,*

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto Thee. *Have mercy upon me and hear me.*

#### PSALM LI

*Miserere mei, Deus.*

1. Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness : according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

2. Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness : and cleanse me from my sin.

3. For I acknowledge my faults : and my sin is ever before me.

4. Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight : that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

5. Behold, I was shapen in wickedness : and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

6. But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts : and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

7. Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean : thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8. Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness : that the bones

which thou hast broken may rejoice.

9. Turn thy face from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.

10. Make me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.

11. Cast me not away from thy presence : and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

12. O give me the comfort of thy help again : and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

13. Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked : and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

14. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health : and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

15. Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord : and my mouth shall shew thy praise.

16. For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee : but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

17. The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit : a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

18. O be favourable and gracious unto Sion : build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19. Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations : then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

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.

*And after the Psalm, the Reader, if a Priest, stood up as before.*

O Lord, arise, help us. *And deliver us for Thy Name's sake.*

Turn us again, Thou Lord God of Hosts. *Shew the light of Thy Countenance, and we shall be whole.*

O Lord, hear my prayer. *And let my crying come unto Thee.*

The Lord be with you. *And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

¶ *But these Versicles and Responses were anciently not said from Maunday Thursday to the first Sunday after Easter inclusive, and may be omitted or shortened, at discretion, on Sundays and the greater Festivals, those from the V. O Lord, arise, help us, to the end being always used at the least.*

¶ *And after them shall follow the three Collects.*

1. *Of the Day, at discretion.*

2. *On Sundays and Festivals.*

Lord, in this early morning hour fulfil us with Thy mercy ; that, rejoicing all the day long, we may take pleasure in thy praises. Through. *S.B.*

3. O Almighty and Everlasting God, direct all our actions according to the good pleasure of Thy Will : that in the Name of Thy Beloved Son we may have grace to bring forth plenteously the fruit of good works. Through the Same. *S.B.*

2. *On Festivals of Apostles.*

O Almighty God, Who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Head Corner-Stone ; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy Temple acceptable unto Thee. Through. *P.B.*

3. *On all Festivals of Saints.*

O Almighty God, Who hast knit together Thine Elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Thy Son Christ our Lord : Grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable

joys which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee. Through. *P.B.*

2. *On Minor Festivals and Common Week-days.*

O Almighty Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies in the ways of Thy laws and in the works of Thy commandments: That through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul. Through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen. Gr.*

3. Prevent us, O Lord, in all ourdoings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; That in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life. Through. *Gr.*



¶ *And after the Collects shall be said on Fridays and in Passion-tide this*

*Memorial of the Passion.*

*Anthem.* When the morning was come all the Chief Priests and elders of the people took counsel against JESUS to put HIM to death; and when they had bound HIM, they led HIM away from Caiaphas into the hall of judgment, and delivered HIM unto Pontius Pilate the governour.

Lord, Who for me diedst on the Tree of Thine exceeding love, be Thou my life in death's dread strife, and help me from above.

Ÿ. We worship Thee, O Christ, and honour Thee. *Rz. For by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.*

*Prayer.* Almighty and everlasting God, Who, of Thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,

to take upon Him our flesh and to suffer death upon the Cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility: Mercifully grant that we, who have this His most precious Death and Passion in continual remembrance, may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection. Through the Same. *Gr.\**

✠ The glorious Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ deliver us from sorrowful heaviness and bring us to the joys of Paradise. *Amen.*



¶ *And here may be added, at discretion, any of the following Prayers or Intercessions.*

1. *For the grace of the Holy Ghost.*

Ÿ. When Thou lettest Thy Breath go forth they shall be made. *Rz. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.*

God, Who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people by the sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort. Through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen. Gr.*

2. *For true repentance.*

Ÿ. Lord, cleanse Thou me from my secret faults. *Rz. Keep Thy servant also from presumptuous sins.*

Almighty and everlasting God, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all

mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* P.B.

3. *For grace to persevere.*

Ÿ. O hold Thou up my goings in thy paths. *Rz.* *That my footsteps slip not.*

Lord, we beseech Thee grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee the only God, and so faithfully to serve Thee in this life that we fail not finally to attain Thy heavenly promises. Through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* Gr.\*

4. *For true mortification of the flesh.*

Ÿ. If we live after the flesh we shall die. *Rz.* *But if we through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, we shall live.*

O Lord, Who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights : Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey Thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to Thy honour and glory, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen.* P.B.

5. *For Missionaries, Readers, Catechists, Sisters of Mercy, or any who are specially engaged to the immediate service of God.*

Ÿ. Be we always abounding in the work of the Lord. *Rz.* *Forasmuch as we know that our labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

Look mercifully, O Lord, we beseech Thee, upon us who offer before Thee our devout and humble service, and grant unto us, by the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, kindness, humbleness of mind, gentleness, pureness, gravity, sincerity, wisdom, and sobriety. Make us to be fervent in charity, loving nothing out of Thee: praiseworthy in life, yet seeking not for

praise. Enable us to glorify Thee by holiness of body and purity of soul, and to serve before Thee with holy fear and love. Be Thou our glory and our joy, Thy will our will. Be Thou our comfort in sadness, our counsel in doubtfulness, our defence in persecution, our patience in tribulation, our abundance in poverty, our food in fasting, our medicine in sickness. And let us find our all in all in Thee, Whom we desire to choose and to love before all things. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* L.

6. *By a Deacon, for himself and his Order.*

Ÿ. We are not sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves. *Rz.* *But our sufficiency is of God.*

Send down upon us, O Lord, Thy Holy Ghost, whereby we may be strengthened to the faithful execution of Thy ministry by the gift of Thy sevenfold grace. May the beauty of all righteousness abound in us, a modest dignity, and an unfailing humility, innocence, and purity, and as well as a ready obedience to spiritual discipline; that we, holding fast the witness of a good conscience, may continue firmly to stand fast in Christ, and may, through Thy grace, be worthy, by due advancement from the lower grades, to receive still greater gifts. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* L.

7. *By a Priest, for himself and his Order.*

Ÿ. We have this treasure in earthen vessels. *Rz.* *That the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.*

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, being enabled by Thy grace to live worthily of Thee, may set before Thy faithful people the example of a right conversation : and let the-



everlasting salvation of Thy people be the blessed reward of Thy priests. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. L.

8. *For a College where there are Candidates for Holy Orders.*

Ÿ. Except the Lord build the house. Rj. *Their labour is but lost that build it.*

O Everlasting God, Who art ever adored by the Holy Angels, yet dost choose men to be the stewards of Thy mysteries: Bless, we beseech Thee, the work of this College; and grant that they who cannot do any good without Thee, may by Thee be won to purity and love, and illuminated with a true knowledge of Thy holy Word; and so being made able ministers of the New Testament, may advance Thy glory, and the salvation of Thine Elect. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. C.

O Thou True Light, That lightest every man that cometh into the world; do Thou in Thy mercy touch the hearts and lighten the understandings of all who are here gathered to prepare for Thy service: That they may readily acknowledge, and cheerfully obey, all that Thou wouldest have them believe and practice, to the benefit of Thy holy Church and their own salvation. For Thy tender mercy's sake. Amen. C.

9. *For a Church School, or Refuge, or House of Mercy.*

Ÿ. Our help cometh even from the Lord. Rj. *Who hath made heaven and earth.*

Vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, O merciful Lord, to prosper with Thy blessing the work of this — and all other works designed to promote Thy glory and the good of souls. Grant that those who serve Thee here may set Thy holy will ever before them, and do that which is well-pleasing in Thy sight, and persevere in Thy ser-

vice unto the end. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. C.

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¶ *And after the Suffrages may follow on Sundays and greater Festivals the Exposition of the Gospel from some approved Author, the Reader first saying: Here beginneth the Exposition of the Gospel by —, and the rest answering: Lord, open Thou mine eyes that I may see the wondrous things of Thy Law. And at the end of the Lesson the Reader shall say: Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it. Rj. Amen.*

¶ *And on Saints' Days here may be read a Lesson from the Life of the Saint, the Reader first saying: Here beginneth the Lesson of the Life of S. N—, and the rest answering: Right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints. And at the end of the Lesson the Reader shall say: May the Lord make us partakers with His Saints. Rj. Amen.*

¶ *And on ordinary days may be read the Daily Lesson from the Gospels, according to the day of the month, as arranged in the Table prefixed to this Book, the following Benediction being first said: Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes. Rj. And I shall keep it unto the end. And after all Lessons taken from Holy Scripture shall be said: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. And the rest shall answer: Thanks be to God.*

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*And Prime shall end as follows.*

Let Thy loving mercy come also unto me, O Lord. *Even Thy salvation, according unto Thy word.*

Shew Thy servants Thy work. *And their children Thy glory.*

And the glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us. *Prosper Thou the work of our hands*

upon us, O prosper Thou our handy work.

*Prayer.* Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation: That, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Gr.

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

Bless we the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*Blessing.* The Lord Almighty dispose our days and our actions in His peace, bless us and keep us from all evil, and bring us unto Life Eternal: and may the souls of the faithful through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

¶ And each says secretly,

✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

### The Forenoon Office of the Passion,

(For the Third Hour, or Nine o'clock, otherwise called 'Terce.')

#### HYMN.

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride  
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the Cross of CHRIST my  
GOD; All the vain things that  
charm me most, I sacrifice them  
to His Blood.

See, from His Head, His Hands,  
His Feet, Sorrow and love flow  
mingling down; Did e'er such  
love and sorrow meet, Or thorns  
compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature  
mine, That were an offering far too  
small, Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

To CHRIST, Who won for sinners  
grace By bitter grief and anguish  
sore, Be praise from all the ran-  
somed race For ever and for  
evermore. Amen.

*Anthem.* Being now justified  
by His Blood, we shall be saved  
from wrath through Him.

#### PSALM LXXXVIII.

*Domine Deus.*

1. O Lord God of my salvation,

I have cried day and night before  
thee: O let my prayer enter into  
thy presence, incline thine ear  
unto my calling.

2. For my soul is full of trouble:  
and my life draweth nigh unto  
hell.

3. I am counted as one of them  
that go down into the pit: and I  
have been even as a man that  
hath no strength.

4. Free among the dead, like  
unto them that are wounded, and  
lie in the grave: who are out of  
remembrance, and are cut away  
from thy hand.

5. Thou hast laid me in the  
lowest pit: in a place of dark-  
ness, and in the deep.

6. Thine indignation lieth hard  
upon me: and thou hast vexed  
me with all thy storms.

7. Thou hast put away mine  
acquaintance far from me: and  
made me to be abhorred of them.

8. I am so fast in prison: that  
I cannot get forth.

9. My sight faileth for very  
trouble: Lord, I have called daily  
upon thee, I have stretched forth  
my hands unto thee.

10. Dost thou shew wonders

among the dead : or shall the dead rise up again, and praise thee ?

11. Shall thy loving-kindness be shewed in the grave : or thy faithfulness in destruction ?

12. Shall thy wondrous works be known in the dark : and thy righteousness in the land where all things are forgotten ?

13. Unto thee have I cried, O Lord : and early shall my prayer come before thee.

14. Lord, why abhorrest thou my soul : and hidest thou thy face from me ?

15. I am in misery, and like unto him that is at the point to die : even from my youth up thy terrors have I suffered with a troubled mind.

16. Thy wrathful displeasure goeth over me : and the fear of thee hath undone me.

17. They came round about me daily like water : and compassed me together on every side.

18. My lovers and friends hast thou put away from me : and hid mine acquaintance out of my sight.

#### THE TEXT.

1 *S. Pet.* iii. Christ hath once suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit. *Ry.* *Thanks be to God.*

*Responsory.* He hath made Him to be sin for us Who knew no sin. *That we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.*

Glory be. *As it was.*

God forbid that I should glory save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. *By Whom the world is crucified to me, and I unto the world.*

¶ *Then, all kneeling,*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

O Lord, arise, help us. *And deliver us for Thy Name's sake.*

Turn us again Thou Lord God of Hosts. *Shew the Light of Thy Countenance, and we shall be whole.*

O Lord, hear my prayer. *And let my crying come unto Thee.*

The Lord be with you. *And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

*Collect for the Church.* O Lord, we beseech Thee, let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church ; and because it cannot continue in safety without Thy succour, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Gr.*

*Collect for the Gifts of the Holy Ghost.*

Almighty God, the Fountain of all goodness, and the well-spring of divine graces, Who hast vouchsafed to regenerate us, being born in sin, by water and the Holy Ghost, in the blessed laver of Baptism, thereby receiving us into the number of Thine elect children, and making us heirs of everlasting life in the Communion of Thy glorious Saints : Strengthen us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, with That blessed Spirit of Thine, the ghostly Comforter, and daily increase in us Thy manifold gifts of grace, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness ; and fill us, O Lord, with the spirit of Thy holy fear, now and for ever. Through Him Who hath sent down the Spirit upon His Church, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Gr.*

*(Confirmation Service. Bp. Cosin.)*

*Obs.*—This short portion from the *Lord, have mercy*, to the end of the *Collects* may be used daily.



*Friday Memorial of the Passion.*

*Anthem.* They cried saying,

Crucify HIM, Crucify HIM. Then Pilate therefore took JESUS, and scourged HIM. And they stripped HIM, and put on HIM a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns they put it upon HIS Head, and a reed in HIS right Hand. And they bowed the knee before HIM, and mocked HIM. And they spat upon HIM, and took the reed, and smote HIM on the Head.

Lord, Who for me diedst on the Tree, of Thine exceeding love, Be Thou my life in death's dread strife, and help me from above.

Y. We worship Thee, O Christ, and honour Thee. R. For by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Prayer. O Holy Saviour, Who of Thine infinite love wast at this

hour contented to receive the bitter sentence of death for us, that we might be brought unto eternal life. Have mercy upon us, we beseech Thee, both now, and at the hour of death, and grant unto us Thy humble servants, with all other Christian people that have this Thy blessed Passion in devout remembrance, a prosperous and godly life in this present world, and through Thy grace eternal glory in the world to come: where with the Father and the Holy Ghost Thou livest and reignest ever one God, world without end. Amen. (Bp. Cosin.)\*

✠ The glorious Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ deliver us from sorrowful heaviness, and bring us to the joys of Paradise. Amen.



### The Midday Office of the Passion,

(For the Sixth Hour, or Twelve o'clock, otherwise called 'Sezt.')

#### HYMN.

*Attolle paulum lumina.*

O sinner, lift the eye of faith,  
To true repentance turning;  
Bethink thee of the curse of sin,  
Its awful guilt discerning;  
Upon the Crucified One look,  
And thou shalt read, as in a book,  
What well is worth thy learning.

Look on His Head, that bleeding  
Head, With crown of thorns  
surrounded; Look on His sacred  
Hands and Feet, Which piercing  
nails have wounded; See every  
Limb with scourges rent: On  
Him, the Just, the Innocent,  
What malice hath abounded!

'Tis not alone those Limbs are  
racked, But friends too are for-  
saking; And more than all, for  
thankless man, That tender heart  
is aching; Oh, fearful was the  
pain and scorn By JESUS, Son

of Mary, borne, Their peace for  
sinners making.

None ever knew such pain before,  
Such infinite affliction;  
None ever felt a grief like His  
In that dread Crucifixion:  
For us He bare those bitter throes,  
For us those agonizing woes  
In oft-renewed infliction.

O sinner, mark, and ponder well  
Sin's awful condemnation;  
Think what a sacrifice it cost  
To purchase thy salvation;  
Had JESUS never bled and died,  
Then what could thee and all betide  
But uttermost damnation?

LORD, give us grace to flee from sin,  
And Satan's wiles ensnaring,  
And from those everlasting flames  
For evil ones preparing.

JESU, we thank Thee, and entreat  
To rest for ever at Thy Feet,  
Thy heavenly glory sharing.

*Or this,*

O come and mourn with me awhile;  
O come ye to the SAVIOUR'S side;  
O come, together let us mourn;  
JESUS our LORD is crucified.

Have we no tears to shed for Him  
While soldiers scoff and Jews deride?  
Ah! look how patiently  
He hangs; JESUS our LORD is crucified.

How fast His Hands and Feet are nailed;  
His Throat with parching thirst is dried;  
His failing eyes are dimmed with blood;  
JESUS our LORD is crucified.

Seven times He spake, seven words of love;  
And all three hours His silence cried  
For mercy on the souls of men;  
JESUS our LORD is crucified.

Come, let us stand beneath the Cross;  
So may the Blood from out His Side  
Fall gently on us drop by drop;  
JESUS our LORD is crucified.

A broken heart, a fount of tears,  
Ask, and they will not be denied;  
LORD JESUS, may we love and weep,  
Since Thou for us art crucified. Amen.

*Anthem.* 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 everlasting life.

PSALM XXII.

*Deus, Deus meus.*

1. My God, my God, look upon me;  
why hast thou forsaken me:  
and art so far from my health,  
and from the words of my complaint?

2. O my God, I cry in the daytime,  
but thou hearest not: and in the night-season  
also I take no rest.

3. And thou continuest holy:  
O thou worship of Israel.

4. Our fathers hoped in thee:

they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

5. They called upon thee, and were holpen:  
they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.

6. But as for me, I am a worm, and no man:  
a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.

7. All they that see me laugh me to scorn:  
they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,

8. He trusted in God, that he would deliver him:  
let him deliver him, if he will have him.

9. But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb:  
thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

10. I have been left unto thee ever since I was born:  
thou art my God even from my mother's womb.

11. O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand:  
and there is none to help me.

12. Many oxen are come about me:  
fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.

13. They gape upon me with their mouths:  
as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

14. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint:  
my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

15. My strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue cleaveth to my gums:  
and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.

16. For many dogs are come about me:  
and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.

17. They pierced my hands and my feet;  
I may tell all my bones: they stand staring and looking upon me.

18. They part my garments among them:  
and cast lots upon my vesture.

19. But be not thou far from

me, O Lord : thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.

20. Deliver my soul from the sword : my darling from the power of the dog.

21. Save me from the lion's mouth : thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.

22. I will declare thy Name unto my brethren : in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

23. O praise the Lord, ye that fear him : magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him all ye seed of Israel.

24. For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor : he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him.

25. My praise is of thee in the great congregation : my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

26. The poor shall eat, and be satisfied : they that seek after the Lord shall praise him ; your heart shall live for ever.

27. All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord : and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

28. For the kingdom is the Lord's : and he is the Governour among the people.

29. All such as be fat upon earth : have eaten, and worshipped.

30. All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him : and no man hath quickened his own soul.

31. My seed shall serve him : they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.

32. They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness : unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

## THE TEXT.

*Isaiah liii.* Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows, yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities : the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray ; we have turned every one unto His own way, and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. *Rz. Thanks be to God.*

*Responsory.* Jesus, being lifted up, draweth all men unto Him. *For He loved us, and gave Himself for us.*

Glory be. *As it was.*

In Him we have redemption through His Blood. *Even the remission of sins.*

¶ *Then, all kneeling.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

I said, Lord, be merciful unto me. *Heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.*

Turn Thee again, O Lord, at the last. *And be gracious unto Thy servants.*

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous. *And His ears are open unto their prayers.*

All Thy works praise Thee, O Lord. *And Thy Saints give thanks unto Thee.*

Let us pray for our brethren and benefactors. O Lord, save Thy servants and Thy handmaids. *Which put their trust in Thee.*

Let us pray for the Church.

Peace be within her walls. *And plenteousness within her palaces.*

Let us pray for the afflicted.

Deliver Israel, O God. *Out of all his troubles.*

Let us pray for the faithful departed. Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest. *And let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Also for our sins and negligences.

O Lord, remember not our old sins. *Have mercy upon us, and that soon, for we are come to great misery.*

Help us, O God of our salvation, and for the glory of Thy Name deliver us. *Be merciful to us sinners for Thy Name's sake.*

O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us. *As our trust is in Thee.*

O Lord, arise, help us. *And deliver us for Thy Name's sake.*

Turn us again, Thou Lord God of Hosts. *Shew the light of Thy Countenance, and we shall bewhole.*

O Lord, hear my prayer. *And let my crying come unto Thee.*

The Lord be with you. *And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

*Collect for the Church.* Lord, we beseech Thee to keep Thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through Thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve Thee in good works, to the glory of Thy Name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Sar.*

*Collect for Grace.* O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept our prayers: and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace that in keeping of Thy Commandments we may please Thee, both in will and deed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Gr.*

*Obs.*—This short portion from the Lord, *have mercy*, to the end of the Collects may be used daily, with the Intercessory Prayers which follow, at discretion.



*Friday Memorial of the Passion.*

*Anthem.* And they crucified HIM. And from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.

Lord, Who for me diedst on the Tree, of Thine exceeding love: Be Thou my life in death's dread strife, and help me from above.

Y. We worship Thee, O Christ, and honour Thee. R. *For by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.*

*Prayer.* O Lord Jesu Christ, Who about the sixth hour of the day didst ascend Thy holy Cross for the salvation of the world, and didst shed Thy Precious Blood for the remission of our sins: We humbly beseech Thee that by the merits of Thy Passion and Thy Wounds, we after our death may joyfully enter the gate of Paradise. For Thy tender mercy's sake. *Amen.*

We adore Thee, Holy Lord Jesus, hanging upon the Cross, and wearing on Thy venerable head a Crown of Thorns, with five great Wounds in Thy nailed Hands and Feet and pierced Side. May Thy painful Wounds be a healing remedy for our sin-sick souls.

And as Thou dost bid us take up our cross daily and follow Thee, make, we pray Thee, the yoke of Thy commandments sweet, and the burden of Thy Cross light, unto our souls, and conform us, O Lord, to the likeness of Thy Passion. Give us grace to keep the way of the holy Cross by willing self-denial and mortification, and make us cheerfully resign ourselves to Thy Divine Will, that, being fashioned after Thy life-giving death, we may indeed die unto the flesh, and live according to the Spirit of righteousness. For Thy tender mercy's sake. *Amen.*

¶ *And here may be said any of the following Intercessory Prayers at discretion.*

1. *For the Parish.*

Ÿ. Hear Thou our prayer in Heaven Thy dwelling place. *Rz.* For we are Thy people and Thine inheritance.

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who dost govern all things in Heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of us Thy servants, and grant unto this Parish all things that are needful for its spiritual welfare; [schools, wherein to bring up the young in Thy faith and fear; ministers, to labour in this portion of Thy vineyard; a church restored to the beauty of holiness.] Strengthen and confirm the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wicked; rouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of Thy truth; and bring all to be of one heart and mind within the fold of Thy Holy Church, to the honour and glory of Thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. C.*

2. *For the Parish Priest.*

Ÿ. Let Thy Priests be clothed with righteousness. *Rz.* And let Thy Saints sing with joyfulness.

O God, the Pastor and Guide of all Thy people, look favourably on Thy servant N., whom Thou hast willed to preside as Pastor over Thy Church in this Parish: Grant, we beseech Thee, that both by word and by example he may profit those over whom he is set, that together with his flock he may attain eternal life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. S.M.*

3. *For the Bishop of the Diocese.*

Ÿ. O Lord, save Thy servant our Bishop. *Rz.* Who putteth his trust in Thee.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to Thy servant N. our Bishop, that both by preaching

and practising such things as be rightful, he may by the example of good works instruct the souls of Thy people committed to his charge, and may receive from Thee, the most merciful Chief Shepherd, the wages of an everlasting reward. Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen. S.M.*

4. *For the Unity of the Church.*

Ÿ. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem. *Rz.* They shall prosper that love her.

O Almighty God, Who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Head Corner Stone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto Thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. P.B.*

*Or this.*

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord: that as there is but one Body and one Spirit and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of Truth and Peace, of Faith and Charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. P.B.*

5. *For the Propagation of the Gospel, and for Missionaries.*

Ÿ. Let Thy way, O Lord, be known upon earth. *Rz.* Thy saving health among all nations.

O Almighty and Everlasting



God, Who evermore desirest the life and not the death of a sinner, mercifully receive our prayer, and deliver all heathen nations from the worship of idols, and unite them to Thy Holy Church, to the praise and glory of Thy Name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Gr.*

Remember, O Lord, the Bishops well-beloved of Thee, and all others whom Thou hast called to labour among the unconverted, especially Thy servants *N. and N.* Send forth labourers into Thine Harvest, and grant them Thy blessing, that by them Thy Holy Name may be for ever glorified and Thy Kingdom enlarged. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. (S. Augustine's Missionary Union Prayers.)*

6. *For an increased supply of Clergy.*

☩. Pray we now the Lord of the Harvest, that He would send forth labourers into His Harvest. *Rz. For when God gave the word, great was the company of the preachers.*

O Lord Jesu Christ, Chief Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, Who when Thou camest to seek and to save that which was lost, wast moved with compassion on the multitudes, because they were as sheep having no shepherd: Mercifully regard, we beseech Thee, the sore need of Thy Church, and send forth labourers into Thine Harvest. Stir up the hearts of Thy servants by Thy Holy Spirit, that filled with true knowledge and with fervent love of Thee, they may devote themselves in increasing numbers to the Ministry of Thy Word and Sacraments; and, being ready to spend and be spent in Thy Service, may preach Thy Gospel both here and among heathen nations, to the glory of Thy great Name,

and the saving of the souls of men. For Thy tender mercy's sake. *Amen. Ed.*

7. *For the Conversion of sinners.*

☩. God willeth not the death of a sinner. *Rz. But rather that he should be converted and live.*

Almighty God, we beseech Thee to hear our prayers for such as sin against Thee, or neglect to serve Thee, especially *N. and N.* and all others for whom our prayers are desired: that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to bestow upon them true repentance, and an earnest longing for Thy service. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Or this.*

O God, by Whom the nature of man was wondrously made of an excellent worth, and still more wondrously was made anew and redeemed by the Blood of Thine Only Son: Look mercifully we beseech Thee, on *N. and N.* and on all souls that are either deceived by the subtilty of the devil, or, through the lusts of the flesh, and the love of this present world, are wandering far from Thee. Quicken those whose death Thou willest not, and as Thou leavest them not in all their wanderings, so bring them back recovered to Thy Fold. Extend Thy saving hand to them that are fallen, that Thy Church be not wasted in any portion of its Body, that Thy Flock may sustain no damage, and the enemy rejoice not over the losses of Thy Family. Hear us, we earnestly beseech Thee, O Lord most merciful, for with tears we pour forth the entreaties of our hearts, that of Thy tender mercy they incur not the fearful sentence of Thy just judgement. Lord, have mercy upon them, that, returning to the way of righteousness, they may fall from Thee no more, that they and we may keep for ever-

more both what Thy grace did first bestow upon us, and what Thy mercy hath restored within us. Through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*  
*G. Gr.\**

8. *For the continual advancement of the Faithful.*

*Ÿ.* Stablish the thing, O God, that Thou hast wrought in us.

*Ry.* That we may go from strength to strength.

Vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to strengthen and confirm Thy faithful servants, especially *N. and N.* and all for whom

our prayers are desired, and to lift them up more and more continually to heavenly desires. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*And Sest shall end as follows.*

The Lord be with you. *And with Thy Spirit.*

Bless we the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

*Blessing.* ✠ The glorious Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ deliver us from sorrowful heaviness, and bring us to the joys of Paradise. *Amen.*

### The Afternoon Office of the Passion,

(For the Ninth Hour, or Three o'clock, otherwise called 'None.')

#### THE HYMN.

Sweet the moments, rich in blessing,  
Which before the Cross I spend,  
Life and health and peace possessing  
From the sinner's dying Friend.

Here I rest, for ever viewing  
Mercy poured in streams of Blood;  
Precious drops, my soul bedewing,  
Plead and claim my peace with God.

Truly blessed is the station,  
Low before His Cross to lie,  
Whilst I see divine compassion  
Beaming in His languid Eye.

LORD, in ceaseless contemplation,  
Fix my thankful heart on Thee,  
Till I taste Thy full salvation,  
And Thine unveiled glory see.  
*Amen.*

*Anthem.* HE humbled HIMSELF  
and became obedient unto death:  
even the death of the Cross.

#### PSALM LXIX.

*Salvum me fac.*

1. Save me, O God: for the waters are come in, even unto my soul.

2. I stick fast in the deep mire,

where no ground is: I am come into deep waters, so that the floods run over me.

3. I am weary of crying; my throat is dry: my sight faileth me for waiting so long upon God.

4. They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head: they that are mine enemies, and would destroy me guiltless, are mighty.

5. I paid them the things that I never took: God, thou knowest my simpleness, and my faults are not hid from thee.

6. Let not them that trust in thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my cause: let not those that seek thee be confounded through me, O Lord God of Israel.

7. And why! for thy sake have I suffered reproof: shame hath covered my face.

8. I am become a stranger unto my brethren: even an alien unto my mother's children.

9. For the zeal of thine house hath even eaten me: and the rebukes of them that rebuked thee are fallen upon me.

10. I wept, and chastened myself with fasting : and that was turned to my reproof.

11. I put on sackcloth also : and they jested upon me.

12. They that sit in the gate speak against me : and the drunkards make songs upon me.

13. But, Lord, I make my prayer unto thee : in an acceptable time.

14. Hear me, O God, in the multitude of thy mercy : even in the truth of Thy salvation.

15. Take me out of the mire, that I sink not : O let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

16. Let not the water-flood drown me, neither let the deep swallow me up : and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

17. Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is comfortable : turn thee unto me according to the multitude of thy mercies.

18. And hide not thy face from thy servant, for I am in trouble : O haste thee, and hear me.

19. Draw nigh unto my soul, and save it : O deliver me, because of mine enemies.

20. Thou hast known my reproof, my shame, and my dishonour : mine adversaries are all in thy sight.

21. Thy rebuke hath broken my heart ; I am full of heaviness : I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man, neither found I any to comfort me.

22. They gave me gall to eat : and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.

23. Let their table be made a snare to take themselves withal : and let the things that should have been for their wealth be unto them an occasion of falling.

24. Let their eyes be blinded, that they see not : and ever bow thou down their backs.

25. Pour out thine indignation

upon them : and let thy wrathful displeasure take hold of them.

26. Let their habitation be void : and no man to dwell in their tents.

27. For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten : and they talk how they may vex them whom thou hast wounded.

28. Let them fall from one wickedness to another : and not come into thy righteousness.

29. Let them be wiped out of the book of the living : and not be written among the righteous.

30. As for me, when I am poor and in heaviness : thy help, O God, shall lift me up.

31. I will praise the Name of God with a song : and magnify it with thanksgiving.

32. This also shall please the Lord : better than a bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

33. The humble shall consider this and be glad : seek ye after God, and your soul shall live.

34. For the Lord heareth the poor : and despiseth not his prisoners.

35. Let heaven and earth praise him : the sea, and all that moveth therein.

36. For God will save Sion, and build the cities of Judah : that men may dwell there, and have it in possession.

37. The posterity also of his servant shall inherit it : and they that love his Name shall dwell therein.

#### THE TEXT.

*Hebrews ix.* Christ being come an High Priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building ; neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own Blood He entered in once into the Holy Place, having obtained eternal Redemption for us.

*Rj.* Thanks be to God.

*Responsory.* The Good Shepherd layeth down His Life for the sheep. *For the joy that was set before Him He endured the Cross, despising the shame.*

Glory be. *As it was.*

He bare our sins in His Own Body on the Tree. *That we, being dead unto sin, might live unto Righteousness.*

*Then, all kneeling,*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

O Lord, arise, help us. *And deliver us for Thy Name's sake.*

Turn us again, Thou Lord God of Hosts. *Shew the Light of Thy Countenance, and we shall be whole.*

O Lord, hear my prayer. *And let my crying come unto Thee.*

The Lord be with you. *And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

*Collect.* Almighty God, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this Thy Family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the Cross, Who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen. Gr.*

Almighty and Everlasting God, by Whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee: Through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*Obs.*—This short portion, from the Lord, have mercy, to the end of the Collect, may be used daily.



*Friday Memorial of the Passion.*

*Anthem.* Jesus, when He had cried again with a loud voice, said, It is finished: Father, into Thy Hands I commend My Spirit. And having said thus, He bowed His Head and gave up the Ghost.

Lord, Who for me diedst on the Tree of Thine exceeding love, Be Thou my life in death's dread strife, and help me from above.

¶ We worship Thee, O Christ, and honour Thee. *Rj. For by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.*

*Prayer.* O Holy Saviour, Who, of Thine infinite love, didst at this hour taste the bitter pangs of death for us sinners and for our sins. Hear us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, and remember now the hour when Thou didst once commend Thy blessed Spirit into the hands of Thy heavenly Father; when, with a torn Body and a broken Heart, Thou didst shew forth Thy most tender mercy, and die for us. We beseech Thee, O Thou Brightness and Image of God, so to assist us by this Thy most precious Death, that being dead unto the world we may live only unto Thee, mortifying our members which are upon the earth, and whatsoever in us is contrary to Thy Holy Will; and at the last hour of our departing from this mortal life, we may commend our souls into Thy Hands, and Thou mayest receive us into life immortal, there to reign with Thee for ever and ever. *Amen. (Bp. Cosin.)\**

Have mercy also, Most Merciful Saviour, on all the sorrowful and suffering in mind, body, or estate. Have mercy upon all who are tempted, all who are fallen, all who are far from Thee. Have mercy upon all Christian people who are at this time sick unto death, es-

pecially N. Have mercy upon their souls, grant them sincere repentance, turn their hearts truly to Thyself, forgive their sins, and receive them to Thy heavenly kingdom, that they and we, with all Thy blessed Saints departed, may dwell with Thee

for ever. For Thy tender mercy's sake. Amen.

*Blessing.* ✠ The glorious Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ deliver us from sorrowful heaviness, and bring us to the joys of Paradise. Amen.

## Memorials after Evensong.

### 1. *Of the Incarnation, daily.*

*Anthem on Sundays and Festivals.* When Thou wast ineffably born of the Virgin, then the Scriptures were fulfilled: Thou didst come down like the rain into a fleece of wool to save the human race; we praise Thee, O our God.

*Anthem on Week Days.* The Angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women.

Ÿ. Lord, Thou art fairer than the children of men. R̄. Full of grace are Thy lips.

*Prayer.* We beseech Thee, O Lord, pour Thy grace into our hearts: that, as we have known the Incarnation of Thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel, so by His Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of His Resurrection. Through the Same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Gr.

2. *Of the Passion, daily, except in Passion-tide and Easter-tide, and except on Sundays and Fridays.*

*Anthem.* Save Thou us, O Christ our Saviour, by the virtue of Thy holy Cross: Thou that savedst Peter in the sea, have mercy upon us.

Ÿ. We worship Thee, O Christ, and honour Thee. R̄. For by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

*Prayer.* Keep, we beseech Thee,

O Lord, with Thy perpetual peace those whom Thou hast vouchsafed to redeem by Thy holy Cross, O Saviour of the world, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen. S.B.

NOTE.—This Memorial is not said on Sundays, nor on Fridays, nor during Passion-tide; but after Evensong on Fridays, and daily during Passion-tide, immediately after the daily Memorial of the Incarnation, is said the following

### 3. *Memorial of the Passion.*

*Anthem.* When the even was come, a rich man named Joseph of Arimathea went in boldly unto Pilate and craved the BODY of JESUS, and he gave the BODY to Joseph.

Lord, Who for me diedst on the Tree, of Thine exceeding love: Be Thou my life in death's dread strife, and help me from above.

Ÿ. We worship Thee, O Christ, and honour Thee. R̄. For by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

*Prayer, as after Matins, p. 6.*

*Or this.*

O God, Who to redeem the world didst condescend to be born and circumcised, to labour with Thine Hands, to suffer hunger, thirst, and weariness, to fast, and to be tempted, to teach, and to work miracles, to be rejected by the Jews, betrayed by a kiss from Judas, and forsaken of all Thy

friends ; to be bound, led like a lamb to the slaughter, and carried ignominiously before Annas and Caiaphas and Pilate and Herod : to be falsely accused, beaten with rods, blindfolded, crowned with thorns, mocked and spit upon : to be nailed to a cross in company with malefactors, to suffer bitter agony, to die, and to be pierced with a lance, to be laid in the grave, whilst Thy Soul departed into the place of spirits : O Lord, by all these sacred sorrows, which, unworthy as we are, we hold in veneration, deliver us, we beseech Thee, by Thy most holy Cross and Death, from eternal woe, and vouchsafe to conduct us to the Paradise of bliss as Thou didst the penitent thief. For Thy tender mercy's sake, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen. S.P.\**

✠ The glorious Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ deliver us from sorrowful heaviness, and bring us to the joys of Paradise. *Amen.*

4. *Sunday Memorial of the Resurrection.*

*Antem.* Christ being risen from the dead dieth no more, death hath no more dominion over Him. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus

Christ our Lord.

Ÿ. O Lord, let the old Adam be so buried in us. *Ry. That the new man may be raised up in us.*

*Prayer.* Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of Thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him ; and that through the grave and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful Resurrection. For His merits, Who died and was buried and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. P.B.*

5. *Daily in Easter-tide.*

*Antem.* Alleluia ! Now is Christ risen from the dead : and become the first-fruits of them that slept. Alleluia !

Ÿ. The Lord is risen from the grave. *Ry. Who suffered death mankind to save. Alleluia !*

*Prayer.* O God, Who didst will that Thy Son should undergo the torment of the Cross for us, that Thou mightest destroy the power of the Enemy over us : Grant that we Thy servants may evermore rejoice in the gladness of His glorious Resurrection. Through the Same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen. Gr.\* S.B.*

*The following short form of Self-Examination may be used  
before the Last Prayers at Night.*

Have I this day done anything contrary to the Love of God, or preferred anything before Him and His service? Have I neglected to worship Him as I ought in public, in my family, in private, or resisted the motions of His Holy Spirit in committing any sin or neglecting any duty?

Have I done anything contrary to the love of my neighbour, in his soul, his body, his estate, or his credit?

Have I done anything contrary to my own salvation, or refused the Cross of Christ, or broken my vow to renounce the world, the flesh, and the devil, or been self-indulgent and negligent in my calling?

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*For the Clergy.*

Have I lived altogether as becomes one specially consecrated to the Lord?

In saying or attending at Matins and Evensong?

In being diligent in prayers, and in the reading of God's Holy Word, and in such studies as help to the knowledge of the same?

In labouring earnestly for the salvation of souls, and for the defence and propagation of the Faith?

In framing and fashioning myself according to the doctrine of Christ, as a wholesome example and pattern to His flock?

In maintaining and setting forward quietness, peace, and love among all Christian people?

In cultivating Humility, Patience, Gentleness, Purity, Detachment from the world, Recollection, and Charity?

## The Last Prayers at Night,

(Otherwise called 'Compline.')

Let the Reader begin :

Brethren, be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour, whom resist steadfast in the faith.

1 S. Pet. v.

¶ Then let the Confession be said by all kneeling, as followeth.

I confess to God Almighty, To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, [And to you, brethren.] Before the Angels and Archangels and all the company of heaven, That I have this day sinned, In thought, word, and deed, By my own fault, my own most grievous fault. [Here shall silence be kept for a short space.] Whereof I truly repent, And earnestly desire God's mercy and forgiveness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ And if a Priest be present he may pronounce the Absolution, as followeth, standing.

May God Almighty have mercy upon you, and forgive you all your sins : deliver you from all evil, preserve and strengthen you in all good, and bring you unto everlasting life. Amen.

The Almighty and Merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, space for true repentance and amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

¶ But if no Priest be present the Reader shall say the following prayer for pardon.

O Lord, we beseech Thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare

all those who confess their sins unto Thee : that they whose consciences by sin are accused, by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father.

Convert us then, O God our Saviour. And let Thine anger cease from us.

O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.

¶ Then, all standing.

Glory be. As it was.

Alleluia!

But from Septuagesima to Easter, instead of Alleluia, is said :

Praise to Thee, O Lord, we sing. Of Glory the Eternal King.

### COMMON ANTHEMS.

*Sunday.* My heart is glad and my glory rejoiceth, my flesh also shall rest in hope : for Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell.

*Saints' Days.* Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord : for they rest from their labours.

*Fridays and daily in Passion-tide.* Death is swallowed up in victory : O Death, where is thy sting ? O Grave, where is thy victory ?

For the Lord saith, I will ransom them from the power of the grave, I will redeem them from death : O Death, I will be thy plagues ; O Grave, I will be thy destruction.

*Ordinary Week Days.* Have mercy upon me, O Lord : and hearken unto my prayer.

### PROPER ANTHEMS.

*Advent.* Watch and pray, for ye know not when the time is :



lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping.

*Christmas.* Unto us is born this day in the city of David a Saviour : Which is Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

*Lent.* Repent, and be converted : that your sins may be blotted out.

*Easter.* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Ascension.* Him hath God exalted with His right Hand to be a Prince and a Saviour : for to give repentance to Israel, and remission of sins. Alleluia!

*Whitsun-tide.* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

¶ Then shall follow the Psalms.

### On Sundays and Festivals of our Lord.

#### PSALM CXLVI.

*Lauda, anima mea.*

1. Praise the Lord, O my soul : while I live will I praise the Lord ; yea as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.

2. O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man : for there is no help in them.

3. For when the breath of man goeth forth he shall turn again to his earth : and then all his thoughts perish.

4. Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help : and whose hope is in the Lord his God ;

5. Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is : who keepeth his promise for ever ;

6. Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong : who feedeth the hungry.

7. The Lord looseth men out of prison : the Lord giveth sight to the blind.

8. The Lord helpeth them that are fallen : the Lord careth for the righteous.

9. The Lord careth for the strangers ; he defendeth the fatherless and widow : as for the

way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.

10. The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore : and throughout all generations.

### On Saints' Days.

#### PSALM CXIII.

*Laudate, pueri.*

1. Praise the Lord, ye servants : O praise the Name of the Lord.

2. Blessed be the Name of the Lord : from this time forth for evermore.

3. The Lord's Name is praised : from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

4. The Lord is high above all heathen : and his glory above the heavens.

5. Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high : and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth ?

6. He taketh up the simple out of the dust : and lifteth the poor out of the mire ;

7. That he may set him with the princes : even with the princes of his people.

8. He maketh the barren woman to keep house : and to be a joyful mother of children.

#### PSALM CXVI.

*Dilexi, quoniam.*

1. I am well pleased : that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer ;

2. That he hath inclined his ear unto me : therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

3. The snares of death compassed me round about : and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.

4. I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord : O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

5. Gracious is the Lord, and righteous : yea, our God is merciful.

6. The Lord preserveth the simple : I was in misery, and he helped me.

7. Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul : for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

8. And why ? thou hast delivered my soul from death : mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

9. I will walk before the Lord : in the land of the living.

10. I believed, and therefore will I speak ; but I was sore troubled : I said in my haste, All men are liars.

11. What reward shall I give unto the Lord : for all the benefits that he hath done unto me ?

12. I will receive the cup of salvation : and call upon the Name of the Lord.

13. I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people : right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

14. Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant : I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid ; thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

15. I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving : and will call upon the Name of the Lord.

16. I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all his people : in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

### On Fridays.

PSALM CXXI.  
*Levavi oculos.*

1. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.

2. My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.

3. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

4. Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5. The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand ;

6. So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.

7. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil ; yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

8. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in : from this time forth for evermore.

### PSALM CXXXIX.

*Domine, probasti.*

1. O Lord, thou hast searched me out, and known me : thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine up-rising ; thou understandest my thoughts long before.

2. Thou art about my path and about my bed : and spiest out all my ways.

3. For lo, there is not a word in my tongue : but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

4. Thou hast fashioned me behind and before : and laid thine hand upon me.

5. Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me : I cannot attain unto it.

6. Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit : or whither shall I go then from thy presence ?

7. If I climb up into heaven, thou art there : if I go down to hell, thou art there also.

8. If I take the wings of the morning : and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea ;

9. Even there also shall thy hand lead me : and thy right hand shall hold me.

10. If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me : then shall my night be turned to day.

11. Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day : the dark-

ness and light to thee are both alike.

12. For my reins are thine : thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

13. I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made ; marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.

14. My bones are not hid from thee : though I be made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.

15. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect : and in thy book were all my members written ;

16. Which day by day were fashioned ; when as yet there was none of them.

17. How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God : O how great is the sum of them !

18. If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand : when I wake up I am present with thee.

19. Wilt thou not slay the wicked, O God : depart from me ye blood-thirsty men.

20. For they speak unrighteously against thee : and thine enemies take thy Name in vain.

21. Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee : and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee ?

22. Yea, I hate them right sore : even as though they were mine enemies.

23. Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart : prove me, and examine my thoughts.

24. Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me : and lead me in the way everlasting.

### On ordinary Week-Days.

#### PSALM IV.

*Cum invocarem.*

1. Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness : thou hast

set me at liberty when I was in trouble ; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

2. O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour : and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing ?

3. Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly : when I call upon the Lord he will hear me.

4. Stand in awe, and sin not : commune with your own heart and in your chamber, and be still.

5. Offer the sacrifice of righteousness : and put your trust in the Lord.

6. There be many that say : Who will shew us any good ?

7. Lord, lift thou up : the light of thy countenance upon us.

8. Thou hast put gladness in my heart : since the time that their corn, and wine, and oil increased.

9. I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest : for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

#### PSALM XXXI.

*In te, Domine, speravi.*

1. In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust : let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in thy righteousness.

2. Bow down thine ear unto me : make haste to deliver me.

3. And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence : that thou mayest save me.

4. For thou art my strong rock, and my castle : be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.

5. Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me : for thou art my strength.

6. Into thy hands I commend my spirit : for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

¶ *Every day, after the preceding.*

PSALM XCI.

*Qui habitat.*

1. Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the most High : shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2. I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my strong hold : my God, in him will I trust.

3. For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter : and from the noisome pestilence.

4. He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers : his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5. Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night : nor for the arrow that flieth by day ;

6. For the pestilence that walketh in darkness : nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

7. A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand : but it shall not come nigh thee.

8. Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold : and see the reward of the ungodly.

9. For thou, Lord, art my hope : thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

10. There shall no evil happen unto thee : neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11. For he shall give his angels charge over thee : to keep thee in all thy ways.

12. They shall bear thee in their hands : that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

13. Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder : the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

14. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him : I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

15. He shall call upon me, and I will hear him : yea, I am with him in trouble ; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

16. With long life will I satisfy him : and shew him my salvation.

PSALM CXXXIV.

*Ecce nunc.*

1. Behold now, praise the Lord : all ye servants of the Lord ;

2. Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord : even in the courts of the house of our God.

3. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary : and praise the Lord.

4. The Lord that made heaven and earth : give thee blessing out of Sion.

¶ *And after the Psalms shall follow, on Sundays and Festivals,*

THE TEXT.

*Jerem. xiv.* Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by Thy Name ; leave us not. *Rz.* Thanks be to God.

¶ *But on Common Days the Daily Evening Lesson from the Epistles, according to the day of the month, as arranged in the Table prefixed to this Book, the following Benediction being first said :*

Order Thou my steps in Thy word. *Rz.* So shall no wickedness have dominion over me.

¶ *And after all Lessons taken from Holy Scripture shall be said, But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, and the rest shall answer, Thanks be to God.*

¶ *Then shall follow the Hymn.*

On Sundays.

Glory to Thee, my God, this night  
For all the blessings of the light ;  
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,  
Under thine own Almighty wings.

Forgive me, LORD, for Thy dear Son,  
The ill that I this day have done,  
That with the world, my-

self, and Thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Teach me to live, that I may dread The grave as little as my bed; Teach me to die, that so I may Rise glorious at the awful Day.

O may my soul on Thee repose, And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close, Sleep that shall me more vigorous make To serve my GOD when I awake.

When in the night I sleepless lie, My soul with heavenly thoughts supply; Let no ill dreams disturb my rest, No powers of darkness me molest.

Praise GOD from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST.  
Amen.

*Or this.*

Sun of my soul, Thou SAVIOUR dear, It is not night if Thou be near: O may no earth-born cloud arise To hide Thee from Thy servant's eyes.

When the soft dews of kindly sleep My wearied eyelids gently steep, Be my last thought how sweet to rest For ever on my SAVIOUR's breast.

Abide with me from morn till eve, For without Thee I cannot live; Abide with me when night is nigh, For without Thee I dare not die.

If some poor wandering child of Thine Have spurned to-day the voice divine, Now, LORD, the gracious work begin; Let him no more lie down in sin.

Watch by the sick; enrich the poor With blessings from thy boundless store; Be every mourner's sleep to-night, Like infant's slumbers, pure and light.

Come near and bless us when we wake, Ere through the world our way we take; Till in the ocean of Thy love We lose ourselves in Heaven above. Amen.

**On all Festivals, and during  
Christmas-Tide.**

*Salvator mundi, Domine.*

O SAVIOUR of the world forlorn, Who, man to save, wast as Man born; Protect us through the coming night, And ever save us by Thy might.

Now, LORD, be Thou in mercy nigh, And spare Thy servants when they cry; Our sins blot out, our prayers receive, Thy light throughout our darkness give.

O let not sleep the soul oppress, Nor secret foe the heart possess; Our flesh keep chaste, that it may be A holy temple unto Thee.

To Thee, Who makest souls anew, Our hearts in prayer would humbly sue, That pure and free from inward stain We from our beds may rise again.

All praise to GOD the FATHER be, All praise, Eternal SON, to Thee, Whom with the Spirit we adore For ever and for evermore.  
Amen.

**On Fridays, and in Passion-Tide.**

Glory be to JESUS, Who, in bitter pains, Poured for me the life-blood From His sacred veins.

Grace and life eternal In that Blood I find; Blest be His compassion Infinitely kind.

Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream, Which from endless torments Did the world redeem.

Abel's blood for vengeance  
Pleaded to the skies ;  
But the Blood of JESUS  
For our pardon cries.

Oft as it is sprinkled  
On our guilty hearts,  
Satan in confusion  
Terror-struck departs ;

Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel-hosts, rejoicing,  
Make their glad reply.

Lift ye then your voices ;  
Swell the mighty flood ;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious Blood.

Amen.

### On Common Days.

*Te lucis ante terminum.*

Before the ending of the day,  
Creator of the world, we pray  
That Thou with wonted love  
would'st keep Thy watch around  
us while we sleep.

O let no evil dreams be near,  
Nor phantoms of the night  
appear ; Our ghostly enemy res-  
train, Lest aught of sin our bodies  
stain.

