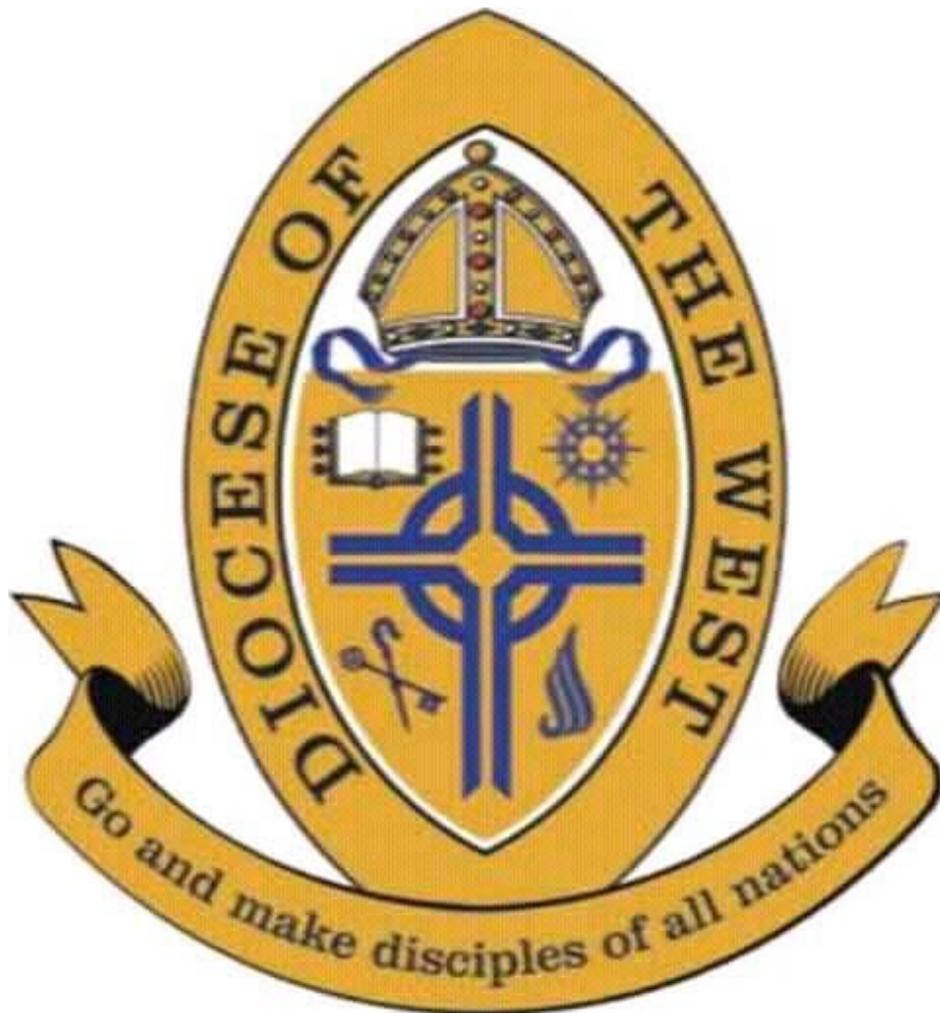


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DAILY MORNING PRAYER.

According to the Book of Common Prayer (American 1928, Pointed for Chanting)

¶ *The Minister shall begin the Morning Prayer by reading one or more of the following Sentences of Scripture.*

Whitsunday Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. *Acts i. 8.*

Because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. *Gal. iv. 6.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall say,*

LET us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A General Confession.

¶ *To be said by the whole Congregation. after the Minister, all kneeling.*

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 those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Declaration of Absolution, or Remission of Sins.

¶ *To be made by the Priest alone, standing; the People still kneeling.*

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister shall kneel, and say the Lord's Prayer; the People still kneeling, and repeating it with him, both here, and wheresoever else it is used in Divine Service.*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those

who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then likewise he shall say,*

O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

¶ *Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say,*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the following Canticle;*

¶ *On the days hereafter named, here may be sung or said:*

On Whitsunday and six days after. — Alleluia. The Spirit of the • Lord filleth the world : O come, let us adore him. Al•leluia.

Venite, exultemus Domino.

O COME, let • us sing unto the LORD; * let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our • salvation.

Let us come before his pres•ence with thanksgiving; * and show ourselves glad • in him with psalms.

For the • LORD is a great God; * and a great King • above all gods.

