

**Sunday, December 15, 2024**

**The Order for  
Daily Morning Prayer**

(from REC-BCP 2003 pg. 3)

¶ The Minister shall begin the Morning Prayer by reading one or more of the following Sentences of Scripture (or others) in a voice audible to all.

THE LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.  
(Habakkuk 2:20)

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD. (Psalm 122:1)

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. (St. John 4:23)

¶ Then the Minister shall say,

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us, in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together: to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

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

¶ Or he shall say,

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

## **A General Confession** (RE-BCP pg. 7)

¶ To be said by the whole congregation, with 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 pronounced by the Presbyter alone, or by the Bishop if he be present, 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,

*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, still kneeling, he shall say,

O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer. *(sung) 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;

**Venite, exultemus Domino.** from Psalms 95 and 96 (RE-BCP pg. 10)

**O** COME, let us sing unto the LORD; \*  
*let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence 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 prepared 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 peoples with his truth.*

**G**LORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.*

¶ Then shall follow a portion of the **Psalms** according to the use of this Church.

**PSALM 85** (RE-BCP pg. 380) (reciting responsively, breaking at the asterisk \*)

**Psalm 85. Benedixisti, Domine.**

LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land; \*  
*thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.*  
2 Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people, \* *and covered all their sins.*  
3 Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure, \*  
*and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.*  
4 Turn us then, O God our Saviour, \* *and let thine anger cease from us.*  
5 Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever? \*

*and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?*  
6 *Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us, \* that thy people may rejoice in thee?*  
7 *Show us thy mercy, O LORD, \* and grant us thy salvation.*  
8 *I will hearken what the LORD God will say; \* for he shall speak peace unto his  
people, and to his saints, that they turn not again unto foolishness.*  
9 *For his salvation is nigh them that fear him; \*  
that glory may dwell in our land.*  
10 *Mercy and truth are met together: \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*  
11 *Truth shall flourish out of the earth, \*  
and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.*  
12 *Yea, the LORD shall show loving-kindness; \*  
and our land shall give her increase.*  
13 *Righteousness shall go before him, \* and shall direct his going in the way.*

**G***LORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

¶ Then shall be read the FIRST LESSON, as it is appointed.

### **FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 35**

Minister: This is the Word of God.  
Answer: *Thanks be to God.*

¶ And after that shall be said or sung the following Canticle:

***Magnificate Dominum.*** from Psalm 34 (RE-BCP pg. 14)  
*O MAGNIFY the LORD with me, \*  
and let us exalt his Name together.*  
*O taste and see that the LORD is good: \*  
blessed is the man that trusteth in him.*  
*O fear the LORD, ye that are his saints; \*  
for there is no want to them that fear him.*  
*The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, \*  
and his ears are open unto their cry.*  
*The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, \*  
and saveth such as are of a contrite spirit.*  
*The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants; \*  
and none of them that trust in him shall be condemned.*

**G***LORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.*

¶ Then shall be read, in like manner, the SECOND LESSON, taken out of the New Testament, as it is appointed.

## SECOND LESSON: I Thessalonians 5: 12-23

Minister: This is the Word of God.

Answer: *Thanks be to God.*

¶ And after that shall be sung or said the Canticle following:

### **Benedictus. St. Luke 1:68-79** (RE-BCP pg. 15)

*BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel; \**

*for he hath visited and redeemed his people;*

*And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, \**

*in the house of his servant David;*

*As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets, \**

*which have been since the world began;*

*That we should be saved from our enemies, \**

*and from the hand of all that hate us.*

*TO perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, \**

*and to remember his holy covenant;*

*To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, \**

*that he would give us;*

*That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies \**

*might serve him without fear;*

*In holiness and righteousness before him, \**

*all the days of our life.*

*And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: \**

*for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;*

*To give knowledge of salvation unto his people \**

*for the remission of their sins,*

*Through the tender mercy of our God; \**

*whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;*

*To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, \**

*and to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

**G** *LORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*

*world without end. Amen.*

¶ Then shall be said the **Apostles' Creed** or the Nicene Creed by the Minister and the people, standing, except only such days as the Creed of St. Athanasius is appointed to be read.

### **Apostles' Creed** (RE-BCP pg. 16)

*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 OF THE DAY** (see service bulletin)

¶ Then shall follow the **COLLECT FOR ADVENT** (RE-BCP pg. 119)

### **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.*

¶ Other Collects may be inserted here.

### **A Prayer for the President of the United States, and all in Civil Authority**

O LORD, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; Most heartily we beseech thee, with thy favour to behold and bless thy servant [N], our President, [our Senate and Representatives in Congress assembled], [N], the Governor of our State (or Commonwealth), and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

O LORD our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; We commend this nation

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

### **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 for all Conditions of Men**

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; [*\*especially those for whom our (silent) prayers are desired;*] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

¶ \* This may be said when any desire the prayers of the congregation.

¶ Note, the General Thanksgiving may be said by the congregation with the Minister.

### **A General Thanksgiving** (RE-BCP pg. 21)

*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 may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips,*

*but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service,*

*and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days;*

*through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.*

### **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 Corinthians 13:14**

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.*