Almighty FATHER, hear our cry,  
Through JESUS CHRIST our Lord  
most High, Who, with the HOLY  
GHOST and Thee, Doth live and  
reign eternally. Amen.

### In Advent.

When shades of night around us  
close, And weary limbs in sleep  
repose, The faithful soul awake  
may be, And longing sigh, O  
LORD, to Thee.

Thou true Desire of nations hear ;  
Thou Word of GOD, Thou SAVIOUR  
dear ; In pity heed our humble  
cries, And bid at length the  
fallen rise.

O come, Redeemer, come and free  
Thine own from guilt and misery ;

The gates of heaven again unfold,  
Which Adam's sin had closed of  
old.

All praise, Eternal Son, to Thee  
Whose Advent doth Thy people  
free ; Whom with the FATHER  
we adore, And HOLY GHOST for  
evermore. Amen.

### In Lent.

*Christe Qui Lux es et Dies.*

O Christ, Who art the Light and  
Day, Thy beams chase night's  
dark shades away ; The very  
Light of Light Thou art, Who  
dost that blessèd Light impart.

All-Holy LORD, to Thee we bend,  
Thy servants through this night  
defend, And grant us true repose  
in Thee, A quiet night from  
perils free.

Let not dull sleep the soul oppress,  
Nor secret foe the heart possess ;  
Nor Satan's wiles the flesh allure,  
And make us in Thy sight impure.

Light slumber let our eyelids take,  
The heart to Thee be still awake ;  
And Thy Right Hand protection  
be To those who love and trust  
in Thee.

O LORD, our strong defence, be  
nigh ; Bid all the powers of  
darkness fly ; Preserve and watch  
o'er us for good, Whom Thou  
hast purchased with Thy Blood.

Remember us, dear LORD, we  
pray, Whilst burthened in the  
flesh we stay ; Thou only canst  
the soul defend, Be with us,  
SAVIOUR, to the end.

Blest THREE IN ONE and ONE IN  
THREE, Almighty GOD, we pray  
to Thee, That Thou wouldst now  
vouchsafe to bless Our fast with  
fruits of righteousness. Amen.

### In Easter-Tide.

*Jesu, Salvator Sæculi.*

JESU, the world's redeeming LORD,  
The FATHER's co-eternal WORD,

Of Light invisible true Light,  
Thine Israel's keeper day and  
night;

Our great Creator and our Guide,  
Who times and seasons dost divide,  
Refresh at night with quiet rest  
Our limbs by daily toil oppressed.

That, while in weary house of clay  
A little longer here we stay,  
Our flesh in Thee may sweetly  
sleep, Our souls with Thee their  
vigils keep.

We pray Thee, while we dwell be-  
low, Preserve us from our ghostly  
foe; Nor let his wiles victorious  
be O'er them that are redeemed  
by Thee.

O Lord of all, with us abide  
In this our joyful Easter-tide;  
From every weapon death can  
wield Thine own redeemed for  
ever shield.

All praise be Thine, O risen LORD,  
From death to endless life re-  
stored: All praise to GOD the FA-  
THER be, And HOLY GHOST eter-  
nally. Amen.

### In Ascension-Tide.

*Jesu nostra Redemptio.*

JESU, our hope, our heart's desire,  
Redemption's only spring,  
Creator of the world art Thou,  
Its SAVIOUR and its King.

How vast the mercy and the love  
Which laid our sins on Thee,  
And led Thee to a cruel death  
To set Thy people free!

But now the bonds of death are  
burst, The ransom has been paid;  
And Thou art on Thy FATHER'S  
Throne In glorious robes arrayed.

O may Thy mighty love prevail  
Our sinful souls to spare!  
O may we stand around Thy  
Throne, And see Thy glory there!

JESU, our only Joy be Thou,  
As Thou our Prize wilt be;  
In Thee be all our glory now  
And through eternity.

All praise to Thee Who dost  
ascend Triumphantly to heaven;  
All praise to GOD the FATHER'S  
Name And HOLY GHOST be  
given. Amen.

### In Whitsun-Tide.

*Veni, Sancte Spiritus.*

Come, Thou HOLY SPIRIT, come;  
And from Thine eternal home  
Shed the ray of light divine;  
Come, Thou Father of the poor,  
Come, Thou source of all our store,  
Come, within our bosoms shine.

Thou of Comforters the best,  
Thou the soul's most welcome  
Guest, Sweet Refreshment here  
below! In our labour rest most  
sweet, Grateful shadow from the  
heat, Solace in the midst of woe.

O most Blessed Light Divine,  
Shine within these hearts of Thine,  
And our inmost being fill:  
If Thou take Thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man will stay,  
All our good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds; our strength  
renew; On our dryness pour  
Thy dew; Wash the stains of  
guilt away: Bend the stubborn  
heart and will, Melt the frozen,  
warm the chill, Guide the steps  
that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore And  
confess Thee, evermore In Thy  
sevenfold gifts descend; Give  
them virtue's sure reward, Give  
them Thy salvation, Lord, Give  
them joys that never end. Amen.

¶ *And after the Hymn shall always  
be said,*

Ÿ. Keep me, O God, as the  
apple of an eye. R̄. Hide me  
under the shadow of Thy wings.

[¶ *Then may be said,  
Nunc Dimittis.*

Lord, now lettest thou thy ser-  
vant depart in peace: according  
to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people ;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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

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

*And the Apostles' Creed, unless it has been said at Evensong.*

I believe in God.]

The Lord be with you. *And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

¶ *Then shall follow the Prayers, all kneeling.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

¶ *Here, except on Fasting Days, the Reader, if a Priest, shall rise.*

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest. *For it is Thou, Lord, only, That makest me dwell in safety.*

Come, O Lord, and visit us in peace. *That we may rejoice before Thee with a perfect heart.*

Lord, save us as we wake, keep us as we sleep. *That we may rest in peace, and wake with Christ.*

Let us bless God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Yea, let us praise Him and magnify Him for ever.*

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the highest. *Glorious, and ever worthy to be praised.*

The Almighty and Merciful Lord bless us and keep us. Amen.

Wilt Thou not turn and quicken us, O God. *That Thy people may rejoice in Thee.*

Vouchsafe, O Lord, *To keep us this night without sin.*

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

O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us. *As our trust is in Thee.*

¶ *Here, according to the ancient English Use of Sarum, except on Festivals, and during Festival Seasons, was always said, all kneeling,*

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto Thee. *Have mercy upon me and hear me.*

PSALM LI.

*Miserere mei Deus.*

1. Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness : according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

2. Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness : and cleanse me from my sin.

3. For I acknowledge my faults : and my sin is ever before me.

4. Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight : that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

5. Behold, I was shapen in wickedness : and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

6. But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts : and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

7. Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean : thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8. Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness : that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

9. Turn thy face from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.

10. Make me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.

11. Cast me not away from thy presence : and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

12. O give me the comfort of

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thy help again : and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

13. Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked : and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

14. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health : and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

15. Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord : and my mouth shall shew thy praise.

16. For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee : but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

17. The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit : a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

18. O be favourable and gracious unto Sion : build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19. Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations : then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

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.

*And after the Psalm, the Reader, if a Priest, stood up as before.*

O Lord, arise, help us. *And deliver us for Thy Name's sake.*

Turn us again, Thou Lord God of Hosts. *Shew the Light of Thy Countenance, and we shall be whole.*

O Lord, hear my prayer. *And let my crying come unto Thee.*

The Lord be with you. *And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

¶ *Then shall follow the Collects.*

1. *Of the Day, at discretion.*

2. *For the Peace of the Church, p. 51, except when the Office "For the Peace of the Church" is to be said in full after Compline.*

3. *For Protection during the Night.*

- Visit, O Lord, we beseech Thee, this dwelling, and drive far from it all the snares of the enemy : Let Thy holy Angels dwell herein, and preserve us in peace ; and let Thy blessing be upon us evermore. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



¶ *Here may follow the daily Evening Memorials of the Incarnation, and of the Passion, if they have not been said after Evensong.*

¶ *And here on Fridays, and daily during Passion-tide, shall always be said*

*The Memorial of the Passion.*

*Anthem.* In the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new sepulchre, hewn out of a rock. There laid they Jesus ; and Joseph rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre and departed.

Lord, Who for me diedst on the Tree of Thine exceeding love, Be Thou my life in death's dread strife, and help me from above.

Ÿ. We worship Thee, O Christ, and honour Thee. *Rz. For by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.*

*Prayer.* We adore Thee, Holy Lord Jesus, laid in the sepulchre, and anointed with myrrh and aloes, and humbly beg that Thy Death may be the life of our souls.

Fill our hearts, we beseech Thee, with Thy love and holy fear, and by the virtue and merit of Thy Passion, and the power of Thy Holy Spirit, give us true and abiding sorrow for our past sins, and such strength to serve Thee evermore, that walking henceforth in Thy holy ways, we may persevere in good works even unto the end, for unto Thee, O Lord, we desire to live, and in Thee to die.

And forasmuch as Thou art the Good Shepherd, Who laidest down

Thy life for Thy sheep, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to convert the heathen, to call home the erring, to restore the penitent, to succour the tempted, to shield the innocent, to preserve the righteous, that Thou mayest see of the travail of Thy soul, and that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of Thy Holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss in Thine eternal and everlasting glory, where with the Father and the Holy Ghost Thou livest and reignest, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

✠ The glorious Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ deliver us from sorrowful heaviness, and bring us to the joys of Paradise. *Amen.*

¶ *And after the Collects,—or, on Fridays and in Passion-tide, after the Memorial of the Passion, may be said, at discretion, the following short Office "For the Peace of the Church," (which according to the Ancient English Use of Sarum was said Daily, except on great Festivals and during the Festal Seasons of Christmas-tide and Easter;) or any of the Suffrages or Intercessory Prayers after Prime, p. 24, or after Seat, p. 33, or those that follow here.*

*For the Peace of the Church.*

PSALM CXXIII.

*Ad te levavi oculos meos.*

1. Unto thee lift I up mine eyes : O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

2. Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hands of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress : even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until he have mercy upon us.

3. Have mercy upon us, O Lord,

have mercy upon us : for we are utterly despised.

4. Our soul is filled with the scornful reproof of the wealthy : and with the despitefulness of the proud.

Glory be. *As it was.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

O Lord, arise, help us. *And deliver us for Thy Name's sake.*

Turn us again, Thou Lord God of Hosts. *Shew the Light of Thy Countenance, and we shall be whole.*

O Lord, hear our prayer. *And let our crying come unto Thee.*

The Lord be with you. *And with thy spirit.*

O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully to hear the prayers of Thy Church : that we being delivered from all errors and adversities may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness ; and grant us Thy peace all the days of our life. Through. *Amen. Gr.*

1. *For our Parents, Relatives, and Friends.*

Ÿ. Except the Lord build the house. *Ry. Their labour is but lost that build it.*

Bless, O Lord, I beseech Thee, my dear *N. and N.* : Endue them with Thy Holy Spirit, enrich them with Thy heavenly grace, prosper them with all happiness, and bring them to Thine everlasting kingdom. Through. *P.B.\**

2. *For Children, God-children, Dependants, and others committed to our charge.*

Ÿ. Like as a father pitieth his own children. *Ry. Even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear Him.*

Defend, O Lord, Thy servants *N. and N.* with Thy heavenly grace, that they may continue Thine for ever : Let Thy fatherly Hand, I beseech Thee, ever be over them ; let Thy Holy Spirit

ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of Thy Word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life. Through. (*Confirmation Service.*)

3. For a dear Friend.

Ÿ. O Lord, save Thy servant (or handmaid.) R̄. Which putteth his (or her) trust in Thee.

Almighty, Everlasting God, have mercy on Thy servant N. or M., and direct him according to Thy gracious favour in the way of everlasting salvation: That of Thy gift he may desire such things as please Thee, and with all his strength perform the same. And forasmuch as he trusteth in Thy mercy, vouchsafe, O Lord, graciously to assist him with Thy heavenly help, and to keep him continually under Thy protection, that he may ever diligently serve Thee, and by no temptations be separated from Thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Gr.

Or this.

I pray Thee, Good Lord Jesus, by the love which Thou hadst for him that lay on Thy Bosom, to make me thankful for all that Thou hast given me in Thy servant N., and to bless him exceeding abundantly above all that I can ask or think. Help us to love each other in Thee and for Thee, to be one in heart through all separations, and to walk as friends in the path of Thy service; and finally unite us for ever at Thy Feet, where peace and love are perfect and immortal, and where Thou, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest,

ever One God, world without end. Amen. (*Appendix to "Ancient Collects," by the Rev. W. Bright.*)

¶ And the Office shall end with the Blessing. 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.



Obs.—An ancient English devotional Book, (quoted in Maskell's "Monumenta Ritualia," vol. ii. p. 64, and in the Parker Society's Edition of the Latin "Orarium" of 1560, p. 154.) has the following note on the Compline Office.

"Compline is the Seventh and the last Hour of Divine Service, and it is as much as to say, a 'fulfilling.' (*Completo-rius.*) And therewith also is ended and fulfilled, speaking, eating, and drinking, and labouring, and all bodily businesses. So that after that time ought to be kept great stillness and silence, not only from words, but also from all deeds save only soft prayer and holy thinking and bodily sleep. For Compline betokeneth the end of man's life, and therefore each person ought to dispose him to bed-ward as if his bed were his grave."

On lying down to sleep, say:

Lord, may my soul on Thee repose,  
And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,  
Sleep that may me more vigorous make  
To serve my God when I awake.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

And signing yourself on the Forehead with the Sign of the Cross, say:

✠ Father, into Thy Hands I commend my spirit, for Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, Thou God of truth.



## The Gradual and Penitential Psalms.

**NOTE.**—According to the Ancient English Use of Sarum the Gradual Psalms, or “Songs of Degrees,”—*i. e.*, the Fifteen Psalms from Ps. **xxx.** Ad Dominum cum tribulatione, to Ps. **xxxiv.** Ecce nunc. inclusive, —were said on behalf of the whole people of God (“Pro omni populo Dei;”) on all ordinary week-days during Lent after Terce, with the Anthem, Remember not Lord, and with Glory be to the Father, and after them the Litany.

The Seven Penitential Psalms were also said on all ordinary week-days during Lent, one in the course of the Versicles and Responses at each of the Seven Hours, in the same way that Ps. li. Have mercy upon me, is said at Prime and Compline.

It is suggested that the Gradual Psalms should be said at least on all Wednesdays, and the Penitential Psalms on all Fridays, during Lent, at such time as shall be convenient.

One of the Hymns which follow may be said before them at discretion.

Also, at discretion, the Litany of the Passion, or the Golden Litany, or the Litany for the Church, may be said after them.

In personal humiliation for past sin the Penitential Psalms may be said not only in Lent, but, according to the devotion of the Penitent;

On all Fridays from Septuagesima to Easter; or on all Fridays in Advent, as well as from Septuagesima to Easter;

Or, besides this, on all fasting-days;

Or on all Fridays in the year except in Easter-week;

Or after any special act of sin, in which case the sin should first be distinctly confessed according to the form of Confession used at Compline, p. 41.

When the Penitential Psalms are said for this purpose, the Penitential Litany should also be said after them.

The Gradual Psalms should be said, followed by the Litany for the Church, at all times when the Church, or any part of it, is afflicted and oppressed.

### Litany Hymns.

#### I.

Saviour, when in dust to Thee  
Low we bow the adoring knee;  
When, repentant, to the skies  
Scarce we lift our weeping eyes,  
Oh, by all Thy pains and woe  
Suffered once for man below,  
Bending from Thy Throne on high,  
Hear our solemn litany.

By Thy birth and early years;  
By Thy life of want and tears;  
By Thy fasting and distress  
In the lonely wilderness;  
By the dread mysterious hour  
Of the subtle tempter's power;  
JESU, look with pitying eye;  
Hear our solemn litany.

By the sacred grief that wept  
O'er the grave where Lazarus  
slept; By the gracious tears  
that flew Over Salem's loved  
abode; By the mournful word  
that told Treachery lurked with-  
in Thy fold; JESU, look with

pitying eye; Hear our solemn litany.

By Thine hour of whelming fear;  
By Thine agony, and prayer,  
By the purple robe of scorn;  
By Thy wounds, Thy crown of thorn:  
By Thy cross, Thy pangs, and cries;  
By Thy perfect sacrifice;  
JESU, look with pitying eye;  
Hear our solemn litany.

By Thy deep expiring groan;  
By the sealed sepulchral stone;  
By Thy triumph o'er the grave;  
By Thy power from death to save;  
Mighty GOD, ascended LORD,  
To Thy Throne in Heaven restored,  
Prince and SAVIOUR, hear our cry;  
Hear our solemn Litany. Amen.

## II.

LORD of Mercy and of Might,  
Of mankind the life and light,  
Maker, Teacher infinite,  
JESUS, hear and save!

Who, when sin's primæval doom  
Gave creation to the tomb,  
Didst not scorn a Virgin's womb,  
JESUS, hear and save!

Strong CREATOR, SAVIOUR mild,  
Humbled to a mortal child,  
Captive, beaten, bound, reviled,  
JESUS, hear and save!

Throned above celestial things,  
Borne aloft on angels' wings,  
LORD of lords, and KING of kings,  
JESUS, hear and save!

Soon to come to earth again,  
JUDGE of angels and of men,  
Hear us now, and hear us then,  
JESUS, hear and save!

## III.

When our heads are bowed with woe,  
When our bitter tears o'erflow,  
When we mourn the lost, the dear,  
JESU, Son of Mary hear.

Thou our throbbing flesh hast worn,  
Thou our mortal griefs hast borne,  
Thou hast shed the human tear;  
JESU, Son of Mary, hear.

When the solemn death-bell tolls  
For our own departing souls,  
When our final doom is near,  
JESU, Son of Mary, hear.

Thou hast bowed the dying head,  
Thou the blood of life hast shed,  
Thou hast filled a mortal bier;  
JESU, Son of Mary, hear.

When the heart is sad within  
With the thought of all its sin,  
When the spirit shrinks with fear,  
JESU, Son of Mary, hear.

Thou the shame, the grief, hast known,  
Though the sins were not Thine own;  
Thou hast deigned their load to bear;  
JESU, Son of Mary, hear. Amen.

## IV.

O LORD, turn not Thy face from me,  
Who lie in woeful state,  
Lamenting all my sinful life,  
Before Thy mercy-gate;—

A gate which opens wide to those  
That do lament their sin;  
Shut not that gate against me,  
Lord, But let me enter in.

And call me not to strict account,  
How I have sojourn'd here,  
For then my guilty conscience knows,  
How vile I shall appear.

O LORD, I need not to repeat  
The comfort I would have;  
Thou know'st, O LORD, before I ask,  
The blessing I do crave.

Mercy, good LORD, mercy I ask;  
This is the total sum,  
For mercy, LORD, is all my suit;  
LORD, let Thy mercy come.

Amen.

## The Gradual Psalms.

*Anthem.* Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious Blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

### PSALM CXX.

*Ad Dominum.*

1. When I was in trouble I called upon the Lord: and he heard me.

2. Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips: and from a deceitful tongue.

3. What reward shall be given or done unto thee, thou false tongue; even mighty and sharp arrows, with hot burning coals.

4. Woe is me, that I am constrained to dwell with Mesech: and to have my habitation among the tents of Kedar.

5. My soul hath long dwelt among them: that are enemies unto peace.

6. I labour for peace, but when I speak unto them thereof: they make them ready to battle.

### PSALM CXXI.

*Levavi oculos.*

1. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.

2. My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.

3. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

4. Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5. The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

6. So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.

7. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

8. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in: from this time forth for evermore.

### PSALM CXXII.

*Lætatus sum.*

1. I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.

2. Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem.

3. Jerusalem is built as a city: that is at unity in itself.

4. For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord: to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

5. For there is the seat of judgement: even the seat of the house of David,

6. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

7. Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

8. For my brethren and companions' sakes: I will wish thee prosperity.

9. Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God: I will seek to do thee good.

### PSALM CXXIII.

*Ad te levavi oculos meos.*

1. Unto thee lift I up mine eyes: O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

2. Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress: even so our eyes wait

upon the Lord our God, until he have mercy upon us.

3. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us : for we are utterly despised.

4. Our soul is filled with the scornful reproof of the wealthy : and with the despitefulness of the proud.

PSALM CXXIV.

*Nisi quia Dominus.*

1. If the Lord himself had not been on our side, now may Israel say : if the Lord had not been on our side, when men rose up against us ;

2. They had swallowed us up quick : when they were so wrathfully displeased at us.

3. Yea, the waters had drowned us : and the stream had gone over our soul.

4. The deep waters of the proud : had gone even over our soul.

5. But praised be the Lord : who hath not given us over for a prey unto their teeth.

6. Our soul is escaped even as a bird out of the snare of the fowler : the snare is broken, and we are delivered.

7. Our help standeth in the Name of the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.

PSALM CXXV.

*Qui confidunt.*

1. They that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the mount Sion : which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever.

2. The hills stand about Jerusalem : even so standeth the Lord round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

3. For the rod of the ungodly cometh not into the lot of the righteous : lest the righteous put their hands unto wickedness.

4. Do well, O Lord : unto those that are good and true of heart.

5. As for such as turn back unto their own wickedness : the Lord shall lead them forth with the evil doers ; but peace shall be upon Israel.

PSALM CXXVI.

*In convertendo.*

1. When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion : then were we like unto them that dream.

2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter : and our tongue with joy.

3. Then said they among the heathen : the Lord hath done great things for them.

4. Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already : whereof we rejoice.

5. Turn our captivity, O Lord : as the rivers in the south.

6. They that sow in tears : shall reap in joy.

7. He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed : shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

PSALM CXXVII.

*Nisi Dominus.*

1. Except the Lord build the house : their labour is but lost that build it.

2. Except the Lord keep the city : the watchman waketh but in vain.

3. It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness : for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

4. Lo, children and the fruit of the womb : are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.

5. Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant : even so are the young children.

6. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them : they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

## PSALM CXXVIII.

*Beati omnes.*

1. Blessed are all they that fear the Lord : and walk in his ways.

2. For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands : O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.

3. Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine : upon the walls of thine house.

4. Thy children like the olive-branches : round about thy table.

5. Lo, thus shall the man be blessed : that feareth the Lord.

6. The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee : that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long.

7. Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children : and peace upon Israel.

## PSALM CXXIX.

*Sæpe expugnauerunt.*

1. Many a time have they fought against me from my youth up : may Israel now say.

2. Yea, many a time have they vexed me from my youth up : but they have not prevailed against me.

3. The plowers plowed upon my back : and made long furrows.

4. But the righteous Lord : hath hewn the snares of the ungodly in pieces.

5. Let them be confounded and turned backward : as many as have evil will at Sion.

6. Let them be even as the grass growing upon the house-tops : which withereth afore it be plucked up ;

7. Whereof the mower filleth not his hand : neither he that bindeth up the sheaves his bosom.

8. So that they who go by say not so much as, the Lord prosper you : we wish you good luck in the Name of the Lord.

## PSALM CXXX.

*De profundis.*

1. Out of the deep have I call-

ed unto thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

2. O let thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.

3. If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss : O Lord, who may abide it ?

4. For there is mercy with thee : therefore shalt thou be feared.

5. I look for the Lord ; my soul doth wait for him : in his word is my trust.

6. My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

7. O Israel, trust in the Lord ; for with the Lord there is mercy : and with him is plenteous redemption.

8. And he shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.

## PSALM CXXXI.

*Domine, non est.*

1. Lord, I am not high-minded : I have no proud looks.

2. I do not exercise myself in great matters : which are too high for me.

3. But I refrain my soul, and keep it low, like as a child that is weaned from his mother : yea, my soul is even as a weaned child.

4. O Israel, trust in the Lord : from this time forth for evermore.

## PSALM CXXXII.

*Memento, Domine.*

1. Lord, remember David : and all his trouble :

2. How he sware unto the Lord : and vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob ;

3. I will not come within the tabernacle of mine house : nor climb up into my bed ;

4. I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eye-lids to slumber : neither the temples of my head to take any rest ;

5. Until I find out a place for the temple of the Lord : an habi-



tation for the mighty God of Jacob.

6. Lo, we heard of the same at Ephrata : and found it in the wood.

7. We will go into his tabernacle : and fall low on our knees before his footstool.

8. Arise, O Lord, into thy resting-place : thou, and the ark of thy strength.

9. Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness : and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.

10. For thy servant David's sake : turn not away the presence of thine Anointed.

11. The Lord hath made a faithful oath unto David : and he shall not shrink from it ;

12. Of the fruit of thy body : shall I set upon thy seat.

13. If thy children will keep my covenant, and my testimonies that I shall learn them : their children also shall sit upon thy seat for evermore.

14. For the Lord hath chosen Sion to be an habitation for himself : he hath longed for her.

15. This shall be my rest for ever : here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.

16. I will bless her victuals with increase : and will satisfy her poor with bread.

17. I will deck her priests with health : and her saints shall rejoice and sing.

18. There shall I make the horn of David to flourish : I have ordained a lantern for mine Anointed.

19. As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with shame : but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

PSALM CXXXIII.

*Ecce, quam bonum !*

1. Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is : brethren, to dwell together in unity !

2. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard : even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.

3. Like as the dew of Hermon : which fell upon the hill of Sion.

4. For there the Lord promised his blessing : and life for evermore.

PSALM CXXXIV.

*Ecce nunc.*

1. Behold now, praise the Lord : all ye servants of the Lord ;

2. Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord : even in the courts of the house of our God.

3. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary : and praise the Lord.

4. The Lord that made heaven and earth : give thee blessing out of Sion.

*Anthem.* Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers ; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins : spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious Blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

*The Penitential Psalms.*

*Anthem.* Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers ; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins : spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious Blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

PSALM VI.

*Domine, ne in furore.*

1. 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 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 vanity: 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.

PSALM XXXII.

*Beati, quorum.*

1. Blessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven: and whose sin is covered.

2. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin: and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3. For while I held my tongue: my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.

4. For thy hand is heavy upon me day and night: and my moisture is like the drought in summer.

5. I will acknowledge my sin unto thee: and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

6. I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord: and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

7. For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, in a time when thou mayest be found: but in the great waters they shall not come nigh him.

8. Thou art a place to hide me in, thou shalt preserve me from trouble: thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

9. I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go: and I will guide thee with mine eye.

10. Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding: whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.

11. Great plagues remain for the ungodly: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.

12. Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord: and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

PSALM XXXVIII.

*Domine, ne in furore.*

1. Put me not to rebuke, O Lord, in thine anger: neither chasten me in thy heavy displeasure.

2. For thine arrows stick fast in me: and thy hand presseth me sore.

3. There is no health in my flesh, because of thy displeasure: neither is there any rest in my bones, by reason of my sin.

4. For my wickednesses are gone over my head: and are like a sore burden, too heavy for me to bear.

5. My wounds stink, and are corrupt: through my foolishness.

6. I am brought into so great trouble and misery: that I go mourning all the day long.

7. For my loins are filled with a sore disease: and there is no whole part in my body.

8. I am feeble, and sore smitten: I have roared for the very disquietness of my heart.

9. Lord, thou knowest all my desire: and my groaning is not hid from thee.

10. My heart panteth, my strength hath failed me : and the sight of mine eyes is gone from me.

11. My lovers and my neighbours did stand looking upon my trouble : and my kinsmen stood afar off.

12. They also that sought after my life laid snares for me : and they that went about to do me evil talked of wickedness, and imagined deceit all the day long.

13. As for me, I was like a deaf man, and heard not : and as one that is dumb, who doth not open his mouth.

14. I became even as a man that heareth not : and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

15. For in thee, O Lord, have I put my trust : thou shalt answer for me, O Lord my God.

16. I have required that they, even mine enemies, should not triumph over me : for when my foot slipped, they rejoiced greatly against me.

17. And I, truly, am set in the plague : and my heaviness is ever in my sight.

18. For I will confess my wickedness : and be sorry for my sin.

19. But mine enemies live, and are mighty : and they that hate me wrongfully are many in number.

20. They also that reward evil for good are against me : because I follow the thing that good is.

21. Forsake me not, O Lord my God : be not thou far from me.

22. Haste thee to help me : O Lord God of my salvation.

PSALM LI.

*Miserere mei, Deus.*

1. Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness : according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

2. Wash me thoroughly from

my wickedness : and cleanse me from my sin.

3. For I acknowledge my faults : and my sin is ever before me.

4. Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight : that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

5. Behold, I was shapen in wickedness : and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

6. But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts : and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

7. Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean : thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8. Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness : that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.

10. Make me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.

11. Cast me not away from thy presence : and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

12. O give me the comfort of thy help again : and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

13. Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked : and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

14. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health : and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

15. Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord : and my mouth shall shew thy praise.

16. For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee : but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

17. The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit : a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

18. O be favourable and gracious unto Sion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19. Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations: then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

## PSALM CII.

*Domine, exaudi.*

1. Hear my prayer, O Lord: and let my crying come unto thee.

2. Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble: incline thine ear unto me when I call; O hear me, and that right soon.

3 For my days are consumed away like smoke: and my bones are burnt up as it were a fire-brand.

4. My heart is smitten down, and withered like grass: so that I forget to eat my bread.

5. For the voice of my groaning: my bones will scarce cleave to my flesh.

6. I am become like a pelican in the wilderness: and like an owl that is in the desert.

7. I have watched, and am even as it were a sparrow: that sitteth alone upon the house-top.

8. Mine enemies revile me all the day long: and they that are mad upon me are sworn together against me.

9. For I have eaten ashes as it were bread: and mingled my drink with weeping;

10. And that because of thine indignation and wrath: for thou hast taken me up, and cast me down.

11. My days are gone like a shadow: and I am withered like grass.

12. But thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever: and thy remembrance throughout all generations.

13. Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion: for it is time

that thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come.

14. And why? thy servants think upon her stones: and it pitieth them to see her in the dust.

15. The heathen shall fear thy Name, O Lord: and all the kings of the earth thy Majesty;

16. When the Lord shall build up Sion: and when his glory shall appear;

17. When he turneth him unto the prayer of the poor destitute: and despiseth not their desire.

18. This shall be written for those that come after: and the people which shall be born shall praise the Lord.

19. For he hath looked down from his sanctuary: out of the heaven did the Lord behold the earth.

20. That he might hear the mournings of such as are in captivity: and deliver the children appointed unto death!

21. That they may declare the Name of the Lord in Sion: and his worship at Jerusalem;

22. When the people are gathered together: and the kingdoms also, to serve the Lord.

23. He brought down my strength in my journey: and shortened my days.

24. But I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of mine age: as for thy years, they endure throughout all generations.

25. Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

26. They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

27. And as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

28. The children of thy servants shall continue: and their

seed shall stand fast in thy sight.

PSALM CXXX.

*De profundis.*

1. Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

2. O let thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.

3. If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss : O Lord, who may abide it ?

4. For there is mercy with thee : therefore shalt thou be feared.

5. I look for the Lord ; my soul doth wait for him : in his word is my trust.

6. My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

7. O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy : and with him is plenteous redemption.

8. And he shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.

PSALM CXLIII.

*Domine, exaudi.*

1. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire : hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.

2. And enter not into judgement with thy servant : for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3. For the enemy hath persecuted my soul ; he hath smitten my life down to the ground : he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.

4. Therefore is my spirit vexed

within me : and my heart within me is desolate.

5. Yet do I remember the time past ; I muse upon all thy works : yea, I exercise myself in the works of thy hands.

6. I stretch forth my hands unto thee : my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land.

7. Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint : hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

8. O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in thee is my trust : shew thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto thee.

9. Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies : for I flee unto thee to hide me.

10. Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee, for thou art my God : let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

11. Quicken me, O Lord, for thy Name's sake : and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

12. And of thy goodness slay mine enemies : and destroy all them that vex my soul ; for I am thy servant.

*Anthem.* Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers ; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins : spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious Blood, and be not angry with us for ever.



## The Litanies.

### I.

#### The Litany of the Holy Name of JESUS.

##### HYMN.

*Gloriosæ Salvatoris Nominis præconia.*

To the Name of our Salvation  
Laud and honour let us pay ;  
Which for many a generation  
Hid in God's foreknowledge lay,  
But with holy exultation  
We may sing aloud to-day.

JESUS is the Name we treasure ;  
Name beyond what words can tell ;  
Name of gladness, Name of pleasure,

Ear and heart delighting well ;  
Name of sweetness, passing measure,  
Saving us from sin and hell.

'Tis the Name for adoration,  
Name for songs of victory,  
Name for holy meditation  
In this vale of misery,  
Name for joyful veneration  
By the citizens on high.

'Tis the Name that whoso preacheth  
Speaks like music to the ear ;  
Who in prayer this Name beseecheth  
Sweetest comfort findeth  
near ; Who its perfect wisdom  
reacheth Heavenly joy possesseth  
here.

JESUS is the Name exalted  
Over every other name ;  
In this Name, whene'er assaulted,  
We can put our foes to shame ;  
Strength to them who else had halted,  
Eyes to blind, and feet to lame.

Therefore we in love adoring  
This most blessed Name revere ;  
Holy JESU, Thee imploring  
So to write it in us here, That  
hereafter heavenward soaring.  
We may sing with angels there.

Amen.

*Or this,*

*Exultet cor præcordiis.*

Let every heart exulting beat  
With joy at JESU'S Name of bliss ;  
With every pure delight replete,  
And passing sweet its music is.

JESUS the comfortless consoles,  
JESUS each sinful fever quells ;  
JESUS the power of hell controls ;  
JESUS each deadly foe repels.

O speak His glorious Name  
abroad ! JESUS let every tongue  
confess ; Let every heart and  
voice accord The Healer of our  
souls to bless.

JESU, the sinner's Friend, abide  
With us, and hearken to our  
prayer ; Thy frail and erring  
wanderers guide, In mercy our  
transgressions spare.

All might, all glory be to Thee  
Refulgent with this Name Divine ;  
All honour, worship, majesty,  
JESU for evermore be Thine.

Amen.

*Or this,*

JESUS ! Name of wondrous love !  
Name all other names above !  
Unto which must every knee  
Bow in deep humility.

JESUS ! Name decreed of old ;  
To the maiden mother told,  
Kneeling in her lowly cell,  
By the Angel Gabriel.

JESUS ! Name of priceless worth  
To the fallen sons of earth,  
For the promise that it gave—  
JESUS shall his people save.

JESUS ! Name of mercy mild,  
Given to the holy Child,  
When the cup of human woe  
First He tasted here below.

JESUS! Only Name that's given  
Under all the mighty heaven,  
Whereby man, to sin enslaved,  
Bursts his fetters, and is saved.

JESUS! SON of GOD above,  
JESUS! Name of wondrous love!  
Pleading only this we flee  
Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

Amen.

*Or this,*

How sweet the Name of JESUS  
sounds In a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his  
wounds, And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
And calms the troubled breast;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,  
And to the weary rest.

Dear Name! the rock on which I  
build, My shield and hiding-  
place, My never-failing treasury,  
filled With boundless stores of  
grace.

JESUS! my Shepherd, Husband,  
Friend, My Prophet, Priest, and  
King, My Lord, my Life, my  
Way, mine End, Accept the  
praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,  
And cold my warmest thought;  
But when I see Thee as Thou art  
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love pro-  
claim With every fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy Name  
Refresh my soul in death. Amen.

#### LITANY.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*O Jesus, hear us.*

O Jesus, graciously hear us.

*O Jesus, graciously hear us.*

O God the Father, of Heaven,

*(Here, and after each of the  
following Invocations, shall be  
said, Have mercy upon us.)*

O God the Son, Redeemer of  
the world,

O God the Holy Ghost,  
O Holy Trinity, One God,  
Jesus, Son of the Living God,  
Jesus, Brightness of the Fa-  
ther's Glory,

Jesus, our Everlasting Light,  
Jesus, King of Glory,  
Jesus, the Sun of Righteous-  
ness,

Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,  
Jesus, Whose Name is Won-  
derful, and Counsellor,

Jesus, The Mighty God, the  
Everlasting Father, the  
Prince of Peace,

Jesus, Most Mighty,

Jesus, Most Patient,

Jesus, Most Obedient,

Jesus, Meek and lowly of heart,

Jesus, Lover of chastity,

Jesus, Our Beloved,

Jesus, The Author of our life,

Jesus, The Pattern of virtues,

Jesus, Lover of our souls,

Jesus, Our Refuge,

Jesus, Father of the poor,

Jesus, Treasure of believers,

Jesus, The Good Shepherd,

Jesus, The true Light,

Jesus, Who art Eternal Wis-  
dom,

Jesus, Who art Infinite Good-  
ness,

Jesus, The Way, the Truth,  
and the Life,

Jesus, The Joy of Angels,

Jesus, The Master of Apostles,

Jesus, The Teacher of Evan-  
gelists,

Jesus, The Strength of Martyrs,

Jesus, The Light of Confessors,

Jesus, The Purity of Virgins,

Jesus, the Crown and Reward  
of Saints,

*Have mercy upon us.*

Be merciful to us, O Jesus.

*And spare us, Good Lord.*

Be merciful to us, O Jesus.

*And graciously hear us.*

From all sin,

*(Here, and after each of the  
following Deprecations, shall be  
said, Jesus, deliver us.)*

From Thy Wrath,  
 From the snares of the devil,  
 From the sins of the flesh,  
 From death eternal,  
 From neglect of Thy inspirations,  
 By the Mystery of Thy Holy Incarnation,  
 By Thy sinless Birth,  
 By Thy lowly Childhood,  
 By Thy most divine life and labours,  
 By Thine Agony and bloody Sweat,  
 By Thy Cross and Passion,  
 By Thy pains and sorrows,  
 By Thy Death and Burial,  
 By Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension,  
 By Thy joys and heavenly glory,  
*Jesus, deliver us.*  
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*O Jesus, spare us.*  
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*O Jesus, hear us.*  
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*O Jesus, have mercy upon us.*  
 O Jesus, hear us.  
*O Jesus, graciously hear us.*  
 Let us pray.  
 Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

We will give thanks unto Thee  
 O Lord. *And call upon Thy Name.*

Our delight shall be daily in Thy Name. *And in Thy righteousness will we make our boast.*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord. *Who hath made heaven and earth.*

O praise the Lord with me. *And let us magnify his Name together.*

Rejoice in His Holy Name. *Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.*

I will be glad and rejoice in

Thee. *My songs will I make of Thy Name, O Most Highest.*

Blessed be the Name of the Lord. *From this time forth for evermore.*

*Prayer.* O God, Who hast made the most glorious Name of Thine Only-Begotten Son JESUS CHRIST our Lord to be most precious and beloved to all believers, and terrible to all evil spirits: Mercifully grant that we who now on earth devoutly love and honour the Holy Name of JESUS, may both enjoy the sweetness of His holy Comfort in this present life, and also may attain to everlasting joy and gladness in that which is to come. Through the same Thy Son JESUS CHRIST our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

*Or this.*

O God, Who didst ordain Thine Only-Begotten Son to be the SAVIOUR of mankind, and didst command that His Name should be called JESUS: Mercifully grant that as we do love and honour His Holy Name on earth, so we may evermore enjoy the Vision of Him in Heaven. Through the Same Thy Son JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Prayer of St. Bernardine.*

*O Bone Jesu.*

O GOOD JESUS, O SWEET JESUS, O JESUS, Son of the pure Virgin Mary, and full of mercy and truth; O SWEET JESUS, have mercy upon me according to Thy great mercy.

O GRACIOUS JESUS, I pray Thee by Thy precious Blood, which for us miserable sinners Thou didst vouchsafe to shed upon the Altar of the Cross, cast away all mine iniquities, and despise not me who humbly entreat Thee, and call upon this Thy most holy Name of JESUS.



Thy Name of JESUS is a sweet Name: Thy Name of JESUS is a saving Name. For what does JESUS mean but SAVIOUR.

O Good JESUS, Who didst create me, and with Thy precious Blood didst redeem me, suffer not me to be condemned, Whom Thou didst make of nothing.

O Good JESUS, let not my wickedness destroy me, whom Thine Almighty Goodness made and formed.

O Good JESUS, acknowledge what is Thine in me, and take away from me all that is not Thine.

O Good JESUS, have mercy upon me whilst it is the time of mercy, and destroy me not in the time of Thy fearful judgement.

O Good JESUS, although I, a miserable sinner, have deserved of Thy strict justice eternal punishment for my most grievous sins, yet I appeal from Thy strict justice to Thine unspeakable mercy; and pray Thee to have mercy upon me, as a loving Father and merciful Lord.

O Good JESUS, what profit is

there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? For the dead praise not Thee, O Lord; neither all they that go down into silence.

O most merciful JESUS, have mercy on me. O most sweet JESUS, deliver Thou me. O most loving JESUS, be merciful to me a sinner. O JESUS, admit me, a miserable sinner, into the number of Thine Elect. O JESUS, the Salvation of them that believe in Thee, have mercy upon me.

O JESUS, the sweet remission of all my sins, O JESUS, Son of the pure Virgin Mary, pour into me Thy grace, wisdom, charity, chastity, and humility, and in all mine adversities, holy patience, that I may be able to love Thee perfectly, and in Thee to make my boast, and to find my chief delight in Thee for ever and for evermore. Amen.

*This Prayer is found in the English Primers, both before and after the Reformation. See "Private Prayers," published by Parker Society. Pages 108. 202.*

## The Golden Litany of the Life and Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*(From the ancient English 'Goolden Letanye,' given in Maskell's Monumenta Ritualia, vol. 2. p. 244.)*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us, and grant us strength of soul inward and outward, that we may serve Thee to the pleasure of Thy Will.*

Lord God, Father of Heaven,  
By Thy heavenly power, have mercy upon us.

O Son of God, Redeemer of the world,

*Have mercy upon us.*

O Holy Ghost, One God with the Father and the Son,

*Have mercy upon us.*

O Lord God, by Thine Uncreate and Undivided Trinity,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

By Thy Divine Being and Nature,

*(And after each of these Invocations shall be said, Lord, have mercy upon us.)*

By Thine Infinite Glory and Beauty,

By Thy Self, and all goodness that Thou beholdest in Thy Self,

By Thy Creation of Heaven

and Earth, and all things that be in them,

By Thy goodness in Thy Creation of Man in Thine own Image and Likeness,

By That great love wherein Thou didst predestinate to restore Man that fell,

*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Son, By that unspeakable love whereby Thou chosest Mary most pure Virgin to be Thy Mother,

By That meek affection and love that drew Thee from the Bosom of the Father unto the womb of the Virgin,

By the humility of Thy high Majesty which disdained not to descend into the womb of the Virgin, and willingly to take the frailty of man, for our sins,

For Thy holy Nativity, whereby Thou vouchsafedst to be born of a woman,

By that cold crib Thou layest in, wrapped in poor clothes, and fed with maiden's milk,

By the great joy of the Shepherds that worshipped Thee lying in the crib,

For Thy painful Circumcision, and shedding of Thy precious Blood, and by the Virtue of Thy holy Name JESUS, and all Thy blessed Names,

For the blessed oblation of Thyself to Thy Father in the Temple,

For Thy Flight into Egypt, and all Thou sufferedst there with Thy blessed Mother,

For Thy coming again from Egypt to Nazareth, and Thy obedient subjection to Thy Father and Mother,

For Thy lowly and meek conversation for three and thirty years here on earth,

For Thy most holy meditations, and words and works of mercy,

For Thy holy Baptism and the glorious manifestation of the Holy Trinity,

For Thy holy Fasting, Contemplation, and Temptation in the wilderness.

For the thirst, hunger, cold, and heat, which Thou sufferedst in this vale of misery,

For Thy heaviness, labour, and weariness,

For the detraction and evil words wherewith Thine enemies backbited Thee,

For Thy watching and praying, For Thy wholesome doctrine, and Thy mighty resistance whereby Thou gavest no place to Thine enemies,

For the wonderful signs and miracles which Thou wroughtest,

For Thy holy tears, and lowly entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday,

By that fervent and charitable desire that Thou hadst to redeem us,

By that great lowliness that Thou shewedst in washing the feet of Thy disciples, and of Judas that betrayed Thee,

For Thy most noble and worthy institution of the Sacrament of Thy most precious Body and Blood,

For the profound love whereby Thou sufferedst Saint John the Evangelist to rest upon Thy Breast at Thy Supper

For the peace which Thou gavest to Thy disciples,

For Thy holy words and sermons,

For the great inward heaviness which Thou hadst when Thou prayedst to Thy Father in the Garden beside the Mount of Olivet,

By the virtue of Thy holy prayer that Thou prayedst there three times,

For Thy fearful dread of Thy death,

For the Agony and Bloody Sweat wherein Thou offeredst Thyself willingly to death in

obedience to Thine Almighty Father,

By Thy great meekness in being comforted by an Angel, so comfort me in every time, and have mercy upon us,

By Thy mighty and victorious courage when Thou wentest to meet them that sought to kill Thee,

By Thy fearful taking, when the Jews laid violently their hands upon Thee.

For Thy great goodness, that Thou refusedst not the kiss of Judas, Thy Betrayer, and didst heal the ear of Malchus that Peter smote off,

For the holy bonds that Thou wert bound with, and led as a prisoner: and the opprobrious words that Thou sufferedst all that night,

For the buffet that Thou sufferedst in the presence of Annas the High Priest, and other shame done to Thee,

For that love and charity that Thou hadst when Thou wert brought bound before Caiaphas the High Priest,

By the false witness and Thine unrighteous condemnation,

By the spitting on Thee, and the scorning of Thee,

By the buffets and sore strokes given to Thee,

By the binding and blind-folding of Thine holy eyes, and the shame and reproof that Thou sufferedst all that night,

For that merciful look wherewith Thou beheldest Peter, and for all the secret and unknown labour and torment that Thou sufferedst all that night,

By Thy presentation before Pilate, and the accusations that the Jews made against Thee,

For the contempt and mockery that Thou sufferedst of Herod, when he arrayed Thee in a gorgeous robe, and sent Thee again to Pilate,

For all the shame, labour, upbraiding, and reproof that Thou sufferedst going from one judge to another,

For Thy great patience and stillness,

For the shameful plucking off of Thy clothes, and the binding of Thy most holy Body to a pillar,

For Thy scourgings and cruel beatings,

For Thy innumerable wounds, and the plenteous shedding of Thy Blood,

For all Thy pain, sorrow, cold, and shivering,

For the purple garment, and the crown of thorns violently pressed on Thy head,

For the great ache that Thou didst suffer in Thy Head, when, being crowned with thorns, Thou wast smitten with the reed,

By the scornful worshipping of the Jews when they saluted Thee and said, Hail, King of the Jews,

By the spitting on Thy divine Face, and cruel beatings,

For that heaviness of heart that Thou hadst, when Pilate brought Thee forth before the multitude of the people, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, and said to them, Behold the man,

For that fearful sentence of death, and shameful leading to the Mount of Calvary,

For Thy great love shewed to us when Thou borest Thy heavy Cross upon Thy shoulders, to the place where Thou sufferedst Thy most painful Passion; and the labour, anguish, slanders, and beatings that Thou didst suffer by the way,

For all Thy bloody steps that Thou madest going to Thy death,

By the plucking off of Thy clothes to Thy shame, and the cold sitting that Thou satest, piteously full of wounds, so abiding until Thy Cross was ready,

By the nailing of Thy Hands, and shedding of Thy precious Blood, cleanse us, Lord, from all sin, and save us,

*Have mercy upon us.*

For the nailing of Thy most holy Feet, and by the precious Blood flowing out of them, purge us, enlighten us, and reconcile us to God the Father,

*Have mercy upon us.*

For the lifting up of Thy most holy Body on the Cross, and the sore bruising thereof, that gave to all parts of Thy Body an incredible pain,

For the heaviness of Thy heart and all the powers of Thy soul, save and deliver us,

For the parting of Thy clothes, and the casting lots upon Thy seamless coat,

For Thy great love whereby Thou hangedst upon the Cross three hours alive,

For those opprobrious and scornful words, which, hanging on the Cross, Thou hearest spoken unto Thee,

For the blaspheming, sorrow, and confusion, that Thou sufferedst on the Cross,

For all the pain that, being strained upon the Cross, Thou sufferedst in Thy Hands and Feet, and all Thy members,

For Thy wonderful charity when Thou prayedst Thine Almighty Father for Thine enemies,

For Thy great mercy in that Thou promisedst Paradise to the penitent thief,

For the tender and provident care that Thou hadst to Thy Mother in Thy torments, commending her to Thy well-beloved disciple John,

For that great and piteous cry that Thou madest to Thy Father,

For the holy tears Thou didst shed upon the Cross, and in all Thy life-time,

For Thy thirst and tasting of gall and vinegar, grant us to taste the sweetness of Thy spirit, and  
*Have mercy upon us.*

For all the holy words that Thou spakest on the Cross, and in all Thy life,

For that piteous cry in the which Thou commendedst Thy soul to Thy Father, our souls be commended to Thee, and

*Have mercy upon us.*

By the departing of Thy holy Soul from Thy blessed Body,

By the resting of Thy most blessed Head upon Thy Breast, incline, most sweet Jesu, to us, and

*Have mercy upon us.*

By the bitterness of Thy death, and the intolerable pains wherewith Thy Heart brake,

By the opening of Thy Side with a spear, and the flowing out of Thy most precious Blood, smite through, good Lord, my heart, with the spear of Thy divine Love, and

*Have mercy upon us.*

By that precious Blood and Water that rained out of Thy most holy Heart, wash and cleanse us in the same most holy water and blood from all our sins, and

*Have mercy upon us.*

By the descending of Thy holy soul to hell,

For the taking down of Thy most holy Body from the Cross, and the solemn burial thereof, and the great lamentation of Thy blessed Mother, Saint Mary Magdalene, and other Thy friends,

For all Thy painful labours, weariness, sorrow, and heaviness, which Thou sufferedst from the day of Thy nativity unto the hour that Thy Soul departed from Thy Body,

For Thy glorious Resurrection in Body and Soul,

For that special grace when Thou didst appear in a glorious

Body after Thy Resurrection to Mary Magdalene and the other women, and to Thy disciples,

For Thy wonderful and glorious Ascension, comfort us, good Lord, in all necessities, and

*Have mercy upon us.*

For Thy divine sending of the Holy Ghost the Comforter to Thy disciples, comfort us, sanctify us, and strengthen us, in Faith, Hope, and Charity; and

*Have mercy upon us.*

For Thy Glory, and the Divine Majesty and virtues of Thy holy Name, save us, and govern us,

now and ever: and

*Have mercy upon us.*

For the love that dwelt both in Thy Godhead and Manhood,

For that joy whereby Thou hast fruition in Thyself,

For Thyself, and all goodness and merits that Thou beholdest in Thyself, succour us, most sweet Jesu, in that fearful day of Thy strict judgement, and grant us in this transitory life all things necessary to the health of body and soul, and after this life to live with Thee in joy everlasting. Amen.