In his hand are all • the corners of the earth; * and the strength of the hills is • his also.

The sea is • his and he made it; * and his hands prepar-ed • the dry land.

O come let us • worship and fall down, * and kneel before the LORD • our Maker.

For • he is the Lord our God; * and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep • of his hand.

O worship the LORD in the • beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth stand • in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he • cometh to judge the earth; * and with righteousness to judge the world and the peo•ple with his truth.

GLORY be to the • Father and to the Son, * and to • the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginnĳng, † is now • and ever shall be, * world with•out end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall follow a Portion of the PSALMS, according to the Use of this Church.*

[Friday] Psalm 51. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after • thy great goodness; * according to the multitude of thy mercies do a•way mine offences.

2 Wash me through-ly • from my wickedness, * • and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknow·ledge my faults, * and my sin is · ever before me.

4 Against thee only have I sin·ned and done this evil · in thy sight; * that thou mightest be justify·ed in thy saying · and clear when thou shalt judge.

5 Behold I was shap·en in wickedness, * and in sin hath my · mother conceiv·ed me.

6 But lo thou requirest truth in the · inward parts, * and shalt make me to under·stand 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 ho·ly 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 un·to 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 op·en my lips, O Lord, * and · my mouth shall show 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 · troubl'd 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 pleas·ed with the sacrifice of righteōusñess, † 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 beginñing, † is now and · ever shall be, * · world without end. Amen.

[Saturday] Psalm 57. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me; for my soul trusteth in · thee; * and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge until this tyran·ny be overpast.

2 I will call unto the Most High · God, * even unto the God that shall perform the · cause which I have in hand.

3 He shall send from · heaven, * and save me from the reproof of him · that would eat me up.

4 God shall send forth his mercy and · truth: * my soul is · among lions;

5 And I lie even among the children of men that are set on · fire, * whose teeth are spears and arrows and their · tongue a sharp sword.

6 Set up thyself O God above the · heavens; * and thy glory · above all the earth.

7 They have laid a net for my feet and press-ed down my · soul; * they have dig-ged a pit before me and are fallen into the · midst of it themselves.

8 My heart is fix-ed O God my heart is · fix-ed; * I will · sing and give praise.

9 Awake up my glōry; † awake lute and · harp: * I myself will a·wake right early.

10 I will give thanks unto thee O Lord among the · peoples; * and I will sing unto thee a·mong the nations.

11 For the greatness of thy mercy reacheth unto the · heavens, * and thy truth · unto the clouds.

12 Set up thyself, O God, above the · heavens; * and thy glory · above all the earth.

GLORY be to the Father and to the · Son, * and · to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginñg, † is now and ever · shall be, * world · without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read the First Lesson, according to the Table or Calendar. And NOTE, That before every Lesson, the Minister shall say, Here beginneth such a Chapter [or Verse of such a Chapter]. of such a Book; and after every Lesson, Here endeth the First [or the Second] Lesson.*

[Friday] Isaiah 61:1-9

61 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

4 And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.

6 But ye shall be named the Priests of the Lord: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

7 For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.

8 For I the Lord love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

9 And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the Lord hath blessed.

[Saturday] Micah 3:5-8

5 Thus saith the Lord concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him.

6 Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.

7 Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer of God.

8 But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the Lord, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

¶ *Here shall be said or sung the following Canticle.*

Benedictus es Domine.

BLESS-ED art thou O Lord God of our • Fathers; * prais-ed and exalted above • all for ever.

Bless-ed art thou for the Name of thy • Majesty; * prais-ed and exalted above • all for ever.

Bless-ed art thou in the temple of thy • holiness; * prais-ed and exalted above • all for ever.

Bless-ed art thou that beholdest the depths and dwellest between the • Cherubim: * prais-ed and exalted above • all for ever.

Bless-ed art thou on the glorious throne of thy • Kingdom: * prais-ed and exalted above • all for ever.

Bless-ed art thou in the firmament of • heaven: * prais-ed and exalted above • all for ever.

GLORY be to the Father and to the • Son, * and • to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginñing, † is now and ever • shall be, * world with•out end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read, in like manner, the Second Lesson, taken out of the New Testament, according to the Table or Calendar.*

[Friday] 2 Corinthians 3

3 Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you?

2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:

3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward:

5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;

6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

7 But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away:

8 How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?

9 For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

10 For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth.

11 For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious.

12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:

13 And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:

14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.

15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.

16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.

