

Service of Evensong in Itchen Valley Parish

Introduction

Dearly beloved, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts. We have offended against thy
holy laws. We have left undone those things which
we ought to have done; and we have done those
things which we ought not to have done; and there
is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy
upon us miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O
God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them
that are penitent; according to thy promises
declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and
sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name.
Amen.**

Absolution

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord,
to thy faithful people pardon and peace,
that they may be cleansed from all their sins,
and serve thee with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's 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.**

Responses

○ Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

○ God, make speed to save us.
○ Lord, make haste to help us.

All Stand

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.

Deus misereatur

God be merciful unto' us and' bless us : and show us the light of his countenance, and be' merciful' unto' us.

That thy way may be' known upon' earth : thy saving' health a'mong all' nations.

Let the people' praise thee O' God : yea, let' all the' people' praise thee.

O let the nations re'joice and be' glad : for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the' nations up'on earth.

Let the people' praise thee O' God : let' all the' people' praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring' forth her' increase : and God, even our own' God shall' give us his' blessing.

God' shall' bless us : and all the' ends of the' world shall' fear him.

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.' A'men.

The First Reading

The reading is announced.

At the end the reader will say
Here endeth the first lesson.

The Magnificat

My soul doth' magnify the' Lord : and my spirit hath re'joiced in' God my' Saviour.

For he' hath regarded : the' lowliness' of his' hand-maiden.

For be'hold, from' henceforth : all gene'rations shall' call me' blessed.

For he that is mighty hath' magnified' me : and' holy' is his' Name.

And his mercy is on' them that' fear him : through'out all' gene'rations.

He hath showed' strength with his' arm : he hath scattered the proud, in the imagi'nation of their' hearts.

He hath put down the mighty' from their' seat : and hath ex'alted the' humble and' meek.

He hath filled the hungry with' good' things : and the rich he' hath sent' empty a'way.

He re'membering his' mercy : hath' holpen his' servant Israel.

As he promised' to our' forefathers : Abraham' and his' seed 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.' A'men.

The Second Reading

The reading is announced.

At the end the reader will say
Here endeth the second lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant de'part in' peace : ac'ording' to thy' word.

For mine eyes have' seen thy sal'vation : 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.' A'men.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and
the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

○ Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

○ Lord, save the Queen.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

○ Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, ○ Lord.

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, ○ God.

○ God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

The Collect for Peace

○ God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels,
and all just works do proceed:

Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;
that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that by thee we being defended from the
fear of our enemies

may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

The Collect for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us
from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Further prayers are said which may conclude with any of following:

A General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;

and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to thy service,

and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit,

be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St Chrysostom

Almighty God,

who hast given us grace at this time

with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee;

and dost promise

that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name

thou wilt grant their requests:

Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants,

as may be most expedient for them;
granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth,
and in the world to come life everlasting.
Amen.

The Grace

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.

Sermon

Blessing

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