### The Litany of the Passion.

*(From the Paradisus Animæ.)*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

O God the Father, of heaven,

*(And after each of the following Invocations shall be said, Have mercy upon us.)*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

O God the Holy Ghost,

O Holy Trinity, One God,

Jesus, the Eternal Wisdom,

Jesus, conversing with men,

Jesus, hated by the world,

Jesus, meek King entering Jerusalem.

Jesus, zealous for God's house against the buyers and sellers,

Jesus, sold for thirty pieces of silver,

Jesus, bent to wash Thy disciples' feet,

Jesus, Who didst keep the Passover with Thy disciples,

Jesus, Who gavest us Thy Body for food, Thy Blood for drink,

Jesus, prostrated in prayer,

Jesus, in Agony bathed in Bloody Sweat,

Jesus, strengthened by an Angel.

Jesus, betrayed by Judas with a kiss,

Jesus, bound roughly by the servants,

Jesus, forsaken by Thy disciples.

Jesus, taken before Annas and Caiaphas,

Jesus, accused by false witnesses,

Jesus, judged worthy of death,

Jesus, blindfolded, buffeted, and spit upon,

Jesus, Who gavest Thy Body to the smiters, Thy cheeks to them that plucked off the hair,

Jesus, thrice denied by Peter,

Jesus, delivered bound to Pilate,

Jesus, mocked and set at nought by Herod,

Jesus, rejected for Barabbas,

Jesus, cruelly torn with scourging,

Jesus, bruised for our iniquities,

Jesus, clad in a purple robe,

Jesus, crowned with thorns,

Jesus, mocked with a reed for a sceptre,

Jesus, demanded for crucifixion

by the Jews,

Jesus, condemned to a most ignominious death,

Jesus, delivered to the will of  
Thine enemies,

Jesus, overladen with the heavy  
Cross,

Jesus, led as a sheep to the  
slaughter,

Jesus, presented with wine and  
gall,

Jesus, stripped of Thy gar-  
ments,

Jesus, nailed naked to the  
Cross,

Jesus, Who lovedst us and  
washedst us from our sins in Thine  
own Blood.

Jesus, Who for the joy set before  
Thee enduredst the Cross, despising  
the shame,

Jesus, Who gavest Thyself for  
us an offering of a sacrifice to  
God for a sweet-smelling savour,

Jesus, reckoned among trans-  
gressors,

Jesus, crucified between two  
thieves,

Jesus, distinguished by Pilate  
with a royal superscription on the  
Cross,

Jesus, Intercessor with the  
Father for Thine enemies,

Jesus, made a scorn of men,

Jesus, blasphemed and scoffed  
at by the passers-by,

Jesus, derided by the Jews,

Jesus, mocked by the soldiers  
on the Cross,

Jesus, reviled by the robber,

Jesus, Promiser of Paradise to  
the penitent thief,

Jesus, Who commendedst John  
to Thy Mother for a Son,

Jesus, Who saidst, *Why hast  
Thou forsaken Me?*

Jesus, presented with vinegar  
in Thy thirst,

Jesus, Who declaredst that all  
things written of Thee were ac-  
complished on the Cross,

Jesus, Who in dying commend-  
edst Thy Spirit to Thy Father,

Jesus, made obedient even to  
the death of the Cross,

Jesus, pierced by the lance,

Jesus, from Whose Side came  
Water and Blood,

Jesus, Who didst bear our sins  
in Thine own Body on the tree,

Jesus, by Whose stripes we are  
healed,

Jesus, made a Propitiation for  
us,

Jesus, taken down from the  
Cross,

Jesus, wrapped in clean linen,

Jesus, laid in the new sepulchre,

Jesus, Who after death descend-  
edst into hell,

Jesus, Who didst die for our  
sins, and rise again for our justi-  
fication,

Jesus, exalted into heaven,  
Jesus, placed with the Father  
at His right hand,

Jesus, crowned with glory and  
honour,

Jesus, King of kings and Lord  
of lords,

Jesus, Who hast prepared for  
us a place in Thy Father's house,

Jesus, our Advocate with the  
Father,

Jesus, Who pouredst the Holy  
Ghost, the Comforter, on the  
disciples,

Jesus, Who shalt judge the  
quick and dead,

Jesus, Who shalt drive the re-  
probate into endless fire,

Jesus, Who shalt bestow on the  
elect the kingdom prepared for  
them,

*Have mercy upon us.*  
(*And after each of the following  
Deprecations shall he said, Jesus,  
deliver us.*)

From all evil,  
From sudden and unprovided  
death,

From the snares of the devil,  
From anger, hatred, and all  
evil will

From everlasting death,  
By the mystery of Thy holy  
Incarnation,

By Thine Advent,  
By Thy Nativity,

By Thy Circumcision,  
By Thy receiving of Thy all-  
holy Name,

By Thy Baptism and holy Fast-  
ing,

By Thy labours and Watchings,  
By Thine Agony and Bloody  
Sweat,

By Thy buffeting and stripes,  
By Thy Crown of Thorns,  
By Thy Cross and Passion,  
By Thy thirst, tears, and naked-  
ness,

By Thy five most sacred  
wounds,

By Thy Death and Burial,  
By Thy holy Resurrection,  
By Thine admirable Ascension,  
By the sending of the Holy  
Ghost, the Comforter,

In the hour of death,  
In the day of Judgment,  
We sinners do beseech Thee to  
hear us, O Lord Jesus.

(*And after each of the following  
Supplications shall be said, Grant  
us, Good Lord.*)

That being dead unto sin, we  
may live unto righteousness,

That we delight not in glorying,  
save in the Cross of our Lord  
Jesus Christ,

That for love of Thee the world  
may be crucified unto us, and we  
unto the world,

That we continually carry  
about in the body the mortification  
of the Cross,

That we study to crucify the  
flesh with its affections and lusts,

That as Thou hast suffered for  
us in the flesh, we may be armed  
likewise with the same mind,

That we may be able to take  
up our cross daily and follow  
Thee,

That what is gain to us we may  
count as loss for Thee,

That we strive above all things  
to know Jesus crucified,

That Thy Blood may cleanse  
us from dead works to serve the  
living God,

That, being bought at a great  
price, we may glorify God in our  
body,

That, being dead unto sin and  
buried with Thee, we may walk  
henceforth with Thee in newness  
of life,

That, once cleansed from dead  
works, we beware lest we crucify  
Thee, the Son of God, again, and  
put Thee to an open shame,

That ever looking to the En-  
sample left us by Thee, we may  
follow Thy steps,

That as we are partakers of the  
sufferings, we may be also of the  
consolation,

*Grant us, Good Lord.*

O Lamb of God, That takest  
away the sins of the world, *Spare  
us, Good Lord.*

O Lamb of God, That takest  
away the sins of the world, *Hear  
us, Good Lord.*

O Lamb of God, That takest  
away the sins of the world, *Have  
mercy upon us.*

O Christ, hear us.

*O Christ hear us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

We worship Thee, O Christ, and  
honour Thee. *For by Thy holy  
Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.*

*Prayer.* O God, Who to redeem  
the world didst condescend to be  
born and circumcised, to labour  
with Thine Hands, to suffer hunger,  
thirst, and weariness, to fast, and  
to be tempted, to teach, and to  
work miracles, to be rejected by  
the Jews, betrayed by a kiss from  
Judas, and forsaken of all Thy  
friends; to be bound, led like a  
lamb to the slaughter, and carried  
ignominiously before Annas and  
Caiaphas and Pilate and Herod:  
to be falsely accused, beaten with  
rods, blindfolded, crowned with  
thorns, mocked and spit upon:  
to be nailed to a cross in company

with malefactors, to suffer bitter agony, to die, and to be pierced with a lance, to be laid in the grave, whilst Thy soul departed into the place of spirits : O Lord, by all these sacred sorrows, which, unworthy as we are, we hold in veneration, deliver us, we beseech Thee, by Thy most holy Cross and Death, from eternal woe, and vouchsafe to conduct us to the

Paradise of bliss as Thou didst the penitent thief. For Thy tender mercy's sake, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen. S.P.\**

*Blessing.* ✠ The glorious Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ deliver us from sorrowful heaviness, and bring us to the joys of Paradise. *Amen. S.B.*

### The Litany of the Resurrection.

(To be said during Easter-Tide.)

#### HYMN.

Christ the Lord is risen again ;  
Christ hath broken every chain ;  
Hark, angelic voices cry,  
Singing evermore on high,  
Alleluia !

He Who gave for us His life,  
Who for us endured the strife,  
Is our Paschal Lamb to-day ;  
We too sing for joy, and say  
Alleluia !

He Who bore all pain and loss  
Comfortless upon the cross  
Lives in glory now on high,  
Pleads for us and hears our cry ;  
Alleluia !

He Who slumbered in the grave,  
Is exalted now to save ;  
Now through Christendom it rings  
That the Lamb is King of kings.  
Alleluia !

Now He bids us tell abroad  
How the lost may be restored,  
How the penitent forgiven,  
How we too may enter heaven.  
Alleluia !

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,  
Christ, Thy ransomed people feed ;  
Take our sins and guilt away,  
Let us sing by night and day.  
Alleluia ! Amen.

#### LITANY.

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*O Christ, hear us.*

O God the Father, of Heaven,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

(And after each of the following  
Invocations shall be said, Have  
mercy upon us.)

O God the Son, Redeemer of  
the world,

O God the Holy Ghost, the  
Comforter,

O Holy Trinity, Three Persons  
and One God,

Jesus, our Paschal Lamb, Who  
wast offered for us, and hast  
taken away the sins of the world,

Jesus, Who by Thy Death hast  
destroyed death, and by Thy  
rising to life again hast restored  
to us Everlasting Life,

Jesus, The First-fruits of them  
that slept, over Whom death hath  
no more dominion,

Jesus, The Second Adam, by  
Whom came the Resurrection  
from the dead,

Jesus, Who art Thyself the  
Resurrection and the Life,

Jesus, Who laidest down Thy  
life for Thy sheep,

Jesus, Who broughtest life and  
immortality to light,

Jesus, declared to be the Son  
of God with power,

Jesus, the First-begotten of  
the dead, and the Prince of the  
Kings of the earth,

Jesus, the First and the Last,



That livest and wast dead, and  
art alive for evermore,

Jesus, the Lamb that wast slain,  
and hast redeemed us to God by  
Thy Blood,

Jesus, Who didst rise very  
early in the morning on the First  
day of the week,

Jesus, Who didst appear to  
Mary Magdalene while it was yet  
dark,

Jesus, Who didst send Thy  
Angels to tell the women that  
Thou wast risen, as Thou hadst said.

Jesus, Who didst suffer Thyself  
to be seen of the women, and to  
be worshipped by them,

Jesus, Who didst appear unto  
the two disciples on the way to  
Emmaus, and wast known of them  
in the breaking of bread,

Jesus, Who didst appear to  
the Eleven, saying, Peace be  
unto you, and didst open their  
understanding, that they might  
understand the Scriptures,

Jesus, Who didst breathe upon  
Thine Apostles, that they might  
receive the Holy Ghost,

Jesus, Who didst confirm the  
faith of Thomas, by shewing unto  
him Thy Hands and Thy Feet,

Jesus, Who didst shew Thyself  
again to Thy disciples at the  
Sea of Tiberias, and didst com-  
mission Peter to feed Thy lambs  
and Thy sheep,

Jesus, Who didst converse with  
Thy disciples upon a mountain  
in Galilee,

Jesus, Who wast seen of above  
five hundred brethren at once,

Jesus, Who by many infallible  
proofs didst shew Thyself alive  
after Thy Passion,

Jesus, Who didst converse with  
Thine Apostles, who did eat and  
drink with Thee after Thou didst  
rise from the dead, and to whom  
Thou spakest of the things per-  
taining to the Kingdom of God,

Jesus, Who didst commission  
Thine Apostles to teach all na-

tions, to baptize and to absolvē, to  
celebrate Thy Holy Supper, and  
to preach the Gospel to every  
creature,

*Have mercy upon us.*

By Thy glorious Resurrection,  
*Good Lord, deliver us,*

By Thy Victory over death,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By the Glorification of Thy  
Risen Body,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners do beseech Thee to  
hear us, O Lord Jesus, that we,  
who in baptism are buried and  
risen again with Thee, may put  
off the old man with his deeds,  
and die no more in sin,

*Grant us, good Lord.*

*(And after each of the following  
Supplications shall be said, Grant  
us, Good Lord.)*

That we may put on the new  
man, which after God is created  
in righteousness and true holiness,

That like as Thou wast raised  
up from the dead by the glory of  
the Father, even so we also should  
walk in newness of life,

That we may reckon ourselves  
to be dead indeed unto sin, but  
alive unto God through Thee  
Who art our Lord,

That we may not henceforth  
live unto ourselves, but unto Thee,  
Who diedst for us and didst rise  
again,

That we may walk in the Spirit,  
and may crucify the flesh with  
its passions and lusts,

That we may walk in love as  
Thou lovedst us, Who gavest  
Thyself for us, an Offering and a  
Sacrifice to God, for a sweet-  
smelling Savour,

That, being risen with Thee,  
we may seek those things which  
are above, where Thou sittest at  
the Right Hand of God,

That we may set our affection:  
on things above, not on things on  
the earth,

That, earnestly believing in

Thy Resurrection and triumph over death, we may fear not ourselves to die when Thou shalt call us,

That when we are absent from the body we may be present in Paradise with Thee,

That we, with all Thy faithful departed, may speedily have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul,

That we, in the Last Day, being set at Thy Right Hand, may behold Thy Face with joy,

That we may hear those words of joy: Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the Kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world,

That Thou wouldest change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto Thy glorious Body,

That, according as Thou prayest, we may be for ever with Thee where Thou art, and may behold Thy glory which God hath given Thee,

That we, seeing Thee as Thou art, may be made like Thee, and equal unto the Angels, as Thou didst promise,

That we may dwell with Thee for ever in the new Heaven and Earth, in Thy Holy City, the New Jerusalem,

*Grant us, good Lord,*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*O Jesus, spare us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*O Jesus, hear us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*O Jesus, have mercy upon us.*

*O Jesus, hear us.*

*O Jesus, graciously hear us.*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

The Lord is risen from the grave. Alleluia. *Who suffered death, mankind to save. Alleluia.*

*Prayer.* O God, Who by the Passion of Thy Christ our Lord, didst destroy that inheritance of death, derived from the ancient sin, whereto the whole race of mankind had succeeded: Grant us so to be made like unto Him, that as we have borne the image of the earthy by the necessity of nature, so by the sanctification of grace we may bear the Image of the Heavenly, even the Same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen. Gr.*

O God, Who makest us glad by the yearly Festival of the Resurrection of the Lord: Mercifully grant that we, who now do celebrate these joyous holy days on earth, may attain hereafter to Eternal joys in Heaven. Through the Same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Gr.*

O God, Who by the lowliness of Thy Son hast raised a fallen world: Grant to Thy faithful people perpetual gladness; and as Thou hast delivered them from eternal death, so do Thou make them partakers of Everlasting joys. Through the Same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. G.*

*Blessing.* The God of Peace, That brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, That Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the Blood of the Everlasting Covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do His Will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Litany of the Ascension.

(To be said during Ascension Tide.)

### HYMN.

*Eterne Rex Altissime.*

O Lord most High, Eternal King,  
By Thee redeemed Thy praise we  
sing: The bonds of death are  
burst by Thee, And Grace has  
won the victory.

Ascending to the Father's throne,  
Thou claim'st the kingdom as  
Thine own; Thy days of mortal  
weakness o'er, All power is Thine  
for evermore.

To Thee the whole creation now  
Shall, in its threefold order, bow,  
Of things on earth, and things on  
high, And things that underneath  
us lie.

In awe and wonder angels see  
How changed is man's estate by  
Thee, How flesh makes pure as  
flesh did stain, And Thou, True  
God, in Flesh dost reign.

Be Thou our Joy, O mighty Lord,  
As Thou wilt be our great Reward;  
Let all our glory be in Thee  
Both now and through eternity.

All praise from every heart and  
tongue To Thee, ascended Lord,  
be sung; All praise to God the  
Father be, And Holy Ghost,  
eternally. Amen.

### LITANY.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*O Christ, hear us.*

O God the Father, of Heaven,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

(*And after the following Invoca-  
tions shall be said, Have mercy  
upon us.*)

O God the Son, Redeemer of  
the world,

O God the Holy Ghost, the  
Comforter,

O Holy Trinity, Three Persons,  
and one God,

*Have mercy upon us.*

Jesus, King of Glory, Who,  
leading out Thy disciples as far  
as to Bethany, didst, in their sight,  
ascend up into Heaven,

Jesus, Lord and Christ,  
Jesus, Prince and Saviour,  
Jesus, the King of Kings and  
Lord of Lords,

Jesus, Who didst ascend up  
far above all Heavens, that Thou  
mightest fill all things, and be  
Head over all things to Thy Church,

Jesus, Who didst ascend up unto  
Thy Father and our Father, unto  
Thy God and our God.

Jesus, Who leddest captivity  
captive, and gavest gifts unto  
men,

Jesus, Who art by the Right  
Hand of God exalted far above  
all principality and power, and  
every name that is named,

Jesus, at Whose Name every  
knee must bow,

Jesus, Who art seated in glory  
at the Right Hand of the Father,  
Jesus, unto Whom all power is  
given in Heaven and in earth,

Jesus, Who in Thy sacred  
Manhood art crowned with glory  
and honour at the Right Hand of  
the Majesty on high,

Jesus, Who must reign until  
Thou hast put all enemies under  
Thy Feet, and of Whose Kingdom  
there shall be no end,

Jesus, Who art adored by all  
the Angels of God,

Jesus, Who art anointed with  
the oil of gladness above Thy  
fellows,

Jesus, Who art the happiness  
of the Blessed, and Whose Pre-  
sence is Life,

Jesus, Who hast opened the  
Kingdom of Heaven to all be-  
lievers,

Jesus, our High-Priest for ever, the Mediator of the New Covenant, Who hast entered into the true Holy of Holies, even Heaven itself, for us,

Jesus, The Lamb slain from the Foundation of the world, Who art the One Propitiation for our sins for ever,

Jesus, Who ever livest to make intercession for us, pleading evermore Thy Precious Body and Blood before the Father for us, both openly on the one Altar in Heaven, and mystically on the many altars on earth,

Jesus, Who art able to save to the uttermost those that come unto God by Thee,

Jesus, Who didst send down Thy Holy Ghost on Thy disciples, and didst promise that whatsoever we asked in Thy Name Thou wouldest do it,

Jesus, Who art gone up into Heaven, and yet by the power of the Holy Ghost, art supernaturally present with us in the Sacrament of the Altar,

Jesus, Who art gone to prepare a place for us,

Jesus, Who wilt come again in glory to judge the world,

Jesus, Who wilt receive Thine own unto Thyself, that they may be with Thee where Thou art, and behold Thy glory,

*Have mercy upon us.*

By Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By Thine all-powerful Intercession,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By Thy triumphant Majesty and Power,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord Jesus, that we who are risen with Thee may set our affections on things above, not on things on the earth,

*Hear us, Good Lord.*

*(And after each of the following Supplications shall be said, Hear us, Good Lord.*

That we, whom Thou hast blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places may be holy and without blame before Thee in love,

That now, when the world seeth Thee no more, we may see Thee by faith, and live through Thee,

That, keeping Thy commandments, we may abide in Thy love,

That through the power of the Comforter Thou wouldest abide with us, and manifest Thyself to us,

That the Spirit of Truth may testify of Thee, and may take of Thine and shew it unto us,

That in Thy spiritual presence with us our heart may rejoice with the joy that no man taketh from us,

That in Thee we may have peace,

That in our tribulations which we have in the world we may be of good cheer, knowing that thou hast overcome the world,

That whilst we are in the world the Eternal Father may, through Thy prayer, preserve us from the evil, and sanctify us through his Word of Truth,

That, as Thou and the Father are One, so all Thy People may, inwardly and outwardly, be one in Thee,

That the world may believe that the Father sent Thee, and may know Thee and Thine Almighty love,

That Thou wouldest draw all men unto Thee,

That Thou wouldest pour down plenteously Thy Holy Ghost upon Thy Church,

That Thou wouldest quicken the whole Body of Thy Church by the power of Thy Holy Ghost,

That Thou wouldest especially endue the Clergy with the Spirit

of power, and love, and of a sound mind, and wouldest give them the graces of courage and faithfulness, and of fervent zeal,

That Thou wouldest increase the number of Thy Ministers, and wouldest stir up all Thy People to love and to good works,

That Thou wouldest preserve Thy Church from the powers of the world, and from all her enemies,

That Thou wouldest give to Thy Church purity, unity, liberty, and peace, and every needful means to do her proper work,

That Thou wouldest shortly accomplish the number of Thine Elect and hasten Thy Kingdom,

*Hear us, Good Lord.*

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,

*O Jesus, spare us.*

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,

*O Jesus, hear us.*

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,

*O Jesus, have mercy upon us.*

*O Jesus, hear us,*

*O Jesus, graciously hear us.*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

God is gone up with a merry noise. Alleluia! *And the Lord with the sound of the trump. Alleluia!*

*Prayer.* Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe Thy Only-Begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen. Gr.*

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications: and grant, that like as we do believe the Saviour of mankind to be seated with Thee in Thy Majesty, so we may feel that He abideth with us, according to His promise even unto the end of the world. Through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen. L.*

*Blessing.* May God, Whose most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord ascended up into heaven to prepare a place for us, grant unto us that we may also thither ascend where He is, and reign with Him in glory. *Amen.*

## The Litany of the Holy Ghost.

(To be said during Whitsun-Tide.)

### HYMN.

Come, gracious SPIRIT, heavenly Dove, With light and comfort from above: Be Thou our Guardian, Thou our Guide, O'er every thought and step preside.

The light of truth to us display, And make us know and choose Thy way; Plant holy fear in every heart, That we from Thee may ne'er depart.

Lead us to CHRIST, the living Way, Nor let us from His precepts

stray; Lead us to holiness, the road That we must take to dwell with GOD.

Lead us to heaven, that we may share Fulness of joy for ever there; Lead us to GOD, our final rest, To be with Him for ever blest. *Amen.*

### LITANY.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*O Holy Spirit, hear us.*

O God the Father, of Heaven,  
*Have mercy upon us.*  
 O God the Son, Redeemer of  
 the world,

*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Holy Ghost, the  
 Comforter,

*Have mercy upon us.*

O Holy Trinity, Three Persons  
 and One God,

*Have mercy upon us.*

O Holy Ghost, the Lord and  
 Life-Giver, Who at the Creation  
 didst move upon the face of the  
 waters,

*Have mercy upon us.*

(*And after each of the following  
 Invocations shall be said, Have  
 mercy upon us.*)

Spirit of Wisdom and Under-  
 standing,

Spirit of Counsel and Might,

Spirit of Knowledge, and of  
 the fear of the Lord,

Spirit of Truth, Whom the  
 world knoweth not, and cannot  
 receive,

Holy Spirit, by Whose inspira-  
 tion holy men of old were moved  
 to speak,

Holy Spirit, Who searchest all  
 things, even the deep things of  
 God,

Spirit of Seven-fold Grace,

Finger of God,

Promise of the Father,

Spirit of Power and of Love,

Spirit most merciful and long-  
 suffering, Who, amid all his wan-  
 derings, hast ever striven with  
 Thy creature man,

Power of the Highest, That  
 didst overshadow Mary,

Holy Spirit, by Whose quicken-  
 ing power the Blessed Virgin  
 did conceive the Saviour,

O Holy Ghost, by Whose  
 guidance Simeon and Anna came  
 into the Temple, that the Saints  
 of the old Covenant might ac-  
 knowledge the Son of the Virgin  
 to be the promised Messiah,

O Holy Ghost, by Whose inspi-

ration the mother of the Baptist  
 pronounced Mary to be the bless-  
 ed among women in JESUS the  
 fruit of her womb,

O Holy Ghost, by Whose inspi-  
 ration Zacharias blessed the Lord  
 God of Israel, for that, in the In-  
 carnation of the Only-Begotten,  
 He had visited and redeemed  
 His people,

O Holy Ghost, through Whom  
 the Holy Child JESUS waxed  
 strong in Spirit, and was filled  
 with wisdom,

O Holy Ghost, Who, descend-  
 ing upon JESUS at His Baptism,  
 wast given unto Him without  
 measure, so that the words He  
 spake are the words of God,

O Holy Ghost, in Whose power,  
 JESUS, after His Baptism, fulfilled  
 His earthly ministry, teaching  
 and working miracles, and preach-  
 ing the kingdom of God,

O Eternal Spirit, through  
 Whom JESUS, our Priest and  
 Victim, offered Himself without  
 spot to God,

O Comforter, proceeding from  
 the Father, and promised by the  
 Lord to His disciples in their  
 hour of sorrow,

O Holy Ghost, given to the  
 Apostles by the breath of Christ,

O Holy Ghost, Who on the  
 day of Pentecost didst descend  
 upon the Apostles in the likeness  
 of fiery tongues,

O Holy Ghost, Who didst en-  
 due the Apostles with wisdom  
 and with power to preach the  
 Gospel, and to found the Church,  
 and to ordain successors for its per-  
 petual government and extension,

O Holy Ghost, Who didst in-  
 spire the Apostles and Evange-  
 lists to write the Holy Books of  
 the New Testament for the com-  
 fort and edification of the Church  
 of Christ,

O Holy Ghost, the Lord and  
 Life-Giver of the new, as of the  
 old, Creation, Who by Thy Divine

Power dost quicken the whole Body of Christ,

O Holy Ghost, Who by Thy supernatural agency givest power and efficacy to all the ordinances of grace,

O Holy Ghost, Who, amid all diversities of gifts and ministrations, art the same God that workest all in all,

O Holy Ghost, Who in all ages hast comforted and strengthened Christ's Martyrs and Confessors, and enlightened with heavenly wisdom the holy doctors of the Church,

O Most Blessed Paraclete, Who hast ever been the sustaining Comfort and sweet Refreshment of the sorrowful and the suffering,

O Holy Ghost, Who sheddest abroad love, joy, and peace, in the hearts of the faithful and obedient followers of Christ,

O most gracious and long-suffering Spirit, Who, of Thine unspeakable mercy, seekest evermore to recall us from our backslidings, and to bring us back in penitence to God,

*Have mercy upon us.*

By Thy Life-Giving Power and and Might,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By Thine all-powerful Grace and Strength,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By Thy continual abiding in the Church,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Holy Ghost, that we, who of God's mercy have been made members of Christ, may be filled with all the fulness of Thy gifts of grace,

*Hear us, Good Lord.*

*(And after each of the following Supplications shall be said, Hear us, Good Lord.)*

That we may never do despite unto Thee, nor quench Thee by wilful continuance in sin,

That we may never resist Thy godly motions, but by Thy holy inspiration may think those things that be good, and by Thy merciful guiding may perform the same,

That we through the Spirit may mortify the deeds of the body, and, because we are Christ's, may crucify the flesh with its passions and lusts,

That remembering that our bodies are holy temples unto Thee, we take heed not to defile them,

That Thou wouldest graciously bear witness with our Spirits that we are the Sons of God, and wouldest help our infirmities, making intercession in us and for us for our deep unutterable needs,

That Thou wouldest endue us with spiritual discernment, revealing unto us the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him, that we may know the things that are freely given to us of God,

That through Thee we may always enjoy the full blessing of Christ's Sacramental Gifts, and in the worship of God may pray and sing with the spirit, and with the understanding also,

That we being led by the Spirit may live and walk in the Spirit, rightly using the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free,

That we may sow to the Spirit in this life, and hereafter of the Spirit reap life everlasting,

That as there is One Body and One Spirit, so the Church may be enabled to keep the Unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,

That Thou wouldest illuminate all the Ministers and Stewards of God's Mysteries with true knowledge and understanding of His Holy Word,

That Thou wouldest vouchsafe unto all God's people a right apprehension of Christian Truth, and

a brotherly love and affection towards one another,

That Thou wouldest take away from us all hatred and prejudice and whatsoever else doth hinder us from godly union and concord.

That Thou wouldest give unto us the grace of perseverance, that, being faithful unto the death, we may hereafter be glorified with Christ,

That Thou wouldest vouchsafe so to quicken the Church, that, growing to the full measure of the stature of Christ, it may speedily be manifested in glory, in the General Resurrection at the final Consummation of all things,

*Hear us, Good Lord.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*Pour forth Thy Holy Spirit upon us.*

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,

*Send forth on us the promised Spirit of the Father,*

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,

*Give unto us the Spirit of Peace.*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

O God, make clean our hearts within us. *And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.*

*Prayer.* Almighty God, unto Whom all hearts be 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. Gr.*

O Lord, we beseech Thee, let the Power of the Holy Ghost be with us, and both mercifully cleanse and purge our hearts, and defend us from all adversities. Through. *L.*

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that Thy Holy Spirit may remove all carnal affections from our minds, and mightily pour into us His spiritual gifts. Through. *Gr.*

O Lord, we beseech Thee, may the Comforter Who proceedeth from Thee illuminate our minds, and lead us, as Thy Son hath promised, into all Truth. Through. *G.*

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty and Merciful God, that the Holy Ghost may come upon us, and by His gracious in-dwelling may make us a Temple of His Glory. Through. *Gr.*

Let the Holy Ghost, O Lord, we beseech Thee, inflame us with that fire which our Lord Jesus Christ came to send upon the earth, and earnestly desired that it were already kindled.

Through the Same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Same Spirit, ever One God, world without end. *Amen. Gr.*

Console, O Jesus, the hearts of Thy faithful People, which are empty of good desires, by the gift of the Holy Ghost; and let that blessed Comforter with His abundant gifts, Whom Thou didst testify that the Father would send in Thy Name, deliver us, and teach us all things: That we, being sanctified and taught by Him, may both follow after Thy peace, and never more forsake our love to Thee. For Thy tender mercy's sake. *Amen. M.*

*Blessing.* God grant us, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith; that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, and may be filled with all the fulness of God. *Amen.*



## The Penitential Litany.

(To be said in personal humiliation for past sin. See p. 53.)

### HYMN.

O for a closer walk with God,  
A calm and heavenly frame!  
A light to shine upon the road  
That leads me to the Lamb!

What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!  
How sweet their memory still!  
But they have left an aching void  
The world can never fill.

Return, O holy Dove! return,  
Sweet messenger of rest!  
I hate the sins that made Thee mourn,  
And drove Thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known,  
Whate'er that idol be,  
Help me to tear it from Thy throne,  
And worship only Thee!

### LITANY.

Lord, have mercy upon me.

Christ, have mercy upon me.

Lord, have mercy upon me.

O God the Father, of Heaven,  
Have mercy upon me, a miserable sinner.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
Have mercy upon me, a miserable sinner.

O God the Holy Ghost, the Comforter,  
Have mercy upon me, a miserable sinner.

O Holy, Blessed, and Glorious Trinity,  
Three Persons and One God,  
Have mercy upon me, a miserable sinner.

Jesus, Son of the Living God.  
(Here, and after each of the following  
Invocations, may be said, Have  
mercy upon me, or Intercede for  
me.)

Jesus, Brightness of the Father's  
Glory,

Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,

Jesus, my Saviour,

Jesus, Meek and Lowly of heart,

Jesus, Lover of my soul,

Jesus, My Refuge,

Jesus, The Good Shepherd,  
Jesus, The Way, The Truth,  
and the Life,

Jesus, Our Great High Priest,

Jesus, Our Saving Victim,

Jesus, Our Advocate and Inter-  
cessor,

Jesus, The Propitiation for our  
sins,

Jesus, the Giver of Repentance,

Jesus, The Great Absolver,

Jesus, The Merciful Receiver of  
all true penitent sinners,

Jesus, Comforter of the sorrow-  
ful,

Jesus, Strength of the tempted,

Jesus, Joy of Angels,

Jesus, Crown and Reward of  
Saints,

Jesus, Future Judge of all,  
*Have mercy upon me, a miserable  
sinner.*

Remember not, Lord, my of-  
fences, neither take thou venge-  
ance of my sins: Spare me, Good  
Lord, spare Thy servant, whom  
Thou hast redeemed with Thy  
most precious Blood, and be not  
angry with me for ever.

Spare me, Good Lord,

From all evil, sin, and wicked-  
ness, and especially from my be-  
setting sin, *Good Lord, deliver me.*

(And after each of the following  
deprecations shall be said, Good  
Lord, deliver me.)

From Thy wrath, and from  
everlasting damnation,

From all blindness of heart,  
and self-deception,

From finding pleasure in that  
which displeaseth Thee,

From all sinful thoughts and  
unlawful desires,

From pride, vain glory, and  
hypocrisy,

From envy and uncharitable-  
ness,

From all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

From murmuring and discontent,

From hardness of heart and delay of repentance,

From any more wilfully offending Thee,

From any more carelessly neglecting Thee,

From loving anything more than Thee,

From all the sins of my past life,

From all that hinders my freely coming to Thee,

From all that hinders my union with Thee,

From all reserve in giving my heart to Thee,

From all that endangers my finally attaining to Thee, *Good Lord, deliver me.*

By Thy taking of our human flesh,

By Thy sinless Birth and lowly Childhood,

By Thy pure and holy Youth, and suffering Manhood,

By Thy Poverty and Tears,

By Thy Labours, Watchings, and Fastings,

By Thine Agony and Bloody Sweat,

By Thy Cross and Passion,

By Thy precious Death and Burial,

By Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension,

By Thy sending of Thy Holy Ghost,

*Good Lord, deliver me.*

In all time of my tribulation,

In all time of my wealth,

In the hour of death,

In the day of judgement,

*Good Lord, deliver me.*

A sinner, I beseech Thee to hear me, O Lord God,

That it may please Thee to keep me and strengthen me in Thy true Catholic Faith, and in righteousness and holiness of life,

*Hear me, Good Lord.*

(*And after each of the following Supplications shall be said, Hear me, Good Lord.*)

That it may please Thee to rule my heart in Thy faith, fear, and love, that I may evermore have full trust in Thee, and ever seek Thy honour and glory,

That it may please Thee to be my defender and keeper, giving me the victory over all mine enemies,

That it may please Thee to give me a heart to love and dread Thee, and diligently to live after Thy Commandments,

That it may please Thee to give to me and to all Thy people increase of grace, to hear meekly Thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

That it may please Thee to give me true repentance, to forgive me all my sins, negligences, and ignorances, and to endue me with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit to amend my life according to Thy Holy Word,

*I beseech Thee to hear me, Good Lord.*

Son of God, I beseech Thee to hear me.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world, *Grant me Thy peace.*

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy upon me.*

O Christ, hear me.

Lord, have mercy upon me.

Christ, have mercy upon me.

Lord, have mercy upon me.

Our Father.

O Lord, deal not with me after my sins. *Neither reward me after mine iniquities.*

*Prayer.* I humbly beseech Thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon my infirmities; and for the glory of Thy Name turn from me all those evils that I most righteously

have deserved; and grant, that in all my troubles I may put my whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy, and evermore serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, to Thy honour and glory. Through our only Mediator and Advocate. Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *P.B.*

*For a person troubled in conscience.*

O Blessed Lord, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comforts, I beseech Thee, look down in pity upon me Thy afflicted servant. Thou writest bitter things against me, and makest me to possess my former iniquities. Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and my soul is full of trouble. But, O merciful God, Who hast written Thy holy Word for our learning, that we, through patience and comfort of Thy Holy Scriptures might have hope, give me a right understanding of myself and of Thy threats and promises; that I may neither cast away any confidence in Thee, nor place it anywhere but in Thee. Give me strength against all my temptations, and heal all my distempers. Break not the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax. Shut not up Thy tender mercies in displeasure, but make me to hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice. Deliver me from fear of the enemy, and lift up the Light of Thy Countenance upon me, and give me peace. Through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Visitation Service.*)

*Prayer for forgiveness.*

O Most Mighty God, and Merciful Father, Who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made; Who wouldst not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin, and be saved: Mercifully forgive me my trespasses; receive

and comfort me, who am grieved and wearied with the burden of my sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to Thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare me therefore, Good Lord, spare Thy servant, whom Thou hast redeemed. Enter not into judgement with me Thy servant, who am vile earth, a miserable sinner; but so turn Thine anger from me, who meekly acknowledge my vileness, and truly repent me of my faults, and so make haste to help me in this world, that I may ever live with Thee in the world to come. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Commination Service.*)

*Renewal of Baptismal vows.*

O Lord, my God and heavenly Father, my Maker, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, earnestly longing for the help of Thy grace, I desire to renew all my vows to Thee, to renounce all that displeaseth Thee, and to walk more perfectly in newness of life.

I renounce the devil and all his works, and the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires, all sinful excesses in things lawful, and whatsoever may alienate my heart from Thee, or stand in competition with my duty to Thee, especially. . . .

Also I renounce all the sinful lusts of the flesh, with everything in thought, word, or deed, which displeaseth Thee, especially. . . .

From all which let it be Thy good pleasure to deliver me, and so turn the whole stream of my affections to the love of Thee, that Thy Will and Thy Love may be the sole rule and guide of my life, and I may love whatever Thou lovest, and hate whatever Thou hatest. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Bp. Ken.\**)

*For Grace.* O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept my

prayers; and because through the weakness of my mortal nature I can do no good thing without Thee, grant me the help of Thy grace, that in keeping of Thy Commandments I may please Thee both in will and deed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *P.B.*

Lord, I beseech Thee, grant Thy servant grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure heart and mind to follow Thee the Only God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *P.B.*

*For the gifts of the Holy Ghost.*

O God, forasmuch as without Thee I am not able to please Thee: Mercifully grant, that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule my heart. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *P.B.*

Strengthen me, I beseech Thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost the

Comforter, and daily increase in me Thy manifold gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength; the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill me, O Lord, with the spirit of Thy holy fear, now and for ever. Amen. (*Confirmation Service.*)

*For grace to persevere.*

Almighty and merciful God, of Whose only gift it cometh that Thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service: Grant, I beseech Thee, that I may so faithfully serve Thee in this life, that I fail not finally to attain Thy heavenly promises. Through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *P.B.*

*Blessing.* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with me now and evermore. Amen.

## The Office of Intercession for the Church.

### HYMN.

O Guardian of the Church Divine,  
The sevenfold gifts of grace are  
Thine, And kindled by Thy  
hidden fires The soul to highest  
aims aspires.

Thy Priests with wisdom, Lord,  
endue, Their hearts with love  
and zeal renew; Turn all their  
weakness into might, O Thou  
the source of life and light.

Spirit of truth, on us bestow  
The faith in all its power to know;  
That with the saints of ages gone,  
And those to come, we may be one.

Protect Thy Church from every  
foe, And peace, the fruit of love,  
bestow; Convert the world,  
make all confess The glories of  
Thy righteousness.

All praise to GOD the Father be,  
All praise, eternal SON, to Thee,  
Whom with the SPIRIT we adore  
For ever and for evermore. Amen.

¶ *And after the Hymn may be  
said, according to discretion, the  
Gradual or Penitential Psalms,  
see p. 53, or Psalms cxx.—cxxvii.  
(p. 55), with the following*

*Anthem.* Remember not, Lord,  
our offences, nor the offences of  
our forefathers; neither take  
Thou vengeance of our sins: spare  
us, Good Lord, spare Thy people,  
whom Thou hast redeemed with  
Thy most precious Blood, and be  
not angry with us for ever.

¶ *Or if, as in times of trouble,  
when the Church is assaulted  
and oppressed, the Office be said  
daily, the following sets of Psalms  
may be used according to the day  
of the week.*

*Anthem.* O pray for the peace

of Jerusalem: they shall prosper  
that love thee.

### On Sunday.

PSALM X.—*Ut quid, Domine?*

PSALM XI.—*In Domino confido.*

PSALM XII.—*Salvum me fac.*

PSALM XIII.—*Usque quo, Domine?*

### On Monday.

PSALM XXXV.—*Judica Domine.*

PSALM XXXVI.—*Dicit injustus.*

### On Tuesday.

PSALM XLIV.—*Deus, auribus.*

Ps. XLVI.—*Deus noster refugium.*

### On Wednesday.

PSALM LVI.—*Miserere mei, Deus.*

PSALM LVII.—*Miserere mei, Deus.*

### On Thursday.

PSALM LX.—*Deus, repulisti nos.*

PSALM LXI.—*Exaudi, Deus.*

PSALM LXII.—*Nonne Deo?*

### On Friday.

PSALM LXX.—*Deus in adiutorium.*

PSALM LXXIV.—*Ut quid, Deus.*

### On Saturday.

PSALM LXXX.

*Qui regis Israel.*

1. Hear, O Thou Shepherd of  
Israel, thou that ledest Joseph  
like a sheep: shew thyself also  
thou that sittest upon the cheru-  
bims.

2. Before Ephraim, Benjamin,  
and Manasses: stir up thy  
strength, and come, and help us.

3. Turn us again, O God: shew  
the light of thy countenance, and  
we shall be whole.

4. O Lord God of hosts: how

long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth.

5. Thou feedest them with the bread of tears : and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.

6. Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours : and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7. Turn us again, thou God of hosts : shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

8. Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt : thou hast cast out the heathen and planted it.

9. Thou madest room for it : and when it had taken root it filled the land.

10. The hills were covered with the shadow of it : and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedar-trees.

11. She stretched out her branches unto the sea : and her boughs unto the river.

12. Why hast thou then broken down her hedge : that all they that go by pluck off her grapes ?

13. The wild boar out of the wood doth root it up : and the wild beasts of the field devour it.

14. Turn thee again, thou God of hosts, look down from heaven : behold, and visit this vine ;

15. And the place of the vineyard that thy right hand hath planted : and the branch that thou madest so strong for thyself.

16. It is burnt with fire, and cut down : and they shall perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

17. Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand : and upon the son of man whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.

18. And so will not we go back from thee : O let us live, and we shall call upon thy Name.

19. Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts : shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

PSALM LXXXIII.

*Deus, quis similis.*

1. Hold not thy tongue, O God, keep not still silence : refrain not thyself, O God.

2. For lo, thine enemies make a murmuring : and they that hate thee have lift up their head.

3. They have imagined craftily against thy people : and taken counsel against thy secret ones.

4. They have said, Come, and let us root them out, that they be no more a people : and that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

5. For they have cast their heads together with one consent : and are confederate against thee.

6. The tabernacles of the Edomites, and the Ismaelites : the Moabites, and Hagarens :

7. Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek : the Philistines, with them that dwell at Tyre.

8. Assur also is joined with them : and have holpen the children of Lot.

9. But do thou to them as unto the Madianites : unto Sisera, and unto Jabin at the brook of Kison ;

10. Who perished at Endor : and became as the dung of the earth.

11. Make them and their princes like Oreb and Zeb : yea, make all their princes like as Zeba and Salmana ;

12. Who say, Let us take to ourselves : the houses of God in possession.

13. O my God, make them like unto a wheel : and as the stubble before the wind ;

14. Like as the fire that burneth up the wood : and as the flame that consumeth the mountains.

15. Persecute them even so with thy tempest : and make them afraid with thy storm.

16. Make their faces ashamed,

O Lord : that they may seek thy Name.

17. Let them be confounded and vexed ever more and more : let them be put to shame, and perish.

18. And they shall know that thou, whose Name is Jehovah : art only the most Highest over all the earth.

PSALM LXXXVI.

*Inclina, Domine.*

1. Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me : for I am poor, and in misery.

2. Preserve thou my soul, for I am holy : my God, save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee.

3. Be merciful unto me, O Lord : for I will call daily upon thee.

4. Comfort the soul of thy servant : for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

5. For thou, Lord, art good and gracious : and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

6. Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer : and ponder the voice of my humble desires.

7. In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee : for thou hearest me.

8. Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord : there is not one that can do as thou doest.

9. All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship thee, O Lord : and shall glorify thy Name.

10. For thou art great, and doest wondrous things : thou art God alone.

11. Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth : O knit my heart unto thee that I may fear thy Name.

12. I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart : and will praise thy Name for evermore.

13. For great is thy mercy toward me : and thou hast de-

livered my soul from the nethermost hell.

14. O God, the proud are risen against me : and the congregations of naughty men have sought after my soul, and have not set thee before their eyes.

15. But thou, O Lord God, art full of compassion and mercy : long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.

16. O turn thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me : give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the son of thine handmaid.

17. Shew some token upon me for good, that they who hate me may see it, and be ashamed : because thou, Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

*Anthem.* O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.

¶ *And after the recitation of the Psalms the Reader may read one or more of the following passages of Holy Scripture, according to his discretion, he first saying the chapter and verse in the usual way, and the rest answering : In God's Word will I rejoice : in the Lord's Word will I comfort me.*

EXODUS XVII. 8—18.

Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim. 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. 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. And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed : and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands were heavy ; and they took a stone, and put it un-

der 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. And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

## DEUTERONOMY XX. 1—4.

When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the Lord thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And it shall be, when ye are come nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people, and shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel, ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them; for the Lord your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

## DEUTERONOMY XXXIII. 25—29.

Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days so shall thy strength be.

There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky.

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them.

Israel then shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew.

Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of

thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.

## 2 SAMUEL VII. 18—29.

## ISAIAH XII.

ISAIAH XXV. XXVI. XXVII.

XXXV.

XLI. 8—20.

XLIII.

XLIX. 14—26.

LII. 1—12.

LIV.

LX.

LXII.

LXIII. 7. LXIV. 9.

JEREMIAH III. 12. IV. 4.

XXXI. 31—37.

XXXIII. 14—26.

EZEK. XXXVII. 15—28. (*Unity*.)

DANIEL IX. 3—19.

MICAH IV. V.

ZEPHANIAH III. 8—20.

ZECHARIAH VIII.

IX. 9. X. 12.

XII. 1—10.

ECCLESIASTICUS XXXVI. 1—17.

¶ *And at the end of the Lesson the Reader shall say, But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. And the rest shall answer, Thanks be to God.*

¶ *Then, the Reader first saying Let us pray, and all kneeling, may be said the following.*

## LITANY FOR THE CHURCH.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

O Jesus, hear us.

*O Jesus, graciously hear us.*

O God, the Father of Heaven,

*Have mercy upon Thy People, Thy Chosen.*

(*And after each of the following invocations shall be said, Have mercy upon Thy People, Thy Chosen.*)

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

O God the Holy Ghost,

O Holy Trinity, One God.



*Have mercy upon Thy People, Thy Chosen.*

O God, Eternal Father, Who didst choose the Church of Thine Elect before the foundation of the world,

O God, Who, on the Fall of Man, didst promise Redemption through Thine Only-Begotten Son, in Whose Incarnation Thou hast knit all things in Heaven and earth in one,

O God, Who after the Flood didst renew Thy Covenant with Noah, and afterwards didst call Thy servant Abraham to be the Father of the Faithful,

O God, Who broughtest Israel out of Egypt by a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm,

O God, Who leddest Thy people like sheep by the hand of Moses and Aaron,

O God, Who, smiting down their enemies before them, didst bring Thy people into the Promised Land by the hand of Joshua their Captain,

O God, Who, casting out the heathen before them, didst make the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents,

O God, Who in mercy didst chasten Thy people when they fell away from Thee,

O God, Who in mercy didst always hear and deliver them when they cried unto Thee in their affliction,

O God, Who didst think upon Thy covenant, and didst pity them, according to the multitude of Thy mercies,

O God, Who unto Thy servant David didst promise that Thou wouldest stablish his Kingdom for ever, and that Thy mercy should not depart from him,

O God, Who when the House of Israel had become idolatrous didst raise up Thy servant Elijah to revive Thy true religion,

O God, Who in the most evil

times didst evermore preserve unto Thyself a faithful remnant,

O God, Who didst comfort and enlighten Thy People by the mouth of Thy servants the Prophets,

O God, Who in the days of Hezekiah, and at other times, didst miraculously deliver Jerusalem from the hands of her enemies,

O God, Who in the days of their captivity didst comfort Judah with the promise of restoration,

O God, Who didst so order the affairs of this world as to bring about the Return of Thy People that they might rebuild Thy Holy Temple,

O God, Who in the fulness of time didst send Thy Son to be the Anointed Prophet, Priest and King of Thy People Israel,

O God, Who by the Cross didst bring both Jew and Gentile into Thy One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church,

*Have mercy upon Thy People, Thy Chosen.*

O Jesus, Who, building Thy Church on the Foundation of Thy Holy Apostles and Prophets in the glorious confession of Thy true Godhead, hast promised that the gates of hell shall never prevail against it,

*Have mercy upon Thy Holy Church.*

*(And after each of the following Invocations shall be said, Have mercy upon Thy Holy Church.)*

O Jesus, Who by the mouth of Paul vouchsafest to call Thy Church Thy Bride, bone of Thy Bone, and flesh of Thy Flesh,

O Jesus, Who vouchsafest to call Thy Church Thine own Body, the fulness of Thee Who fillest all in all,

O Jesus, Who lovedst Thy Church and gavest Thyself for it, that Thou mightest present it unto Thyself a glorious Church,

O Jesus, Who didst promise to

be with us always, even unto the end of the world,

O Jesus, our great High-Priest, Who ever livest to make intercession for us,

O Jesus, our King, to Whom is given all power in Heaven and in earth, Who rulest in all the kingdoms of the world, King of kings, and Lord of lords,

O Jesus, Whom blessed John saw in vision as Thou walkedst in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, guiding and ruling the Churches of Thy Saints,

O Jesus, Who in the last great Manifestation of Thyself wilt come to deliver Thy Church from the malice of her enemies, and to receive her unto Thyself for Thy Bride at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb,

O Jesus, Who in the prophetic revelation of the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, hast comforted us with the prospect of the promised glories of the Church Triumphant,

*Have mercy upon Thy Holy Church.*

By Thine Ascension into Heaven, and Enthronement at the Right Hand of God,

*Good Lord, deliver Thy Church.*

By Thine Almighty Intercession,

*Good Lord, deliver Thy Church.*

By Thy tender love, and the multitude of Thy mercies,

*Good Lord, deliver Thy Church.*

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord Jesus, That as Thou hast promised to avenge Thine own Elect, Thou wilt mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee,

*We beseech Thee, Good Lord.*

*(And after each of the following Supplications shall be said, We beseech Thee, Good Lord.*

That Thou wouldest pour down plenteously Thy Holy Ghost upon Thy Church.