17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

[Saturday] 2 Timothy 1:1-14

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,

2 To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

4 Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;

5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

14 That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

¶ *And after that shall be sung or said the Hymn following.*

Benedictus. St. Luke i. 68.

BLESS-ED be the Lord God of Isra·el; * for he hath visited and redeem·ed his people;

And hath rais·ed up a mighty salvation · for us, * in the house of his · servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy · Prophets, * which have been · since the world began;

That we should be sav·ed from our en·emies, * and from the hand of · all that hate us.

To perform the mercy promis·ed to our fore·fathers, * and to remember his · holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Ab·raham, * that · he would give us;

That we being deliver·ed out of the hand of our en·emies * might serve · him without fear;

In holiness and righteousness be·fore him, * all the · days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be call·ed the prophet of the · Highest: * for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord · to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his · people * for the remis·sion of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of · our God; * whereby the day·spring from on high hath · visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkn·ess, † and in the shadow · of death, * and to guide our feet in·to the way of peace.

GLORY be to the Father and to · the Son, * and · to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginn·ing, † is now and ever · shall be, * world · without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be said the Apostles' Creed by the Minister and the People, standing.*

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.

¶ *And after that, these Prayers following, the people devoutly kneeling; the Minister first pronouncing,*

The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

Minister. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Answer. And grant us thy salvation.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

¶ *Then shall follow the Collect(s) for the Day.*

The Ember Days (At the Four Seasons)

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast committed to the hands of men the ministry of reconciliation; We humbly beseech thee, by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, to put it into the hearts of many to offer themselves for this ministry; that thereby mankind may be drawn to thy blessed kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Whitsunday

O GOD, who as at this time 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 judgment 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.*

A Collect for Peace.

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into

no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for All in Civil Authority.

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

A Prayer for the Clergy and People.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, and other Clergy, and upon the Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer 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.*

2 Cor. xiii. 14.

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.*

Here endeth the Order of Morning Prayer.

AT MIDDAY

According to the Book of Common Prayer (2019)

EPHESIANS 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

PSALM 113:1-4 *Laudate, pueri*

1. Praise the LORD. Sing praises, you servants of the LORD; * 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 be praised * from the rising up of the sun to the going down of the same.
4. The LORD is high above all nations, * and his glory above the heavens.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. JOHN 15:4-5

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE COLLECT

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the Cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies' sake. Amen.

COMPLINE

According to the Book of Common Prayer (2019)

¶ *The Officiant begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

Officiant Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
People The maker of heaven and earth.

¶ *The Officiant continues*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

¶ *Silence may be kept. The Officiant and People then say*

Almighty God and Father, we confess to you, to one another, and to the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and by the power of your Holy Spirit raise us up to serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

¶ *The Officiant alone says*

May Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;
People O Lord, make haste to help us.
Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
People As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Except in Lent, add Alleluia.*

¶ *One or more of the following, or some other suitable Psalm, is sung or said.*

PSALM 4 Cum invocarem

1. Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness; * you set me free when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.
2. O you children of men, how long will you blaspheme my honor, * and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?
3. Know this also, that the LORD has chosen for himself the one 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 upon your bed, and be still.
5. Offer the sacrifice of righteousness * and put your trust in the LORD.

6. There are many that say, "Who will show us any good?" * LORD, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.
7. You have put gladness in my heart, * more than when others' grain and wine and oil increased.
8. I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; * for you, LORD, only, make me dwell in safety.

PSALM 91 Qui habitat

1. Whoever dwells under the defense of the Most High * shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
2. I will say unto the LORD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, * my God in whom I will trust."
3. For he shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter * and from the deadly pestilence.
4. He shall defend you under his wings, and you shall be safe under his feathers; * his faithfulness and truth shall be your shield and buckler.
5. You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, * nor of the arrow that flies by day,
6. Of the pestilence that walks in darkness, * nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.
7. A thousand shall fall beside you, and ten thousand at your right hand, * but it shall not come near you.
8. Indeed, with your eyes you shall behold * and see the reward of the ungodly.
9. Because you have said, "The LORD is my refuge," * and have made the Most High your stronghold,
10. There shall no evil happen to you, * neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
11. For he shall give his angels charge over you, * to keep you in all your ways.
12. They shall bear you in their hands, * that you hurt not your foot against a stone.
13. You shall tread upon the lion and adder; * the young lion and the serpent you shall trample under your feet.
14. "Because he has set his love upon me, therefore I will deliver him; * I will lift him up, because he has known my Name.
15. He shall call upon me, and I will hear him; * indeed, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him and bring him honor.
16. With long life I will satisfy him, * and show him my salvation."