That Thou wouldest quicken

the whole Body of Thy Church by the power of Thy Holy Ghost, leading all unto fuller knowledge of the Truth and more perfect holiness of life,

That Thou wouldest especially endue the Clergy with the Spirit of power and love and of a sound mind, and wouldest give them more abundantly the graces of courage and faithfulness and of fervent zeal,

That Thou wouldest inspire all the Ministers of Thy Word and Sacraments with a true knowledge and love of Thee and of Thy Truth, an earnest desire of unity both in Faith and discipline, and a devoted zeal for the propagation of the Gospel,

That Thou wouldest vouchsafe unto all Thy People a right apprehension of Christian truth, and a brotherly love and affection one toward another,

That Thou wouldest take away hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else doth hinder us from godly union and concord; and wouldest teach us all to love the truth and peace,

That as in all controversies concerning the Faith Thou hast in the end made Thy Truth to triumph, so Thou wouldest bring all present controversies to like happy issue, for the glory of Thy Name,

That Thou wouldest continually raise up mighty Teachers in Thy Church, that the false doctrine of heretics and unbelievers may be confuted, and their hearts brought back to Thee, to the establishment of Thy Truth, and the salvation of their souls,

That, as Thou, OUR LORD AND OUR GOD, didst of Thy great mercy strengthen Thy Church to trample under foot the heresy of Arius the blasphemers, so Thou wouldest strengthen her now to beat down the false teaching of

those who misdoubt Thy glorious Godhead, or the truth and inspiration of Thy Holy Word,

That Thou wouldest ever more give unto us all the spirit of perfect charity and love in all our contending for the Faith, that we may do so through sincere desire for Thy glory and love for the souls of men,

That Thou wouldest give unto all Christians, especially in this land, a right understanding of the authority of Thy Ministers, and of the blessed efficacy of Thy Sacraments of grace,

That Thou wouldest bring back all who are separated to the One Communion of Thy Holy Church, that we may glorify Thee with one mind and one mouth, and Thy United Church may be the more strengthened for her work of converting the world,

That Thou wouldest richly bless the three great Catholic Communions of Christendom, and taking from them all ignorance, prejudice, and error, wouldest speedily bring them once more into one,

That Thou wouldest have mercy on and richly bless the Holy Orthodox Church of the East, and wouldest everywhere deliver her from the oppression of the Infidel,

That Thou wouldest have mercy on and richly bless the Holy Apostolic Roman Church, and bring back the Churches of her obedience to the true Catholic belief and practice of Thy primitive and Undivided Church,

That Thou wouldest have mercy on and richly bless the Reformed Catholic Church throughout the world, giving unto her purity of doctrine, inward union and peace, and liberty of action to do her proper work to the glory of Thy Name,

That Thou wouldest preserve her, especially in this country,

from the powers of the world, and from all her enemies,

That Thou wouldest increase the number of her Ministers, and wouldest stir up all her children to love and to good works,

That Thou wouldest help her speedily to set in order the things that are wanting, and, removing all hindrances, wouldest enable her, with wise and loving zeal and holy boldness, to do in Thy Name the work that is set before her,

That Thou wouldest vouchsafe unto her the long-desired restoration of her godly discipline, and the rightful freedom of her governing and deliberative Councils,

That Thou wouldest especially bless her endeavours for the propagation of the Gospel among the heathen and the unconverted,

That Thou wouldest speedily bring about her reunion with the rest of Thy Holy Church throughout the world,

*We beseech Thee, Good Lord.*

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,

*Have mercy upon Thy Holy Church.*

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,

*Deliver us out of all our troubles.*

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,

*Let us not be confounded, for our trust is in Thee.*

O Jesus, hear us.

*O Jesus, graciously hear us.*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

Hearken unto our voice, O Lord, when we cry unto Thee. *Have mercy upon us and hear us.*

Shew Thy servants the light of Thy Countenance. *And save us for Thy mercy's sake.*

Forsake us not, O Lord our God. *Be not Thou far from us.*

O Lord, arise and help us. *Awake, and be not absent from us for ever.*

O be Thou our help in trouble. *For vain is the help of man.*

Arise, O God, maintain Thine own cause. *And forget not the congregation of the poor for ever.*

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy Name. *O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins, for Thy Name's sake.*

Turn Thee again, O Lord, at the last. *And be gracious unto Thy servants.*

Let Thy Priests be clothed with righteousness. *And let Thy saints sing with joyfulness.*

O Lord, hear our prayer. *And let our crying come unto Thee.*

The Lord be with you. *And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

¶ *Then shall be said any of the following Collects, at the discretion of the Reader.*

O God, Merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful: Mercifully assist our prayers that we make before Thee, in all our troubles and adversities whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils, which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, be brought to nought; and by the Providence of Thy goodness they may be dispersed; that we Thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore givethanks unto Thee in Thy Holy Church. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. S.M. P.B.*

O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully to hear the prayers of Thy Church: That we being delivered from all errors and adversities may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness; and grant us Thy peace all the days of our life.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. L. Gr.*

Almighty and Everlasting God, by Whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy Holy Church, that every member of the same in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee. Through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen. G. Gr. S. P.*

*For the Unity of the Church.*

O Almighty God, Who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Head Corner-Stone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of Spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy Temple acceptable unto Thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. P.B.*

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly Union and Concord: That as there is but one Body and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of Truth and Peace, of Faith and Charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. P.B.*

*For the Peace of the Church.*

Grant, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Thy governance, that

Thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Gr.*

O Lord, we beseech Thee, let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without Thy succour, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. G.*

Lord, we beseech Thee to keep Thy household the Church in continual godliness: That through Thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve Thee in good works, to the glory of Thy Name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. S.M. P.B.*

*When the Church is especially assailed.*

Almighty and Most Merciful God, we humbly beseech Thee that Thou wouldest have pity on and wouldest correct all those who assail and afflict Thy Holy Church; and that, of Thine accustomed ready mercy, Thou wouldest speedily bring to an end, both here and everywhere, all the assaults of her enemies. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. S.M. \**

Spare Thy People, O Lord, we beseech Thee, spare them: That we who are chastised with the punishment which we deserve, may of Thy tender mercy be relieved. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. L.*

Defend Thy People, O Lord, we beseech Thee, and mercifully cleanse them from all their sins, forasmuch as no adversity can harm them so long as no wickedness has dominion over them. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. L.*

Preserve Thy people, O Lord, we beseech Thee, and deliver

them from all the adversities which they deserve: That in peace and quietness they may serve Thee with a devout mind. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Gr.*

*For Christians subjected to Infidel Rulers.*

O Everlasting Trinity, One God, to Whose Power it belongs to humble the mighty and to uplift the weak, we humbly entreat Thy clemency that Thou wouldest vouchsafe Thy help and protection to Thy whole Church throughout the world. More especially we pray that, as Thou didst deliver the children of Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, so Thou wouldest deliver Thy Christian peoples of the East from the oppression of Mahometan unbelievers. Grant that Thy Church may be raised from her low estate, and the unbelievers humbled in subjection to the Faith, that the Christians may rejoice in the extension of Thy Heritage, and all Thy whole Catholic Church be glad in the sure protection of Thy strong Right Hand. Who livest and reignest, ever One God, world without end. *Amen. S.M. \**

*For Church Councils and Synods, and during the Session of Convocation.*

O Almighty and Everlasting God, Who hast given the Comforter to Thy Church that He should abide with it for ever: Pour forth the blessing of Thy Spirit on our Prelates and Pastors now assembled in Thy Name. Defend their hearts from all hindrances of this world, and from all earthly feeling. Grant them abundantly steadfastness of faith, purity of love, sincere desire of peace, and firmness of authority, that they, by the help of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, may both

rule Thy flock committed to their care according to Thy Will, and may also, together with their people, receive from the great Shepherd and Bishop of us all the rewards which are promised to Thy Saints, and be united to the number of Thine Elect. Through the Same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Same Spirit, ever One God, world without end. *Amen. Gr.\**

*During the Vacancy of an Episcopal See.*

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that Thy Church, being always preserved from false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true Pastors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. P.B.*

O Lord, we beseech Thee, let Thine abundant mercy grant us the joy of seeing such a Bishop presiding over Thy Church of N. as shall be acceptable to Thy Divine Majesty, and also by his virtues shall edify and be held in reverence of Thy people, and profit them both by his word and his example, for the glory of Thy Holy Name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. R.M.\**

*For the removal of Schism.*

O God, Who graciously correctest what is wrong, and gatherest together into one that which is scattered, and keepest together that which Thou so hast gathered: Mercifully pour forth, we beseech Thee, the grace of union on all Christian people, that they all may forsake division, and uniting themselves to the true Pastors of Thy Church, may be enabled worthily to serve Thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. R.M.*

*For preserving concord in a Congregation.*

O God, the bestower of peace

and the lover of charity: Grant to us Thy servants [or to Thy servants in . . . ] true concord according to Thy Will: That we [or they] may be delivered from all the temptations that assail us. Pour into us, O Lord, the Spirit of Thy love, and as Thou feedest us all with the one Bread from Heaven, so of Thy mercy make us to be of one mind in Thy holy House. Through the Same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. G.L.*

*For the Propagation of the Gospel, and for Missionaries.*

Ÿ. Let Thy way, O Lord, be known upon earth. *Rz. Thy saving health among all nations.*

O Almighty and Everlasting God, Who evermore desirest the life and not the death of a sinner, mercifully receive our prayer, and deliver all heathen nations from the worship of idols, and unite them to Thy Holy Church, to the praise and glory of Thy Name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Gr.*

Remember, O Lord, the Bishops well-beloved of Thee, and all others whom Thou hast called to labour among the unconverted, especially Thy servants N. and N. Send forth labourers into Thine Harvest, and grant them Thy blessing, that by them Thy Holy Name may be for ever glorified and Thy Kingdom enlarged. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. (S. Augustine's Missionary Union Prayers.)*

*For an increased supply of Clergy.*

Ÿ. Pray we now the Lord of the Harvest, that He would send forth labourers into His Harvest. *Rz. For when God gave the word great was the company of the preachers.*

O Lord Jesu Christ, Chief Shepherd and Bishop of our souls,

Who when Thou camest to seek and to save that which was lost, wast moved with compassion on the multitudes, because they were as sheep having no shepherd: Mercifully regard, we beseech Thee, the sore need of Thy Church, and send forth labourers into Thine Harvest. Stir up the hearts of Thy servants by Thy Holy Spirit, that filled with true knowledge and with fervent love of Thee, they may devote themselves in increasing numbers to the Ministry of Thy Word and Sacraments; and, being ready to spend and be spent in Thy Service, may preach Thy Gospel both here and among heathen nations, to the glory of Thy great Name, and the saving of the souls of men. For Thy tender mercy's sake. *Amen. Ed.*

*For the conversion of sinners.*

Ÿ. God willeth not the death of a sinner. *Rz.* But rather that he should be converted and live.

Almighty God, we beseech Thee to hear our prayers for such as sin against Thee, or neglect to serve Thee, especially *N.* and *N.* and all others for whom our prayers are desired: that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to bestow upon them true repentance, and an earnest longing for Thy service. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Or this.*

O God, by Whom the nature of man was wondrously made of an excellent worth, and still more wondrously was made anew and redeemed by the Blood of Thine Only Son: Look mercifully, we beseech Thee, on *N.* and *N.* and on all souls that are either deceived by the subtilty of the devil, or, through the lusts of the flesh, and the love of this present world, are wandering far from Thee. Quicken those whose

death Thou willest not, and as Thou leavest them not in all their wanderings, so bring them back recovered to Thy Fold. Extend Thy saving hand to them that are fallen, that Thy Church be not wasted in any portion of its Body, that Thy Flock may sustain no damage, and the enemy rejoice not over the losses of Thy Family. Hear us, we earnestly beseech Thee, O Lord most merciful, for with tears we pour forth the entreaties of our hearts, that of Thy tender mercy they incur not the fearful sentence of Thy just judgement. Lord, have mercy upon them, that, returning to the way of righteousness, they may fall from Thee no more, that they and we may keep for evermore both what Thy grace did first bestow upon us, and what Thy mercy hath restored within us. Through the Same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. G. Gr.\**

*For the continual advancement of the Faithful.*

Ÿ. Stablish the thing, O God, that Thou hast wrought in us. *Rz.* That we may go from strength to strength.

Vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to strengthen and confirm Thy faithful servants, especially *N.* and *N.* and all for whom our prayers are desired, and to lift them up more and more continually to heavenly desires. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For the Bishop of the Diocese.*

Ÿ. O Lord, save Thy servant our Bishop. *Rz.* Who putteth his trust in Thee.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to Thy servant *N.* our Bishop, that both by preaching and practising such things as be rightful, he may by the example of good works instruct the souls

of Thy people committed to his charge, and may receive from Thee, the most merciful Chief Shepherd, the wages of an everlasting reward. Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen. S.M.*

*For the Parish Priest.*

Ÿ. Let Thy Priests be clothed with righteousness. *Ry. And let Thy Saints sing with joyfulness.*

O God, the Pastor and Guide of all Thy people, look favourably on Thy servant *N.*, whom Thou hast willed to preside as Pastor over Thy Church in this Parish: Grant, we beseech Thee, that both by word and by example he may profit those over whom he is set, that together with his flock he may attain eternal life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. S.M.*

*For the Parish.*

Ÿ. Hear Thou our prayer

in Heaven Thy dwelling place. *Ry. For we are Thy people and Thine inheritance.*

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who dost govern all things in Heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of us Thy servants, and grant unto this Parish all things that are needful for its spiritual welfare; [schools wherein to bring up the young in Thy faith and fear; ministers, to labour in this portion of Thy vineyard; a church restored to the beauty of holiness.] Strengthen and confirm the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wicked; rouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of Thy truth; and bring all to be of one heart and mind within the fold of Thy Holy Church, to the honour and glory of Thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. C.*

END OF OFFICE OF INTERCESSION FOR THE CHURCH.





Prayers  
For Various Objects and Occasions.



Prayers for Various Objects and Occasions.

*For our devout friends.*

O God, Who by the grace of Thy Holy Spirit hast poured the gifts of charity into the hearts of Thy faithful servants: Grant to Thy servants and to Thy hand-maids—, for whom we entreat Thy mercy, health both of soul and body: That they may love with unreserved affection the things that are well-pleasing unto Thee. Through. In the Unity of the Same. Gr.

*For the welfare of a friend.*

Almighty, Everlasting God, have mercy on Thy servant N. or M. and direct *him* according to Thy gracious favour in the way of everlasting salvation: That of Thy gift *he* may desire such things as please Thee, and with all *his* strength perform the same. And forasmuch as *he* trusteth in Thy mercy, vouchsafe, O Lord, graciously to assist *him* with Thy heavenly help, and to keep *him* continually under Thy protection that *he* may ever diligently serve Thee, and by no temptations be separated from Thee. Through. Gr.

*On behalf of penitents.*

Almighty, Everlasting God, of Thy pity forgive to Thy servant N. or M. the sins which *he* humbly confesseth unto Thee: That the guiltiness of *his* conscience may not avail more for *his* punishment than the free forgiveness of Thy mercy to *his* pardon. Through. G.

Almighty and Merciful God, Who willest rather to amend than to destroy every penitent soul that confesseth its sins: Look

favourably on Thy servant N. or M. and turn from *him* Thy wrath and indignation, and forgive *him* all *his* sins. Through. S.M.

*For a sick person.*

Almighty, Everlasting God, Eternal Salvation of them that believe: Hear us for Thy servant N. or M. for whom we implore the help of Thy mercy: that *his* health may be restored to *him*, and *he* may yield Thee thanks in Thy Holy Church. Through. G.

O God, by Whose Will the moments of our life run on; Accept our prayers for Thy servant N. or M.: That we who are alarmed because of *his* present danger may soon rejoice in *his* deliverance. Through. G.

O God, man's only Refuge in his weakness, shew forth Thy saving power upon our sick brother: That aided by the help of Thy mercy *he* may be restored in health and safety to Thy holy Church. Through. G.

And Thou, Saviour, Who when about to ascend into the Heavens didst leave Thy peace to Thy disciples, pour, we beseech Thee, Thy peace into *his* heart: That being fulfilled with the abundant sweetness of Thy Presence, through the grace of Thy Holy Ghost *he* may bear with patience those pains of body which are the chastisement of *his* sins, remembering how Thou for us sinners didst endure the torment of the Cross. For Thy tender mercy's sake. Amen. M.

*For a sick person to whom the Holy Communion is administered at the point of death.*

Almighty, Everlasting God, Preserver of souls, Who chastenest those Thou lovest, and mercifully for their amendment dost correct those whom Thou dost receive: We call upon Thee, O Lord, that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to bestow Thy saving mercy: and wouldest grant, that the soul of Thy servant *N.* or *M.* in the hour of its departure from the body may by the hands of Thy holy Angels be presented before Thee withoutspot of sin. Through. *S.M.*

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications: and accept the Victim Which we plead before Thee in behalf of Thy servant *N.* or *M.* who seeketh of Thee health and salvation, not of body, but of soul: Grant *him*, we beseech Thee, forgiveness of all his sins, that, through this Sacrifice which we present before Thee, *his* soul being received by Thy Holy Angels may safely attain unto Thy Kingdom and Glory. Through the Same. *S.M.*

*Post-communion.* We yield Thee thanks, O Lord, for that Thou hast refreshed us by Thy health-giving Sacraments, whereby Thou art wont to satisfy the souls of them that trust in Thee; and in full reliance on Thy mercy we humbly and devoutly pray: That Thou wouldest vouchsafe to have mercy on Thy servant *N.* or *M.* that the enemy may not prevail against *him* in the hour of *his* departure from the body, but that *he* may have a safe passage unto life. Through. *S.M.*

*For persons going a journey.*

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications, and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation: That among all the changes and chances of this our journey, as well as of our whole

life, we may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help. Through. *G.*

Be favourable, O Lord, to these our supplications, which we present before Thee for Thy servants *N.* or *M.* humbly praying: That Thy favour may go both with them and before them to guide and to accompany their journey, that we may rejoice in their safe performance of the same, through Thy merciful protecting care. Through. *G.*

O God, of infinite Majesty and Mercy, Whom neither distance of place nor length of time can separate from those whom Thou defendest: Mercifully assist Thy servants, and Thy handmaids, *N.* and *M.* who *put their* trust in Thee, and vouchsafe to be *their* guide and *their* companion through the way by which *they are* about to go. Let no misfortune harm *them*, no difficulty hinder *them*: let every thing be favourable and prosperous for *them*: that whatsoever *they* shall rightly and lawfully desire, *they* may speedily and effectually obtain. Through. *G.*

*Blessing.* The Almighty and Everlasting God, Who is the Way the Truth, and the Life, dispose *your* journey according to the good pleasure of His Will, send His holy Angel to be *your* guide and guardian in the same, and both take *you* through in peace to the place where *you would* be, and bring *you* back again in safety unto us.

✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

*For those at sea.*

O God, Who broughtest our fathers through the Red Sea, and didst carry them across through the great waters: We, singing the praises of Thy Name, do hum-

bly entreat Thee : That Thou wouldest ward off all danger from Thy servants on their voyage, and wouldest bring them with quiet course to the haven where they would be. Through. *S.M.*

Accept, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the Prayers of Thy People, and graciously defend from all adversities Thy servants who in Thy Name are travelling by sea. Through.

*For our Benefactors.*

Extend, O Lord, from heaven the help of Thy right Hand to Thy servants [*or handmaids*] our Benefactors *N.* and *M.* : That they may seek Thee with their whole heart, and what they rightly ask for they may obtain effectually. Through. *G.*

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to Thy servants [*or handmaids*] steadfastness in Thy faith, and in sincere devotion to Thee : that they being confirmed in the heavenly grace of love may by no temptations be torn from their perfectness therein. Through. *G.*

*For a Friend about to be Ordained.*

1. *For a Deacon.* Look mercifully, O Lord, we beseech Thee, upon Thy servant *N.* about to be dedicated to the office of a Deacon. Send down upon him, O Lord, Thy Holy Ghost, Whereby he may be strengthened to the faithful execution of Thy ministry, by the gift of Thy sevenfold grace. May the beauty of all righteousness abound in him, a modest dignity, and an unfailling humility, innocence, and purity, as well as a ready obedience to spiritual discipline. Let Thy precepts shine forth in his character, that both Thy holy people may learn to follow the example of his holiness, and also that he, keeping the witness of a good conscience, may continue

firmly to stand fast in Christ, and may through Thy grace be worthy, by due advancement from the lower grade, to receive still greater gifts. Through the Same. Who liveth. In the Unity of the Same. *L.*

2. *For a Priest.* Vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to multiply Thy heavenly gifts upon Thy servant *N.* whom Thou hast chosen to the office of a Priest, that he may be able by Thy help to perform that which at Thy call he undertakes. May he be a blameless herald of the heavenly King, and a strong and worthy minister at Thy holy Altars, so that, walking in the footsteps of Thy holy Priests who in this ministry have pleased Thee, and ruling by Christ's help Thy flock committed to him according to Thy will, he may together with his people attain to the rewards promised by the Same Christ our Lord, the Chief Pastor of all pastors, and be united to the company of Thine Elect. Through the Same. Who liveth. *Gr.*

3. *For a Bishop.* Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the might of Thy blessing on Thy servant *N.* whom Thou hast vouchsafed to advance to the rank of a Bishop. Let constancy of faith, pureness of love, and sincere desire of peace, abound in him. Be Thou to him authority, firmness, and power ; and as Thou hast given to him discipline and rule, give to him also the Spirit of wisdom, that from the advancement of the holy sheep may arise the eternal rejoicing of the shepherd. Through. In the Unity of the Same. *L. Gr.*

*For Grace.*

Almighty God, unto Whom all hearts be 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. *Gr.*

Almighty, Everlasting God, Who with Thy Finger writest in the hearts of believers the righteousness of Thy Law : Grant us the increase of Faith, Hope, and Charity ; and that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that which Thou dost command. Through. In the Unity of the Same. *G. Gr.*

O God, Who through Thy Co-Eternal Wisdom madest man who before was not, and when lost didst mercifully make him anew : Grant, we beseech Thee, that through the Same Wisdom inspiring our breasts, we may love Thee with all our mind, and run to Thee with all our heart. Through the Same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. S.M.*

*For the Grace of Chastity.*

Lord, burn with the Fire of Thy Holy Spirit our reins and our heart : That we may ever serve Thee with chaste bodies, and pure minds. Through. In the Unity. *Gr.*

Break Thou, O Lord, the fetters of our sins : and that we may be able with perfect freedom and with pure mind to offer unto Thee the sacrifice of praise, do Thou mercifully give back again what before Thou gavest ; and as Thou hast vouchsafed to save us by Thy free grace, save Thou us also by Thy merciful forgiveness. Through. *S.M.*

*For the Grace of Humility.*

O God, Who resistest the proud, and givest grace unto the humble : Grant us the virtue of that true humility, of which Thy Only-Begotten exhibited to the faithful the perfect pattern in Himself : that we may never provoke Thine

anger by our pride, but may enjoy the gifts of Thy grace by our lowliness. Through the Same. *L.*

Grant unto us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the grace of true humility, and withal take away from us the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, and finally obtain an everlasting reward. Through. *S.M.*

*For the Grace of Patience.*

O God, Who by the patience of Thy Only-Begotten didst crush the pride of the ancient enemy : Grant us, we beseech Thee, so devoutly to remember the things He graciously endured for us, as after His example to bear with even temper the things that are adverse to ourselves. Through the Same. *S.M.*

*For the Grace of Love.*

O God, Who makest all things to work together for good to them that love Thee : Grant to our hearts the unalterable feeling of love to Thee and love like Thine : that our desires being conceived by Thy inspiration by no temptation whatever may be changed. Through. *G.*

O God, Who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding ; Pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Post-communion.* O Lord, we beseech Thee, let the grace of Thy Holy Spirit illuminate our hearts, and abundantly refresh us with the sweetness of perfect love. Through. *S.M.*

*For Grace to die well.*

Almighty and Merciful God, Who hast given to man both

saving means of grace and help to eternal Life; Mercifully look upon me Thy servant, and graciously restore my soul which Thou hast made, that in the hour of its departure it may without spot be presented to Thee its Creator by the hands of Thy holy Angels. Through. R.

O Eternal Father, I pray Thee of Thine infinite goodness, through the Life and Death of Thy most dearly beloved Son, that Thou wouldest grant unto me that I may both live and die in Thy grace, and at peace with Thee.

O Most gracious Jesus, by the love of Thine Holy Father wherewith from everlasting He hath loved Thee, by Thy last words wherein upon the Cross Thou didst commend Thy spirit into His Hands, receive my spirit, I beseech Thee, when I die.

O Holy Ghost, kindle in me the perfect love of God, and strengthen my soul therein until its departure out of this life.

O Holy Trinity, Three Persons and One God, Have mercy upon me, now and in the hour of my death. (*Cœleste Palmetum.*)

O Merciful Father, may the Heavenly Food of the Divine Victim, whereof we partake in the Holy Mystery wherein we plead before Thee our Lord Jesus Christ's stupendous work of love, be to us all a healthy remedy against all our infirmities both of soul and body, and in our last agony a comfort and defence; and grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that in the hour of our death we, being strengthened by Thy Sacraments, and cleansed from all our sins, may be joyfully received into the bosom of Thy Mercy. Through the Same. R.

*In trouble of heart.*

O God, Who despisest not the

groaning of the contrite, nor disregardest the afflictions of the sorrowful: Mercifully assist the prayers which in our trouble we offer to Thy pity: imploring Thee that Thou wouldest look graciously upon us, and with Thine accustomed pitiful regard wouldest grant, that whatsoever the craft of the devil or the opposition of man do work against us, may be brought to nought, and by the providence of Thy goodness may be dispersed: that we Thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions and delivered from all trouble and straitness, may joyfully give thanks unto Thee in Thy Holy Church. Through. S.M.

O God, Who healest those that are broken in heart, and turnest the sadness of the sorrowful to joy: Forgive Thou all our sins, and take away our sorrows; banish Thou our miseries, and remove our anguish and affliction; that we being delivered from all the evils which we suffer, may evermore exult in the enjoyment of Thy blessings. Through.

*Against evil thoughts.*

Almighty and most Merciful God, graciously respect our prayers: and deliver our hearts from the temptations of evil thoughts: That we may be made a worthy dwelling-place of Thy Holy Ghost. Through. In the Unity of the Same. S.M.

*For true contrition and tears.*

Almighty and Merciful God, Who for Thy thirsting people broughtest forth a fount of living water from the rock: Bring forth from the hardness of our hearts the tears of true compunction; That we, sincerely bewailing our sins, may obtain of Thee of Thy great mercy perfect remission and forgiveness. Through. S.M.

*In time of war.*

O God, Supreme Sovereign of



all kings and kingdoms, Who both smitest that Thou mayest heal, and again forgivest that Thou mayest preserve us: Extend to us Thy mercy, that both peace and tranquility may by Thy power be finally established, and also we may use the same to the purposes of Thy healing correction. Through. *L.*

*In time of pestilence.*

O God, Who of Thy mercy only didst remove the destruction which hung over the Ninevites, to whom, in order that Thou mightest be merciful, Thou vouchsafedst repentance and conversion: Regard, we beseech Thee, Thy people, prostrate before the eyes of Thy mercy: And for Thy mercy suffer not them whom Thou hast redeemed by the Blood of Thy Only-Begotten to perish under the affliction of pestilence. Through the Same. *S.M.*

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, regard with favour the prayers and supplications of Thy Church, and let Thy mercy visit us, and not Thy wrath, since if Thou wert extreme to mark our sins, no creature could endure: But, with the same wondrous mercy whereby Thou madest us, suffer not us to perish who are the works of Thine own hands. Through. *Gr.*

*In time of disease attacking animals or fruits of the earth.*

O God, Who to the labours of man has supplied aid and advantage from the lower creatures: We humbly pray that Thou wouldst not cause to be lost to our service those things without which our human nature cannot be sustained. Through. *G.*

Of Thy mercy turn away, O Lord, we beseech Thee, all mischief from us Thy faithful people:

and drive away the destruction which raging disease is bringing on Thy creatures: That we, whom for our wanderings from Thee Thou dost justly punish, may after our chastisement again be comforted by Thy mercy. Through. *G.S.*

*At the Consecration of a Church.*

O God, Who art Thyself the Author of the gifts that are to be dedicated to Thee, pour forth Thy blessing on this house of prayer: And of Thy mercy grant that Thy help and defence may be enjoyed by all who shall call upon Thy Name therein. Through. *G.*

O God, Who in all places of Thy dominion art present in all Thy Majesty and power, mercifully accept the Sacrifice that is offered to Thy Name, and be Thou the Protector of this House, of which Thou art Thyself the Founder: That in the strength of Thy Holy Ghost those who worship therein may have access to Thee with a holy freedom. Through. In the Unity of the Same. *S.M.*

*Post-communion.* — Refreshed with Thy healthful Sacraments, we yield Thee hearty thanks, O Lord: Humbly beseeching Thee that Thou wouldst fulfil this Temple with the Glory of Thy Majesty, that being dedicated to the honour of Thy Name it may be indeed to Thy people the House of Prayer. Through.

O God, Who invisibly containest all things, and yet for the salvation of mankind dost visibly shew the signs of Thy power: Glorify, we beseech Thee, this Temple with the might of Thy indwelling; and grant that all who shall assemble hither to entreat Thy mercy, from the midst of whatever tribulation they may call upon Thee, may obtain the benefit of Thy heavenly consolation. Through. *Gr.*

*On the Dedication Festival of a Church.*

O God, Who year by year bringest round to us the day of the consecration of this Thy Holy Temple, and bringest us continually in safety to Thy Holy Mysteries: Mercifully hear the prayers of Thy people, and grant that whosoever shall enter this Temple to ask Thy blessing may rejoice that he has perfectly obtained it. Through. *Gr.*

Be gracious, O Lord, we beseech Thee, to these our prayers, and grant that we, who are now assembled within Thy Temple, to celebrate the anniversary of its dedication, may please Thee with full and perfect devotion both of body and soul; that we who now pay Thee our vows on earth, may be enabled by Thy assistance to attain to eternal rewards in Heaven. Through. *Gr.*

O God, Who hast vouchsafed to call Thy Church Thy Bride, that as She enjoys Thy favour through the devoutness of her faith, She might also be adorned with dignity from the name Thou gavest: Grant that all these Thy people who devoutly worship Thee may be found worthy to share the honour of that glorious title. And let Thy Church, assembled before Thee in Thy Temple, evermore love, honour, and obey Thee, that, walking continually in Thy footsteps, She may by Thy guidance attain to Thy heavenly promises. Who livest and reignest. *Gr.*

*After the death of a friend.*

O God, Whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, we humbly beseech Thee for the soul of Thy servant [or handmaid] *N*: That Thou wouldest not deliver it into the hands of the enemy, nor forget it

for evermore, but wouldest order it to be received by Thy holy Angels, and to be conducted even unto the land of the living; and, forasmuch as *he* hath hoped and believed in Thee, grant *him* to rejoice in the company of Thy Saints. Through.

*For a Departed Friend.*

O God, Whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, have mercy upon the soul of Thy servant [or handmaid] *N*: And grant *him* eternal rest among Thy Saints and Elect, that *he* may enjoy their companionship in everlasting Life. Through.

O Lord, Thou God of mercy and forgiveness, grant that the soul of Thy servant, [or handmaid] *N*. may enjoy the place of refreshing, the blessedness of rest, and the clear shining of the light of Paradise. Through.

*In Commemoration of Founders and Benefactors.*

NOTE.—In the Latin Book of Common Prayer issued in the year 1560, for use in the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and in the Colleges of Eton and Winchester, it is directed, that "at the end of every Term a Commemoration should be made of the Founder and of the other illustrious persons by whose munificence the College is enriched," in the following form.

¶ Our Father.

[O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father.

As it was.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.]

¶ Then shall be said the following three Psalms.

Psalm cxliv.

Psalm cxlv.

Psalm cxlvj.

¶ Then shall be read the forty-fourth Chapter of the Book of Ecclesiasticus.

After which shall follow a Ser-

*mon, in which the Preacher shall set forth the munificence of the Benefactors, and the use and advantage of learning, &c.*

¶ *After which shall be sung the Song of Zacharias, called, Benedictus.*

*After which shall be said the following Prayers.*

Let us pray.

Our Father.

The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

*He will not be afraid of any evil tidings.*

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God.

*There shall no torment touch them.*

*Collect.* O Lord our God, Who art the Resurrection and the Life

of them that believe; Who art to be praised evermore, alike among the living and for them that are departed: We yield Thee hearty thanks for our Founder N. and for N. and N. and all other our Benefactors, through whose goodness we are here nourished in religion and learning; and humbly beseech Thee to grant, that we may be enabled rightly to use these Thy gifts unto Thy glory, and may finally be made partakers together with them of a glorious Resurrection unto immortal life. Through.

*Blessing.* God grant unto the living grace; [to the departed rest;] to the Church, the Queen, and the whole realm, peace and concord; and unto us sinners life everlasting. *Amen.*

## Holy Communion.

“Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that Bread  
and drink of that Cup.” 1 COR. xi. 28.



## The Church's Instructions on Holy Communion.

*It is required of them who come to the Lord's Supper :*

To examine themselves, whether they repent them truly of their former sins, steadfastly purposing to lead a new life; have a lively faith in God's mercy through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of His Death; and be in charity with all men. (*Catechism.*)

To consider the dignity of that Holy Mystery, and the great peril of the unworthy receiving thereof:

To search and examine their own consciences, (and that not lightly, after the manner of dissemblers with God; but so) that they may come holy and clean to such a heavenly Feast, in the marriage-garment required by God in Holy Scripture, and be received as worthy partakers of that Holy Table. (*First Exhortation to Holy Communion.*)

*The Way and Means to a proper examination of ourselves is :*

1. To examine our lives and conversations by the rule of God's Commandments.

2. Whereinsoever we perceive ourselves to have offended, either by will, word, or deed, there to bewail our own sinfulness, and to confess ourselves to Almighty God, with full purpose of amendment of life.

3. And if we perceive our offences to be such as are not only against God, but also against our neighbours, then we must reconcile ourselves unto them, being ready to make restitution and satisfaction, according to the

utmost of our powers, for all injuries and wrongs done by us to any other.

4. We must be likewise ready to forgive others that have offended us, as we would have forgiveness of our offences at God's hand. (*Ibid.*)

*The Church requires of all her adult and confirmed members*

That they should communicate "at the least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one." (*Rubric after Order of Holy Communion.*)

That (unless they be known to him as regular Communicants) they should, when they intend to partake of the Holy Communion, "signify their names to the Curate, at least some time the day before." (*Rubric before Order of Holy Communion.*)

*The Church exhorts all her children :*

"To the often receiving of the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ, when it shall be publicly administered in the Church; that so doing, they may, in case of sudden visitation, have the less cause to be disquieted for lack of the same." (*Rubric before the Communion of the Sick.*)

*The Church moreover teaches us as follows :*

"And because it is requisite that no man should come to the Holy Communion, but with a full trust in God's mercy, and with a quiet conscience; therefore if there be any of you, who cannot quiet his own conscience, but re-

quireth further comfort or counsel, let him come to some discreet and learned Minister of God's Word, and open his grief, that by the ministry of God's Holy Word he may receive the benefit of

absolution, together with ghostly counsel and advice, to the quieting of his conscience, and avoiding of all scruple and doubtfulness." (*First Exhortation to Holy Communion.*)

### Confession and Penitential Preparation.

*After a careful examination of your life and conversation since your last Communion, (which unless you communicate weekly, you ought to make, at the latest, on the Friday evening before the Sunday on which you intend to communicate,) confess yourself to Almighty God, in the following form.*

#### *Confession of Sins.*

I confess to God Almighty, To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, Before the Angels and Archangels and all the Company of Heaven, That since my last Communion I have sinned, In thought, word, and deed, By my own fault, my own most grievous fault. I have sinned . . . [*Here specify the sins of which you find yourself guilty.*] Whereof I truly repent, And earnestly desire God's mercy and forgiveness.

And for these, as well as for all the sins and negligences of my previous life, I sincerely humble myself before Thee, my Father, Which art in Heaven, and pray Thee to give me evermore still deeper repentance and contrition, and grace to forsake them entirely for the future, and to give myself wholly unto Thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Then, according to opportunity, you may say the Seven Penitential Psalms, (page 58.) or Psalms li. cxxx. cxliii. or at the least the Fifty-first Psalm with the Anthem, Remember not. And after that*

*the Penitential Litany. (p. 82.) or at least the latter portion of it from, O Lamb of God. (p. 83.) with the Prayer for forgiveness and the Renewal of Baptismal vows, (p. 84.)*

*And always be careful to be early in Church at the next service you attend, in order that, seriously recollecting your previous private Confession, you may join the more devoutly in the public general Confession in the Church, and may receive the full blessing of the Absolution pronounced by the Priest. It is very desirable that you should, if possible, go to Church on the Saturday with this especial object, that you may with a quiet conscience address yourself to the more joyful part of your preparation to meet your Lord; for, if we live as we ought, a joyful longing and desire for Him, grounded on a deep repentance and self-humiliation, ought to be the predominant feeling in our looking forward to the Holy Communion.*

*Should you find it necessary to confess to a Priest, you should be guided throughout by his instructions as to the mode of preparing yourself for Confession, the prayers and devotions you should use before and after, and the form in which to make the Confession itself.*

*During the Saturday, or on the Sunday morning before going to Church, you can use, according to opportunity, any of the following Meditations and Devotions before Holy Communion.*

## Meditation before Holy Communion.

(From Bishop Ken's "Practice of Divine Love.")

Glory be to Thee, O crucified Love, Who at Thy last Supper didst ordain the holy Eucharist, the Sacrament and Feast of love.

It was "for the continual remembrance of the Sacrifice of Thy Death," O blessed Jesu, "and of the benefits we receive thereby," that Thou wast pleased to ordain this sacred and awful rite: all love, all glory, be to Thee.

Ah! dearest Lord, how little sensible is he of Thy love in dying for us, who can ever forget Thee!

Ah! woe is me, that ever a sinner should forget his Saviour, and yet, alas, how prone are we to do it!

Glory be to Thee, O gracious Jesu, Who, to help our memories, and to impress Thy love deep on our souls, hast instituted the blessed Sacrament, and commanded us, "Do this in remembrance of Me."

O Jesu, let the propitiatory sacrifice of Thy Death, which Thou didst offer upon the Cross for the sins of the whole world, and particularly for my sins, be ever fresh in my remembrance.

O blessed Saviour, let that mighty salvation Thy love has wrought for us, never slip out of my mind; but especially, let my remembrance of Thee in the holy Sacrament be always most lively and affecting.

O Jesu, if I love Thee truly, I shall be sure to frequent Thy Altar, that I may often remember all the wonderful loves of my crucified Redeemer.

I know, O my Lord and my God, that a bare remembrance of Thee is not enough; O do Thou therefore fix in me such a remembrance of Thee as is suitable to the infinite love I am to remember; work in me all those holy and heavenly affections which become the remembrance of a crucified Saviour.

Glory be to Thee, O adorable Jesu, Who under the outward and visible part, the "Bread and Wine," things obvious and easily prepared, both which "Thou hast commanded to be" received, dost communicate to our souls the mystery of Divine love, the "inward and invisible grace," Thy own most blessed "Body and Blood, which are verily and indeed taken and received by the faithful in Thy Supper;" for which all love, all glory, be to Thee.

O God incarnate, how the Bread and the Wine, unchanged in their substance, become Thy Body and Thy Blood; after what extraordinary manner Thou, Who art in heaven, art present throughout the whole Sacramental action, to every devout receiver; "how Thou canst give us Thy Flesh to eat, and Thy Blood to drink; how Thy Flesh is meat indeed, and Thy Blood is drink indeed; how he that eateth Thy Flesh, and drinketh Thy Blood, dwelleth in Thee, and Thou in him; how he shall live by Thee, and be raised up by Thee to life eternal;" I can by no means comprehend, but I firmly believe all Thou hast said, and I firmly rely on Thy omnipotent love, to make good



Thy word ; for which all love, all glory, be to Thee.

I believe, O crucified Lord, that "the Bread which we break" in the celebration of the holy Mysteries is the communication of Thy Body, and the "cup of blessing which we bless" is the communication of Thy Blood ; and that Thou dost as effectually and really convey Thy Body and Blood to our souls by the Bread and Wine, as Thou didst Thy Holy Spirit by Thy breath to Thy disciples ; for which all love, all glory, be to Thee.

Lord, what need I labour in vain to search out the manner of Thy mysterious Presence in the Sacrament, when my love assures me Thou art there ? All the faithful who approach Thee with prepared hearts, they well know Thou art there ; they feel the virtue of Divine love going out of Thee, to heal their infirmities, and to inflame their affections ; for which all love, all glory, be to Thee.

O holy Jesu, when at Thy Altar I see the Bread broken, and the Wine poured out, O teach me to discern Thy Body there : O let those sacred and significant actions create in me a most lively remembrance of Thy sufferings, how Thy most blessed Body was scourged, and wounded, and bruised, and tormented ; how Thy most precious Blood was shed for my sins ; and set all my powers on work to love Thee, and to celebrate Thy love in thus dying for me.

O my Lord and my God, do Thou so dispose my heart to be Thy guest at Thy holy Table, that I may feel all the sweet influences of love crucified, "the strengthening and refreshing of my soul, as our bodies are by the Bread and Wine;" for which I will ever adore and love Thee.

O merciful Jesu, let that im-

mortal food, which in the holy Eucharist Thou vouchsafest me, instil into my weak and languishing soul new supplies of grace, new life, new love, vigour, and new resolution, that I may never more faint, or droop, or tire in my duty.

O crucified Love, raise in me fresh ardours of love and consolation, that it may be henceforth the greatest torment I can endure ever to offend Thee, that it may be my greatest delight to please Thee.

O amiable Jesu, when I devoutly receive the outward elements, as sure as I receive them, I receive Thee, I receive the pledges of Thy love, to quicken mine : O indulge me, though but for a moment, one beatific foretaste of the deliciousness of Thy love, that in the strength of that deliciousness I may perseveringly love Thee.

O my God, Thou Who alone changest the heart, O be Thou pleased to change mine ; change my aversion to Thee into an entire love of Thee. O give me a filial repentance, that with a broken and contrite heart I may grieve, and mourn, and repent, for all my former sins, and may for ever forsake them, and return to my obedience.

Let Thy love, O my God, so perfectly exhaust my soul, that I may for the future "steadfastly purpose to lead a new life," that I may renew my baptismal vow, that I may hereafter live as a sworn votary to Thy love.

O heavenly Father, settle in my soul a "lively faith in Thy mercy through Christ," a steady belief of all Thy love to sinners, and an affectionate reliance on the merits and mediation of Thy crucified Son, of my being "accepted in the Beloved," for Whom I will ever adore and love Thee.

O my crucified God, Thou sovereign inflammative of love, let the "remembrance of Thy death" set all the powers of my soul on work, that I may desire and pant after Thee; that I may admire and adore Thee; that I may take heavenly delight in Thy gracious presence; that with praise and thanksgiving, with jubilation and triumph, I may receive Thee into my heart; there I will have love, only love, always love, to entertain Thee.

Lord, when I present myself, and my love, as all the gift I have to offer, at Thy Altar, next to my love to Thee, and for the sake of Thine infinite love to me, which I there remember, give me grace to love my neighbour, "and to be in charity with all men, and to walk in love, as Thou hast loved us, and hast given Thyself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God, for a sweet smelling savour;" for which all love, all glory, be to Thee.

### Devotions before Holy Communion.

(From the Fourth Book of "The Imitation of Christ.")

#### CHAPTER II.

In confidence of Thy goodness and great mercy, O Lord, I draw near, as a sick person to the Healer, as one hungry and thirsty to the Fountain of life, a needy wretch to the King of Heaven, a servant unto his Lord, a creature to the Creator, a desolate soul to my own tender Comforter.

But whence is this to me, that Thou vouchsafest to come unto me? What am I, that Thou shouldst grant Thine own Self unto me?

How dare a sinner appear before Thee? and how is it that Thou dost vouchsafe to come unto a sinner?

Thou knowest Thy servant, Thou art aware that he hath in him no good thing, for which Thou shouldst grant him this favour.

I confess therefore mine own unworthiness, I acknowledge Thy goodness, I praise Thy tender mercy, and give Thee thanks for this Thy transcendent love.

For Thou doest this for Thine own sake, not for any merits of mine; to the end that Thy good-

ness may be better known unto me, Thy love more abundantly poured down, and Thy gracious humility the more eminently set forth.

Since therefore it is Thy pleasure, and Thou hast commanded that it should be so, this Thy condescension is also dearly pleasing unto me, and O that my iniquity may be no hindrance herein!

O most sweet and most benign Jesu, how great reverence and thanksgiving, together with perpetual praise, is due unto Thee for the receiving of Thy sacred Body and Blood, whose preciousness no mortal man is able to express!

But on what shall my thoughts dwell at this Communion, in thus approaching unto my Lord, Whom I am not able duly to honour, and yet Whom I cannot but desire devoutly to receive?

What can I think on better, and more profitable, than utterly to humble myself before Thee, and to exalt Thine infinite goodness above me?

I praise Thee, my God, and will exalt Thee for ever. I do

despise myself, and cast myself down before Thee, into the deep of mine own unworthiness.

Behold Thou art the Holy of Holies, and I the scum of sinners!

Behold, Thou inclinest Thyself unto me, who am not worthy so much as to look up unto Thee!

Behold, Thou comest unto me; it is Thy will to be with me; Thou invitest me to Thy banquet.

Thou art willing to give me heavenly Food and Bread of Angels to eat, which is indeed no other than Thyself the Living Bread, Which camest down from Heaven, and givest life unto the world.

Behold, from whence doth this love proceed! what a gracious condescension of Thine shineth forth herein! how great thanks and praises are due unto Thee for these benefits!

O how great and profitable was Thy counsel, when Thou didst ordain it! how sweet and pleasant the banquet, when Thou gavest Thyself to be our Food!

O how admirable is this Thy working, O Lord, how mighty is Thy power, how unspeakable Thy truth!

For Thou didst speak the word, and all things were made; and this was done which Thou Thyself commandedst.

A matter of great admiration, worthy of all faith, and surpassing man's understanding, that Thou, my Lord God, True God and Man, art wholly contained in a little Bread and Wine, and without being consumed art fed on by him that receiveth.

Thou Who art the Lord of the universe, and standest in need of none, art pleased to dwell in us by means of this Thy Sacrament.

Do Thou preserve my heart and body undefiled, that with a cheerful and pure conscience I may be able often to celebrate,

and to receive to my everlasting health, those Mysteries, which Thou didst specially ordain and institute for Thine own honour, and for a never-ceasing Memorial of Thyself.

### CHAPTER III.

Behold, O Lord, I come unto Thee, that I may be comforted in Thy gift, and be delighted in Thy holy banquet, which *Thou, O God, hast in Thy goodness prepared for the poor.*

Behold in Thee is all whatsoever I can or ought to desire; and Thou art my Salvation and my Redemption, my Hope and my Strength, my Honour and Glory.

Make therefore this day the soul of Thy servant joyful; for unto Thee, O Lord Jesu, have I lifted up my soul.

I long to receive Thee now with devotion and reverence. I desire to bring Thee into my house, that with Zaccheus I may obtain to be blessed by Thee, and to be numbered amongst the children of Abraham.

My soul thirsteth to receive Thy Body and Blood, my heart longeth to be united with Thee.

Give Thyself to me, and it sufficeth; for besides Thee no comfort availeth aught.

Without Thee I cannot be; without Thy visitation I cannot endure to live.

And therefore I must needs often draw near unto Thee, and receive Thee for the medicine of my soul; lest haply I faint in the way, if I be deprived of the heavenly food.

For so, most merciful Jesus, Thou once didst say, preaching to the people, and curing divers diseases, *I will not send them home fasting, lest they faint in the way.*

Deal Thou therefore in like manner now with me, Who hast vouchsafed to leave Thyself in

the Sacrament for the comfort of the faithful.

For Thou art the sweet refection of the soul; and he that eateth Thee worthily, shall be partaker and heir of everlasting glory.

It is necessary for me, who so often fall into error and sin, who so quickly wax dull and faint, that by frequent prayer and confession, and receiving of Thy Holy Body and Blood, I renew, cleanse, and inflame myself, lest haply, by long abstaining, I fall away from my holy purposes.

*For the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth, and unless some divine remedy help him, he quickly falleth away to worse things.*

This Holy Communion therefore draweth back from evil, and strengtheneth in good.

For if I be now so often negligent and cold when I communicate, [or celebrate;] what would become of me if I received not this remedy, and sought not after so great a help?

[Although every day I be not fit, nor well prepared to celebrate; I will endeavour notwithstanding at due times to receive the Divine Mysteries, and to be partaker of so great a grace.]

For this is the one chief consolation of faithful souls, so long as they are absent from Thee in this mortal body; that being mindful of their God, they often receive their Beloved with devout mind.

O the wonderful condescension of Thy tender mercy towards us, that Thou, O Lord God, the Creator and Giver of life to all spirits, dost vouchsafe to come unto a poor soul, and with Thy whole Deity and Humanity to replenish the hunger thereof!

O happy minds and blessed souls, who have the privilege of receiving Thee, their Lord God, with devout affection, and in so

receiving Thee are permitted to be full of spiritual joy!

O how great a Lord do they entertain! how beloved a Guest do they harbour! how delightful a Companion do they receive! how faithful a Friend do they welcome! how lovely and noble a Spouse do they embrace; even Him Who is to be loved above all that are beloved, and above all things that can be desired.

O Thou, the most sweet, most beloved, let heaven and earth and all their grandeur be silent in Thy presence; for what praise and beauty soever they have, it is received from Thy bounteous condescension, and shall never equal the grace and beauty of Thy Name, Whose wisdom is beyond all numbers.

#### CHAPTER IV.

O Lord, my God, do Thou prevent Thy servant with the blessings of Thy sweetness, that I may approach worthily and devoutly to Thy glorious Sacrament.

Stir up my heart unto Thee, and deliver me from all dulness. Visit me with Thy salvation, that I may taste in spirit Thy sweetness, which plentifully lieth hid in this Sacrament as in a fountain.

Enlighten also mine eyes to behold so great a Mystery, and strengthen me with undoubting faith to believe it.

For it is Thy work, and no human power; Thy sacred institution, not man's invention.

For of himself no man is able to comprehend and understand these things, which transcend even the exquisite skill of angels.

What portion then of so high and sacred a Mystery shall I, unworthy sinner, dust and ashes, be able to search out and comprehend?

O Lord, in the simplicity of my heart, with a good and firm faith,

and at Thy commandment, I draw near unto Thee with hope and reverence; and I do truly believe that Thou art here present in this Sacrament, both God and Man.

Thy will is, that I should receive Thee, and that I should unite myself unto Thee in charity.

Wherefore I implore Thy mercy, and do crave Thy special grace, to the end I may wholly be dissolved, and overflow with love unto Thee, and never hereafter suffer any external consolation to enter in.

For this most high and precious Sacrament is the health both of soul and body, the medicine for all spiritual languor; hereby my vices are cured, my passions bridled, my temptations overcome or at least weakened; greater grace is infused, virtue begun is increased, faith is confirmed, hope strengthened, and love inflamed and enlarged.

For Thou hast bestowed, and still oftentimes dost bestow, many benefits in this Sacrament upon Thy beloved ones that communicate devoutly, O my God, the Protector of my soul, the Strengtheners of human frailty, and the Giver of all inward comfort.

Thou impartest unto them much comfort against sundry tribulations; and liftest them up from the depth of their own dejected state, to hope in Thy protection; and dost inwardly recreate and enlighten them with new grace, so that they who at first and before Communion felt themselves full of anxiety and heartlessness, afterwards, being refreshed with heavenly Meat and Drink, do find in themselves a change for the better.

In which thus with wise apportionment Thou dealest with Thine elect, to the intent that they may truly acknowledge, and clearly experience, how great their own

infirmity is, and what goodness and grace they obtain from Thee.

For they of themselves are cold, dull, and undevout; but by Thee they are made fervent, cheerful, and full of devotion.

For who is there, that, approaching humbly unto the Fountain of sweetness, doth not carry away from thence at least some little sweetness?

Or who, standing by a great fire, receiveth not some small heat thereby?

And Thou art a Fountain always full and overflowing, a Fire ever burning and never decaying.

Wherefore if I am not permitted to draw out of the full fountain, itself, nor to drink my fill, I will notwithstanding set my lips to the mouth of this heavenly conduit, that I may receive from thence at least some small drop to refresh my thirst, that so I may not be wholly dried up.

And though I cannot as yet be altogether heavenly nor so inflamed as the Cherubim and Seraphim, yet notwithstanding I will endeavour to apply myself earnestly to devotion, and prepare my heart to obtain if it be but some small spark of divine fire, by the humble receiving of this life-giving Sacrament.

And whatsoever is hereunto wanting in me, O merciful Jesu, most Holy Saviour, do Thou bountifully and graciously supply for me, Thou Who hast vouchsafed to call us all unto Thee, saying, *Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.*

I indeed labour in the sweat of my brows, I am vexed with grief of heart, I am burdened with sins, I am troubled with temptations, I am entangled and oppressed with many evil passions; and there is none to help me, none to deliver and save me, but Thou, O Lord

God my Saviour, to Whom I commit myself and all that is mine, that Thou mayest keep watch over me, and bring me safe to life everlasting.

Receive me for the honour and glory of Thy Name, Thou Who hast prepared Thy Body and Blood to be my Meat and Drink.

Grant, O Lord God, my Saviour, that by frequenting Thy Mysteries, the zeal of my devotion may grow and increase.

#### CHAPTER XVI.

O Thou most sweet and loving Lord, Whom I now desire to receive with all devotion, Thou knowest my infirmities, and the necessities which I endure; in how many sins and evils I am involved; how often I am weighed down, tempted, disturbed, and defiled by them.

Unto Thee I come for remedy. I entreat of Thee consolation and support.

I speak to Thee Who knowest all things, to Whom all my inward thoughts are open, and Who alone canst perfectly comfort and help me.

Thou knowest what good things I stand in most need of, and how poor I am in all virtue.

Behold, I stand before Thee poor and naked, calling for grace, and imploring mercy.

Refresh Thy hungry supplicant, inflame my coldness with the fire of Thy Love, enlighten my blindness with the brightness of Thy Presence.

Do Thou for me turn all earthly things into bitterness, all things grievous and contrary into occasions for patience, all low and created things into contempt and oblivion before me.

Lift up my heart to Thee in heaven, and do not send me away to wander over the earth.

Be Thou alone sweet unto me from henceforth for evermore; for Thou alone art my Meat and Drink, my love and my joy, my sweetness and all my good.

O that with Thy Presence Thou wouldest wholly inflame, burn, and conform me unto Thyself; that I might be made one Spirit with Thee, by the grace of inward Union, and by the meltings of ardent love!

Suffer me not to go away from Thee hungry and dry, but deal mercifully with me, as oftentimes Thou hast dealt wonderfully with Thy Saints.

What marvel is it if I should be wholly inflamed by Thee, and from myself fail and come to nothing; since Thou art fire always burning and never decaying, Love purifying the heart and enlightening the understanding.

### *A Litany to our Blessed Saviour in Preparation for Holy Communion.*

Jesus, God and Man, in Two Natures, and One Divine Person, *Have mercy upon us and bless us.*

*(And repeat this prayer, Have mercy, &c., after each of the following Invocations.)*

Jesus, our Wonderful God, Who

dost vouchsafe to be present upon the Altar when the Priest pronounces the words of Consecration,

Jesus, our Incomprehensible God, Who, though the Heaven of Heavens cannot contain Thee, art pleased to dwell among men,

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Jesus, our Sovereign King,  
Who, though Thy Throne is  
attended by glorified Spirits, yet  
dost not decline the service of  
men,

Jesus, our Heavenly Physician,  
Who vouchsafest to descend from  
Thy Palace of Immortal Bliss to  
our houses of clay, to visit us on  
beds of sickness, and to give Thy-  
self to comfort our sorrows,

Jesus, our Glorious God, Who  
sittest at the Right Hand of Thy  
Eternal Father, adored by innu-  
merable Angels, and encompassed  
with the splendours of inaccessi-  
ble Light,

Jesus, our Gracious God, Who,  
condescending to the weakness of  
our nature, dost cover Thy Glory  
under the familiar forms of Bread  
and Wine; and so, dost give Thy-  
self to us miserable sinners,

Jesus, our Merciful God, Who,  
concealing the Brightness of Thy  
Majesty under those low and  
humble Veils, dost invite us to  
approach unto Thee, to lay open  
our miseries before Thine Eyes, and  
to deliver our petitions into Thy  
Hands,

Jesus, our Pitiful God, Who, to  
communicate Thy Divine Nature  
to sinners, dost humble Thyself  
to descend into our hearts, and by  
an inconceivable Union to become  
One with us,

Jesus, the Bread of Life, Which  
camest down from Heaven; of  
Which whosoever eats shall live  
for ever,

Jesus, the Heavenly Manna,  
Whose Sweetness nourishes Thine  
Elect in the desert of this world,

Jesus, the Food of Angels,  
Whose Sweetness fills our hearts  
with celestial joys,

Jesus, the Lamb without spot,  
Who, once sacrificed, art continu-  
ally offered, yet art alive for  
evermore; Who art continually  
consumed, yet still for ever Per-  
fect,

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Who  
layest down Thy life for Thy  
sheep, and feedest them with Thine  
Own Body,

Jesus, Who, in this August and  
Venerable Mystery, art Thyself  
both Priest and Victim,

Jesus, Who, in the Sacred Mem-  
orial of Thy Death, hast con-  
summated all Thy Wonders into  
One Stupendous Miracle, and  
contracted all Thy Blessings into  
one Inestimable Bounty,

Jesus, Who, by this blessed  
Fruit of the Tree of Life, dost  
restore us again to Immortality,

Jesus, Who, by becoming Thy-  
self our daily Food in this life,  
dost prepare us to feed on Thee  
for ever in the next,

Jesus, Who, in this Divine  
Banquet, givest us possession of  
Thy Grace here, and a certain  
pledge of our glory hereafter,

*Have mercy upon us, and bless  
us.*

*Spare us, Good Lord,*

*And pardon our sins.*

*Spare us, Good Lord,*

*And hear our prayers.*

From presuming to measure  
the depth of Thy Almightyness  
by the short line of human reason,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

*(And after each of the following  
Deprecations, say, Good Lord,  
deliver us.)*

From all idle and wandering  
thoughts while we offer and pre-  
sent this awful Sacrifice,

From neglecting to approach  
Thy Holy Table; and from coming  
to it unprepared,

From an unworthy and fruitless  
reception of this blessed Sacra-  
ment,

From all hardness of heart, and  
unthankfulness for so unspeakable  
a blessing,

By Thy resistless Power, which  
changeth the course of nature as  
Thou wiltest,

By Thine unsearchable Wisdom,

which disposeth all things in perfect order,

By Thine infinite Goodness, which freely bestows Thyself, in this Incomprehensible Mystery,

By Thy most Sacred Body, broken for us upon the Cross, and really given unto us in the Holy Communion,

By Thy most Precious Blood, poured out for us upon the Cross, and really given unto us in the Cup of Blessing,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners most humbly beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord Jesu Christ,

That we may always believe nothing more reasonable than to submit our reason unto Thee;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

(*And after each of the following Supplications shall be said, We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.*)

That, by this Sacred Oblation, we may acknowledge Thine infinite perfections in Thyself, and Thy supreme Dominion over all things; as well as our perpetual dependance upon Thee, and absolute subjection to Thy will;

That we may ever magnify Thy Goodness, Who, having no need of us, hast set forth such endearing motives to make us love Thee;

That we may thankfully comply with Thy gracious desire of being made One with us, by a fervent desire of being made One with Thee;

That, before we approach Thy Banquet of Divine Love, we may endeavour to be reconciled to Thee, and to be in perfect charity with all the world;

That, at the moment of receiving Thy Sacred Body and Thy Precious Blood, our Souls may be dissolved in reverence and love,

to attend on and entertain so glorious a Guest;

That, returning from the Holy Eucharist, we may collect all our thoughts to praise and bless Thee, and endeavour to amend our lives according to Thy Holy Word;

That, by this Heavenly Medicine, our heart may be healed of all infirmities, and our will strengthened against all relapses;

That as by Faith we adore Thee here present beneath these Sacred Veils; so we may hereafter behold Thee Face to face, and evermore be glad with the joy of Thy Countenance;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world;

*Grant us Thy Peace.*

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world;

*Have mercy upon us.*

O Christ, hear us.

*O Christ, hear us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

O Lord, hear my prayer.

*And let my crying come unto Thee.*

The Lord be with you.

*And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

O God, Who in this wonderful Sacrament hast left us a perpetual Memorial of Thy Passion: Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may so reverently handle and devoutly receive the Sacred Mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may ever feel within ourselves the fruit of Thy Redemption. Who livest and reignest with the Father, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Blessed Jesus, Who art about to come to us Thy unworthy servants in the Blessed Sacrament



of Thy Body and Blood, prepare our hearts, we beseech Thee, for Thyself.

Grant us that repentance for our past sins,—that faith in the Atonement made for them by Thee upon the Cross,—that full purpose of amendment of life,—that perfect love to Thee and to all men, which shall fit us to receive Thee.

Lord, we are not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under our roof, much less that we should receive Thee into ourselves; but since Thou didst not disdain to be laid in a manger amongst unclean beasts, so vouchsafe to enter into

our souls and bodies, unclean though they be through many sins and defilements.

Lord, come to us that Thou mayest cleanse us.

Lord, come to us that Thou mayest heal us.

Lord, come to us that Thou mayest strengthen us.

And grant that having received Thee, we may never be separated from Thee by our sins, but may continue Thine for ever, till we see Thee face to face in Thy heavenly kingdom, where, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, Thou livest and reignest, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

### Acts of the Principal Virtues.

**AN ACT OF FAITH.** Of a truth I firmly believe, O Good Jesu, and with lively faith confess, that Thou Thyself, Equal to God the Father in glory and in power, True God and Man, art verily and indeed present in this Sacrament. For Thou the Very Truth Itself hast said, *This is My Body, This is My Blood.* I believe whatever the Son of God hath said. Nothing can be truer than this word of Him Who is the Truth. Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief, increase my faith. (*Arvisenet.*)

**AN ACT OF HOPE.** O Christ Jesus, I am sinful dust and ashes, but Thou callest to Thee them that labour and are heavy laden, that Thou mayest refresh them. Art not Thou my Refuge? To whom else should I go? Thou Alone hast the Words of Eternal Life, Thou Alone canst comfort me in every trouble. Lord, I am weak and sick, but Thou art my Salvation. They that are whole need not a Physician, but they that are sick. Therefore I come

to Thee, my Physician and my Refuge, hoping that this Communion may be to me the increase of Faith, Hope, and Charity; a firm defence against the snares of my enemies; a help to the removal of the fault and defect of— and to the bringing forth of Works well pleasing unto Thee, especially—; and a pledge of future glory. This is the hope and desire which I cherish in my heart, for Thou art pitiful and of tender mercy, and in all Thy Promises most faithful. (*Ibid.*)

**AN ACT OF LOVE.** O Most Sweet Saviour Jesus Christ, how great was Thy Love which drew Thee from the Bosom of the Father to this vale of tears, to take our flesh and endure infinite miseries and wrongs, and even the Death of the Cross, and that only for us miserable sinners, and for our salvation! O how great was Thy Love; Thou mightest have condemned us, and Thou didst rather choose to save us! We were guilty, and Thou, the Sinless One, didst endure our punishment to

set us free! Of Love it was that Thou camest down to us to take our flesh, and when about to depart from this world to the Father, Thou didst leave us this Sacrament, as a pledge of Love, that after a new and wondrous manner Thou mightest abide with us for ever, Thou Whose delights are to be with the sons of men. O Lord, how worthy art Thou of love, Who dost so much for love of us! Wherefore I will love Thee, O Lord, my Strength, my Refuge, and my Deliverer. O God, Thou art very Love, he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in Thee. I desire to receive Thee in this Sacrament that I may be more firmly united with Thee in the bond of love. Who shall separate me from the love of Christ my Saviour? O that neither life, nor death, nor any other creature, may have power to do so. (*Ibid.*)

AN ACT OF HUMILITY. Yet how dare I venture to approach to Thee? Art not Thou, O God, my Lord, my Creator, my Redeemer, the King of Heaven and earth? and who am I? A poor worm of earth, and, what is yet more unworthy, so oft a disobedient and ungrateful sinner against Thee! Of a truth, Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof: yet remember, O Lord, that although Thou wast Lord of all, yet didst Thou take upon Thee the form of a servant, and, coming unto us, didst converse familiarly with publicans and sinners; and lastly didst humble Thyself even unto death. Let that Thy humility move Thee, I beseech Thee, not to despise me, vile and worthless as I am, but graciously to come unto me, and mercifully to receive me who come to Thee. (*Ibid.*)

### Prayers before Holy Communion.

*Prayer of S. Thomas Aquinas, directed in the Ancient English Use of Sarum, to be said before Holy Communion.*

*Omnipotens sempiterne Deus.*

Almighty and Everlasting God, behold I approach the Sacrament of Thy Only-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. As one sick, I come to the Physician of Life: as unclean, to the Fountain of Mercy: as blind, to the Light of Eternal Splendour: as needy, to the Lord of Heaven and earth: as naked, to the King of Glory: a lost sheep, to the Good Shepherd: a fallen creature, to its Creator: desolate, to the kind Comforter: miserable, to the Pitier: guilty, to the Bestower of Pardon: sinful, to the Justifier: hardened, to the Infuser of Grace.

I implore therefore the Abundance of Thine Infinite Majesty that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to heal my sickness, to wash my foulness, to lighten my darkness, to enrich my poverty, and to clothe my nakedness, that I may receive the Bread of Angels, the King of kings and Lord of lords, with such reverence and fear, such contrition and love, such faith and purity, such devotion and humility, as is expedient for the welfare of my soul.

Grant me, I beseech Thee, to receive not only the Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood, but also the Virtue of the Sacrament.

O Most Merciful God, grant me so to receive the Body of Thy Only-Begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, Which He took of

the Virgin Mary, that I may be incorporated in His Mystical Body, and ever reckoned among His members.

And, O Most Loving Father, grant me that Whom I now purpose to receive under a veil I may at length behold with open face, even Thy Beloved Son, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. Amen.

*A Prayer of S. Anselm before Holy Communion.*

*Rogo etiam Te, Domine.*

O Great High Priest, the True Priest, Jesu Christ, I pray Thee by the Holy Mystery of Thy Body and Blood, Whereby in Thy Church we are evermore fed, washed, and sanctified, and made partakers of Thy Divine Nature; Grant to me the graces which are well pleasing unto Thee, especially—, with which fulfilled I may so with a clean conscience approach Thy Altar, that the Sacramental Gifts may be made to me health and life. For Thou with Thy holy and blessed Mouth hast said, *The Bread Which I will give is My Flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. I am the Living Bread Which came down from heaven. Whosoever shall eat of this Bread shall live for ever.* O Bread most sweet, heal Thou the palate of my heart, that I may feel the sweetness of Thy Love. Heal it of all weakness and frailty, that it may be set upon no sweetness but Thyself.

O Bread most fair, full of all delight and sweetness, That ever refreshest us and never failest, may my heart feed on Thee, and may my inmost parts be filled with the sweetness of Thy taste. Thy Angel Host feeds on Thee with full satisfaction: may man in his pilgrimage so feed on Thee

according to his measure, that he may not fail on the way, being refreshed with such Food for his journey.

O Holy Bread, O Living Bread, O Bread most Pure, Which camest down from Heaven, and givest life unto the world, come into my heart and cleanse me from all defilement of flesh and spirit. Enter Thou into my soul, and heal and cleanse me within and without, especially from . . . Be Thou the succour and abiding defence of my soul and body. Drive far from me all the snares of the enemy. Let them be scattered afar from Thy powerful Presence, that being both outwardly and inwardly guarded by Thee, I may attain by a straight course to Thy Heavenly Kingdom, where no more as now in mysteries, but face to face, we shall see Thee, when Thou shalt have delivered up the Kingdom to God, even the Father, that God may be all in all. For then shalt Thou wondrously satisfy me from Thyself, so that I shall hunger no more nor thirst any more. For Thy tender Mercy's sake, Who livest and reignest with the Same Father and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

¶ *The following Prayer of S. Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, before receiving the blessed Sacrament, may be said in the morning before going to Church; or during the Service itself, either in the pause while the general Congregation is withdrawing, or in the pause after the Prayer of Consecration.*

*Ad mensam dulcissimi convivii.*

To the table of Thy most sweet Feast, O Gracious Lord Jesu Christ, I a sinner approach with fear and trembling; nothing pre-

suming on my own deserts, but trusting in Thy Mercy and Goodness. For my heart and body are stained with many sins, my thoughts and lips not diligently kept. Wherefore, O Gracious God, O Awful Majesty, in my extremity I turn to Thee, the Fount of Mercy; to Thee I hasten to be healed, and take refuge under Thy protection; and Thee, before Whom as my Judge I cannot stand, I long for as my Saviour. To Thee, O Lord, I shew my wounds, to Thee I lay bare my shame. I know my sins, for which I am afraid, are many and great. My trust is in Thy mercies, of which there is no end. Look therefore upon me with the eye of Thy Mercy, O Lord Jesu Christ, God and Man, for man's sake crucified. Hearken unto me whose trust is in Thee; have mercy upon me who am full of sin and misery, O Thou Fount of Mercy, That wilt never cease to flow.

Hail, Saving Victim, offered for me and all mankind on the Cross of suffering and shame.

Hail, noble and precious Blood, flowing from the Wounds of my Crucified Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and washing away the sins of the whole world.

Bemindful, O Lord, of Thy creature which Thou hast redeemed with Thine Own Blood. It repents me that I have sinned, and I desire to amend what I have done. Take therefore away from me, O most merciful Saviour, all my iniquities and sins, especially . . . that being cleansed both in body and soul I may worthily taste the Holy of Holies.

And grant that this holy feeding on Thy Body and Blood, of Which unworthy as I am I purpose to partake, may be for the remission of my sins, and the perfect cleansing of all my offences, for the driving away of all evil thoughts, and the renewal of all holy desires, for the healthful bringing forth of fruit well-pleasing unto Thee, and the most sure protection of my soul and body against the wiles of all enemies. For Thy tender Mercy's sake. Amen.

## Devotions at Holy Communion.

*During the actual Celebration of the Holy Communion it is best not to use any private devotions whilst the Priest is saying anything at the Altar, but always to give our best attention to everything which he says and does, devoutly following him in our Prayer-Book, and inwardly joining with him.*

*There are usually three pauses in the Service which may be made use of for Private Devotion.*

1. *Whilst the non-communicants are withdrawing.*

2. *A short pause just before the Prayer of Consecration.*

3. *After the Prayer of Consecration, whilst others are receiving.*

*Sometimes after the General Confession the Priest pauses awhile before pronouncing the Absolution. This is intended to allow all to make briefly in secret a special confession to Almighty God of any particular sins which their self-examination may have shewn them to have been guilty of since their last Communion. We should gladly avail ourselves of this, and then give earnest heed to the Absolution whereby God declares His full forgiveness of us if we be truly penitent.*

*During the first pause we may make use of any of the foregoing Prayers and Devotions before Holy Communion, or else the following, from the Mozarabic Liturgy.*

Conscious of our sinful thoughts and our shortcomings, we approach Thee, O Lord, not to sacrifice to Thee a bleeding victim, but with suppliant prayers to offer and present before Thee the Body of the Everlasting Priest.

Remember therefore, O Lord,

what He endured for us, Who bare our sins. And clothe Thou us in the Robe of righteousness, that none may sit down at Thy Supper without a wedding garment, but that the banquet of the New Testament may abound with celestial joys.

Far from us be the guile whereby the wicked disciple was deceived. May there be in all true Faith, sure Hope, and pure Love, that the conscience of none may be condemned by these spiritual Sacraments, but that we all, cleansed by the sweetness of Thy peace and love from all our faults, may venture even now on earth to draw near and call Thee Father. Through the Same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*During the second pause, before the Consecration, we may say, according to the ancient Use of York, the following, on behalf of the Officiating Priest:—*

The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble: the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee.

Send thee help from the Sanctuary: and strengthen thee out of Sion.

Remember all thy Offerings: and accept thy burnt-sacrifice.

Grant thee thy heart's desire: and fulfil all thy mind.

Save, Lord, and hear us, O King of Heaven: when we call upon Thee. (*Psalm xx.*)

*Adding this.*

In the spirit of humility, and with contrite hearts, may we be accepted of Thee, O Lord: and may our offering be so made in Thy sight, that it may be accepted of Thee, and may please Thee, O Lord my God. *S.M.*

¶ *The following Prayers, which may be used at this part of the Service according to opportunity and at discretion, are translated from the "Secretæ," (or Collects appointed to be said silently before the Consecration) of the ancient English Use of Sarum.*

*Advent and Christmas.*

Accept, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the Offering of Thy Faithful People: and grant that we may be partakers of Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, even as He vouchsafed to take upon Him our humanity. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen. *S.M.*

*Epiphany.*

We bring before Thee, O Lord, our Offerings in thanksgiving for the Manifestation of Thy Son: Humbly entreating, that as He is the Author of these our Gifts, so He may also mercifully present them unto Thee. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen. *G.*

That the gifts of Thy suppliant people may be acceptable unto Thee, O Lord, cleanse them, we pray Thee, from all defilement of wickedness and sin. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Gr.*

*Lent.*

Receive, O Lord, with favour, these gifts of Thy Holy Church, which Thou of Thy mercy gavest unto us to offer, and makest by Thy power to pass into the Mystery of our salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *L.*

O God, to Whom, now that the many and various Sacrifices of old time are ended, we offer and present the One and Only Victim: Mercifully assist the prayers conceived by Thine Own inspiration, and cause that both the desires

of us who trust in Thee may be fulfilled, and our sins may be done away. Through the Same Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen. *S.M.*

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may ever rejoice to be occupied in the solemnities of Thy holy worship, and also in body and mind alike may be duly fitted for the holy Mysteries. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *S.M.*

Grant to us, we beseech Thee, O Merciful God, that we may ever worthily serve at Thy Altars, and by our continual partaking thereof be kept in the state of grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Gr.*

Accept, Almighty Creator, the gifts which, through Thy bountiful goodness, we with fasting present unto Thee: And as Thou hast given them unto us for our support in this transitory life, so do Thou mercifully cleanse them for our use towards the Life Eternal. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *S.M.*

*Holy Week.*

Sanctify, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the oblations of Thy people who are dedicated unto Thee: That we, being cleansed from the corruption of our former earthly life, may be renewed by continual advances in the life of Heaven. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *S.M.*

*Maundy Thursday.*

We beseech Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God, that He may render this our sacrifice acceptable unto Thee, Who by the Institution, as on this day, of His holy Supper, taught His disciples that this should be done for the remembrance of Him, even Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth

and reigneth, ever One God, world without end. Amen. *Gr.*

*Easter.*

Accept, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the prayers of Thy People, together with the sacrifices which they offer: That the gifts which are offered on this Paschal solemnity, may by the working of Thy mighty power be profitable to us for our restoration unto eternal Life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *G.*

Receive, O Lord, the prayers of Thy Church, which rejoices in the grace of its Redemption: And grant that it may be nourished by a faithful partaking of these present gifts, and by a firm belief in Thy glorious Resurrection. Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen. *S.M.*

*Ascension-Tide.*

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that this offering which we present may be accepted of Thee, being consecrated to be the Body and Blood of Thy Son, Whom, as He sitteth at the Right Hand of Thy Majesty, we assuredly believe to intercede for us. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen. *S.M.*

*Whitsun-Tide.*

O Lord, we beseech Thee, let Thy Holy Ghost descend upon this Altar: That He may both sanctify the gifts of Thy People, and also mercifully cleanse the hearts of those who receive thereof. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Same Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen. *S.M.*

*Trinity Sunday.*

Sanctify, we beseech, O Lord God, Holy Trinity, through the

Invocation of Thy Holy Name, this sacrifice which now we offer, and through it make us ourselves a perpetual sacrifice unto Thee. Who livest and reignest ever One God, world without end. Amen. *Gr.*

*At Ordinary Times.*

O Lord our God, Who hast willed that these Thy creatures of Bread and Wine, which Thou hast created for the support of our weakness, should be hallowed as gifts unto Thy Name: Grant, we beseech Thee, that they may be made both a help to us in this present life, and also a pledge of eternal blessedness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *L.*

Sanctify, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the gifts which we offer unto Thee: That they may become to us for our healing the Body and Blood of Thine Only-Begotten. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen. *Gr.*

Receive the gifts, we beseech Thee, O Lord, which of Thine own Bounty we present before Thee: And grant that these holy Mysteries, through the powerful working of Thy grace, may both sanctify our daily life in this world, and also bring us into everlasting joys. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Gr.*

¶ *Immediately after the Consecration Prayer, after joining audibly in the "Amen," say:*

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world, Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world, Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world, Grant us Thy peace.

Worthy is the Lamb That was slain to receive power, and riches,

and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. For He hath loved us and redeemed us, and hath washed us from our sins in His Own Blood, and hath made us Kings and Priests unto God and His Father. To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (*Revelation.*)

¶ *The following Hymns may be said according to opportunity.*

*Adoro Te devoté.*

Humbly I adore Thee, hidden Deity, Which beneath these symbols art concealed from me: Wholly in submission Thee my spirit hails, For in contemplating Thee it wholly fails.

Seeing, touching, tasting, all are here deceived, But by hearing only safely 'tis believed: I believe whatever God's own Son averred, Nothing can be truer than Truth's very word.

On the Cross Thy Godhead only was concealed, Here not e'en Thy Manhood is to sight revealed: But in both believing and confessing, Lord, Ask I what the dying thief of Thee implored.

I do not, like Thomas, see Thy Wounds appear, But with him confess my Lord and God is here: Grant this faith in me may evermore increase, And my hope in Thee and love may never cease.

O thrice-blest Memorial of my dying Lord, This true Bread of Life doth life to man afford; Grant, O Lord, my soul may ever feed on Thee, And Thy taste of all things to it sweetest be.

Victim for Thy people, Jesu, Lord and God, Cleanse me, wretched sinner, in Thy precious Blood; Blood Whereof one drop for human kind outpoured, Might from all transgression have the world restored.

Jesu, Whom in this life veiled I behold, Grant what my soul thirsts for with desire untold; O may I beholding Thine unveiled grace, Rest in blissful vision of Thine open Face. Amen.

(*S. Thomas Aquinas.*)

*O Salutaris Hostia.*

O Saving Victim, opening wide The Gate of Heaven to man below, Our foes press on from every side, Thine aid supply; Thy strength bestow.

Blest Three in One, to Thee ascend All thanks and praise for evermore: O grant us life that ne'er shall end Upon the Heavenly Country's shore. Amen.

(*The same.*)

*Ave verum.*

Hail, true Body, born of Mary, Spotless Virgin's virgin birth, On the Cross That hangedst weary To redeem the sons of earth; Hear us, merciful and mild, Jesu, Mary's gracious Child.

Thou, Whose sacred side was riven, Whence flowed forth the saving flood, O mayest Thou, dear Lord, be given At death's hour to be my Food. Hear us, merciful and mild, Jesu, Mary's gracious Child. (*Ancient Anthem.*)

*Or this.*

Victim Divine, Thy grace we claim, While thus Thy precious Death we show: Once offered up, a spotless Lamb, In Thy great Temple here below, Thou didst for all mankind atone, And standest now before the Throne.

Thou standest in the Holy Place, As now for guilty sinners slain; The Blood of sprinkling speaks, and prays, All prevalent for helpless man; Thy Blood is still our Ransom found, And speaks salvation all around.



The smoke of Thy Atonement here Darkened the sun, and rent the veil, Made the new way to Heaven appear, And show'd the great invisible; Well-pleased in Thee, our God looked down, And calls His rebels to a crown.

He still respects Thy Sacrifice; Its savour sweet does always please; The Offering smokes through earth and skies, Diffusing life, and joy, and peace; To these, Thy lower courts, It comes, And fills them with divine perfumes.

We need not now go up to Heaven, To bring the long-sought Saviour down; Thou art to all already given, Thou dost even now Thy Banquet crown: To every faithful soul appear, And show Thy Real Presence here!

(*Wesley's Hymns. No 551.*)

¶ *When you kneel down before the Lord's Table, say secretly:*

Hail, Most holy Flesh of Christ, to me above all things the sum of delight. May the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ be unto me, a sinner, life and health and salvation.

Hail, heavenly Drink of Jesu's Blood, to me above all things the sum of delight. May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ be unto me, a sinner, for a perpetual remedy unto Eternal Life. Amen. *S.M.*

¶ *And when the Priest approaches you, say:*

Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only, and Thy servant shall be healed.

¶ *And as you take the Sacrament, say:*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ *And when you have received, say:*

O Lord Jesu Christ, Son of the Living God, Who, by the will of the Father, and the cooperation of the Holy Ghost, hast by Thy Death given life unto the world: Deliver me, I beseech Thee, by this Thy Holy Body and Blood, from all my iniquities, and from all evils that oppress me, and make me to be always obedient unto Thy Commandments, and suffer me not to be separated from Thee for ever, O Saviour of the world. *S.M.*

¶ *And when you have returned to your place, you may say the following Hymn.*

Now take my heart and all that is in me, My Lord beloved, take it from me to Thee;

I would have Thine, This soul and flesh of mine; Would order thought, and word, and deed,

As Thy most holy Will shall lead.

Thou feedest me with Heavenly Bread and Wine, Thou pourest through me streams of Life Divine; Oh noble Face,

So sweet, so full of grace, I ponder as Thy Cross I see, How best to give myself to Thee.

Behold, through all the eternal ages still My heart shall choose and love Thy holy Will;

Would'st Thou my death, I die to Thee in faith; Would'st Thou that I should longer live,

To Thee the choice I wholly give.

But Thou must also deign to be my own, To dwell in me, to make my heart Thy Throne, My God indeed,

My Help in time of need, My Head from Whom no power can sever,

The Bridegroom of my soul for ever. (*Lyra Germanica, from*

the German of Johann Scheffler, commonly called 'Angelus.' A.D. 1657.)

¶ *And after receiving may be said, according to opportunity, any of the following Post-communion Collects, translated from the ancient English Use of Salisbury, or from those still more ancient 'Sacramentaries' of the Western Church, from which the liturgical forms of nearly all the Churches of European Christendom were in great measure derived.*

*These Collects, as well as the 'Secretæ' of p. 127, will probably possess an additional interest in the eyes of English Christians, when it is remembered that they were in all probability introduced into this country by Augustine the monk, who came at the bidding of Pope Gregory the Great in the sixth century to preach the Gospel to our then heathen forefathers, and became the first Archbishop of Canterbury.*

#### *Advent.*

Refreshed by the Food and Drink of our spiritual Nourishment, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, that by our partaking of this Mystery Thou wouldest teach us to despise things earthly, and to love things heavenly: That we, being delivered from the deadly bondage of corrupt desire, may be made partakers of the kingdom of eternal freedom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *G.*

Being satisfied with the Gift of Thy Salvation, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord; That we, who taste thereof with joy, may through its effectual working be inwardly renewed. Through. *L.*

#### *Christmas.*

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may be refreshed by the celebration of the Birth of

Thine Only-Begotten Son, Who, in this His heavenly Mystery, both feeds us and gives us drink. Through the Same. *L.*

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord our God, that we who do rejoice in the celebration of the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, may, by walking worthily of Him, attain unto perfect fellowship with Him. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen. *L.*

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that as He, Who this day was born the Saviour of the world, is to us the Author of our heavenly birth, so He may also Himself be the Giver of our Immortality. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen. *L.*

#### *Epiphany.*

Prevent us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, always and everywhere with Thy heavenly Light: That we may both with pure insight discern the Mystery whereof Thou hast willed we should partake, and also with worthy effect receive the same. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *G.*

May these Thy gifts, O Lord, both detach us from earthly delights, and provide us evermore with heavenly nourishment. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Gr.*

O God, Who admittest us to the partaking of Thy Sacrament, work, we beseech Thee, in our hearts the effects of its grace and power: That we unto whom Christ hath given Himself may be by Him conformed to His own Image. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen. *S.M.*

Grant, we beseech Thee, O

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Lord, that we whom Thou feedest on heavenly Dainties, may evermore desire that Food through Which alone we truly live, even Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen. *Gr.*

*Lent.*

Refreshed and strengthened by Thy Gift of heavenly Life, we beseech Thee, O Lord our God: That that which to us in this present life is a Mystery may be an help and strength towards and through eternity. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *G.*

O Lord, we beseech Thee, let the Mysteries so oft received be profitable to us; and both free us from the desires of earth, and also teach us to love the things of heaven. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *S.M.*

O Lord, we beseech Thee, may That Which we have received from Thy Holy Altar, be to us a healing Medicine of mind and body: That we, being strengthened by the partaking of so great a means of grace, may be worn out by no adversities. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *S.M.*

O Lord, we beseech Thee, grant that we who have now received the pledge of everlasting salvation, may so live agreeably to our profession, that we may finally attain Thy promises. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Gr.*

We beseech Thee, O Lord our God, that we who are refreshed with the richness of the heavenly Gift, may ever live by our partaking of the Same. Through the Same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *L.*

*Holy Week.*

Grant, O Lord, we humbly be-

seech Thee, to us who now are filled with the grace of Thy holy Gift, that as we have joyfully and devoutly received it with our bodily taste, so we may also in our minds and hearts perceive its exceeding sweetness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *G.*

*Maunder Thursday.*

Refreshed with the life-giving Sustenance, we beseech Thee, O Lord our God; That, in the immortality which Thou shalt give, we may hereafter attain unto that which in this time of our mortal life we do in mystery. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *L.*

*Easter.*

Pour into us, O Lord, the Spirit of Thy Love: And as Thou hast refreshed us by the Sacraments of Thy Passover, so of Thy mercy make us of one heart. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *L.*

O Lord, we beseech Thee, let our devout partaking of the Paschal Sacrament have in us its full effect, and change us from earthly affections to a heavenly purpose. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Gr.*

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that the devout reception of Thy Sacrament may cleanse us wholly from the old man, and change us into the new creature. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *L.*

Purify, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the hearts of Thy faithful people: That they, being cleansed from earthly desires, may be both delivered from the dangers of this present life, and strengthened by Thy continual means of grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Gr.*

*Ascension-Tide.*

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that through these Sacra-

ments which we have received, our devout affections may thither rise where our human nature dwells with Thee, in the Person of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen. *Gr.*

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that through this holy means of Union we may attain to a sure hope, that that shall be accomplished in the Body of Thy whole Church which has already been accomplished in its Head. Through the Same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *S.M.*

*Whitsun-Tide.*

O Lord, let the outpouring of Thy Holy Spirit cleanse our hearts and make them fruitful by the inward sprinkling of the dew of His Blessing. *Gr.*

O Lord, we beseech Thee, apply unto us the full virtue of our Redemption: That we may be made worthy of the indwelling of the Holy Ghost. *S.M.*

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that by our partaking of this Sacrament the faults of our frailty may be so thoroughly cleansed away, that through Thy Holy Spirit we may feel within ourselves the promised blessing of Thy grace.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Same Spirit, ever One God, world without end. Amen. *S.M.*

*Trinity Sunday.*

O Lord our God, let the receiving of this Sacrament, and the Confession of Thine Holy and Eternal Trinity, and also of Thine Undivided Unity, be profitable unto us for the health both of body and soul. Who livest and reignest, ever One God, world without end. Amen. *Gr.*

*At Ordinary Times.*

Make us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to be fulfilled with that everlasting fruition of Thy Godhead, which is prefigured by our partaking in this life of Thy most precious Body and Blood. Who livest and reignest, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen. *S.M.*

Having partaken of the Sacred Gifts, we beseech Thee, O Lord: That like as we do frequently receive the Mystery, so its efficacy may increase in us to our salvation. *Gr.*

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to feel supported both in soul and body by the reception of Thy Sacrament: That we, being saved in both, may glory in the fulness of Thy heavenly healing. *L.*

We beseech Thee, O Lord, that Thou wouldest evermore vouchsafe unto us, who are refreshed with the heavenly Gifts, both the desire to live a holy and religious life, and also strength and power to fulfil the same. *Gr.*

O Lord, we beseech Thee, let the inward working of the heavenly Gift possess our souls and bodies: that the workings of our natural mind may be evermore controlled by its inward power. *Gr.*

That we may be rendered worthy of Thy Sacred Gifts, make us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, ever to obey Thy Commandments. *S.M.*

Having partaken of the Nourishment of immortality, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may live conformably unto That whereof we have partaken with our lips. *Gr.*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

¶ *The following General Intercession may be said whilst others are communicating, according to opportunity; or else any of the Litanies, pages 63—97; or any of the "Prayers for various objects and occasions," p. 101.*

O Most Merciful and loving Father, vouchsafe graciously to accept this Sacrifice at our hands, remembering that most holy Sacrifice which Thy Beloved Son offered unto Thee, during His whole Life, at the Last Supper, and upon the Cross, and wherewith this our present Sacrifice is mystically one. For He is our great High-Priest, our one and only Priest, the true Priest Jesus Christ, Who ever liveth to make intercession for us, presenting evermore before Thee, openly in Heaven and here in Mystery, the one true and propitiation for our sins, even His own most precious Body and Blood.

Accept Him therefore, O Heavenly Father, Who is our only and Saving Victim, That taketh away the sins of the world, and in Him accept these my humble intercessions:—

For my Father and Mother:

For my Wife [*or* Husband] and Children:

For my Brothers and Sisters:

For all my dear Relatives, especially *N.* and *N.*

For my God-children:

For all my friends and benefactors, especially *N.* and *N.*

For the Clergy, especially for Thy servant *N.* the Bishop of this Diocese, and for the Priests of this Parish.

[For my College and University:]

For the Parish, and therein especially for the young:

For all devout persons serving Thee in special works of mercy, and more especially for those engaged in missions to the heathen

and unconverted, and in reclaiming the fallen:

For this whole Church and Kingdom:

And lastly, for the whole Mystical Body of Thy Son:

That such as are yet alive may finish their course with joy:

And that such as are departed hence in the Lord, may rest in peace and hope and rise in glory.

Remember also for good, and have mercy upon all whom Thou hast in any way committed to my charge, or whom Thou desirest I should lead in the way of salvation, especially *N.* and *N.*

Remember also, O gracious Father, and of Thy tender compassion have mercy upon:

All that are in error and wandering out of the way:

All heathen and unconverted nations, and all that are destitute of necessary means of instruction:

All that are fallen from Thee, and are engaged in sinful courses, especially *N.* and *N.* that they may be delivered from the snare of the devil and the bondage of sin, and may have grace to repent and turn to Thee:

All true penitent souls, that they may find peace in Jesus:

All that labour under trials and afflictions:

All sick and dying persons, especially *N.* that they may be truly brought to Thee in faith and repentance before they die:

And lastly, all such as never pray for themselves, that before it is too late they may see their danger, and repent and turn to Thee.

## A THANKSGIVING,

*A Thanksgiving after receiving the Holy Communion.**Gratias Tibi ago, Domine.*

I yield Thee thanks, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Who, not for any merit of mine, but of the condescension of Thy Mercy only, hast vouchsafed to feed me a sinner, Thy unworthy servant, with the Precious Body and Blood of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ. And I humbly entreat Thy boundless clemency, Almighty and Merciful Lord, that this Holy Communion may not bring guilt upon me to condemnation, but may be unto me for pardon and salvation. Let it be unto me an armour of faith, and a shield of good resolution. Let it be unto me a riddance of all vices, an extermination of all evil desires and lusts, and an increase of love and patience, of humility and obedience, and all virtues, especially . . . . a firm defence against the wiles of all enemies, visible or invisible; a perfect quieting of all sinful impulses, fleshly or spiritual, especially . . . . a firm adherence to Thee, the One True God, and a blessed consummation of my end. And I pray Thee that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to bring me, a sinner, to that ineffable Feast, where Thou, with

Thy Son and the Holy Ghost, art to Thy Saints True Light, full and everlasting Joy, and perfect Happiness.

Moreover, I beseech Thee, O Lord, that this Holy Communion may be to me a guide and provision for my way unto the Haven of Everlasting Salvation. May it be to me a comfort when I am sad at heart, sweetness and love in every good resolve, patience in trouble and anguish, medicine in sickness. And by these most holy Mysteries which I have received, grant me right Faith, firm Hope, and perfect Charity, renunciation of the world, purification of desire, gladness of mind, fervent love of Thee, and a devout remembrance and inward affectionate feeling of the Passion of Thy Beloved Son, together with grace to keep my life full of virtues and of faith unfeigned, in the love and praise of Thee. And in the hour of my departure, grant me to receive the grace of this so great Mystery with true Faith, sure Hope, and sincere Charity, that I may see Thee evermore. Amen. (*S. Thomas Aquinas.*)

## Private Devotions after Holy Communion.

(Translated from the "Memoriale Vitæ Sacerdotalis.")

### I.

*Adore and magnify the Lord.* O Lord Jesus, Sweetest Guest, mayest Thou have come happily to me, Thy poor and humble servant. Mayest Thou have entered blessedly under this mean and lowly roof. Blessed art Thou O Lord, in the highest, for that Thou hast come into my heart, Thou Day-spring from on high.

O King of Peace! drive from my heart all vain and idle thoughts, that my soul may be able to dwell on and to love Thee only, the Author of Peace. For what beside Thee, O Thou Peace, Thou Calm and Sweetness of my heart, should my soul seek for or desire?

O Fount of undying Love! how can I forget Thee, who hast vouchsafed to remember me, and to give Thyself to me? Thou hast shewed mercy upon Thy servant beyond all my hope, and grace and kindness beyond all my desert. What shall I render to Thee for this Thy Goodness?

Would that I could serve Thee all the days of my life! Would that but for a single day I could shew Thee worthy service! For of a truth Thou art worthy of all devotion, all honour, and unceasing praise. Of a truth Thou art my Lord, and I Thy humble servant, who am bound with all my strength to serve Thee, and never ought I to be weary of Thy praises. This is my wish, this is my desire, and whatsoever is wanting to me do Thou vouchsafe to supply.

Grant me Thy grace, most merciful Jesus, that it may be

with me, and work with me, and continue with me even to the end. Grant me ever to will and to desire what is most pleasing unto Thee. Let Thy Will be mine, and my will ever follow Thine in perfect agreement with it, that so I may neither choose nor reject, save what Thou choosetest and rejectest.

Grant me to die to all that is in the world, and for love of Thee to be content to be despised and unknown in this life. Grant me, above all objects of desire, to rest in Thee, and to still my heart to perfect peace in Thee. For Thou art the true Peace of the heart, Thou art its only Rest, and out of Thee all is restless and unquiet. In this Peace that is in Thyself alone, my Chiefest and Eternal Good, may I lay me down and take my rest. Amen.

*Give thanks.* What shall I render unto Thee, O Lord Jesus, for all that Thou hast done unto me, and this day especially? Of Thy care for me Thou hast given me Thy Body for my Food, and Thy Blood for my Drink, and Both for a pledge of future glory. Who ever heard of such a thing, or saw the like? Would that my lips might be opened and my mouth filled with Thy praise, that I might sing of Thy glory and honour all the day long, and tell of all Thy wondrous works. O my soul, magnify Thou the Lord, from Whom Thou hast received blessings so many and so great; and rejoice, in God thy Saviour: for He hath regarded the lowliness of His servant, and

He that is mighty hath done for me great things, and hath filled me when an hungred with good things.

Wherefore, my tongue, O gracious Jesus, shall sing of Thy Righteousness and of Thy Praise all the day long. All my bones shall say, Lord, Who is like unto Thee? Thy Truth, Most Mighty Lord, is on every side. Glorious art Thou in Thy gifts, and holy in all Thy works. Let my words please Thee, O Lord; my joy shall be in Thee, and I will be exercised in Thy Commandments. Hold Thou me by my right hand, and guide me with Thy counsel, that Thou mayest afterwards receive me with glory. For Thy mercy's sake. Amen.

*Offer to God the Father His Son Jesus Christ.* O most merciful Father, Who hast so loved me as to give to me Thy Only-Begotten for my Food and Drink, and with Him all things, look upon the Face of Thine Anointed, in Whom Thou art well pleased. This Thy Beloved Son, and with Him my heart, I offer and present to Thee for all the blessings Thou hast this day given me. Mayest Thou, O Father, be now well-pleased in Him, and through Him turn away Thine indignation from me.

Behold the One Mediator between God and Man, the Man Christ Jesus, my Advocate and High Priest, Who intercedes for me. Him do I offer and plead before Thee, Who did no sin, but bare the sins of the world, and with Whose stripes we are healed. Accept, therefore, O Holy Father, this Immaculate Victim, to the honour and glory of Thy Name, in thanksgiving for all Thy benefits bestowed upon me, in remission also of my sins, and supply of all my defects and shortcomings.

*Offer thyself to Christ.* O Lord,

for that I am Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaid, I therefore renounce the devil and all his works, the pomps and vanities of this wicked world, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh. Thou alone art the God of my heart, Thou, O God, art my Portion for ever. Thou art the Portion of mine inheritance and of my cup. It is Thou who shalt restore mine heritage unto me. Do Thou therefore take for Thine own the whole powers of my soul, my memory, my intellect, and all my will. All that I am, all that I have, Thou hast bestowed upon me: therefore I give back all to Thee, and surrender it to be wholly governed by Thy Sovereign Will. Grant me but grace to love but Thee alone, and I am rich enough, and ask no more. (*From S. Ignatius.*)

## II.

*Give thanks.* O most Merciful Saviour, Jesus Christ, how good and gracious art Thou, and of great mercy unto all them that call upon Thee! For when we were not, by Thy Divine Power Thou didst create us: when we were Thine enemies, Thou camest down from Heaven and with wondrous wisdom didst redeem us: and since without Thee we cannot live, nor move, nor have any being, in body or in spirit, Thou, of Thine unbounded goodness, preservest us evermore by so many Sacraments and means of grace, nay in this blessed Sacrament Thou givest us Thy Body and Blood, that is, Thyself, after a manner altogether wonderful. O love! O tenderness! O new and mighty Mystery!

And dost Thou then vouchsafe to come to me, O my God? The King and Lord of Majesty Supreme to the meanest of Thy servants, the Almighty God to



man, the Creator to the creature? Whence is this to me, that Thou Thyself, my Lord, shouldst come to me? O Lord our God, how excellent is Thy Name in all the world! Who can express the noble acts of the Lord, or shew forth all His praise? Lord, I am less than the least of all Thy mercies which Thou hast shewed unto Thy servant. Wherefore, acknowledging my own insufficiency, this only do I earnestly desire, that all creatures with me and for me may praise and bless Thy Name for evermore. Amen.

*Offer to God the Father His Son Jesus Christ.* O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, Who of the abundance of Thine Infinite Love hast given to me Thine Only-Begotten Son! Behold I a miserable sinner, being now made partaker of His most Blessed Body and Blood, embracing Him within my breast, and possessing Him joined in intimate union with myself, do offer Him to Thee in union with that His unspeakable love wherewith He offered Himself upon the Altar of His Cross. Behold, this is the treasure, O Father most merciful, wherein I have placed all my hope: this is the riches which I bring in satisfaction of my debts.

Look, gracious Father, on the Face of Thine Anointed, and forasmuch as this is Thy Beloved Son, in Whom Thou art evermore well pleased, Who now is most closely united unto me, I humbly entreat that Thou wouldest look upon me also with the eyes of Thy Mercy. Under His guardianship and protection, under the shadow of His merits I appear before Thee, that as Thou lookest chiefly upon Him, Thou mayest also favourably and with mercy look on me who belong unto Him as His servant for ever.