¶ *At the end of the Psalms the Gloria Patri (Glory be...) is sung or said*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *One of the following, or some other suitable passage of Scripture, is read*

HEBREWS 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 PETER 5:8 9

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith.

¶ *At the end of the reading is said*

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

¶ *A period of silence may follow. A suitable hymn may be sung.*

Officiant Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
People For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.
Officiant Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;
People Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *Officiant and People*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Officiant O Lord, hear our prayer;
People And let our cry come to you.
Officiant Let us pray.

¶ *The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects. Other appropriate Collects may also be used.*

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, illumine this night with your celestial brightness, and from the children of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *One of the following prayers may be added*

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen.*

¶ *or this*

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Silence may be kept, and other intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered. The Officiant and People say or sing the Song of Simeon with this Antiphon*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

NUNC DIMITTIS

The Song of Simeon LUKE 2:29-32

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, * according to your word.

For my eyes have seen your salvation, * Which you have prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, * and to be the glory of your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

¶ *The Officiant concludes with the following*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us, this night and evermore. *Amen.*

HYMNS FOR SYNOD 2022

1. God is Working His Purpose Out

God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year:
God is working his purpose out, and the time is drawing near:
nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west, wherever foot has trod,
by the mouth of many messengers rings out the voice of God:
Listen to me you continents, you islands look to me,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.

We shall march in the strength of God, with the banner of Christ unfurled,
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth may shine throughout the world;
we shall fight with sorrow and sin to set their captives free,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed;
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life to the seed:
nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.

2. What a Friend we have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

3. There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good.
There is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in his blood.

But we make God's love too narrow by false limits of our own,
and we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind,
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple, we should rest upon God's word,
and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

4. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee;
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy, Though the darkness hide thee,
Thought the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect n power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

5. The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away, stood an old rugged Cross, the emblem of suffering and shame
And I love that old Cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain
So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged Cross, and exchange it some day for a crown

Oh, that old rugged Cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me
For the dear Lamb of God left his Glory above to bear it to dark Calvary
So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged Cross, and exchange it some day for a crown

In the old rugged Cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see
For the dear Lamb of God left his Glory above to pardon and sanctify me
So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged Cross, and exchange it some day for a crown

To the old rugged Cross, I will ever be true. Its shame and reproach gladly bear
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away where his glory forever I'll share
So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged Cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

6. Faith of our Fathers

Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers! holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark were still in heart and conscience free;
And blest would be their children's fate if they, like them should die for thee:
Faith of our fathers! holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers, we will strive to win all nations unto thee;
And through the truth that comes from God, mankind shall then indeed be free.
Faith of our fathers! holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers, we will love both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how by kindly words and virtuous life.
Faith of our fathers! holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!

7. And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love

And now, O Father, mindful of the love that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,
and having with us him that pleads above, we here present, we here spread forth to thee
that only offering perfect in thine eyes, the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

Look, Father, look on his anointed face, and only look on us as found in him;
look not on our misusings of thy grace, our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim:
for lo, between our sins and their reward we set the Passion of thy Son our Lord.

And then for those, our dearest and our best, by this prevailing presence we appeal:
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast, O do thine utmost for their soul's true weal;
from tainting mischief keep them white and clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.

And so we come: O draw us to thy feet, most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;
and by this food, so awful and so sweet, deliver us from every touch of ill:
in thine own service make us glad and free, and grant us never more to part with thee. Amen.

8. And Can it Be

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me? who caused his pain! For me—who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all: th'Immortal dies: Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore! Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God! it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray I woke; the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own. Amen.

9. Praise to the Holiest in the Height

Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways!

O loving wisdom of our God! When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood, which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe, should strive, and should prevail;

And that the highest gift of grace should flesh and blood refine:
God's presence and his very self, and essence all-divine.

O generous love! that he who smote in man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man for man should undergo.

And in the garden secretly, and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways! Amen.

10. Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue;
thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfil;
in all my works thy presence find, and prove thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine in-most substance see,
and labor on at thy command, and offer all my works to thee.

For thee delightfully employ what e'er thy bounteous grace hath given;
and run my course with even joy, and closely walk with thee to heaven.