O Lord, I beseech Thee, suffer

not my soul to perish, which so oft receives Thy Son within itself, Who, being sent by Thee, hath come into the world to seek and to save that which was lost. Grant this, O Lord, of Thine infinite mercy, through the Same Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord. Amen.

*Call upon the Lord.* O Lord, I beseech Thee, let this most excellent Victim, Which I have this day pleaded and presented before Thee, be accepted of thee in expiation and satisfaction of all my sins, negligences, and ignorances, and for the sins of the whole world. By It do Thou restore all the ruined places of my soul, and supply all my need. By It do Thou mortify in me whatever displeaseth Thee, and make me a man after Thine own heart. By It do Thou conform my whole spirit and soul and body unto the Spirit and Soul and Body of Thy holy Manhood, and enlighten me wholly by the Light of Thy Perfect Godhead. By It vouchsafe that I may be established in Thee, may love Thee perfectly and perseveringly, may be closely united with Thee, and wholly transformed into Thine Image, to the glory of Thy Holy Name, Which is called upon us. For Thy tender mercy's sake. Amen.

### III.

I have found Him Whom my soul loveth: I have held Him, and will not let Him go. Thee, O my Jesus, I embrace. Thee, my love and my joy, I hold fast. Of Thee, the treasure of my heart, do I lay hold, in Whom I possess all things. From all my necessities deliver me, O Lord, and make me to be as wholly Thine as Thou art mine. Thou O Jesus, art my Creator that hast made me; create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right

spirit within me. Thou art my King and my Lord, do Thou possess me, and none but Thee. Thou art my Teacher and my Master; O teach me true understanding and knowledge, and perfect obedience to Thy Law. Thou art my Advocate with God the Father, cause that He may turn away His anger from me. Thou art He that shall come to judge the quick and dead, enter not into judgment with Thy servant, O Lord. Thou, Lord, art the Beloved of my soul, betroth me to Thee in lovingkindness and in mercies. Thou art my Guide and my Defender, hold me fast by Thee, and let who will lift his hand against me. Thou wast made a Victim for me; my trust hath been in Thee, O Lord, therefore shall I not fall.

Thou art my Saviour and Redeemer, finish Thy work, and let not Thy labour be of none effect. Thou art the portion of mine inheritance, my portion in the land of the living, do Thou restore my heritage unto me. Thou art my glory, my crown, and my exceeding great reward; admit Thou me to those good things which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee. O Jesu, O most merciful Jesu, O Jesu, gracious Son of Mary, pour Thou into me grace, wisdom, love, purity, and humility, that I may be able perfectly to love Thee, to praise Thee, to enjoy Thee, to serve Thee, and to glory in Thee, now and for evermore. Amen.

How fair art Thou, my beloved One, dearly beloved and longed for, my Saviour Jesus Christ! How fair art Thou, how good and amiable! My only delight, my life, my joy, my chiefest pleasure, my God and my all! For Thee I sigh, on Thee I call, for Thee I pant. I embrace and love Thee with the whole inmost affection

of my heart; for Thou art God, and Very Goodness Itself, everlasting Love and Wisdom inexhaustible, infinite Power and absolute Perfection. What shall ever separate me from the love of Thee? Shall short-lived pleasure, uncertain riches, empty honours, vanity of vanities? Neither the one nor the other shall do so, O Good Jesus! for it is good for me to hold me fast by God, and to put my trust in the Lord God. Help me, gracious Jesu, in this my holy purpose: and suffer me never to forget my resolutions. Let Thy most holy Sacrament be to me a most efficacious remedy to heal the wounds of all my sins, and an abundant storehouse of all needful grace and strength. Let it be to me a most strong defence against all evils and dangers, and a most firm support in my endeavour after eternal blessedness. For Thy Mercy's sake. Amen.

## IV.

Behold, Lord, I now have Thee, Who hast all things, I possess Thee, Who possessest all things and canst do all things. Therefore, O my God and my All, do Thou wean my heart from all things beside Thee, for in them there is nothing but vanity and vexation of spirit. May my heart be fixed on Thee alone, may my rest be in Thee alone, for in Thee is my treasure, in Thee is the sovereign Truth, true happiness, and everlasting Life.

O Lord, let my soul feel the sweetness of Thy dear presence, that, allured by love of Thee, it may seek for nothing wherein to rejoice out of Thee; for Thou art the joy of my heart, the strength of my life, and my portion for ever.

Thou art the Physician of my soul, Who with thine own stripes

hast healed my sickness. I am that sick soul, whom Thou camest from heaven to heal; heal my soul therefore, for I have sinned against Thee.

Thou art the Good Shepherd, Who hast laid down Thy life for Thy sheep. Behold, I am that sheep that was lost, and yet Thou deignest to feed me with Thy Body and Blood. Lay me now upon Thy shoulders, gather me in Thine Arm, and carry me in Thy Bosom. What wilt Thou deny me, Who hast given Thyself unto me? O be Thou my Shepherd, and I shall lack nothing in the green pastures wherein Thou feedest me, until Thou bring me unto the pastures of eternal Life.

O Thou True Light, Which enlightenest every man that cometh into the world, lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death.

O Fire continually burning and never failing, behold how lukewarm and cold I am; O do Thou inflame my heart, that it may ever be warmed with the love of Thee.

O King of Heaven and Earth, great in power and rich in pity, behold, I am poor and needy, Thou knowest what I most require, Thou alone art able to enrich and help me; Help me, O God, and out of the treasures of Thy Goodness succour Thou my needy soul.

O my Lord and my God, behold, I am Thy servant and the son of Thine handmaid; O give me understanding, and kindle my affection by the grace of Thy Spirit, Who is Comfort, Life, and Fire of Love, that I may know and do Thy Will.

Thou art the Lamb of God, the Lamb without blemish and without spot, That takest away the sins of the world, take away from me whatever hurteth and displeaseth Thee, and give me what

is pleasing unto Thee, and good for my soul. Thou art my love, and all my joy. Thou art my God and my All. Thou art the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup. Thou maintainest my lot.

O JESU, my Saviour, my God, and my All, may the sweet and burning power of Thy love, I beseech Thee, absorb my soul, that I may die unto the world for the love of Thee, Who for love of me didst vouchsafe to die upon the Cross. For Thy tender mercy's sake. Amen.

*A Prayer for thyself.*

*Credo, Domine, sed credam firmitus.*

Lord, I believe, but would believe more firmly. I hope, O Lord, but would hope more securely. O Lord, I love, but yet would love more warmly. I grieve, O Lord, but yet would grieve more deeply.

Thee I adore, Who art my First Beginning; Thee I desire, Who art my Final End. I praise Thee, Who art my continual Benefactor; I call on Thee, Who art my kind Defender.

By Thy Wisdom Thou direct me, by Thy Righteousness Thou keep me, by Thy sweet Mercy comfort and protect me.

I offer unto Thee, my God, my thoughts, that they may be towards Thee; my sayings, that they may be of Thee; my doings, that they may be according to Thee; my sufferings, that they may be for Thee.

I will whatsoever Thou wilt; I will because Thou wilt; I will as long as Thou wilt.

I pray Thee, O Lord, that Thou wouldest give to my understanding enlightenment, to my will fervency, to my body purity, to my soul holiness.

Let pride never corrupt me,

nor flattery move: let the world never entice me, nor Satan beguile me.

Grant me grace to cleanse my memory, to check my tongue, refrain my eyes, restrain my senses.

Let me bewail my past transgressions, and for the future resist temptation: let me correct my sinful inclinations, and labour after all needful virtues.

Grant me, good Lord, love of Thee, hatred of self, love of my neighbour, contempt of the world.

Let me study to obey superiors, to help inferiors, to serve my friends, to envy no man.

Let me keep in mind, O Jesus, Thy precept and example, by loving mine enemies, by patiently suffering wrong, by doing good to those that persecute me, by praying for those that falsely speak evil against me.

Let me overcome love of pleasure by self-denial, love of money by freely giving, heat of temper by gentleness, lukewarmness by earnestness.

Make me prudent in counsel, steadfast in danger, patient in adversity, humble in prosperity.

Grant me, O Lord, to be instant in prayer, temperate in meat and drink, diligent in duty, unwavering in purpose.

Let me be careful to preserve inward holiness, outward propriety, an exemplary conversation, a well-ordered life.

Let me take watchful heed to tame nature, to cherish grace, to keep Thy Law, to work out my salvation.

Let me strive after holiness by sincere confession of sin, by worthy receiving of the Body and Blood of Christ, by continual recollection of mind and pure intention of heart.

Let me learn from Thee, O God, how little is all that is

earthly, how great all that is heavenly, how short all that is of time, how lasting all that is of eternity.

Grant me, O Lord, to be prepared for death, to stand in awe of judgment, to escape from hell, and to attain to heaven. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
(*A Prayer of Pope Clement XI.*)

*Another Prayer for Thyself.*

*Concede mihi quæso.*

Grant me, I beseech Thee, Almighty and most merciful God, fervently to desire, wisely to search out, wholly to acknowledge and perfectly to fulfil, all that is well pleasing unto Thee. Order Thou my worldly condition to the honour and glory of Thy Name: and of all that Thou requirest me to do, grant me the knowledge, the desire, and the ability, that I may so fulfil it as I ought, and as is expedient for the welfare of my soul.

May my path to Thee, I pray, be safe, straightforward, and perfect to the end, failing not either amid prosperity or adversity, that I may not be elated in the one, nor depressed in the other. But may I in prosperity give thanks to Thee, and in adversity preserve my patience, rejoicing in nought save what advances me towards Thee, grieving for nought save what withdraws me from Thee; neither seeking to please, nor fearing to displease, any save only Thee.

Grant me to do all I do in charity, and to regard as dead all that belongeth not to the service of Thee.

Let all that is transitory be worthless in my eyes because of Thee, and all that is Thine dear and precious, and Thou, my God, more than all. Let all toil that is for Thee be delightful to me, and

all rest irksome that is not in Thee.

Grant me, O sweetest Lord, frequently and with fervency to direct my heart to Thee, and sadly with full purpose of amendment to think over my shortcomings.

Make me, O my God, humble without pretence, cheerful without levity, serious without dejection, grave without moroseness, active without frivolity, truthful without duplicity, fearful of Thee without despair, trustful in Thee without presumption, chaste without depravity, able to correct my neighbour without angry feeling, and by word and example to edify him without pride, obedient without gainsaying, patient without murmuring.

Give me, O sweetest Jesus, a wakeful heart, which no curious imaginations may withdraw from Thee: give me a steadfast heart, which no unworthy affection may drag downwards: give me an

unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear out: give me a free and disengaged heart, which the violence of no absorbing fascination may enslave: give me an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside.

Bestow upon me also, O Lord my God, understanding to know Thee, diligence to seek Thee, wisdom to find Thee, a behaviour that may please Thee, a perseverance that may happily and trustfully await Thee, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace Thee. Grant me on my pilgrimage to suffer Thy punishments with contrition, to make good use of Thy blessings through Thy grace, and at length in the Heavenly Fatherland to be admitted to Thy joys in glory. Who livest and reignest, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen. (*From S. Thomas Aquinas.*)

DAILY

**Morning and Evening Readings**

**From the Gospels and Epistles,**

**FOR A MONTH.**



## Morning Readings.

NOTE.—The following short passages selected from the Holy Gospels may be read as part of our devotions for the First Hour, either after the Psalms, in the place of the 'Text' or 'Little Chapter,' p. 20, or after the Suffrages, p. 26; or at Family Prayers, before the short office of Prayer which follows at the end of the volume.

### First Morning.

S. Matthew v.

And seeing the multitudes, Jesus went up into a mountain: and when He was set His disciples came unto Him: And He opened His mouth, and taught them, saying,

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peace-makers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for their's is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in Heaven: for so persecuted they

the prophets which were before you.

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted: it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

### Second Morning.

S. Matthew v. 17.

Jesus said, Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled.

Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.

For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment.



But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

### Third Morning.

S. Matthew v. 31.

*Jesus said,* It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing

of divorcement: But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: Nor by the earth; for it is His footstool: neither by Jerusalem for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be Yea, yea; nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

But I say unto you, that ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in Heaven: for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect.

#### Fourth Morning.

S. Matthew vi.

*Jesus said,* Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in Heaven.

Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father Which seeth in secret Himself shall reward thee openly.

And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.

But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father Which is in secret; and thy Father Which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask Him.

After this manner therefore pray ye:

Our Father Which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father Which is in secret: and thy Father, Which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

#### Fifth Morning.

S. Matthew vi. 19.

*Jesus said,* Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the

light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat, or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek :) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

## Sixth Morning.

S. Matthew vii.

*Jesus said,* Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father Which is in Heaven give good things to them that ask Him.

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way,

which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

### Seventh Morning.

S. Matthew vii. 15.

*Jesus said,* Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit: but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father Which is in Heaven.

Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy Name? And in Thy Name have cast out devils? And in Thy Name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity.

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

And every one that heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and

beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at His doctrine: For He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

### Eighth Morning.

S. Matthew x. 28.

*Jesus said to His disciples,* Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him Which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father Which is in Heaven. But whosoever shall deny Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father Which is in Heaven.

Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after Me, is not worthy of Me.

He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for My sake shall find it.

*And again we read in Saint Matthew xvi. 24.*

Then said Jesus unto His disciples, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it.

For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

For the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His Angels: and then He shall reward every man according to his works.

### Ninth Morning.

S. Matthew xviii.

At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?

And Jesus called a little child unto Him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in My name receiveth Me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in Me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!

Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is

better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire.

And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.

Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in Heaven their Angels do always behold the Face of My Father Which is in Heaven.

For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father Which is in Heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

### Tenth Morning.

S. Matthew xviii. 15.

*Jesus said to His disciples,* Moreover, if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall

be bound in Heaven : and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven.

Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father Which is in Heaven.

For where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of them.

Then came Peter to Him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him ? till seven times ?

Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times : but, Until seventy times seven.

Therefore is the Kingdom of Heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, which owed him an hundred pence : and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellow servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not : but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me : Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee ? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

So likewise shall My heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

### Eleventh Morning.

S. Matthew xxiv. 36.

Jesus said, Of that Day and Hour knoweth no man, no, not the Angels of Heaven, but My Father only.

But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the Coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the Flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away ; so shall also the Coming of the Son of man be.

Then shall two be in the field ; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill ; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Watch therefore : for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

Therefore be ye also ready : for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath

made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite his fellow-servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of. And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

### Twelfth Morning.

S. Matthew xxv. 31.

*Jesus said unto His disciples,* When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy Angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory.

And before Him shall be gathered all nations: and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

And He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave Me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took Me in: Naked, and ye clothed Me: I was sick, and ye visited Me: I was in prison, and ye came unto Me.

Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we Thee an hungred, and fed Thee?

or thirsty, and gave Thee drink? When saw we Thee a stranger, and took Thee in? or naked; and clothed Thee? Or when saw we Thee sick or in prison, and came unto Thee?

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.

Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave Me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave Me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took Me not in: naked, and ye clothed Me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited Me not.

Then shall they also answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we Thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto Thee?

Then shall He answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to Me.

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

### Thirteenth Morning.

S. Mark xii. 28.

And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, Which is the first commandment of all?

And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy

soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

And the scribe said unto Him, Well, Master, Thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but He: And to love Him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, He said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask Him any question.

#### Fourteenth Morning.

S. Luke vi. 20.

And Jesus lifted up His eyes on His disciples, and said,

Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled.

Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh.

Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in Heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the Prophets.

But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation.

Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger.

Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep.

Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloke forbid not to take thy coat also. Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again. And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for He is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

#### Fifteenth Morning.

S. Luke vi. 37.

Jesus said to His disciples, Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye meet



withal it shall be measured to you again.

And He spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?

The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.

And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.

For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

And why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say.

Whosoever cometh to Me, and heareth My sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like. He is like a man which built a house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

But he that heareth, and doeth

not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

### Sixteenth Morning.

S. Luke xii. 15.

And Jesus said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

And He spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall these things be, which thou hast provided?

So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

And He said unto His disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.

The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.

Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls;

And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? If ye then be not able to do that thing which is

least, why take ye thought for the rest ?

Consider the lilies how they grow : they toil not, they spin not ; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven ; how much more will He clothe you, O ye of little faith ?

And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after : and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather seek ye the Kingdom of God ; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Fear not, little flock ; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.

Sell that ye have, and give alms ; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the Heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning ; And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding ; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching : verily I say unto you, that He shall gird Himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if He shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known

what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

Be ye therefore ready also : for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

### Seventeenth Morning.

S. Luke xiii. 28.

Then said one unto Him, Lord, are there few that be saved ? And He said unto them,

Strive to enter in at the strait gate : for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

When once the Master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us ; and He shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are : Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in Thy presence, and Thou hast taught in our streets.

But He shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are ; depart from Me, all ye workers of iniquity.

There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the Kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.

And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the Kingdom of God.

And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.

### Eighteenth Morning.

S. Luke xiv. 25.

And there went great multitudes with Him : and He turned, and said unto them,

If any man come to Me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.

And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after Me, cannot be My disciple.

For which of you intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.

So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be My disciple.

### Nineteenth Morning.

S. Luke xv. 1.

Then drew near unto *Jesus* all the publicans and sinners for to hear Him. And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.

And He spake this parable unto them, saying, What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and

neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.

I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it? And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the Angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

And He said, A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 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: make me as one of thy hired servants.

And he arose and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it: and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.

### Twentieth Morning.

S. Luke xviii. 18.

And a certain ruler asked Him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou Me good? none is good, save one, that is God.

Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness. Honour thy father and thy mother.

And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up.

Now when Jesus heard these things, He said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in Heaven: and come, follow Me.

And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich.

And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, He said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the Kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for

a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God.

And they that heard it said, Who then can be saved?

And He said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed Thee.

And He said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the Kingdom of God's sake, who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come Life Everlasting.

### Twenty-first Morning.

S. John i. 1.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The Same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

In Him was Life; and the Life was the Light of men.

And the Light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended It not.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

That was the true Light, Which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not.

He came unto His own, and His own received Him not.

But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become

the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, AND DWELT AMONG US, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only-Begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John bare witness of Him, and cried, saying, This was He of Whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for He was before me.

And of His fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

No man hath seen God at any time; the Only-Begotten Son, Which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him.

### Twenty-second Morning.

S. John iii. 14.

*Jesus said,* 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.

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.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the Name of the Only-Begotten Son of God.

And this is the condemnation, that Light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather

than Light, because their deeds were evil.

For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

### Twenty-third Morning.

S. John vi. 26.

Jesus answered them, and said, Verily, Verily, I say unto you, Ye seek Me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that Meat Which endureth unto Everlasting Life, Which the Son of man shall give unto you: for Him hath God the Father sealed.

Then said they unto Him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him Whom He hath sent.

They said therefore unto Him, What sign shewest Thou then, that we may see, and believe Thee? what dost Thou work? Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from Heaven to eat.

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from Heaven; but My Father giveth you the true Bread from Heaven. For the Bread of God is He Which cometh down from Heaven, and giveth Life unto the world.

Then said they unto Him, Lord, evermore give us this Bread.

And Jesus said unto them, I am the Bread of life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and

he that believeth on Me shall never thirst.

But I said unto you, That ye also have seen Me, and believe not.

All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

For I came down from Heaven, not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him That sent Me.

And this is the Father's will Which hath sent Me, that of all which He hath given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

And this is the will of Him That sent Me, That every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have Everlasting Life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

### Twenty-fourth Morning.

S. John vi. 41.

The Jews murmured at *Jesus*, because He said, I am the Bread Which came down from Heaven.

And they said, Is not this *Jesus*, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from Heaven?

*Jesus* therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.

No man can come to Me, except the Father Which hath sent Me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto Me.

Not that any man hath seen the Father, save He Which is of God, He hath seen the Father.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me hath Everlasting Life.

I am that Bread of Life.

Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the Bread Which cometh down from Heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

I am the Living Bread Which came down from Heaven: if any man eat of this Bread, he shall live for ever: and the Bread That I will give is My Flesh, Which I will give for the life of the world.

The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?

Then *Jesus* said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the Flesh of the Son of man, and drink His Blood, ye have no life in you.

Whoso eateth My Flesh, and drinketh My Blood, hath Eternal Life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

For My Flesh is Meat indeed, and My Blood is Drink indeed.

He that eateth My Flesh, and drinketh My Blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him.

As the Living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me.

This is that Bread Which came down from Heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this Bread shall live for ever.

These things said He in the synagogue, as He taught in Capernaum.

Many therefore of His disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?

When *Jesus* knew in Himself that His disciples murmured at it, He said unto them, Doth this offend you? What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where He was before? It is

the Spirit that quickeneth; the Flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are Life.

### Twenty-fifth Morning.

S. John x. 1.

*Jesus said,* Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which He spake unto them.

Then said Jesus unto them again,

Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before Me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

I am the door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have Life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

I am the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the Shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the

wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

I am the Good Shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine.

As the Father knoweth Me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be One Fold and One Shepherd.

Therefore doth My Father love Me, because I lay down My life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of My Father.

### Twenty-sixth Morning.

S. John xiv. 1.

*Jesus said to His disciples,* Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me.

In My Father's House are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Thomas saith unto Him, Lord, we know not whither Thou goest; and how can we know the way?

Jesus saith unto him,

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me. If ye had known Me, ye should have known My Father also: and from henceforth ye know Him, and have seen Him.

Philip said unto Him, Lord,

shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? he that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself: but the Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me: or else believe Me for the very work's sake.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father.

And whatsoever ye shall ask in My Name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in My Name I will do it.

### Twenty-seventh Morning.

S. John xiv. 14.

*Jesus said to His disciples,* If ye love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; Whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Yet a little while, and the world seeth Me no more; but ye see Me: because I live, ye shall live also.

At that day ye shall know that I am in My Father, and ye in Me, and I in you.

He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him.

Judas saith unto Him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that Thou wilt manifest Thyself unto us, and not unto the world.

Jesus answered and said unto him,

If a man love Me, he will keep My words: And My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

He that loveth Me not keepeth not My sayings: and the word which ye hear is not Mine, but the Father's Which sent Me.

These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, Whom the Father will send in My Name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved Me, ye would rejoice, because I said I go unto the Father: for My Father is greater than I.

And now I have told you before it come to pass, that when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in Me.

But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave Me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.



*Twenty-eighth Morning.*

S. John xv. 1.

*Jesus said to His disciples,* I am the true vine, and My Father is the husbandman.

Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away : and every branch that beareth fruit He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine ; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me.

I am the vine, ye are the branches : He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit : for without Me ye can do nothing.

If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered ; and men gather them and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit ; so shall ye be My disciples.

As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you : continue ye in My love.

If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love ; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.

These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

This is My commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Henceforth I call you not servants ; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth : but I have called you friends ; for all things that I have heard of My Father I have made known unto you.

Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain : that whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My Name He may give it you.

These things I command you, that ye love one another.

*Twenty-ninth Morning.*

S. John xvi. 1.

*Jesus said to His disciples,* These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended.

They shall put you out of the synagogues : yea, the time cometh that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.

And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor Me.

But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.

But now I go My way to Him that sent Me ; and none of you asketh Me, Whither goest Thou ? But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.

Nevertheless I tell you the truth : It is expedient for you that I go away : for if I go not away the Comforter will not come unto you, but if I depart I will send Him unto you.

And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of

righteousness, and of judgment : Of sin, because they believe not on Me ; Of righteousness, because I go to My Father, and ye see Me no more ; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth : for He shall not speak of Himself ; but whatsoever He shall hear that shall He speak : and He will shew you things to come.

He shall glorify Me : for He shall receive of Mine and shall shew it unto you.

### Thirtieth Morning.

S. John xvi. 16.

*Jesus said,* A little while, and ye shall not see Me : and again, a little while, and ye shall see Me, because I go to the Father.

Then said some of His disciples among themselves, What is this that He saith unto us, A little while and ye shall not see Me : and again, a little while, and ye shall see Me : and, Because I go to the Father ? They said therefore, What is this that He saith, A little while ? We cannot tell what He saith.

Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask Him, and said unto them, Do ye enquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see Me : and again, a little while, and ye shall see Me ? Verily, and verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice : and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come : but as soon as she is delivered of

the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. And ye now therefore have sorrow ; but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

And in that day ye shall ask Me nothing. Verily, verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My Name, He will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My Name : ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs : the time cometh when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs : but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.

At that day ye shall ask in My Name : and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you ; for the Father Himself loveth you, because ye have loved Me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world : again I leave the world, and go to the Father.

His disciples said unto Him, Lo, now speakest Thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now are we sure that Thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask Thee : by this we believe that Thou camest forth from God.

Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe ? Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered every man to his own, and shall leave Me alone : and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.

These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation ; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

### Thirty-first Morning.

S. John xvii.

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up His eyes unto Heaven, and said,

Father, the hour is come; glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee:

As Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give Eternal Life to as many as Thou hast given Him.

And this is Life Eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom Thou hast sent.

I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do.

And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine Own Self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was.

I have manifested Thy Name unto the men which Thou gavest Me out of the world: Thine they were, and Thou gavest them Me; and they have kept Thy word.

Now they have known that all things whatsoever Thou hast given Me are of Thee.

For I have given unto them the words which Thou gavest Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from Thee, and they have believed that Thou didst send Me.

I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which Thou hast given Me; for they are Thine: And all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine; and I am glorified in them.

And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep through Thine own Name those whom Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, as We are.

While I was with them in the

world, I kept them in Thy Name: those that Thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

And now come I to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

I have given them Thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

I pray not that Thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldst keep them from the evil.

They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth.

As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word.

That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.

And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are One.

I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me.

Father, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me: for Thou lovedst Me before the foundation of the world.

O righteous Father, the world

bath not known Thee : but I have Thy Name, and will declare it :  
known Thee, and these have that the love wherewith Thou  
known that Thou hast sent Me. hast loved Me may be in them,  
And I have declared unto them and I in them.

## Evening Readings.

*NOTE.—The following passages selected from the Epistles may be read as part of our last devotions at night, as directed on page 45 ; or at Family Prayers before the short Evening Office of Household Devotion which follows.*

### First Evening.

Romans vi. 2.

How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein ?

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death ? Therefore we are buried with Him by Baptism into death : that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection : Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin.

Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him : Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more ; death hath no more dominion over Him. For in that He died, He died unto sin once : but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should

obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin : but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you : for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

### Second Evening.

Romans xii.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world : but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think ; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office : So we, being many, are One Body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith ; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering : or he that teacheth, on teaching ; Or

he that exhorteth, on exhortation : he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity ; he that ruleth, with diligence ; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil ; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love ; in honour preferring one another ; Not slothful in business ; fervent in spirit ; serving the Lord ; Rejoicing in hope ; patient in tribulation ; continuing instant in prayer ; Distributing to the necessity of saints ; given to hospitality.

Bless them which persecute you : bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath ; for it is written, Vengeance is mine ; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him ; if he thirst, give him drink : for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

### Third Evening.

Romans xiii.

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God : the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God : and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power ? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same : For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid ; for he beareth not the sword in vain : for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For for this cause pay ye tribute also : for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.

Render therefore to all their dues : tribute to whom tribute is due ; custom to whom custom ; fear to whom fear ; honour to whom honour.

Owe no man anything, but to love one another : for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet ; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour : therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep : for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

The night is far spent, the day is at hand : let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day ; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

But put ye on the Lord Jesus

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Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

#### Fourth Evening.

I Corinthians vi. 9.

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified, in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them.

Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by His own power.

Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify

God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

#### Fifth Evening.

I Corinthians xiii.

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of Angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

And now abideth Faith, Hope, Charity, these three; but the greatest of these is Charity.

## Sixth Evening.

1 Corinthians xv. 89.

But some man will say, how are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?

Thou fool; that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: but God giveth it a body as it hath pleased Him, and to every seed his own body.

All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars, for one star differeth from another star in glory.

So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body.

There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a Quickening Spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second Man is the Lord from Heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the Heavenly, such are they also that are Heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also

bear the image of the Heavenly.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore my beloved brethren, be yestedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

## Seventh Evening.

2 Corinthians iv. 16.

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.



For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from Heaven: if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

Now He that hath wrought us for the self-same thing is God, Who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (for we walk by faith, not by sight :) we are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of Him.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

### *Eighty Evening.*

*Galatians v. 13.*

Brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the

lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

### *Ninety Evening.*

*Galatians vi.*

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For every man shall bear his own burden.

Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

### Tenth Evening.

Ephesians iv.

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one Body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all, Who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

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This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

But ye have not so learned Christ; if so be that ye have

heard Him, and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: neither give place to the devil.

Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

### Eleventh Evening.

Ephesians v. 1.

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us, an Offering and a Sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour.

But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting,

which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ; submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

### Twelfth Evening.

Ephesians vi. 10.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel.

### Thirteenth Evening.

Philippians iii. 7.

But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for Whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I

may win Christ, and be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: that I may know Him, and the power of His Resurrection, and the fellowship of His Sufferings, being made conformable unto His Death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) For our conversation is in Heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious Body, according to the working whereby He is able

even to subdue all things unto Himself.

Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report: if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

### Fourteenth Evening.

Colossians iii.

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, Who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory.

Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: for which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: in the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

But now ye also put off all

these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him: where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.

### *Fifteenth Evening.*

1 Thessalonians iv. 18.

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we

which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words,

But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober: For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord,

and admonish you ; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. See that none render evil for evil unto any man ; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men. Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks : for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things ; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil.

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly ; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He That calleth you, Who also will do it.

### Sixteenth Evening.

Hebrews x. 19.

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the Holiest by the Blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the Veil, that is to say, His flesh ; And having an High Priest over the House of God ; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering ; (for He is faithful that promised ; ) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works : not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is ; but

exhorting one another : and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses : of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the Blood of the Covenant, wherewith He was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace ?

For we know Him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto Me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge His people.

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions ; partly, whilst ye were made a gazing-stock both by reproaches and afflictions ; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used. For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in Heaven a better and an enduring substance.

Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

Now the just shall live by faith : but if any man draw back, my

soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

### Seventeenth Evening.

Hebrews xii.

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him: For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth.

If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but He for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness.

Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruits of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; and make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled: Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birth-right. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest: and the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard entreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more: (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart: and so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake :) But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the City of the Living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of Angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in Heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men

made perfect, And to Jesus the Mediator of the New Covenant, and to the Blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused Him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from Him that speaketh from Heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now He hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also Heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire.

### **Eighteenth Evening.**

Hebrews xiii.

Let brotherly love continue. Be ye not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.

Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Remember them which have the rule over you, who have

spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle. For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp. Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own Blood, suffered without the gate.

Let us go forth therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach. For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His Name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

### **Nineteenth Evening.**

James i. 12.

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him.

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God:



for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth He any man. But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variable-ness, neither shadow of turning.

Of His own will begat He us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

Pure religion, and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

## Twentieth Evening.

James ii. 14.

What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the Scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

## Twenty-first Evening.

S. James iii.

My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall

receive the greater condemnation.

For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things.

Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind.

But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts,

glory not, and lie not against the truth.

This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

### Twenty-second Evening.

S. James iv.

From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?

Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

Do ye think that the Scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

But He giveth more grace. Wherefore He saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Hum-

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ble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.

Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?

Go to now, ye that say, To-day or to-morrow we will go into such a city and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.

Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

### Twenty-third Evening.

S. James v.

Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the Last Days. Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your

hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just: and he doth not resist you.

Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the Judge standeth before the door.

Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the Name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea: and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.

Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? let him call for the Elders of the Church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up: and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed

earnestly that it might not rain : and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him ; let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

### Twenty-fourth Evening.

1 Peter i. 18.

Gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the Revelation of Jesus Christ : As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance : But as He Which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation ; because it is written, Be ye holy ; for I am holy.

And if ye call on the Father, Who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear : Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers ; but with the precious Blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot : Who verily was fore-ordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, who by Him do believe in God, That raised Him up from the dead, and gave Him glory ; that your faith and hope might be in God.

Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one

another with a pure heart fervently : being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away : but the Word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the Word which by the Gospel is preached unto you.

### Twenty-fifth Evening.

1 St. Peter ii.

Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby : if so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To Whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but Chosen of God, and precious, ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy Priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Wherefore also it is contained in the Scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a Chief Corner Stone, elect, precious : and he that believeth on Him, shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe He is precious : but unto them which be disobedient, the Stone which the builders disallowed, the Same is become the head of the corner, and a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient ; whereunto also they were appointed.

But ye are a Chosen Generation, a Royal Priesthood, an Holy Nation, a Peculiar People ; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of

darkness into His marvellous light: which in time past were not a people, but are now the People of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; having your conversation honest among the Gentiles; that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the King as supreme, or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the King.

### *Twenty-sixth Evening.*

1 S. Peter iii. 8.

Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers: but the face

of the Lord is against them that do evil.

And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; but sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also He went and preached unto the spirits in prison; which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even Baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: Who is gone into Heaven, and is on the Right Hand of God; Angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto Him.

### *Twenty-seventh Evening.*

1 S. Peter 4.

Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered

in the flesh hath ceased from sin, that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: who shall give account to Him That is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

For for this cause was the Gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to Whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His Glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

If ye be reproached for the

Name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part He is evil spoken of, but on your part He is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

For the time is come that judgment must begin at the House of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the Gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

Wherefore let them that suffer according to the Will of God commit the keeping of their souls to Him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

### Twenty-eighth Evening.

1 S. John i.

That Which was from the beginning, Which we have heard, Which we have seen with our eyes, Which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of Life; (For the Life was manifested, and we have seen It, and bear witness, and shew unto you that Eternal Life, Which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is Light, and in Him is no darkness at all,

If we say that we have fellow-

ship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth : But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous. And He is the Propitiation for our sins : and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His Commandments. He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His Commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth His Word, in him verily is the love of God perfected : hereby know we that we are in Him. He that saith he abideth in Him, ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked.

Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning. Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in Him and in you : because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that

hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His Name's sake. I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known Him That is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the Wicked One. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father. I have written unto you fathers, because ye have known Him That is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the Word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the Wicked One.

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in Him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof : but he that doeth the Will of God abideth for ever.

### Twenty-ninth Evening.

1 S. John iii.

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the Sons of God : therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not.

Beloved, now are we the Sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be : but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him ; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure.

Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law : for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins ; and in Him is no sin.

Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not : whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him, neither known Him.

Little children, let no man deceive you : he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the Devil ; for the Devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the Devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin ; for His seed remaineth in him : and he cannot sin because he is born of God. In this the Children of God are manifest, and the children of the Devil : whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. Not as Cain, who was of that Wicked One, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him ? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

We know that we have passed from death unto Life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer : and ye know that no murderer hath Eternal Life abiding in him.

Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His Life for us : and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of

compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him ?

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue : but in deed and in truth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His Commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

And this is His Commandment, That we should believe on the Name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

And he that keepeth His Commandments dwelleth in Him, and He in him. And hereby we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit Which He hath given us.

### Thirtieth Evening.

1 S. John iv.

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God : because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Hereby know ye the Spirit of God : every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God : and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God : and this is that spirit of Antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come ; and even now already is it in the world.

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them : because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world. They are of the world : therefore speak they of the world, and the world



heareth them. We are of God : he that knoweth God heareth us ; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

Beloved, let us love one another : for love is of God ; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God ; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His Only Begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love ; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment : because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love ; but perfect love casteth out fear : because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

We love Him, because He first loved us.

If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar : for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he

love God Whom he hath not seen ? And this commandment have we from Him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

### Thirty-first Evening.

1 S. John, v.

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God : and every one that loveth Him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of Him.

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep His Commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His Commandments : and His Commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world : and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but He that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God ?

This is He that came by Water and Blood, even Jesus Christ : not by water only, but by Water and Blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are Three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost : and these Three are One. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the Water, and the Blood : and these three agree in one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater : for this is the witness of God which He hath testified of His Son.

He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself : he that believeth not God hath made Him a liar ; because he believeth not the record that God gave of His Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us Eternal Life, and this Life is

in His Son. He that hath the Son hath Life ; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not Life.

These things have I written unto you that believe on the Name of the Son of God ; that ye may know that ye have Eternal Life, and that ye may believe on the Name of the Son of God.

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us : and if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.

If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and He shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto

death : I do not say that he shall pray for it.

All unrighteousness is sin : and there is a sin not unto death.

We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not ; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that Wicked One toucheth him not.

And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know Him That is true, and we are in Him That is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ. **THIS IS THE TRUE GOD, AND ETERNAL LIFE.** Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.



## On Family Prayer.

Every Christian Household ought to be a Church in miniature. The ties of Family are ordained of God, and should be consecrated to Him by the regular collective worship of the Family, conducted, in the absence of a Priest, by its Head. In the houses of Clergymen, and elsewhere, when possible, it is well to have a room set apart for the purpose, simply furnished in such a manner as to indicate its appropriation to holy uses. An oblong room is best, with a Prayer Desk, at which the Reader may kneel facing the end wall or window furthest away from the door. The congregation should range themselves down the two sides of the room, with their backs to the wall, and, without turning round, kneel down in that position, so as still to face each other. The males and females may take opposite sides, or the family one side and the servants the other. Chairs, or long benches, may be placed along, and close to, the side walls. But if the room be narrow this is not necessary, as those assembled may stand during the saying of the Psalms or the reading of the Lesson.

With regard to the Prayers to be used, the Editor would give the following recommendations:—

I. In cases where attendance at the daily Church Service is out of the question, to use as much of the daily Matins and Evensong of the Prayer-Book as may be possible. It is the greatest possible mistake to suppose that familiarity with them, from constant private or household use, lessens their value, or our reverent appreciation of them, as Public Offices of the

Church. All experience proves the contrary. Indeed it were most earnestly to be desired that they were really 'familiar in our mouths as household words.' For use in families they would of course be shortened. This may be done in the following ways.

(a) Begin with the Lord's Prayer, (except in the Evening, when the Confession may be said); omit the Canticles and the first Lesson; after the Third Collect say, in the Morning, only the Prayers 'For the Clergy and People,' and 'For all Conditions,' and in the Evening, only the 'General Thanksgiving;' concluding with 'The grace of our Lord,' &c. This will not take more than a quarter of an hour.

(b) The Daily Services may be still further shortened by saying the Creed only once, either Morning or Evening, and concluding after the Third Collect.

(c) On Wednesdays & Fridays, after the Psalms and Lesson, the Litany might be said instead of the Daily Prayers.

II. On Sundays, and whensoever attendance at the public Service is possible, it is undesirable to have at home a form of Prayer involving repetition in the case of those members of the Household who may be able to go to Church. We may then adopt either of the two following forms of daily Prayer for a Household, of which the first is abridged from the Offices prescribed in the ancient English Use of Salisbury for use at morning and night, and the second from those given in American Book of Common Prayer.

## Morning Prayer for a Family.

(From the Ancient English Use of Sarum.)

¶ First, according to discretion and opportunity, may be said the Hymn and Psalms of the day or Season, (for which see page 7, &c.) the Reader first stating the page on which the Hymn will be found.

¶ Next the Lesson for the day of the month shall be read, from the preceding short Lessons selected from the Holy Gospels, (page 145) except on Sundays or Festivals, when the Gospel of the day shall be read.

¶ After that, the Apostles' Creed may be said, all standing.

¶ Then the Reader shall say :  
The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Reader. Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, Which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, turn Thy Face away from my sins. And put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God. And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of Thy help again. And stablish me with Thy free Spirit.

O Holy God, Holy and Strong, Holy and Immortal. O Lamb of

God, That takest away the sins of the world, Have mercy upon us.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. And all that is within me bless His holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. And forget not all His benefits.

Who forgiveth all thy sins. And healeth all thine infirmities.

Who saveth thy life from destruction. And crowneth thee with mercy and loving kindness.

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things. Making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

Wilt Thou not turn and quicken us, O God. That Thy people may rejoice in Thee.

O Lord, shew Thy mercy upon us. And grant us Thy salvation.

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 lighten upon us. As our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, arise, help us. And deliver us for Thy Name's sake.

Turn us again, Thou Lord God of Hosts. Shew the Light of Thy Countenance, and we shall be whole.

O Lord, hear our prayer. And let our crying come unto Thee.

¶ And after these Versicles shall follow the Collects.

1. The Collect of the Day, at discretion.

2. On Sundays and Festivals.

Lord, in this early morning hour fulfil us with Thy mercy; that, rejoicing all the day long, we may take pleasure in Thy praises. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. S.B.

3. O Almighty and Everlasting God, direct all our actions according to the good pleasure of Thy Will: That in the Name of Thy Beloved Son we may have grace to bring forth plenteously the fruit of good works. Through the Same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. S.B.*

2. *On Festivals of Apostles.*

O Almighty God, Who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Head Corner-stone; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of Spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy Temple acceptable unto Thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. P.B.*

3. *On all Festivals of Saints.*

O Almighty God, Who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical Body of Thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. P.B.*

2. *On Minor Festivals and Common Week-days.*

O Almighty Lord, and Everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies in the ways of Thy Laws and in the works of Thy Commandments: That through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul. Through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen. Gr.*

3. Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; That in all our works, begun, continued, and

ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Gr.*

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¶ *After the third Collect may be said the Daily Memorials, appointed in the ancient Use of Salisbury to be said every Morning in thankful remembrance of the principal mysteries of Redemption.*

DAILY MEMORIALS.

1. *On Sundays. Of the Holy Trinity.*

*Anthem.* Save and deliver and justify us: O Blessed Trinity.

Ÿ. Blessed is the Name of the Lord. *R.* From this time forth for evermore.

*Prayer.* Almighty 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 steadfast in this Faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, Who livest and reignest, One God, world without end. *Amen. Gr.*

2. *Of the Incarnation, daily.*

*Anthem, on Sundays.* Behold, Mary hath brought forth to us the Saviour: Whom John beholding cried and said, Behold the Lamb of God, That taketh away the sins of the world. Alleluia!

*Anthem, on Week Days.* The Root of Jesse hath budded, the Star is risen out of Jacob, the Virgin hath brought forth the Saviour; we praise Thee, O our God.

Ÿ. There shall come forth a Rod out of the stem of Jesse. *R.* And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

*Prayer.* Grant to Thy People, O Lord, we beseech Thee, inviolable steadfastness of faith, that we who do confess Thy Only-Begotten, Co-eternal with Thee in Thine Own Glory, to be born in the very truth of our body of His Virgin Mother, may be doth delivered from all adversities of this present life, and brought to Thine enduring joys, through the Same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Gr.*

3. *Of the Passion. Daily, except in Passion-tide and Easter-tide; and except on Sundays and Fridays.*

*Anthem.* We ought to glory: in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ÿ. Let all the earth worship Thee, O God. *Rz. Sing of Thee and praise Thy Name.*

*Prayer.* O God, Who didst ascend Thy Holy Cross, and enlightenedst the darkness of this world: Vouchsafe to enlighten both our hearts and bodies, O Saviour of the world, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen. S.B.*

*NOTE.—This Memorial is not said on Sundays, nor on Fridays, nor during Passion-tide; but on Fridays, and daily during Passion-tide, immediately after the daily Memorial of the Incarnation, is said the following*

4. *Memorial of the Passion.*

*Anthem.* O Saviour of the world, Who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us: Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Ÿ. We worship Thee, O Christ, and honour Thee. *Rz. For by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.*

*Prayer.* Almighty and Everlasting God, Who, of Thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent

Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon Him our flesh and to suffer death upon the Cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility: Mercifully grant that we, who have this His most precious Death and Passion in continual remembrance, may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His Resurrection. Through the Same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Gr.\**

5. *Sunday Memorial of the Resurrection.*

*Anthem.* Like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father: even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Ÿ. May all carnal affections die in us. *Rz. And may all things belonging to the Spirit live and grow in us.*

*Prayer.* Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who do acknowledge the grace of the Resurrection of the Lord, may ourselves through the love of the Spirit rise from the death of the soul. Through the Same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Gr.*

6. *Daily in Easter-tide.*

*Anthem.* Now is Christ risen from the dead: and become the First-fruits of them that slept. Alleluia.

Ÿ. The Lord is risen from the grave. *Rz. Who suffered death mankind to save. Alleluia!*

*Prayer.* O God, Who makest us glad by the yearly Festival of the Resurrection of the Lord: Mercifully grant that we who now do celebrate these joyous holy-days on earth, may attain hereafter to eternal joys in Heaven. Through the Same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Gr.*

7. *Of the Holy Eucharist, on Sundays and Thursdays.*

*Anthem.* O how gracious is

Thy Spirit, O Lord, Who, that Thou mightest shew Thy tenderness towards Thy children, didst give them Food from Heaven: filling the hungry with good things, and sending the rich ones empty away.

Ÿ. Thou givest to us the true Bread from Heaven. *Rz.* Having in Itself all manner of delights.

*Prayer.* O God, Who in Thy wonderful Sacrament hast left us a perpetual Memorial of Thy Passion: Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may so reverently handle and devoutly receive the Sacred Mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may ever feel within ourselves the fruit of Thy Redemption, Who livest and reignest with the Father, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen. S.B.*

8. *Of the Judgment, daily in Advent.*

*Anthem.* Behold the Lord shall come, and with Him all His Saints: and in that day shall be great light. Alleluia!

Ÿ. The Lord will appear upon a cloud of light. *Rz.* And with Him the thousands of His Saints.

*Prayer.* Cleanse our consciences, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by Thy visitation, that Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ when He cometh may find in us a mansion prepared for Himself, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen. S.B.*

9. *Of Repentance, daily in Lent.*

*Anthem.* Turn ye even unto Me, saith the Lord, with all your heart: and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning.

Ÿ. We have sinned with our fathers. *Rz.* We have done amiss and dealt wickedly.

*Prayer.* O Lord, we beseech Thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess

their sins unto Thee: That they whose consciences by sin are accused, by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. S.B.*

¶ And after the Memorials let the Reader add the following Prayers, or others, according to his discretion.

*For Grace.*

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept our prayers: and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace, that in keeping of Thy Commandments we may please Thee both in will and deed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Gr.*

Lord, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee the only God, and so faithfully to serve Thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain Thy heavenly promises. Through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Gr.\**

*Here may be inserted any of the Intercessory Prayers at pages 33, 93, or 101, always concluding with the following.*

*Prayer.* Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation: That, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, we may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Gr.*

*Blessing.* The Lord Almighty dispose our days and our actions in His peace, bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us unto Life Eternal. *Amen.*



## Evening Prayer for a Family.

(From the Ancient English Use of Sarum.)

- ¶ *First, according to discretion and opportunity, may be said one or more of the Psalms at page 42.*
- ¶ *Next, one of the Evening Readings, selected from the Epistles, (page 166) shall be read, according to the Day of the Month: except on Sundays or Festivals, when the Epistle of the Day shall be read.*
- ¶ *After that, the Apostles Creed may be said, all standing.*
- ¶ *Then the Reader shall say:*  
The Lord be with you.  
*Answer.* And with thy spirit.  
*Reader.* Let us pray.
- ¶ *Then shall follow the Prayers, all kneeling.*  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Our Father, Which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*  
I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest. *For it is Thou, Lord, only, That makest me dwell in safety.*  
Come, O Lord, and visit us in peace. *That we may rejoice before Thee with a perfect heart.*  
Lord, save us as we wake, keep us as we sleep. *That we may rest in peace, and wake with Christ.*  
Let us bless God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Yea, let us praise Him and magnify Him for ever.*
- Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the highest. *Glorious, and ever worthy to be praised.*  
The Almighty and Merciful Lord bless us and keep us. *Amen.*  
Wilt Thou not turn and quicken us, O God. *That Thy people may rejoice in Thee.*  
Vouchsafe, O Lord, *To keep us this night without sin.*  
O Lord, have mercy upon us. *Have mercy upon us.*  
O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us. *As our trust is in Thee.*  
O Lord, arise, help us. *And deliver us for Thy Name's sake.*  
Turn us again, Thou Lord God of Hosts. *Shew the Light of Thy Countenance, and we shall be whole.*  
O Lord, hear our prayer. *And let our crying come unto Thee.*
- ¶ *Then shall follow the Collects.*
1. *The Collect of the Day, at discretion.*
  2. *For the Peace of the Church.*  
O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully to hear the prayers of Thy Church: That we being delivered from all errors and adversities may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness; and grant us Thy peace all the days of our life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Gr.*
  3. *For Protection during the night.*  
Visit, O Lord, we beseech Thee, this dwelling, and drive far from it all the snares of the enemy: Let Thy holy Angels dwell herein, and preserve us in peace; and let Thy blessing be upon us evermore. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *After the Third Collect may be said the Daily Memorials appointed in the ancient Use of Salisbury to be said every Evening in thankful remembrance of the principal Mysteries of Redemption.*

## DAILY MEMORIALS.

1. *Of the Incarnation, daily.*

*Anthem on Sundays and Festivals.* When Thou wast ineffably born of the Virgin, then the Scriptures were fulfilled: Thou didst come down like the rain into a fleece of wool to save the human race; we praise Thee, O our God.

*Anthem on Week Days.* The Angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women.

Ÿ. Lord, Thou art fairer than the children of men. *Rz.* Full of grace are Thy lips.

*Prayer.* We beseech Thee, O Lord, pour Thy grace into our hearts: That, as we have known the Incarnation of Thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel, so by His Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of His Resurrection. Through the Same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Gr.*

2. *Of the Passion. Daily, except in Passion-tide and Easter-tide, and except on Sundays and Fridays.*

*Anthem.* Save Thou us, O Christ our Saviour, by the virtue of Thy holy Cross: Thou that savedst Peter in the sea, have mercy upon us.

Ÿ. We worship Thee, O Christ, and honour Thee. *Rz.* For by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

*Prayer.* Keep, we beseech Thee, O Lord, with Thy perpetual peace those whom Thou hast vouchsafed to redeem by Thy holy Cross, O Saviour of the world, Who livest

and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen. S.B.*

*NOTE.—This Memorial is not said on Sundays, nor on Fridays, nor during Passion-tide: but on Fridays, and daily during Passion-tide, immediately after the daily Memorial of the Incarnation, is said the following.*

3. *Memorial of the Passion.*

*Anthem.* O Saviour of the world, Who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us: Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Ÿ. We worship Thee, O Christ, and honour Thee. *Rz.* For by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

*Prayer.* Almighty and Everlasting God, Who, of Thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon Him our flesh and to suffer death upon the Cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility: Mercifully grant that we, who have this His most precious Death and Passion in continual remembrance, may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His Resurrection. Through the Same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Gr.\**

*Or this.*

O God, Who, to redeem the world, didst condescend to be born and circumcised, to labour with Thine Hands, to suffer hunger, thirst, and weariness, to fast, and to be tempted, to teach, and to work miracles, to be rejected by the Jews, betrayed by a kiss from Judas, and forsaken of all Thy friends; to be bound, led like a lamb to the slaughter, and carried ignominiously before Annas and Caiaphas and Pilate and Herod: to be falsely accused, beaten with

rods, blindfolded, crowned with thorns, mocked and spit upon : to be nailed to a cross in company with malefactors, to suffer bitter agony, to die, and to be pierced with a lance, to be laid in the grave, whilst Thy Soul departed into the place of spirits : O Lord, by all these sacred sorrows, which, unworthy as we are, we hold in veneration, deliver us, we beseech Thee, by Thy most holy Cross and Death, from eternal woe, and vouchsafe to conduct us to the Paradise of bliss as Thou didst the penitent thief. *S.P.\**

Fill our hearts, we beseech Thee, with Thy love and holy fear, and, by the virtue and merit of Thy Passion, and the power of Thy Holy Spirit, give us true and abiding sorrow for our past sins, and such strength to serve Thee evermore, that walking henceforth in Thy holy ways, we may persevere in good works even unto the end ; for unto Thee, O Lord, we desire to live, and in Thee to die.

And forasmuch as Thou art the Good Shepherd, Who laidest down Thy life for Thy sheep, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to convert the heathen, to call home the erring, to restore the penitent, to succour the tempted, to shield the innocent, to preserve the righteous ; that Thou mayest see of the travail of Thy Soul, and that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of Thy Holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss in Thine eternal and everlasting glory, where with the Father and the Holy Ghost Thou livest and reignest, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

4. *Sunday Memorial of the Resurrection.*

*Anthem.* Christ being risen from the dead dieth no more : death hath no more dominion over Him. Likewise reckon ye also your-

selves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

†. O Lord, let the old Adam be so buried in us. *Ry.* *That the new man may be raised up in us.*

*Prayer.* Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of Thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him ; and that through the grave and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful Resurrection. For His merits, Who died and was buried and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. P.B.*

5. *Daily in Easter-tide.*

*Anthem.* Alleluia ! Now is Christ risen from the dead : and become the First-fruits of them that slept. Alleluia !

†. The Lord is risen from the grave. *Ry.* *Who suffered death mankind to save. Alleluia !*

*Prayer.* O God, Who didst will that Thy Son should undergo the torment of the Cross for us, that Thou mightest destroy the power of the Enemy over us : Grant that we Thy servants may evermore rejoice in the gladness of His glorious Resurrection. Through the Same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen. Gr.\* S.B.*

¶ *And after the Memorials the Reader shall say the following Prayer, or others, according to his discretion.*

*Prayer.* Defend, O Lord, us Thy servants, and all the absent members of this family, and all our relations and friends, with Thy heavenly grace, that we may continue Thine for ever : Let Thy fatherly Hand, we beseech Thee, ever be over us ; let Thy Holy

Spirit ever be with us ; and so lead us in the knowledge and obedience of Thy Word, that in the end we may obtain everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* P.B.

*Here may be added any of the Intercessory Prayers at pages 83, 93, or 101, always concluding with the following*

*Prayer.* O Lord, Who never failest to help and govern them whom Thou dost bring up in Thy steadfast fear and love : Keep us, we beseech Thee, and all who are near and dear to us, under the protection of Thy good Pro-

vidence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy Name : Increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same : That, Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.* P.B.

*Blessing.* 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.*

## Forms of Prayer to be used in Families.

(Authorized by the American Church, and contained in the American Book of Common Prayer.)

### Morning Prayer.

Our Father, Which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Acknowledgement of God's mercy in His preservation of us through the night past.*

Almighty and Everlasting God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, we Thy needy creatures render Thee our humble praises for Thy preservation of us from the beginning of our lives to this day, and especially for Thy watchful providence in preserving us during the past night, and bringing us in safety to the beginning of another day. For these Thy mercies, and for all the blessings of this life, we bless and magnify Thy glorious Name, humbly beseeching Thee to accept this our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; for His sake Who lay down in the grave and rose again for us, Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*Dedication of soul and body to God's service, with a resolution to be growing daily in goodness.*

And, since it is of Thy mercy, O gracious Father, that another day is added to our lives, we here dedicate both our souls and our bodies to Thee and Thy service,

in a sober, righteous, and godly life: in which resolution do Thou, O Merciful God, confirm and strengthen us; that, as we grow in age, we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*Prayer for grace to enable us to perform our resolution.*

But, O God, Who knowest the weakness and corruption of our nature, and the manifold temptations which we daily meet with, we humbly beseech Thee to have compassion on our infirmities, and to give us the constant assistance of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be effectually restrained from sin, and stirred up to our duty. Imprint upon our hearts such a dread of Thy judgments, and such a grateful sense of Thy goodness to us, as may make us both ashamed and afraid to offend Thee. And, above all, keep in our minds a lively remembrance of that great Day, in which we must give a strict account of our thoughts, words, and actions, and, according to the works done in the body, shall be eternally rewarded or punished by Him Whom Thou hast ordained to be the Judge of quick and dead, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For grace to guide and keep us during the day, and for God's blessing on the business of the same.*

In particular we implore Thy grace and protection for the ensuing day. Keep us temperate in meat and drink, and diligent in our several callings.

Grant us patience under any afflictions Thou shalt see fit to lay upon us, and minds always contented with our present condition.

Give us grace to be just and upright in all our dealings, quiet and peaceable, full of compassion, and ready to do good to all men according to our ability and opportunities.

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*On Sundays and great Festivals only.*

Let Thy Holy Spirit accompany us to the place of Thy public worship, making us serious and attentive, and raising our minds from the thoughts of this world to the consideration of the next, that we may fervently join in the prayers and praises of Thy Holy Church, and may listen to our duty with honest hearts, in order to practise it.

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*On Working Days only.*

Direct us in all our ways and doings, and prosper Thou the works of our hands in the business of our several stations.

[Teach us that of all that Thou givest us we are but stewards. Deliver us from worldly cares and anxieties, and help us to put our trust in Thee for all things that may be needful whether for our souls or bodies. Teach us that a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things that he possesseth; and enable us in all things to seek first the Kingdom of God, that our hearts be not taken up with the cares or riches or pleasures of this life. *Ed.*]

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Defend us from all dangers and adversities, and be graciously pleased to take us, and all belonging to us, under Thy fatherly care and protection.

These things, and whatever else Thou shalt see to be necessary and convenient to us, we humbly beg, for the sake and through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

*Blessing.* 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.*

### Evening Prayer.

Our Father, Which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Confession of sins.*

Most merciful God, Who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and Who hast promised forgiveness to all them who confess and

forsake their sins, we come before Thee humbly acknowledging our own unworthiness, and confessing our manifold transgressions of Thy righteous laws.

*(Here let him who reads make a short pause, that every one may secretly confess the sins and failings of that day.)*

*Prayer for pardon.*

But, O gracious Father, Who desirest not the death of a sinner, look upon us, we beseech Thee, in mercy, and forgive us all our transgressions. Make us deeply sensible of the great evil of them; and work in us a hearty contri-

tion; that we may obtain forgiveness at Thy hands, Who art ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners: for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

*Prayer for grace to reform and grow better.*

And lest, through our own frailty, or the temptations which encompass us, we be drawn again into sin, vouchsafe us, we beseech Thee, the direction and assistance of Thy Holy Spirit. Reform whatever is amiss in the temper and disposition of our souls; that no unclean thoughts, unlawful designs, or inordinate desires, may rest there. Purge our hearts from envy, hatred, and malice, that we may never suffer the sun to go down upon our wrath, but may always go to our rest in peace, charity, and good will, with a conscience void of offence towards Thee, and towards men: That so we may be preserved pure and blameless unto the Coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*The Intercession.*

And accept, O Lord, our Intercession for all mankind.

Let the light of Thy Gospel shine upon all nations; and may as many as have received it, live as becomes it.

Be gracious unto Thy Church; and grant that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry may serve Thee faithfully.

Bless all in authority over us; and so rule their hearts and strengthen their hands, that they may punish wickedness and vice, and maintain Thy true religion and virtue.

Send down Thy blessing, temporal and spiritual, upon all our relations, friends, and neighbours.

Reward all who have done us

good, and pardon all who have done or wish us evil, and give them repentance and better minds.

Be merciful to all who are in any trouble, [especially *N.* and *N.:*] and do Thou, the God of pity, administer to them according to their several necessities.

For His sake, Who went about doing good, Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*The Thanksgiving.*

To our prayers, O Lord, we join our unfeigned thanks for all Thy mercies: for our being, our reason, and all other endowments and faculties of soul and body: for our health, our friends, our food and raiment, and all the other comforts and conveniences of life.

Above all, we adore Thy mercy in sending Thy Only Son into the world, to redeem us from sin and eternal death, and in giving us the knowledge and sense of our duty towards Thee.

We bless Thee for Thy patience with us, notwithstanding our many and great provocations; for all the directions, assistances, and comforts of Thy Holy Spirit; for Thy continual care and watchful Providence over us through the whole course of our lives; and particularly for the mercies and benefits of the past day:

Beseeching Thee to continue these Thy blessings to us; and to give us grace to shew our thankfulness in a sincere obedience to His laws, through Whose merits and intercession we have received them all, Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*Prayer for God's protection through the night following.*

In particular, we beseech Thee to continue Thy gracious protection to us this night. Defend us from all dangers and mischief, and from the fear of them; that

we may enjoy such refreshing sleep as may fit us for the duties of the following day. Make us ever mindful of the time when we shall lie down in the dust; and grant us grace always so to live, that we may never be afraid to die; So that, in life or death, we may evermore be Thine: Through the merits and satisfaction of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in Whose Name we offer up these our imperfect prayers. *Amen.*

*Blessing.* 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.*

NOTE.—*Should it be more in accordance with the custom of the Family, the Lord's Prayer may be said at the end of these last Forms of Morning and Evening Prayer, immediately before the Blessing, instead of at the beginning.*

### Occasional Prayers.

*(To be said with the preceding Forms, according to the discretion of the Reader.)*

*Daily from Advent Sunday to Christmas Eve.*

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility: That in the Last Day, when He shall come again in His glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and dead, we may rise to the Life Immortal, through Him Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen. P.B.*

*Daily from Christmas to Epiphany.*

Almighty God, Who hast given us Thy Only-Begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit. Through the Same our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Same Spirit, ever One God, world without end. *Amen. P.B.*

O God, Who makest us glad by the yearly Festival of our Redemption: Grant that as we do joyfully welcome Thine Only-Begotten Son as our Redeemer, so we may also without fear behold Him when He cometh to be our Judge, even Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen. G.*

*Daily at Morning Prayer in Lent and on other Fasting Days.*

O Lord, Who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey Thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to Thy honour and glory, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen. P.B.*

*At Evening Prayer, daily in Lent, all present joining with the Reader, as when the Confession or the Lord's Prayer is said.*

Turn Thou us, O Good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be



favourable, O Lord, Be favourable to Thy People, Who turn to Thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For Thou art a merciful God, Full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, And in Thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare Thy people, Good Lord, spare them, And let not Thine Heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for Thy mercy is great, and after the multitude of Thy mercies look upon us; Through the merits and mediation of Thy Blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*  
(*Ash-Wednesday Service.*)

*NOTE.—If the Evening Prayer on p. 194 is used, this Prayer should be said immediately after the words 'Let us pray,' at the beginning of that form. If the Evening Prayer on page 199 is used, this preceding Prayer should be used in the place of the 'Prayer for pardon.'*

*Daily during the week before Easter.*

Almighty God, we beseech Thee graciously to behold Thy Family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the Cross, Who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen. G.*

*Daily from Easter-Day to Ascension-Day.*

O God, Who makest us glad by the yearly Festival of the Resurrection of the Lord: Mercifully grant that we, who now do celebrate these joyous holydays on earth, may attain hereafter to eternal joys in Heaven. Through

the Same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Gr.*

*Daily from Ascension-Day to Whitsun-Day.*

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe Thy Only-Begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the Heavens, so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen. Gr.*

*Daily in Whitsun-Week.*

God, Who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people by sending to them the Light of Thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the Same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; Through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Same Spirit, One God, world without end. *Amen. Gr.*

*Also daily in Whitsun-Week, for the spread of the Gospel.*

O God, Who by the mystery which at this season we celebrate dost sanctify Thy Church in every people and nation: Spread, we beseech Thee, the gifts of Thy Spirit through the whole breadth of the world; and grant that the nations which were separated by the confusion of tongues, may by the Heavenly Gift be gathered again together into the one confession of Thy Name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Same Spirit, ever One God, world without end. *Amen. G.*

¶ *Daily during the Four Ember weeks, i. e. The Third week in Advent, the First week in Lent, Whitsun-Week, and the Third week in September.*

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, Who hast purchased to Thyself an Universal Church by the Precious Blood of Thy dear Son; Mercifully look upon the same, and at this time so guide and govern the minds of Thy servants the Bishops and Pastors of Thy Flock, that they may lay hands suddenly on no man, but faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons to serve in the Sacred Ministry of Thy Church. And to those which shall be ordained to any holy function give Thy grace and heavenly benediction; that both by their life and doctrine they may set forth Thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. P. B.*

¶ *After which shall follow one of the four following Prayers according to the Season.*

*The PRAYERS proper to the Four several EMBER WEEKS. From Bp. Cosin.*

*I. In the time of Advent.*

Grant, we most humbly beseech Thee, O heavenly Father, that with holy Simeon and Anna, and all Thy devout servants, who waited for the consolation of Israel, we may at this time so serve Thee with fasting and prayer, that by the celebration of the Advent and Birth of our blessed Redeemer, we may with them be filled with true joy and consolation. Through the Same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*II. For the Ember Week in Lent.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and Saviour of the world, Who didst foretell to Thine Apostles, that at the time of Thy

Sufferings, they should weep and lament while the world rejoiced, and that they should be sorrowful, but their sorrow should be turned into joy; Grant that during this time wherein Thou didst suffer, and wast afflicted with extreme sorrow and anguish for the sins of the whole world, we Thy unworthy servants may so weep and lament, and be sorrowful for our sins, the cause of all those Thy Sorrows and Sufferings, that on the day of Thy triumphant Resurrection, we may rejoice with that joy, which no man can take from us. Grant this, O blessed Lord and Saviour, Who didst die for our sins, and rise again for our justification, and now livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

*III. For the Ember Week after Pentecost.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of the Eternal Father, Who at the time of Thy glorious Ascension didst command Thine Apostles to tarry in Jerusalem, until they were endued with power from on high; and when, in obedience to this Thy commandment, they had there continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, didst, according to Thy promise, send down upon them the Holy Ghost the Comforter; Grant, we beseech Thee, that we Thy most humble servants, abiding in the unity of Thy holy Catholic Church, the mother of us all, and continually serving Thee as Thou hast commanded, may be evermore replenished with the heavenly grace of the Holy Ghost; through Thy precious merits and most powerful intercession, Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Same Spirit, ever world without end. *Amen.*

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IV. *For the Ember Week in September.*

Almighty God, Who givest to all life, and breath, and all things; and bringest forth food out of the earth for the use of man; Keep us ever in mind, that this world, with all the glory of it, fadeth, and the fashion thereof passeth away; and grant that we may so use the fruits of the ground which Thou hast now given us, and all other Thy temporal blessings wherewith Thou crownest the year, that we abuse them not to the satisfying of our wanton and inordinate appetites; but may evermore serve Thee in Christian temperance and sobriety, as it becometh those who, living on earth, have their conversation in Heaven, that at the last we may be admitted into Thy heavenly Kingdom, where we shall never hunger or thirst again, being satisfied with the plenteousness of Thy house, and filled with the abundance of Thy pleasures for evermore. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.* (*Bp. Cosin.*)

*On the day when the Ordination is held for the Diocese.*

Almighty God, the Giver of all good gifts, Who of Thy Divine Providence hast appointed divers orders in Thy Church; Give Thy grace, we humbly beseech Thee, to all those who are called to any office and administration in the same; and so replenish them with the truth of Thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before Thee, to the glory of Thy great Name, and the benefit of Thy Holy Church. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* *P.B.*

*After the Birth of a Child.*

O Almighty God, we give Thee humble thanks for that Thou hast

vouchsafed to deliver Thy servant from the great pain and peril of Child-birth; Grant, we beseech Thee, most merciful Father, that she, through Thy help, may both faithfully live, and walk according to Thy Will in this life present, and also may be partaker of everlasting glory in the life to come. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* *P.B.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who wast pleased for our sakes to be born as an infant, and hadst compassion upon little children, taking them up in Thine Arms and blessing them; Bless the child now born into a world of sin and misery, and grant that it may be brought unto Thee in the laver of Regeneration, to receive Thy Name and to be numbered among Thy people, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. *Amen.* (*Lord Nelson's Family Prayers.*)

*Before the Baptism of a Child.*

Almighty and Immortal God, the Aid of all that need, the Helper of all that flee to Thee for succour, the Life of them that believe and the Resurrection of the dead; we call upon Thee for the Infant this day to be baptized, that *he*, coming to Thy Holy Baptism, may receive remission of *his* sins by spiritual regeneration. Receive, *him*, O Lord, as Thou hast promised by Thy well-beloved Son, saying, Ask and ye shall have; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. So give now unto us that ask; let us that seek find; open the gate unto us that knock; that this Infant may enjoy the everlasting benediction of Thy heavenly washing, and may come to the Eternal Kingdom which Thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. *Amen.* *P.B.*

*After the Baptism of a Child.*

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who renewest human nature beyond the dignity of its first Creation: We beseech Thee by Thy continual grace to preserve Thy heavenly gifts in *him* whom Thou hast this day vouchsafed to renew by the mystery of Regeneration. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Gr. \**

Preserve, we beseech Thee, O Lord, in the new-born offspring of Thy heavenly Family, the Spirit of adoption Which Thou hast given: That *he* being renewed in body and soul, may offer unto Thee a pure and holy service, and, being guided by Thy continual protection in the way of salvation, may finally attain to everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Gr.*

*Before and after a Confirmation.*

Almighty and Everliving God, we make our humble supplications unto Thee for Thy servants, and more especially for those of [this household, and of] this Parish, upon whom, (after the example of Thy holy Apostles,) the Bishop this day is about to lay [or has laid] his hands, to certify them by that sign of Thy favour and gracious goodness towards them.

*Before Confirmation.*

Strengthen them, we beseech Thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter, and daily increase in them Thy manifold gifts of grace; the Spirit of wisdom and understanding; the Spirit of counsel and ghostly strength; the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness: and fill them, O Lord, with the Spirit of Thy holy fear now and for ever. *Amen.*

*After Confirmation.*

Let Thy Fatherly Hand, we beseech Thee, ever be over them;

let Thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of Thy word, that in the end they may obtain Everlasting Life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. P.B.*

*Before Holy Communion.*

Blessed Jesus, Who art about to come to us Thy unworthy servants in the Blessed Sacrament of Thy Body and Blood, prepare our hearts, we beseech Thee, for Thyself.

Grant us that repentance for our past sins,—that faith in the Atonement made for them by Thee upon the Cross,—that full purpose of amendment of life,—that perfect love to Thee and to all men, which shall fit us to receive Thee.

Lord, we are not worthy that Thou shouldst come under our roof, much less that we should receive Thee into ourselves; but since Thou didst not disdain to be laid in a manger amidst unclean beasts, so vouchsafe to enter into our souls and bodies, unclean though they be through many sins and defilements.

Lord, come to us that Thou mayest cleanse us.

Lord, come to us that Thou mayest heal us.

Lord, come to us that Thou mayest strengthen us.

And grant that having received Thee, we may never be separated from Thee by our sins, but may continue Thine for ever, till we see Thee face to face in Thy heavenly Kingdom, where, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, Thou livest and reignest, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

*After Holy Communion.*

We praise Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God, for all the blessings wherewith Thou hast blessed us in heavenly things in Christ, for our

new birth in Baptism, for the grace of Confirmation, for Thy Holy Word, for Thy duly appointed Ministers, and for all the spiritual gifts whereof we are made partakers in Thy Holy Catholic Church.

More especially do we yield Thee hearty thanks for that Thou dost vouchsafe to feed our souls with the Divine Food of the most blessed Body and Blood of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And we beseech Thee, O Lord, that Thou wouldest evermore vouchsafe unto us, who have this day partaken of the Heavenly Gift, both the desire to live a holy and religious life, and also strength and power faithfully to fulfil the same. Through the Same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*When any of the Family is seriously ill.*

O Gracious Father, Who chastenest us of Thy great mercy, for our good, and not for our destruction, have mercy upon Thy servant *N.* whom it has pleased Thee to afflict with sickness.

Strengthen *him*, O Lord, to bear it patiently, and give *him* grace to lift up *his* heart to Thee, and to find Thee in *his* trial. O be Thou with *him* and give *him* patience, and faith, and the spirit of prayer, and of repentance, and of hope. Help *him* to set *his* affections upon things above, and so to meditate upon Thee and upon Thy goodness, that this *his* affliction may draw *him* closer and closer unto Thee. In all *his* pains and weakness enable *him* evermore to turn to Thee, and in Thee to find health and refreshment for *his* soul.

Restore *him*, if it please Thee, to *his* bodily health; and if it be Thy Will to take *him* to Thyself, prepare *him* for *his* change, and receive *him* at last into that

blessed abode where Saints departed dwell with their Redeemer and their Lord. Through the Same Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.* (*Rev. C. Marriott.*)

*After a recovery from a dangerous sickness.*

O Lord God, in Whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind; Give this Thy servant grace holily to spend in Thy service that life which Thou hast now so mercifully prolonged. Grant that *he* may consecrate *his* whole life to Thee; and so live henceforth in Thy fear, that *he* may at last die at peace with all the world and with Thee, O Holy Father, Who with the Son and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.* (*Visitatio Infirmorum.*)

O Most Mighty and Gracious God, Who hast chastened and corrected this Thy servant, but hast not given *him* over unto death; For these and all other Thy great mercies, kindle in *his* heart a lively thankfulness, and in *his* soul the most sincere and holy love. Let *him* not forget from what a perilous condition Thou hast released *him*; but give *him* such a due sense of all Thy mercies that *his* heart may be unfeignedly thankful, and that *he* may shew forth Thy praise not only with *his* lips but in *his* life; by giving up *himself* to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all *his* days. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.* (*Ibid.*)

*After the death of a Child.*

O Almighty and Everlasting God, the Lover of holiness and purity, Who hast been graciously pleased to call the soul of a Child

of this family into Thine heavenly Kingdom ; So vouchsafe, O Blessed Saviour, to deal mercifully with us who survive, that, through the merits of Thy most sacred Passion, Thou mayest cause us ever to rejoice with all Thy Blessed Saints and Thine Elect, Who livest and reignest with the Father, in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. *Amen. (Visitatio Infirmorum)*

O Lord Jesu Christ, Who didst restore the widow's son to his weeping mother, and the daughter of the ruler of the synagogue to her lamenting parents : We beseech Thee to have compassion on the [*Father and Mother*] of the child whom Thou hast now called to *his* Heavenly Father's Kingdom. Make *them* know and feel, O Lord God, that *he* is committed to Thy merciful arms, and ever beholdeth Thy blissful presence. Let this assurance assuage *their* tears, and mitigate *their* present sorrow. And grant, O Lord, that as *they* have experienced the blessing Thou gavest *them* in this child, and now feel the affliction Thou hast laid upon *them*, in taking *him* from *them* ; so *they* may know assuredly that Thou wilt comfort *them* by restoring *him* to *them* in Thine Everlasting Kingdom ; to which vouchsafe to conduct them by Thy merits, O Holy and most merciful Saviour, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen. Ibid.*

*After the death of an adult member of the Family.*

O Almighty God, Who knowest the weakness and frailty of our nature : We beseech Thee to give unto us Thy servants, whom Thou hast stricken with this sad visitation, such a supply of the graces of Thy Holy Spirit as may enable us

to bear it with that humility, resignation, and submission to Thy Divine Will, which become our Christian Profession ; that so no repining thoughts may find place in our hearts. Grant that we may not sorrow as those who have no hope. Let not our grief exceed the bounds of reason or religion ; but so temper it, we beseech Thee, with the consolations of Thy Holy Spirit, that whatever we may want in outward comfort, we may find made up to us in the inward joys of a good conscience, and a sure and certain Christian faith and hope.

Make, we beseech Thee, the affliction wherewith Thou chastenest us a means of drawing us nearer unto Thyself, and bless it to the good of our souls and our eternal welfare. Help us to search out, and stedfastly to set ourselves to remove all our offences against Thee, and to amend our lives. Teach us to set our affections on things above, not on things on the earth, but on those joys which never fade, the pleasures that are at Thy Right Hand for evermore, where all Thy Redeemed shall be gathered into Thy Heavenly Kingdom to go no more out for ever.

And so fit and prepare us for the great account which we must one day give, that when the time of our appointed change shall come, we may look up unto Thee with joy and comfort, and may at last be received, together with *him* whom Thou hast now taken from us, and with all that are near and dear to us, into that place of rest and peace where Thou shalt Thyself wipe off all tears from off all faces, and where all our troubles and sorrows shall have an end.

Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

## Instructions concerning Sickness.

The first duty of a Christian visited with sickness is to resign himself absolutely to the Will of our Father Which is in Heaven, leaving the issue entirely in His Hands. Received in this spirit, and as a call to more serious thought, and an opportunity, through the cessation of ordinary occupations, of more frequent and closer communion with God, sickness may be the means of the greatest spiritual blessings.

In time of sickness we ought, except so far as pain and weakness are a real hindrance, to keep up the same habits of prayer and devotion as we are accustomed to in health. Our enforced leisure may even enable us to devote more time than in health to religious meditation, prayer, and the reading of good books. And we ought to endeavour to offer up our daily sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving in union with the Church at large, from whose public worship we are now debarred, by using the daily Psalms and Second Lessons, which another may read to us when we are ourselves too weak to

do so. On Fridays a sick person ought to find especial profit in devoutly following the successive stages of our Redeemer's Passion by the recitation of at least the "Memorials of the Passion," as near the proper hours as may be.

Next, we ought, in the first beginnings of more than ordinary sickness, to inform our Clergyman of our condition, that we may have the benefit of his advice and prayers and spiritual ministrations, and may request through him a share in the public Intercessions offered in the Church for all that are afflicted in mind, body, or estate.

We ought not to allow more than a month to elapse without our receiving the Holy Communion, which our Parish Priest will gladly administer to us in private, at regular intervals, so long as we are debarred from the Public Worship of the Church.

For special devotions in time of sickness, see "The Churchman's Guide to Faith and Piety," or the following may be used.

## Considerations and Prayers, in the View of Sickness and Death.

(From Bishop Wilson's "Sacra Privata.")

Sickness, if you consider it as painful to nature, and not as a favour from God, will be a torment to you. To make it really comfortable, believe it to be ordered by a loving Father, a wise Physician; that it is the effect of His mercy for our salvation; that, being fastened to the Cross, you become dearer

to God, as being most like His Own Son. God will loose you when it is best for you.

Consider well, that life is given and continued for no other end but to glorify God in working out our own salvation.

This is the comfort of all God's servants: if He gives them opportunities of renewing their

vows and a will to do them ; if He accepts their alms and their good deeds, that is, gives them a heart to do such ; if He touches their hearts with a sense of their unworthiness ; if He opens their ear to discipline ; if He chastises them with His Holy Spirit, &c. : all these are reasons for a Christian to hope that these graces are not in vain, but that God will crown them with pardon, favour, and happiness eternal.

Now is the time in which we are to choose where and what we are to be to all eternity ; there is therefore no time to be lost to make this choice.

Death is inevitable ; the time uncertain ; the judgment which follows without appeal ; and followed by an eternity of happiness or misery.

If we consider death as the night of that day which is given us to work in, in which to work out our salvation ; and that when the night is come, no man can work ; how frightful must death be to such as are not prepared for it ! And if we consider it as the beginning of eternity, it is still more dreadful.

The sting of death is sin ; therefore, an holy life is the only cure for the fear of death. We ought to fear sin more than death, because death cannot hurt us but by sin.

As Christianity alone can take from us the love of life, so it alone can free us from the fear of death.

A person whose life is full of good works, whose heart is devoted to God, whose faith and hope are pure and sincere, will never be surprised by death.

If we desire that our death should, like that of Jesus Christ, be a sacrifice of love and obedience, we must take care to make our life so too.

Happy that soul which death finds rich, not in gold, furniture, learning, reputation, or barren purposes and desires, but in good works.

It is purely for want of faith that we tremble at the approach of our Deliverer ; which is to destroy in us the reign of sin, and instate us in that of glory.

A Christian should not look upon death with anxiety, but with the satisfaction of a good servant who waits with impatience for his Master's return, in hopes of being approved of.

Let us resign up ourselves to God as to the time and the manner in which it shall please Him to bring our lives to an end, praying only that it may be to His Glory, and our salvation.

O may the constant expectation of that happy day, and a faith and hope full of immortality, sweeten all the troubles of this mortal life !

What a wise man then when he comes to die would wish he had done, that he ought to do forthwith, *for death is ever at hand*, and the consequences of a surprise most dreadful.

He will then wish, if he has not done it, with all his soul :

1. That he had made a just and Christian settlement of his worldly concerns ; so as not to be distracted with the cares of this world, when all his thoughts should be upon another.

2 That he had made his peace with God by a timely repentance.

3. That he had faithfully lived to God's glory in discharging the duties of his calling.

4. That he had weaned his affections from things temporal, and loosened the ties which fasten us to the world.

5. That, to this end, he had crucified the flesh with its affec-



tions and lusts; so that, being weary of this life, he might be more desirous of a better.

6. That by acts of justice, mercy, charity, and alms, he may be entitled to the mercy of God when he will stand most in need of it, in the hour of death, and at the Day of Judgment.

7. That he had got such habits of patience and resignation to the Will of God, during his health, as may render Death with all the train of miseries leading to it, less frightful and amazing.

8. That by a constant practice of devotion preparatory to death, he had learned what to pray for, what to hope for, what to depend on, in his last sickness.

*Prayers in preparation for sickness and death.*

May Almighty God, Who alone can do it, effectually convince me of the vanity of all that is desirable in this present life, that I may not, like an unbeliever, look for happiness here.

Give me, O Lord, a perfect indifference for the world, its profits, pleasures, honours, fame, and all its idols.

Represent Thyself unto me as my true happiness, that I may love Thee with all my heart and mind and soul and strength; so that when I am called out of this world, I may rejoice in hope of going to the Paradise of God, where the souls of the faithful enjoy rest and felicity, in hopes of a blessed Resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

May the thoughts of death, and of what must follow, by the grace of God, mortify in me all carnal security, and fondness for this world and all that is in it, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life. And, O that I may make my calling and election sure, that I may

die in peace, and rest in Paradise, in hopes of a blessed Resurrection, and a favourable judgment at the great Day.

And may the consideration of a judgment to come oblige me to a sincere holiness, make me careful of my thoughts, designs, ends, and actions, oblige me to try and examine, and to judge myself, that I may prevent a severe judgment of God, by prayers, by tears, by alms, by mortifications, and all other expressions of a true repentance, that in the day of visitation I may find mercy.

Give me true repentance for all the errors of my life past, and steadfast faith in Thy Son Jesus Christ; that my sins may be done away by Thy mercy, and my pardon sealed in Heaven, before I go hence, and be no more seen.

Grant, O Lord, that the end of my life may be truly Christian; without sin, without shame, and if it so please Thee, without pain.

Apply to my soul in that hour all the wholesome medicines of Thy Son's Passion, Death, and Resurrection, against the powers of Satan, against all unreasonable fears and despair, and ease my fearful conscience.

And when I shall not be able to pray for myself, hear the prayers of Thy Church for me, and for all in my condition, for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Blessed Jesus, Who pleasedst not Thyself, but tookest upon Thee the form of a servant to teach mankind the great duty and blessing of self-denial; Assist me to follow Thy commands and Thy holy example, though I should be obliged to lose anything as dear as a right hand or a right eye.

Give me resolution to deny my inclinations for the good things of

this world, even while I may command them; to subdue my corrupt affections, and to take revenge upon myself—for my intemperance, by mortification; for mis-spending my time, by retirement; for the many errors of my tongue, by silence; for my great neglect of duty, by a laborious diligence for the time to come; and for all the sins of my life, by a deep humiliation, patiently submitting to all the troubles with which Thou shalt think fit to exercise or punish me; so that being effectually weaned from this world, and weary of its corruptions, I may be satisfied to repose myself in the grave, in hopes of a better life, through Thy mercy and merits, O Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Fortify my soul, Blessed Jesus, with the same spirit of submission with which Thou underwentest the death of the Cross, that I may receive all events with resignation to the Will of God; that I may receive troubles, afflictions, disappointments, sickness, and death itself, without amazement; these being the appointment of Thy justice for the punishment of sin, and of Thy mercy for the salvation of sinners.

Grant, O Lord, that I may not be of the number of those who dread Thy Coming, who cannot but with regret submit to the necessity of dying, and who have neglected to prepare for death till the last hour.

Rather give me, O Lord, that desire and earnest longing, which I ought to have, for that happy moment which is to release me

from this state of banishment, and translate me to a better place.

And grant, O Lord, that though my outward man decay daily, yet that my inward man may grow and increase in piety and virtue unto the day of my death.

O Blessed Advocate, Who by Thy Death hast destroyed death, Thou art able to save them for ever who come unto God by Thee. Seeing Thou ever livest to make intercession for us, I put my cause into Thy Hands; let Thy power defend me; Thy Blood and Merits plead for me, supply all the defects of my repentance, and procure for me a full discharge of all my sins before I die; and by Thy mighty grace confirm and strengthen me in all goodness during the remainder of my life, that my death may be a blessing to me, and that I may find mercy at the great day.

O Blessed JESU, support my spirit when I come to die with this comfortable promise, "This day shalt thou be with Me in Paradise."

We indeed suffer justly the sentence of death. O Thou, Who didst nothing amiss, and yet didst suffer for me, remember me, O Lord, now that Thou art in Thy Kingdom.

O Lord JESUS, Who hast redeemed us with Thy Precious Blood, Who lovedst me, and gavest Thyself for me, make me to be numbered with Thy Saints in Glory Everlasting. For Thy most tender mercy's sake. Amen. (*From Bishop Wilson's "Sacra Privata."*\*)

## An Office of Devotion for the Sick.

✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Our Father.

Our help standeth in the Name of the Lord. *Who hath made heaven and earth.*

Blessed be the Name of the Lord. *From this time forth for evermore.*

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.*

Praise ye the Lord. *The Lord's Name be praised.*

### HYMN.

O Thou, from Whom all goodness flows, I lift my soul to Thee; In all my sorrows, conflicts, woes, Good Lord, remember me.

If on my aching burdened heart

My sins lie heavily,  
Thy pardon grant, Thy peace impart: Good Lord, remember me.

If trials sore obstruct my way,  
And ills I cannot flee,  
Then let my strength be as my day:  
Good Lord, remember me.

If worn with pain, disease, and grief, This feeble frame should be, Grant patience, rest, and kind relief: Good Lord, remember me.

And oh, when in the hour of death  
I bow to Thy decree,  
Jesu, receive my parting breath:  
Good Lord, remember me.

Amen.

*Or any of the following, from "Hymns Ancient and Modern." Hymns 142, 144, 158, 162, 163, 165, 170, 175, 179, 180, 182, 200.*

*Anthem.* Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth: and scourgeth every child whom He receiveth.

¶ *Then may be said one or more of the following Psalms, according to discretion and opportunity.*

*Psalms xxiii. xxv. xxxix. lxxxi. lxxxviii. xc. xci. cxxxix.*

*Or the Seven Penitential Psalms. (See p. 58.)*

*Or the Gradual Psalms p. 55, or some of them.*

*Or one or more of the following sets of verses selected from various Psalms.*

*And before and after the Psalm, or Psalms, may be said the following Anthem.* Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth: and scourgeth every child whom He receiveth.

### I.

Ponder my words, O Lord: consider my meditation.

O hearken Thou unto the voice of my calling, my King, and my God: for unto Thee will I make my prayer.

In my trouble I will call upon the Lord: and complain unto my God.

Incline Thine ear to me: and hearken unto my words.

Shew Thy marvellous loving-kindness: Thou That art the Saviour of them which put their trust in Thee.

Keep me as the apple of an eye: hide me under the shadow of Thy wings.

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto Thee: have mercy upon me and hear me.

My heart hath talked of Thee, seek ye my face: Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

O hide not Thou Thy face from me: nor cast Thy servant away in displeasure.

Thou hast been my succour: leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord,

for I am in trouble : and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness ; yea, my soul and my body.

For my life is waxen old with heaviness : and my years with mourning.

My strength faileth me because of mine iniquity : and my bones are consumed.

But my hope hath been in Thee, O Lord : I have said, Thou art my God.

Let Thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us : like as we do put our trust in Thee.

Thy mercy, O Lord, reacheth unto the heavens : and Thy faithfulness unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains : Thy judgments are like the great deep.

Thou, Lord, shalt save both man and beast, how excellent is Thy mercy, O God : and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of Thy wings.

Withdraw not Thou Thy mercy from me, O Lord : let Thy loving kindness and Thy truth always preserve me.

For innumerable troubles are come about me ; my sins have taken such hold upon me that I am not able to look up : yea, they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart hath failed me.

O Lord, let it be Thy pleasure to deliver me : make haste, O Lord, to help me.

As for me, I am poor and needy : but the Lord careth for me.

Thou art my Helper and Redeemer : make no long tarrying, O my God.

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.

## II.

Why art thou so heavy, O my soul : and why art thou so disquieted within me.

O put thy trust in God : for I will yet give Him thanks, Which is the Help of my countenance, and my God.

God is our Hope and Strength : a very present Help in trouble.

Hear my prayer, O God : and hide not Thyself from my petition.

Take heed unto me, and hear me : how I mourn in my prayer, and am vexed.

Nevertheless, though I am sometime afraid : yet put I my trust in Thee.

In God's word will I rejoice : in the Lord's word will I comfort me.

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me : for my soul trusteth in Thee.

Hear my crying, O God : give ear unto my prayer.

From the ends of the earth will I call upon Thee : when my heart is in heaviness.

O set me up upon the Rock that is higher than I : for Thou hast been my hope, and a strong tower for me against the enemy.

I will dwell in Thy Tabernacle for ever : and my trust shall be under the covering of Thy wings.

Whom have I in Heaven but Thee : and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of Thee.

My flesh and my heart faileth : but God is the Strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

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.

## III.

I will cry unto God with my voice : even unto God will I cry with my voice, and He shall hearken unto me.

In the time of my trouble I sought the Lord : my sore ran, and ceased not in the night-season ; my soul refused comfort.

When I am in heaviness, I will think upon God : when my heart is vexed, I will complain.

Thou holdest mine eyes waking : I am so feeble that I cannot speak.

I have considered the days of old : and the years that are past.

I call to remembrance my song : and in the night I commune with mine own heart and search out my spirits.

Will the Lord absent Himself for ever : and will He be no more intreated ?

Is His mercy clean gone for ever : and is His promise come utterly to an end for evermore ?

Hath God forgotten to be gracious : and will He shut up His loving-kindness in displeasure ?

And I said, It is mine own infirmity : but I will remember the years of the Right Hand of the Most Highest.

I will remember the works of the Lord : and call to mind Thy wonders of old time.

I will think also of all Thy works : and my talking shall be of Thy doings.

Thy way, O God, is holy : who is so great a God as our God.

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.

#### IV.

O remember not our old sins, but have mercy upon us, and that soon : for we are come to great misery.

Help us, O God, of our salvation for the glory of Thy Name : O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins, for Thy Name's sake.

Turn us again, Thou Lord of

Hosts : shew the Light of Thy Countenance, and we shall be whole.

Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, and hear me : for I am poor and in misery.

Preserve Thou my soul, for I am holy : my God, save Thy servant that putteth his trust in Thee.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord : for I will call daily upon Thee.

Comfort the soul of Thy servant : for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For Thou, Lord, art good and gracious : and of great mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer : and ponder the voice of my humble desires.

In the time of my trouble I will call upon Thee : for Thou hearest me.

Among the gods there is none like unto Thee, O Lord : there is not one that can do as Thou doest.

All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship Thee, O Lord : and shall glorify Thy Name.

For Thou art great, and doest wondrous things : Thou art God alone.

Teach me Thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in Thy truth : O knit my heart unto Thee that I may fear Thy Name.

I will thank Thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart : and will praise Thy Name for evermore.

For great is Thy mercy toward me : and Thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hell.

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.

#### V.

Lord, how long wilt Thou hide Thyself for ever : and shall Thy wrath burn like fire ?

O remember how short my time is: wherefore hast Thou made all men for nought?

But deal Thou with me, O Lord God, according unto Thy Name: for sweet is Thy mercy.

O deliver me, for I am helpless and poor: and my heart is wounded within me.

I go hence like the shadow that departeth: and am driven away as the grasshopper.

My knees are weak through fasting: my flesh is dried up for want of fatness.

I became also a reproach unto them: they that looked upon me shook their heads.

Help me, O Lord my God: O save me according to Thy mercy.

Mine eyes look unto Thee, O Lord God: in Thee is my trust, O cast not out my soul.

Thou art my hope and my portion in the land of the living: consider my complaint, for I am brought very low.

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.

*Antem.* Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth: and scourgeth every child whom He receiveth.

¶ *And after the Psalms may be read any of the following passages of Holy Scripture.*

Job xiii. 23 to xiv. 14.

Isaiah xxvi.

Isaiah xxxviii.

Lamentations iii.

Daniel iii. 23—27.

Daniel vi. 16—23.

Jonah ii.

Habakkuk iii. 17—19.

*Or the Daily Reading for the Morning or Evening, according to the day of the Month, pages 148 to 187. Or out of the Daily Readings, more especially the following.*

S. Matthew xxiv. 36—51. p. 151.

S. Matthew xxv. 31—46. p. 152.

S. Luke xii. 15—40. p. 154.

1 Cor. xv. 39—58. p. 169.

2 Cor. iv. 16; v. 10. p. 169.

1 Thess. iv. 13; v. 24. p. 174.

Hebrews xii. p. 176.

*Or else the following:*

Revelations vii. 9—17, or Chaps. xxi. and xxii.

¶ *And after the reading of Holy Scripture, the sick person may say the Apostles' Creed.*

I believe in God.

*Adding thereafter the following:*

In this faith, which I do unfeignedly and wholly believe, as a true member of Christ's Holy Catholic Church, do I purpose to finish my life; and if ought shall happen by the violence of my sickness, or the suggestions of my ghostly enemies, whereby I shall come to think, say, or do anything contrary to this holy faith and purpose, I do here revoke it beforehand, and protest from my soul, even before Christ and His holy Angels, that I give no consent thereunto. And I give most humble and hearty thanks unto my loving Creator and Redeemer, that, of His wonderful goodness and mercy, He hath vouchsafed to bring me to the knowledge of this Faith in Him, into Whose most holy and merciful Hands I commend my soul and body now and at the hour of my death. Amen. (*Bp. Cosin's Devotions.\**)

¶ *And after the Creed the following Prayers.*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

O Lord, save Thy servant.

*Who putteth his [or her] trust in Thee.*

Send me help from Thy Holy Place. *And evermore mightily defend me.*

Let the enemy have no advantage over me. *Nor the wicked one approach to hurt me.*

Be unto me, O Lord, a strong tower. *From the face of mine enemies.*

O Lord, hear my prayer. *And let my crying come unto Thee.*

¶ *And then may be said any of the following Prayers at discretion, and according to opportunity.*

*The Prayers.*

God, Who declarest Thy Almighty Power most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity; of Thy goodness and favour vouchsafe to hear these my humble and devout prayers, that being now justly punished for mine offences, I may be mercifully delivered by Thine abundant pity, for the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, Who seest that I put not my trust in anything which I can do; Mercifully grant, that by Thy power I may be delivered from all adversity, and be healed both in body and soul; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve me Thy sick servant. Look upon me with the eyes of Thy mercy, give me comfort and sure confidence in Thee, defend me from the danger of my deadly enemy, and keep me in perfect peace and safety; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear me, Almighty and most merciful God and Saviour; extend Thine accustomed goodness to me Thy humble servant who am now grieved with sickness; sanctify, I beseech Thee, this Thy Fatherly correction to me, that the sense of my weakness may add strength to my faith, and seriousness to my repentance:

That if it shall be Thy good pleasure to restore me to my former health, I may lead the residue of my life in Thy fear and to Thy glory; or else, give me grace so to take thy visitation, that, after this painful life is ended, I may dwell with Thee in life everlasting. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O sweet Jesus, I desire neither life nor death, but Thy most holy Will; Thou art the thing, O Lord, that I look for; be it unto me according to Thy good pleasure. If it be Thy Will to have me die, receive my soul; and grant that in Thee, and with Thee, I may receive everlasting rest. If it be Thy Will to have me live any longer upon earth, give me grace to amend the rest of my life, and with good works to glorify Thy holy Name, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. Amen. (*From Bp. Cosin's Devotions.*)

¶ *Or else the Penitential Litany, or the Prayers for a Penitent, page 82.*

*Or some of the Prayers for the graces of Humility, of Patience, and of Love, or for grace to die well, for which see page 104.*

*Or the following from the "Whole Duty of Man."*

*A Prayer for a Sick Person.*

O merciful and righteous Lord, the God of health and of sickness, of life and of death, I most unfeignedly acknowledge that my great abuse of those many days of strength and welfare, which Thou hast afforded me, hath most justly deserved Thy present visitation. I desire, O Lord, humbly to accept of this punishment of mine iniquity, and to bear the indignation of the Lord, because I have sinned against Him.

And, O Thou most merciful

Father, Who designest not the ruin, but the amendment of those whom Thou scourgest, I beseech Thee by Thy grace so to sanctify this correction of Thine to me, that this sickness of my body may be a means of health to my soul; make me diligent to search my heart, and do Thou, O Lord, enable me to discover every accursed thing, how closely soever concealed there, that by the removal thereof, I may make way for the removal of this punishment. Heal my soul, O Lord, which hath sinned against Thee; and then, if it be Thy blessed will, heal my body also: restore the voice of joy and health unto my dwelling, that I may live to praise Thee, and to bring forth fruits of repentance.

But if in Thy wisdom Thou hast otherwise disposed, if Thou hast determined that this sickness shall be unto death, I beseech Thee to fit and prepare me for it: give me that sincere and earnest repentance, to which Thou hast promised mercy and pardon; wean my heart from the world, and all its fading vanities, and make me to gasp and pant after those more excellent and durable joys, which are at Thy Right Hand for ever. Lord, lift Thou up the Light of Thy Countenance upon me, and in all the pains of my body, in all the agonies of my spirit, let Thy comforts refresh my soul, and enable me patiently to wait till my change come.

And grant, O Lord, that when my earthly house of this tabernacle is dissolved, I may have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens; and that for His sake, Who by His Precious Blood hath purchased it for me, even Jesus Christ Thy blessed Son our Lord. Amen.

¶ *And if the Sick Person be not likely to recover he may use the following Prayers and Ejaculations, also taken from the "Whole Duty of Man," according as his strength shall permit; or may join in them mentally, whilst another reads them to him.*

*A Prayer at the Approach of Death.*

O eternal and ever-living God, Who first breathedst into man the breath of life, and when Thou takest away that breath he dies and is turned again to his dust; look with compassion on me Thy poor creature who am now drawing near the gates of death, and, which is infinitely more terrible, the bar of judgment. Lord, my own heart condemns me, and Thou art infinitely greater than my heart, and knowest all things. The sins I know and remember, fill me with horror; but there are also multitudes of others, which I either observed not at the time, or have since carelessly forgot, which are all present to Thee. Thou settest my misdeeds before Thee, and my secret sins in the Light of Thy Countenance; and to what a mountainous heap must the provocation of so many years arise? how long shall one so ungodly stand in Thy Judgment, or such a sinner in the congregation of the righteous? and to add yet more to my terror, my very repentance, I fear, will not abide the trial; my frequent relapses heretofore, have sufficiently witnessed the unsincerity of my past resolutions. And then, O Lord, what can secure me that my present dislikes of my sins are not rather the effects of my amazing danger than of any real change? And, O Lord, I know Thou art not mocked, nor wilt accept of anything that is not perfectly sincere. O Lord, when



I consider this, fearfulfulness and trembling come upon me, and an horrible dread overwhelmeth me; my flesh trembleth for fear of Thee, and my heart is wounded within me.

But, O Lord, one deep calleth upon another, the depth of my misery upon the depth of Thy mercy: Lord, save now, or I perish eternally. O Thou Who wilt accept, Who triest the heart. Create in me, O God, a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me. Lord, one day is with Thee as a thousand years; O let Thy mighty Spirit work in me now in this my last day, whatsoever Thou seest wanting to fit me for Thy mercy and acceptance. Give me a perfect and entire hatred of my sins, and enable me to present Thee with that sacrifice of a broken and contrite heart, which Thou hast promised not to despise; that by this I may be made capable of that atonement which Thy dear Son hath by the more excellent oblation of Himself made for all repenting sinners. He is the propitiation for our sins, He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was on Him; O heal me by His stripes, and let the cry of His Blood drown the clamour of my sins. I am indeed a child of wrath, but He is the Son of Thy love; for His sake spare me, O Lord, spare Thy creature, whom He hath redeemed with His most precious Blood, and be not angry with me for ever. In His Wounds, O Lord, I take sanctuary, O let not Thy vengeance pursue me to this city of refuge: my soul hangeth upon Him, O let me not perish

with a Jesus, with a Saviour in my arms.

By His Agony and Bloody Sweat; by His Cross and Passion, by all He did and suffered for sinners, good Lord, deliver me; deliver me, I beseech Thee, from the wages of my sins, Thy wrath and everlasting damnation, in this time of my tribulation, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment.

Hear me, O Lord, hear me, and do not now repay my former neglects of Thy calls, by refusing to answer me in this time of my greatest need. Lord, there is but a step between me and death, O let not my sun go down upon Thy wrath, but seal my pardon before I go hence and be no more seen. Thy loving-kindness is better than life itself, O let me have that in exchange, and I shall most gladly lay down this mortal life.

Lord, Thou knowest all my desire, and my groaning is not hid from Thee; deal Thou with me, O Lord, according to Thy Name, for sweet is Thy mercy; take away the sting of death, the guilt of my sins, and then though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; I will lay me down in peace, and Lord, when I awake up, let me be satisfied with Thy presence in Thy Glory. Grant this, merciful God, for His sake Who is both the Redeemer and Mediator of sinners, even Jesus Christ Thy blessed Son our Lord. Amen.

*Ejaculations to be used as opportunity, and the sick person's strength, permit.*

O Lord, of whom may I seek for succour but of Thee, Who for my sins art justly displeased? Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and

most merciful Saviour, deliver me not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of my heart, shut not Thy merciful ears to my prayer, but spare me, O Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer me not at my last hour for any pains of death to fall from Thee.

Father, I have sinned against heaven and before Thee, and am not worthy to be called Thy child; yet, O Lord, do not Thou cast off the bowels and compassions of a Father; but even as a Father pitieth his own children, so be Thou merciful unto me.

Lord, the Prince of this world cometh, O let him have nothing in me, but as he accuseth, do Thou absolve; he lays many and grievous things to my charge, which he can too well prove; I have nothing to say for myself, do Thou answer for me, O Lord my God.

O Lord, I am clothed with filthy garments, and Satan stands at my right hand to resist me; O be Thou pleased to rebuke him, and pluck me as a brand out of the fire; cause mine iniquities to pass from me, and clothe me with the righteousness of Thy Son.

O my God, I know that no unclean thing can enter into Thy Kingdom, and I am nothing but pollution, my very righteousnesses are as filthy rags. O wash me and make me white in the Blood of the Lamb, that so I may be fit to stand before Thy Throne.

Lord, the snares of death compass me round about, O let not the pains of hell also take hold upon me, but though I find trouble and heaviness, yet, O Lord, I beseech Thee, deliver my soul.

O dear Jesus, Who hast bought me with the precious price of Thine own Blood; challenge now Thy purchase, and let not the malice of hell pluck me out of Thy hand.

O blessed High Priest, Who art able to save them to the utmost who come unto God by Thee, save me, I beseech Thee, who have no hope, but in Thy merits and intercession.

O God, I confess I have defaced that image of Thine Thou didst imprint upon my soul; yet, O Thou faithful Creator, have pity on Thy creature.

O Jesu, I have by my many and grievous sins crucified Thee afresh, yet Thou Who prayedst for Thy persecutors, intercede for me also, and suffer not, O my Redeemer, my soul (the price of Thy Blood) to perish.

O Spirit of grace, I have by my grievous offences done despite to Thee; yet, O blessed Comforter, though I have often grieved Thee, be Thou pleased to succour and relieve me, and say unto my soul, I am Thy Salvation.

Mine eyes look unto Thee, O Lord, in Thee is my trust, O cast not out my soul.

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

O blessed Lord, Who scourgest every son whom Thou receivest, let me not be weary of Thy correction, but give me such a perfect subjection to Thee the Father of spirits, that this chastisement may be for my profit, that I may thereby be partaker of Thy holiness.

O Thou Captain of my salvation, Who wert made perfect by sufferings, sanctify to me all the pains of body, all the terrors of mind, which Thou shalt permit to fall upon me.

Lord, my sins have deserved eternal torments, make me cheer-

fully and thankfully to bear my present pains, chasten me as Thou pleasest here, that I may not be condemned with the world.

Lord, the waters are come in even unto my soul. O let Thy Spirit move upon these waters, and make them like the pool of Bethesda, that they may cure whatsoever spiritual disease Thou discernest in me.

O Christ, Who first sufferedst many and grievous things, and then enteredst into Thy glory, make me so to suffer with Thee, that I may also be glorified with Thee.

O dear Jesus, Who humblest Thyself to the death of the Cross for me, let that death of Thine sweeten the bitterness of mine.

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

I believe that Thou shalt come to be my Judge.

I pray Thee, therefore, help Thy servant whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy Precious Blood.

Make me to be numbered with Thy Saints in Glory Everlasting.

Thou art the Resurrection and the Life, he that believeth in Thee, though he were dead, yet shall he live: Lord, I believe, help Thou my unbelief.

My flesh and my heart faileth, but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

I desire to be dissolved, and to be with Christ, which is far better: Lord, I groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with the house which is from heaven.

I desire to put off this my tabernacle. O be Thou pleased to

receive me into everlasting habitations.

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks unto Thy Name.

I cannot here attend one minute to Thy service without distraction, O take me up to stand before Thy Throne, where I shall serve Thee day and night.

I am here in heaviness through many tribulations, O receive me into that place of rest, where all tears shall be wiped from my eyes, where there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying, nor pain.

I am here in the state of banishment and absence from the Lord, O take me where I shall for ever behold Thy Face, and follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.

O blessed Jesu, Who hast loved me, and washed me from my sins in Thine own Blood, receive my soul.

Into Thy Hands I commend my spirit, for Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, Thou God of truth. Come, Lord Jesu, come quickly.

#### *The Blessing.*

The Almighty Lord, Who is a most strong tower to them that put their trust in Him, to Whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey, be now and evermore my defence; and make me know and feel, that there is no other Name under heaven given to me, in Whom and through Whom I may receive health or salvation, but only the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Selected Passages of Holy Scripture, for the Comfort of the  
Sick and Dying.

“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.”

“The Son of Man came to save that which was lost.”

“His Name is Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.”

“He bare our sins in His own body on the tree.”

“God so loved the world, that He gave His Only-Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting Life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth on Him is not condemned. He that believeth on the Son of God hath everlasting Life.”

JESUS says, “Whoso eateth My Flesh and drinketh My Blood hath eternal Life, and I will raise Him up at the Last Day. For My Flesh is Meat indeed, and My Blood is Drink indeed. He that eateth My Flesh and drinketh My Blood dwelleth in Me, and I in him. As the Living Father hath sent Me and I live by the Father, so he that eateth Me even he shall live by Me. This is that Bread which came down from Heaven, he that eateth of this Bread shall live for ever.”

“I am come a Light unto the world, that whosoever believeth on Me should not abide in darkness.”

“Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.”

“Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out.”

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s House are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you. And I will come again, and receive you unto Myself, that where I am ye may be also.”

“Because I live, ye shall live also.”

“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid.”

“As My Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you.”

“Your sorrow shall be turned into joy. Ye now have sorrow, but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.”

“The Father Himself loveth you, because ye have loved Me, and have believed that I came out from God.”

JESUS prayed for us, and said “Father, I will that they whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me, where I am: that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me: for Thou lovedst Me before the foundation of the world.”

“Through His Name, whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins.”

“Through Him is preached unto us forgiveness of sins, and by Him all that believe are justified from all things.”

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.”

"We are justified freely by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; Whom God hath set forth to be a Propitiation through faith in His Blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; that God might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."

"Being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

"God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then being now justified by His Blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him."

"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the Death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His Life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom we have now received the atonement."

*(See also the whole of the Eighth chapter of St. Paul to the Romans.)*

"God hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ. God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them. For He hath made Him to be sin for us Who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."

Every sincere Christian may say of himself, as Saint Paul said, "I live by the faith of the Son of God, WHO LOVED ME, AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME."

"We are all the Children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."

"He hath made us accepted in the Beloved, in Whom we have redemption through His Blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace."

"In Christ Jesus we who were

sometime far off are made nigh by the Blood of Christ. For He is our Peace."

"He is made unto us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption."

"We look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious Body, according to the mighty working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself."

Let us give thanks "unto the Father, Who hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the Saints in light; Who hath delivered us from the power of Darkness, and hath translated us into the Kingdom of His Dear Son, in Whom we have redemption through His Blood, even the forgiveness of sins."

"Our life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, Who is our Life, shall appear, then shall we also appear with Him in Glory."

"We wait for His Son from Heaven, Whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, Who delivered us from the wrath to come."

"God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him."

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

"Our Saviour Jesus Christ hath abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel."

"It is a faithful saying, For if we be dead with Him, we shall also live with Him: if we suffer we shall also reign with Him."

Jesus, by the grace of God, did "taste death for every man."

For it became Him, for Whom are all things and by Whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the Captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their life-time subject to bondage."

"Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the Heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an High Priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the Throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

"He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them."

"By His Own Blood He entered in once into the Holy Place, having obtained Eternal Redemption for us."

"My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him: for whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth."

"If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the Father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Further-

more we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection to the Father of Spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but He for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them that are exercised thereby."

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. . . Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him."

"Take, my brethren, the Prophets, who have spoken in the Name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful and of tender mercy. . . . Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? Let him call for the Elders of the Church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray for one another, that ye may be healed. The effectual

fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations; that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold which perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the Appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen ye love; in Whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory; receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls."

"Be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time; casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you."

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

"If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous, and He is the Propitiation for our sins."

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God."

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself even as He is pure."

"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His Life for us."

"In this was manifested the love of God towards us, because He sent His Only-Begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the Propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us we ought also to love one another."

*Here follow the glorious promises of our Lord and only Saviour JESUS CHRIST to them that overcome in the power of His grace, and are faithful unto the death, revealed in vision to S. John in Patmos, for the comfort of Christ's Church militant here in earth.*

"He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith to the Churches."

I. "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the Tree of Life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."

II. "He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the Second Death."

III. "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the Hidden Manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new Name written, Which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it."

IV. "He that overcometh, and keepeth My works unto the end, to Him will I give power over the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be

broken to shivers: even as I received of My Father. And I will give him the Morning Star."

V. "He that overcometh the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the Book of Life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His Angels.

VI. "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the Temple of My God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the Name of My God, and the name of the City of My God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of Heaven from My God; and I will write upon him My new Name."

VII. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My Throne, even as I overcame, and am set down with My Father in His Throne."

"He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches."

*Besides the above "Comfortable Words" of God, extracted from Holy Writ, the sick Christian, in anticipation of death, should devoutly study the latter part of the Book of Revelation, from Chap. xx. verse 11, to the end of Chap. xxii.*



### A Litany of Intercession for the Sick.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

O God the Father of Heaven, have mercy, we humbly beseech Thee, upon Thy sick and suffering servant, on whose behalf we fly to Thee for succour.

*Have mercy upon him [or her.]*

*(And after each of the following Invocations shall be said, Have mercy upon him or her.)*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

O God the Holy Ghost, the Comforter,

O Holy, Blessed, and Glorious Trinity, Three Persons and One God,

O God, Who in the beginning didst of Thy righteous judgment make sickness, pain, and death, to be the penalty of sin,

O God, Who in the midst of judgment rememberest mercy, and dost not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men,

O God, Who hast graciously

promised that though Thou cause grief, Thou wilt yet have compassion according to the multitude of Thy mercies,

O Heavenly Father, Who of Thy tender mercy dost assure us that Thou chastenest those whom Thou lovest, and scourgest those whom Thou dost receive for Thy children,

O God, Who as a most loving Father dost chasten us for our profit, that we may be partakers of Thy righteousness,

O Heavenly Father, Who teachest us in Thy holy Word, that it is Thou that makest sore and bindest up, and that as Thou woundest so Thy hands make whole,

O Heavenly Father, Who dost encourage us in all our troubles to fly to Thee in prayer, and to cast all our care on Thee Who carest for us,

O God, Who at the prayer of Moses didst heal Miriam of her leprosy,

O God, Who at the prayer of



Elijah didst restore to life the widow's son,

O God, Who hadst mercy even on wicked Ahab when he humbled himself before Thee,

O God, Who at the prayer of Elisha didst restore to life the son of the Shunamite,

O God, Who didst hear the entreaty of Hezekiah, and didst prolong his days,

O Heavenly Father, Who in the example of Job hast taught us that if we be patient under affliction Thou art in the end very pitiful and of tender mercy,

*Have mercy, we humbly beseech Thee, on Thy sick and suffering servant, on whose behalf we fly to Thee for succour.*

O Jesus our Saviour, Who of Thine unspeakable love didst take our nature upon Thee, and wast in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin,

*Have mercy upon him.*

O Jesus our Saviour, Who in our flesh didst suffer hunger, thirst, and weariness for us,

O Jesus our Saviour, Who didst go about doing good, healing all manner of sickness and disease among the people,

O Jesus our Saviour, Who in Thine earthly ministry of love shewedst especial pity towards them that were afflicted with bodily suffering and disease, and didst never refuse to heal any that came or were brought unto Thee in faith,

O Jesus our Saviour, Who in healing certain sick persons didst bid them sin no more, to shew unto us that our sicknesses are the consequences of our sins,

O Jesus our Saviour, Who in going to the grave of Lazarus didst weep when Thou sawest the sorrow of his family and friends,

O Jesus our Saviour, Who didst raise up even from the dead the daughter of Jairus, the son of the

widow, and Lazarus Thy friend,

O Jesus our Saviour, Who of Thy tender mercy didst accept the prayer of the Gentile woman for her daughter, of the father of the lunatick for his son, of the faithful centurion for his servant, and of his friends for the helpless paralytic,

O Jesus our Saviour, from Whose immaculate and life-giving Body there went forth virtue which healed all who touched Thee with the touch of faith,

O Jesus, our Saviour, Who for us didst suffer unspeakable anguish both of body and soul, in the Garden of Gethsemane, and upon the Cross,

O Jesus our Saviour, Who in Thy glorious Resurrection didst triumph over Death and corruption,

*Have mercy, we humbly beseech Thee, on Thy sick and suffering servant, on whose behalf we fly to Thee for succour,*

Jesus, Son of the Living God,

*Have mercy upon him.*

Jesus, Son of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

Jesus, Most Mighty,

Jesus, Most Merciful,

Jesus, our Refuge,

Jesus, our God and Saviour,

Jesus, our only Hope,

Jesus, our Advocate with the Father,

Jesus, the lover of our souls,

*Have mercy upon him.*

By Thy Holy Incarnation,

By Thy sinless Birth,

By Thy lowly childhood,

[By Thy love of children,]

By Thy tender Pity for the suffering,

By Thy compassion for the bereaved and afflicted,

By Thy mission to redeem and save, and to heal the broken hearted,

By Thine Almighty all-constraining Love,

By Thine own Pains and Sufferings,

By Thy Death and Burial,

By Thy Descent into the Place of Departed Spirits,

By Thy Glorious Resurrection and Ascension,

By the unspeakable tenderness of Thy Human Heart whereby Thou, Who art our God, art touched with the feeling of our infirmities,

*Have mercy upon him.*

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God, that Thy suffering servant may know and feel that Thou of very faithfulness hast caused *him* to be troubled, and that as many as Thou lovest Thou dost rebuke and chasten, that they may earnestly repent,

*We beseech Thee, Good Lord.*

*(And after each of the following supplications, shall be said, We beseech Thee, Good Lord.)*

That *he* may so take this visitation that it may effectually accomplish Thy purposes of mercy in the amendment of *his* life, *his* more complete devotion to Thee, and the final salvation of *his* soul,

That it may especially work in *him* a deeper repentance for and hatred of sin, and a more earnest resolution for the future to forsake all that displeaseth Thee,

That it may lead *him* to set *his* affections on things above, not on things on the earth, remembering that the things which are seen are temporal, and the things which are not seen are eternal,

That Thou by Thy Holy Spirit wouldest teach *him* that it shall profit a man nothing to gain the whole world and lose his own soul, but that he that loseth his life for Thy sake, and according to Thy Will, the same shall save it,

That Thou wouldest graciously assure *him* that our Heavenly

Father knoweth what things we have need of before we ask Him; and that we are of such value in His sight that even the hairs of our head are all numbered,

That Thou wouldest richly give to *him* Thy Holy Spirit to comfort and sustain *him*, to inspire *him* with perfect patience and resigned submission to Thy Holy Will, both under the present painfulness of *his* sickness, and as to its final issue, as well as with calm and humble confidence in Thee,

That in the midst of anguish and pain *he* may draw strength and patience from the thought of Thy Sufferings upon the Cross,

That as Thou, for the joy that was set before Thee, didst endure the shame and torment of the Cross, so *he* may remember that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed hereafter,

That *he* may remember that unless we take up our Cross and follow Thee we cannot be Thy disciples; that we must through much tribulation enter into the Kingdom of God; and that if we suffer patiently, and as Christians should, we shall also reign with Thee,

That Thou wouldest graciously provide *him* with all things needful as well for the body as the soul in this *his* time of trial; with the kind care and loving attendance of friends and physicians, and whatever may tend to ease *his* pain, to alleviate the discomforts of *his* sickness, and to restore *his* health; and wouldest mercifully bless the means employed to *his* perfect recovery, that *he* may praise Thy Holy Name, Who forgivest all our sins, and healest all our infirmities,

That Thou wouldest take from *him* the spirit of impatient mur-

muring and repining at Thy All-Wise and gracious visitation, and wouldest give to those about *him* the grace of unwearied tenderness and of loving patience towards *him* in all *his* weaknesses of body, or mind, or temper,  
*We beseech Thee, Good Lord.*

[¶ *The following Supplications may be used when there appears to be no hope of the sick person's recovery.*

O JESUS, Conqueror of sin and death, hear us of Thine unspeakable and most tender mercy, we most humbly beseech Thee, on behalf of this Thy servant whom, as it seemeth, Thou art calling unto Thyself: be with *him* as *his* Saviour and support, now and in *his* last hour, and let Thy Holy Spirit renew and sanctify and strengthen *him* with all needful grace, that in *him* Thou mayest see of the travail of Thy soul, and be satisfied with the redemption of a soul whom Thou didst die to save,

*Hear us, Good Lord.*

Though, if so be, *he* must walk through the valley of the shadow of death, yet be Thou so with *him* to sustain and comfort *him*, that *he* may fear no evil,

*Hear us, Good Lord.*

Give *him* that sincere repentance for the sins, negligences, and ignorances of *his* past life, which Thou wilt accept: Give *him* full trust in Thee and in Thee alone: Seal unto *him*, in the holy ordinances of Thy Church, the full absolution and remission of all *his* sins: Vouchsafe unto *him* an abundant measure of Thy gracious presence in *his* last Communion, and so fill *him* with unfeigned love for and longing after Thee, that *he* may be indeed assured that it is far better to depart and to be with Thee,

*Hear us, Good Lord.*

Grant *him*, we pray Thee, that *his* departure may be without great terrors of mind or pains of body: and assure *him* that Thou wilt not afflict *him* with a single needless pang: suffer *him* not by any extremity of pain to be betrayed into sinful impatience, even in thought; and enable *him* in all things to say to our Heavenly Father, as Thou didst, "Thy Will be done,"

*Hear us, Good Lord.*

Suffer *him* not to be distracted from the thought of God, and of the needs of *his* soul, by too anxious fears for the welfare of those whom *he* leaves behind, as knowing that Thou carest for and lovest all more tenderly than we can think,

*Hear us, Good Lord.*

Suffer *him* not to sin in leaving undone any act of justice towards others, or of needful restitution and satisfaction, according to the uttermost of *his* power, for all injuries and wrongs done by *him* to any other,

*Hear us, Good Lord.*

Suffer *him* not to be tormented by any doubts of that which *he* ought to believe to *his* soul's health, nor by any assaults or illusions of the Evil One; nor from extremity of pain or sickness to lose the right use of *his* reason; nor to be overcome with unreasonable amazement and terror at the approach of death,

*Hear us, Good Lord.*

Assure *him* that when *he* passeth through the waters Thou wilt be with *him*, and through the rivers they shall not overflow *him*; that Thy Hand will hold *him* fast, and Thine Arm will strengthen *him*; that Thy saving Presence can shield *him* even in the midst of the very fires; say unto *his* soul, I am Thy Salvation; say unto *him*, Fear not, for I have redeemed thee, I have called

thee by thy name, thou art Mine,  
*Hear us, Good Lord.*

Teach *him* to remember Thy far greater Sufferings both of Body and Mind in Thy most holy Passion and Death, although Thou hadst done nothing amiss; and that we in all our sufferings suffer justly, as receiving but the due reward of our deeds,

*Hear us, Good Lord.*

Teach *him* in true penitence and humility to pray unto Thee, Lord, remember me when Thou comest in Thy Kingdom; and comfort Thou *him* with the gracious assurance, To-day shalt thou be with Me in Paradise,

*Hear us, Good Lord.*

Strengthen *him* in his last agony, as Thou didst holy Stephen, by faith to see Thee standing at the Right Hand of God, and to commit himself to Thee, saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit,

*Hear us, Good Lord.*

Let Thy holy Angels meet his departing soul and carry it into the place of peace and rest and refreshment in Paradise, where it may enjoy the blessedness of Thy more immediate Presence, and the happy companionship of the Spirits of the Just,

*Hear us, Good Lord.*

Support and comfort us that survive in our hour of sorrow and bereavement; teach us not to sorrow as those that have no hope, but to take refuge in Thy most tender and loving mercy, and to give up ourselves more earnestly to serve and follow Thee, to love and desire Thee above all things, and more and more to set our affections on things above,

*Hear us, Good Lord.]*

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O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world. *Save and deliver him.*

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world. *Comfort and strengthen him.*

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world. *Sanctify and redeem him.*

O Jesus, hear us,

*O Jesus, graciously hear us.*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

O Lord, save Thy servant. *Which putteth his [or her] trust in Thee.*

Send *him* help from Thy holy place. *And evermore mightily defend him.*

Let the Enemy have no advantage of *him*. *Nor the Wicked approach to hurt him.*

Be unto *him*, O Lord, a strong tower. *From the face of his Enemy.*

O Lord, hear our prayer. *And let our cry come unto Thee.*

Let us pray.

*Collect.* Almighty, everliving God, Maker of mankind, Who dost correct those whom Thou dost love, and chastise every one whom Thou dost receive; We beseech Thee to have mercy upon this Thy servant visited with Thine Hand, and to grant that *he* may take his sickness patiently, and recover his bodily health, (if it be Thy gracious Will;) and whensoever his soul shall depart from the body, it may be without spot presented unto Thee; Through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen. (*Communion of the sick.*)

O Lord, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve this Thy servant. Look upon *him* with the eyes of Thy mercy, give *him* comfort and sure confidence in Thee, defend *him* from the danger of the enemy, and keep *him* in perpetual peace and safety; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Visitation of the sick.*)

Hear us, Almighty and most merciful God and Saviour; extend Thy accustomed goodness to this Thy servant who is grieved with sickness. Sanctify, we beseech Thee, this Thy fatherly correction to *him*; that the sense of *his* weakness may add strength to *his* faith and seriousness to *his* repentance: That, if it shall be Thy good pleasure to restore *him* to *his* former health, *he* may lead the residue of *his* life in Thy fear and to Thy glory; or else, give *him* grace so to take Thy visitation, that, after this painful life ended, *he* may dwell with Thee in life everlasting; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Ibid.*)

Almighty and everlasting God, in Whose hands are the keys of life and death, and Whose infinite Wisdom disposes all things for the best to them that love Thee: Behold, we beseech Thee, Thy servant, whom Thou hast cast upon the bed of sickness, and support with Thy grace *his* afflicted spirit; strengthen *his* faith, increase *his* hope, and perfect *his* charity, and sanctify to *him* all *his* sufferings, that if Thy mercy shall restore *him* to health, *he* may more carefully amend the errors of *his* former life; and, if it shall please Thee to call *him* to Thyself, *he* may pass through the valley of the shadow of death with safety, and be transported by Thy holy Angels into the mansions of bliss, where no fears shall trouble *him*, no pains torment *him*, nor any grief disturb the quiet of *his* mind; but perfect security, pure delights, and unspeakable joys, shall for ever be established unto *him*; Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy only Son, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth One God, world without end. Amen. (*Churchman's Guide.*)

*A Prayer for a sick child.*

O Almighty God, and merciful Father, to Whom alone belong the issues of life and death; Look down from heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, with the eyes of mercy upon this child now lying upon the bed of sickness: Visit *him*, O Lord, with Thy salvation; deliver *him* in Thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain, and save *his* soul for Thy mercies' sake: That, if it shall be Thy pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to Thee, and be an instrument of Thy glory, by serving Thee faithfully, and doing good in *his* generation; or else receive *him* into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of them that sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for Thy mercies' sake, in the Same Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen. (*Visitation Service.*)

*A Prayer for a sick person, when there appeareth small hope of recovery.*

O Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We fly unto Thee for succour in behalf of this Thy servant, here lying under Thy Hand in great weakness of body. Look graciously upon *him*, O Lord; and the more the outward man decayeth, strengthen *him*, we beseech Thee, so much the more continually with Thy grace and Holy Spirit in the inner man. Give *him* unfeigned repentance for all the errors of *his* life past, and stedfast faith in Thy Son Jesus; that *his* sins may be done away by Thy mercy, and *his* pardon sealed in heaven, before *he* go hence, and be no more seen. We know, O Lord, that

there is no word impossible with Thee; and that, if Thou wilt, Thou canst even yet raise *him* up, and grant *him* a longer continuance amongst us: Yet, forasmuch as in all appearance the time of *his* dissolution draweth near, so fit and prepare *him*, we beseech Thee, against the hour of death, that after *his* departure hence in peace, and in Thy favour, *his* soul may be received into Thine Everlasting Kingdom, Through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thine only Son our Lord and Saviour. *Amen. (Ibid.)*

*A Prayer for persons troubled in mind or in conscience.*

O blessed Lord, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comforts; We beseech Thee, look down in pity and compassion upon this Thy afflicted servant. Thou writest bitter things against *him*, and makest *him* to possess *his* former iniquities; Thy wrath lieth hard upon *him*, and *his* soul is full of trouble: But, O merciful God, Who hast written Thy holy Word for our learning, that we, through patience and comfort of Thy holy Scriptures, might have hope; give *him* a right understanding of *himself*, and of Thy threats and promises; that *he* may neither cast away *his* confidence in Thee, nor place it any where but in Thee. Give *him* strength against all *his* temptations, and heal all *his* distempers. Break not the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax. Shut not up Thy tender mercies in displeasure; but make *him* to hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice. Deliver *him* from fear of the enemy, and lift up the light of Thy Countenance upon *him*, and give *him* peace, Through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. (Ibid.)*

*A Prayer which may be said in case of sudden surprise and immediate danger.*

O Most gracious Father, we fly unto Thee for mercy in behalf of this Thy servant, here lying under the sudden visitation of Thine Hand. If it be Thy will, preserve *his* life that there may be place for repentance. But, if Thou hast otherwise appointed, let Thy mercy supply to *him* the want of the usual opportunity for the trimming of *his* lamp. Stir up in *him* such sorrow for sin, and such fervent love to Thee, as may in a short time do the work of many days: that among the praises which Thy Saints and Holy Angels shall sing to the honour of Thy mercy through eternal ages, it may be to Thy unspeakable glory, that Thou hast redeemed the soul of this Thy servant from eternal death, and made *him* partaker of the Everlasting Life, which is through Jesus Christ our Lord. For His infinite Merit's sake, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen. (From the American Prayer Book.)*

*For Persons who before their sickness have not led a good life.*

O Holy Jesus, Who of Thine infinite goodness didst accept the conversion of a sinner on the Cross; open Thine eye of mercy upon this Thy servant, who desireth pardon and forgiveness, though now so late *he* turneth unto Thee. Renew in *him* whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by *his* own carnal will and frailness. Consider *his* contrition; accept *his* repentance; and forasmuch as *he* putteth *his* full trust only in Thy mercy, impute not unto *him* *his* former sins, but strengthen *him* with Thy blessed

Spirit, and when Thou art pleased to take *him* hence, take *him* into Thy favour. This we beg through Thy Merits, O Lord, our Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.* (*Ibid.*)

*For such an one when there seemeth small hope of his recovery.*

O Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, we fly unto Thee for succour in behalf of this Thy servant, the hour of whose departure seemeth to be at hand. Blessed Lord, remember Thy mercies; look upon *his* infirmities; hear the voice of *his* complaint; set before *his* eyes the things *he* hath done in the body, which have justly provoked Thee to anger; and forasmuch as *his* continuance appeareth to be short amongst us, quicken *him* so much the more by the grace of Thy Holy Spirit; that *he* being converted and reconciled unto Thee, before Thy judgments have cut *him* off from the earth, may at the time of *his* death depart in peace, and be received into Thine everlasting Kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (*Ibid.\**)

*A Prayer in behalf of the sick person's friends and attendants.*

O God, Whose days are without end, and Whose mercies cannot be numbered, make us, we beseech Thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life, and let Thy Holy Spirit lead us through this vale of misery, in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our lives: That, when we shall have served Thee in our generation, and are to be gathered to our fathers, we may have the testimony of a good conscience, and may die in the Communion of the Catholic Church, in the confidence of a certain faith, in the

comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope, in favour with Thee our God, and in perfect charity with all the world. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (*Ibid.\**)

*A Thanksgiving for the beginning of a recovery.*

Great and Mighty God, Who bringest down to the grave, and bringest up again, we bless Thy wonderful goodness for having turned our heaviness into joy, and our mourning into gladness, by restoring this our *brother* to some degree of *his* former health. Blessed be Thy Name that Thou didst not forsake *him* in *his* sickness, but didst visit *him* with comforts from above, didst support *him* in patience and submission to Thy Will; and, at last, didst send *him* seasonable relief. Perfect, we beseech Thee, this Thy mercy towards *him*, and prosper the means which shall be made use of for *his* cure: that being restored to health of body, vigour of mind, and cheerfulness of spirit, *he* may be able to go to Thine House, to offer Thee an Oblation with great gladness, and to bless Thy Holy Name for all Thy goodness towards *him*, Through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.* (*Ibid.*)

¶ *And the Reader, after using, according to opportunity, such of the preceding Collects and Prayers, or of those on p. 101, as may be suitable, shall always conclude with*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with this our sick brother [*or sister,*] and with us all, now and evermore. *Amen.*

## Commendation of the Dying.

NOTE.—When it seems that death is approaching, the Parish Priest, if not at the time in the house, should at once be summoned, or, in his absence, any Priest that can be found, to give the departing soul the last consolations of Religion according as he may deem necessary and suitable, to pray with him and for him, together with other Christian friends that may be at hand to take part in this pious and most necessary duty, to commend him in his last moments to the mercy of our Heavenly Father through Jesus Christ our Lord, and to comfort the Survivors.

¶ The Priest, or other person officiating, shall stand by the side of the sick person and say as follows, the rest present all kneeling, and making the responses in a low and quiet voice.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

O God the Father, of Heaven, have mercy upon this Thy servant whose soul Thou art calling unto Thyself,

*Have mercy upon him.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon him.

*Have mercy upon him.*

O God, the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, have mercy upon him.

*Have mercy upon him.*

O Holy, Blessed, and Glorious Trinity, have mercy upon him.

*Have mercy upon him.*

Jesus, Son of the Living God,

*Have mercy upon him.*

(And after each of the following Invocations shall be said, Have mercy upon him.)

Jesus, Son of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

Jesus, Most Mighty,  
Jesus, Most Merciful,  
Jesus, our Refuge,  
Jesus, our God and Saviour,  
Jesus, our Only Hope,  
Jesus, our Mediator and Redeemer,

Jesus, our Advocate with the Father,

Jesus, our all-atoning Sacrifice and Propitiation,

Jesus, our perpetual Intercessor,

Jesus, Lover of our souls,  
Jesus, Conqueror of death and

sin, *Have mercy upon him.*

*Be merciful to him, O Jesus.*

*And spare him, Good Lord.*

*Be merciful to him, O Jesus.*

*Help and deliver him.*

*Be merciful to him, O Jesus.*

*And succour and save him.*

*From Thy wrath,*

*Good Lord, deliver him.*

(And after each of the following Deprecations shall be said, Good Lord, deliver him.)

From the snares of the devil,

From all evil,

From the power of his sins,

From the guilt of his sins,

From the punishment of his sins,

From final impenitence,

From terror and despair,

From doubt and distrust,

In this hour of his death,

In the day of Judgment,

By Thy holy Incarnation,

By Thy sinless Birth,

By Thy lowly Childhood,

By Thy pure and holy Youth,

By Thy suffering Manhood,

By Thy Poverty and Tears,

By Thy Labours and Sorrows,

By Thy Cross and Passion,

By Thy Death and Burial,

By Thy going into the Place of Departed Spirits,



By Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension,

By Thy Almighty Intercession,

By Thy marvellous and unspeakable Love,

By the grace of the Holy Ghost the Comforter,

For Thine own Glory,

*Good Lord, deliver him,*

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God, that in this *his* last agony Thou wouldst mercifully help *him* and comfort *him*, and finally and for ever save and deliver *him*,

*We beseech Thee, Good Lord.*

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe unto *him* true, full, and unfeigned repentance for all the sins and errors, the negligences and ignorances, whereby *he* hath ever sinned against Thee, by sight or hearing, or smell, by touching or tasting, by thinking, speaking, or doing, in body, in mind, or in spirit,

*We beseech Thee, Good Lord.*

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe unto *him* a steadfast faith and trust in Thee, and in Thee alone, in Thine all-sufficient Merits, in Thine all-atoning Blood, and wouldst wash *him* therein from every stain of sin, that *he* may be presented unto *his* Heavenly Father without spot or blemish,

*We beseech Thee, Good Lord.*

That Thou wouldst comfort *his* soul by the inward sustaining powers of Thy Holy Spirit, filling it with perfect peace in Thee, with joy in loving Thee, with sure hope in Thee, with humble longing and desire for Thee; and wouldst graciously cause *him* to know and feel, as flesh and heart fail, that Thou art the Strength of *his* heart, and *his* portion for ever,

*We beseech Thee, Good Lord.*

That Thou wouldst mercifully assuage *his* bodily pains as *his* end draws near, and wouldst

vouchsafe unto *him* clearness of mind and right use of reason, as well as calmness of spirit, that *he* may not by any distractions be diverted from the thought of Thee,

*We beseech Thee, Good Lord.*

That Thou wouldst so direct and instruct *him* by the inward suggestions of Thy Holy Spirit, and so strengthen *him* in body and in mind, that he may be enabled to do all that Thou wouldst have *him* do, before *he* depart hence and be no more seen,

*We beseech Thee, Good Lord.*

That in *his* last agony Thou wouldst be with *him*, to be *his* Saviour, in all Thy grace and power, as God Incarnate the Redeemer of the world, and wouldst graciously receive *his* spirit that *he* may be with Thee in Paradise,

*We beseech Thee, Good Lord.*

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world.

*Save and deliver him.*

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world.

*Comfort and strengthen him.*

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,

*Have mercy on and redeem him.*

O Jesus, hear us,

*O Jesus, graciously hear us.*

Let us pray.

Our Father.

O Lord, hear our prayer,

*And let our cry come unto Thee.*

O Eternal Father, we pray Thee of Thine Infinite Goodness, through the Life and Death of Thy most dearly beloved Son, that Thou wouldst grant unto *N.* Thy servant that *he* may die in Thy grace, and at peace with Thee. *Amen.*

O Most gracious Jesus, by the love of Thine Holy Father, wherewith from everlasting He hath loved Thee, by Thy last words wherein upon the Cross Thou

didst commend Thy Spirit into His Hands, receive *his* spirit we beseech Thee, when *he* dies. *Amen.*

O Holy Ghost, kindle in *him* the perfect love of God, and strengthen *his* soul therein until its departure out of this life.

*Amen. (Cæleste Palmetum.)*

Remember, O Lord Jesus, that Thou wast once in the agonies of death, and in Thine extremity didst cry unto the Eternal Father, commending Thy Spirit into His Hands, and giving up the Ghost. Behold now this Thy servant, who in *his* anguish cries aloud to Thee, and stand Thou by *him*, to defend and comfort *him*, in this *his* last and extreme distress.

Remember, O Lord Jesus, how Thine Arms were stretched forth upon the Cross, Thine Hands and Feet nailed fast, Thy Side pierced with the lance, Thy holy Head bowed down in weakness and in death; and look now with pity, we beseech Thee, on the sufferings of this Thy servant, whose soul, now departing out of this world, seeketh refuge in Thee. Receive *him* into Thine Arms, shelter *him* in Thy Bosom, and there keep *him* safely from all dangers and alarms. Into Thy Hands we commend *his* spirit, which has been created and redeemed by Thee; despise not then, O Lord, the work of Thine own Hands. For Thy tender mercy's sake. *Amen. (Churchman's Guide.)*

*Short prayers to our Lord Jesus Christ, which may be said for the sick person, distinctly, and at intervals, as death seems to be approaching.*

I adore Thee, O good Jesus, Who by Thy Sufferings hast redeemed the world. Save me now, O my Jesus, Who hast redeemed me by Thy Blood. Draw me to

Thee, Who hast promised to draw all things to Thee. Hold me fast, and let no power of the enemy take me out of Thy Hand: let nothing any more divide me from Thee.

Merciful Jesus, I beseech Thee, by Thy precious Blood, which Thou wast pleased to shed for sinners, wash me, purify me, and cleanse me from all my iniquities.

O good Jesus, graciously hear me, hide me within Thy Wounds, be ever with me, call me at the hour of death, command me to come to Thee, that I may take part with the Blessed, and praise Thee without end.

Look on me with the eyes of mercy, my Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal King, God and Man, Who wast crucified for man. Give ear to my cry, because I put my trust in Thee; have mercy on me, who am covered over with misery; Thou Who art the Fountain of mercy, a Fountain ever flowing. Hail, Sacred Victim, Who for me and the sins of the whole world wast offered on the Cross.

Hail, generous and precious Blood, flowing from the Wounds of my Crucified Lord, and washing away the sins of the world. Be mindful of me, O Lord, Thy poor creature, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy Blood.

I see Thee, my dear Redeemer, fastened on the Cross, with Thy Arms stretched forth, and Thy Head bowing down, as ready to receive us into Thy embraces; I hear Thee in words full of compassion inviting all to come to Thee: *Come unto Me, all ye that labour, and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.*

Jesus Christ, Fountain of mercy, have compassion on Thy poor servant, and help me in this time of my distress. Let Thy Death and Passion plead for me and stand betwixt my soul and Thy Judgment.

I give myself wholly into Thy Hands, reject me not. Now, Lord, according to Thy good will, show mercy to me; command my soul to be received in peace; for Thou hast redeemed me, O God of Truth. Lord Jesus, let those sweet words sound in my ears, *This day thou shalt be with Me in Paradise.*

Receive me, my crucified Jesus, into Thy loving Arms, which were stretched on the Cross for me; receive me into those embraces of Thy infinite Charity, and draw my soul to Thee; receive me, good Jesus, in Thy mercy, receive my soul in peace. (*Ibid.*)

Receive, O Lord, Thy servant into the place of peace, where *he* may find the salvation which *he* hopes for from Thy mercy. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant from all the penalties of sin, and from all *his* troubles. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst Enoch and Elijah from the common death of all men. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst Noah from the Flood. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst Job from his sufferings. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst Lot out of Sodom from the flaming fire. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst Moses and his people from the hand of Pharaoh, King of Egypt. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst Daniel from the lion's den. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst

the Three Children from the furnace of fire, and out of the hand of the wicked king. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst David from the hand of King Saul, and from the hand of Goliath. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst Peter and Paul from their prisons. *Amen.*

And as Thou hast ever delivered the souls of Thy holy Martyrs from their pains and torments, so now vouchsafe to deliver the soul of Thy servant, and cause it to rejoice with Thee in heavenly bliss. For Thy most tender mercies' sake. *Amen.* (*From the ancient "Ritual."*)

*A commendatory Prayer for a sick person at the point of departure.*

O Almighty God, with Whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons; We humbly commend the soul of this Thy servant, our dear *brother*, into Thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, and most merciful Saviour; most humbly beseeching Thee, that it may be precious in Thy sight. Wash it, we pray Thee, in the blood of that Immaculate Lamb, that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatsoever defilements it may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and naughty world, through the lusts of the flesh, or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before Thee. And teach us who survive, in this and other like daily spectacles of mortality, to see how frail and uncertain our own condition is; and so to number our days, that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy

and heavenly wisdom, whilst we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ Thine only Son our Lord. *Amen.* (*Visitation Service.*)

✠ God the Father, Who created thee, God the Son, Who redeemed thee, God the Holy Ghost, Who hath infused His grace into thee, be with thee in this thy trial, and bring thee through to everlasting peace. *Amen.*

We commend thee, most dear brother, unto God Almighty, and commit thee unto Him Whose creature thou art: that when thou shalt have paid by dying the debt of human nature, thou mayest return unto thy Maker, Who formed thee of the dust of the ground. May holy Angels come to meet thy soul as it departeth from the body. May Jesus appear to thee with gentle and gracious Countenance, and bid thee take thy place with those who are evermore with Him. Mayest thou never know the horror of darkness, or the flames of torment. May the devil and his evil spirits flee from before thee and thy guard of Angels. Let God arise to Thy help, and let His enemies be scattered: let them also that hate Him flee before Him. Like as smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish away: and like as wax melteth at the fire so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God. But let the righteous be glad, and rejoice before God. May Christ, Who was crucified for thee, deliver thee from torments. May Christ, Who vouchsafed to die for thee, deliver thee from eternal death. May Christ, the Son of the Living God, set thee amid the ever-verdant pastures of His Paradise. May He Who is the True Shepherd acknowledge

thee for one of His own sheep. May He absolve thee from all Thy sins; and set Thee at His Right Hand in the company of His Elect. Mayest thou see Thy Redeemer face to face, and, standing evermore before Him, behold with happy eyes the Truth itself made plain. And so being placed among the blessed mayest thou in Bliss Eternal behold and know thy God. *Amen.* (*From the ancient "Ritual."*)

¶ *And if the soul be long in parting, let the Reader repeat in the ear of the dying person the "Comfortable Words" out of the Holy Communion Service, or some of the selected texts of Holy Scripture, p. 221.*

¶ *But if the dying person seem to be insensible, let the following Prayers be said.*

I.

Lord, have mercy upon *him*.

Christ, have mercy upon *him*.

Lord, have mercy upon *him*.

Our Father.

O Lord Jesu Christ, by Thy most holy Agony, and Thy prayer wherein in Gethsemane Thou didst pray for us, when Thy Sweat was as it were great drops of Blood falling down to the ground; We beseech Thee that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to offer and to shew forth before God the Father Almighty Thy Sweat of Blood, which in Thine Anguish Thou didst most abundantly shed for us; and wouldest plead it against the multitude of the sins of this Thy servant; and deliver *him* in this hour of *his* death from all the pains and sufferings which for *his* sins *he* fears *he* has deserved. For Thy tender mercies' sake, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

## II.

Lord, have mercy upon *him*.

*Christ, have mercy upon him.*

Lord, have mercy upon *him*.

Our Father.

O Lord Jesu Christ, Who didst vouchsafe to die for us upon the Cross, we beseech Thee that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to offer and to shew forth before God the Father Almighty all Thy bitter pains and Sufferings which for us miserable sinners Thou didst endure upon the Cross, especially at the time when Thy spotless Soul departed out of Thy most holy Body; and wouldest plead them for the soul of this Thy servant; and deliver *him* in the hour of *his* death from all the pains and sufferings which for *his* sins *he* fears *he* has deserved. For Thy tender mercies' sake, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

## III.

Lord, have mercy upon *him*.

*Christ, have mercy upon him.*

Lord, have mercy upon *him*.

Our Father.

O Lord Jesu Christ, Who by the mouth of Thy Prophet hast said: *I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee; We beseech Thee that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to offer and to shew forth before God the Father Almighty that Thine unspeakable love which drew Thee down from Heaven to earth to endure Thy bitter Sufferings and Death; and wouldest plead it for the soul of this Thy servant. Deliver him, O Lord, from all the pains and sufferings which for his sins he fears he has deserved. Save his soul at this hour of its departure. Open unto him the door of Life, and make him to rejoice with Thy Saints in Glory*

Everlasting. O most merciful Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast redeemed us with Thy most Precious Blood, Have mercy on the soul of this Thy Servant, and vouchsafe to admit it to the bright and pleasant abodes of Paradise, that it may live with Thee and Thine Elect, and may never be separated from the love of Thee, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen. (Ibid.)*

¶ *And when it seems that the soul is about immediately to depart the following may be said.*

'Into Thy merciful hands, O Lord, we commend the soul of this Thy servant now departing from the body: acknowledge, we meekly beseech Thee, a work of Thine hands, a sheep of Thine own fold, a lamb of Thine own flock, a sinner of Thine own redeeming. Receive *him* into the blessed arms of Thine unspeakable mercy, into the sacred rest of Thine everlasting peace, and into the glorious estate of Thy chosen saints in heaven.

God the Father, Who hath created thee; God the Son, Who hath redeemed thee; God the Holy Ghost, Who hath poured down His grace upon thee; be now and evermore thy defence, assist thee in this thy last trial, and bring thee into the way of everlasting life. *Amen.*

Christ, Who redeemed thee with His Agony and bloody Death, have mercy upon thee, and strengthen thee in this agony of death. *Amen.*

Christ Jesus, Who rose the third day from death, raise up thy body again in the resurrection of the just. *Amen.*

Christ, Who ascended into heaven, and now sitteth on the right

hand of God, bring thee unto the place of eternal happiness and joy. Amen.

God the Father preserve and keep thee. God the Son assist and strengthen thee. God the Holy Ghost defend and aid thee. God the Holy Trinity be ever with thee, that thy death may be precious in the sight of the Lord, with Whom thou shalt live for ever. Amen. (*Bp. Cosin.*)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace. Remember not, we beseech Thee, the sins of *his* youth; but according to Thy mercy think Thou upon *him*, O Lord, for Thy goodness. Into Thy hands, O God, we commend *his* spirit, for Thou hast redeemed it, O Lord, Thou God of truth. Bring *his* soul out of prison, that it may praise Thee. O deliver *him* from the body of this death. Say unto *his* soul, I am Thy salvation. Say unto *him*, To-day shalt thou be with Me in Paradise. Let *him* now feel the salvation of Jesus, let *him* now feel the anointing of Christ, even the oil of gladness wherewith Thou art anointed. Guide Thou *him* through the valley of the shadow of death. Let *him* see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. O Lord, command *his* spirit to be received up to Thee in peace. O Lord, bid *him* come to Thee. Lord Jesus, receive *his* spirit, and open to *him* the gates of everlasting glory. Let Thy loving Spirit lead *him* forth into the land of righteousness, into Thy holy hill, into Thy heavenly Kingdom: Send Thine Angel to meet *him* and carry *him* into Abraham's bosom. Place *him* in the habitation of light, and peace, and joy, and gladness. Receive *him* into the arms of Thy mercy, and give *him* an inheritance with Thy Saints in light, there to reign with Thy

elect Angels, Thy blessed Saints departed. Thy holy Prophets and glorious Apostles, in all joy, glory, felicity, and blessedness, for ever and ever. Amen. (*Visitatio Infernorum.*)

¶ *And when the soul is actually departing let the following be said.*

Go forth, Christian soul, out of this world,

✠ In the Name of God the Father Almighty, Who created thee; of Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God, Who suffered for thee; and of God the Holy Ghost who was poured forth upon thee.

This day let thy place be in peace, and thy habitation in holy Zion.

*And all shall answer, Amen.*

¶ *And when the soul has departed let the following be said by all kneeling.*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

Ÿ. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away. *Ry. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.*

Almighty God, with Whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with Whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; We give Thee hearty thanks for that it hath pleased Thee to deliver this our *brother* out of the miseries of this sinful world; beseeching Thee, that it may please Thee, of Thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy Kingdom: that we with all those that are departed in the true faith of Thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation in bliss, both in body

and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*After the death of a Child.*

O Almighty and Everlasting God, the Lover of holiness and purity, Who hast been graciously pleased to call the soul of a Child of this family into Thine heavenly Kingdom; So vouchsafe, O Blessed Saviour, to deal mercifully with us who survive, that, through the merits of Thy most sacred Passion, Thou mayest cause us ever to rejoice with all Thy Blessed Saints and Thine Elect, Who livest and reignest with the Father, in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. *Amen. (Visitatio Infirmorum)*

O Lord Jesu Christ, Who didst restore the widow's son to his weeping mother, and the daughter of the ruler of the synagogue to her lamenting parents: We beseech Thee to have compassion on the [*Father and Mother*] of the child whom Thou hast now called to *his* Heavenly Father's Kingdom. Make *them* know and feel, O Lord God, that *he* is committed to Thy merciful arms, and ever beholdeth Thy blissful presence. Let this assurance assuage *their* tears, and mitigate *their* present sorrow. And grant, O Lord, that as *they* have experienced the blessing Thou gavest *them* in this child, and now feel the affliction Thou hast laid upon *them*, in taking *him* from *them*; so *they* may know assuredly that Thou wilt comfort *them* by restoring *him* to *them* in Thine Everlasting Kingdom; to which vouchsafe to conduct them by Thy merits, O Holy and most merciful Saviour, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen. (Ibid.)*

*After the death of an adult member of the Family.*

O Almighty God, Who knowest the weakness and frailty of our nature: We beseech Thee to give unto us Thy servants, whom Thou hast stricken with this sad visitation, such a supply of the graces of Thy Holy Spirit, as may enable us to bear it with that humility, resignation, and submission to Thy Divine Will, Which become our Christian Profession; that so no repining thoughts may find place in our hearts. Grant that we may not sorrow as those who have no hope. Let not our grief exceed the bounds of reason or religion; but so temper it, we beseech Thee, with the consolations of Thy Holy Spirit, that whatever we may want in outward comfort, we may find made up to us in the inward joys of a good conscience, and a sure and certain Christian faith and hope.

Make, we beseech Thee, the affliction wherewith Thou chastenest us a means of drawing us nearer unto Thyself, and bless it to the good of our souls and our eternal welfare. Help us to search out, and steadfastly to set ourselves to remove all our offences against Thee, and to amend our lives. Teach us to set our affections on things above, not on things on the earth, but on those joys which never fade, the pleasures that are at Thy Right Hand for evermore, where all Thy Redeemed shall be gathered into Thy Heavenly Kingdom to go no more out for ever.

And so fit and prepare us for the great account which we must one day give, that when the time of our appointed change shall come, we may look up unto Thee with joy and comfort, and may at last be received, together with

*him* whom Thou hast now taken from us, and with all that are near and dear to us, into that place of rest and peace where Thou shalt Thyself wipe off all tears from off all faces, and where all our troubles and sorrows shall have an end. (*Ibid.*)

Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Redeemer. *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.*





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