Daily Morning Prayer
For the Means of Grace and for the Hope of Glory

The Order for Morning Prayer

¶ The officiant will read one of the opening sentences for Lent below:

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. i John i. 8, 9.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Psalm li. 17.

Rend your hearts, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Joel ii. 13.

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. St. Luke xv. 18, 19.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us. Daniel ix. 9,10.

Jesus said, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Mark vii. 34.

¶ Then the officiant will continue with the Penitential Rite, saying:

LET us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

¶ Or this exhortation, especially during Lent:
DEARLY beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

¶ To be said by the whole Congregation, together with the Officiant, 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; But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those 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.

¶ If a Priest or Deacon officiates, he says.
May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Morning Responsory.
Officiant: * O LORD, open thou our lips.
People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Officiant: * O GOD, make speed to save us.
People: O LORD, make haste to help us.

Officiant and people:
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.
Officiant: Praise ye the Lord.
People: The Lord's Name be praised.

¶ The Invitatary Psalm and Canticles are recited by everyone in unison, concluding with the Gloria Patri, all continuing in unison.

Antiphon: The goodness of God leadeth to repentance: * O come, let us adore him.

Venite, exultemus Domino. (Psalm xcvi.)

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.
To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts * as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;
When your fathers tempted me, * proved me, and saw my works.
Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, * It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways:
Unto whom I sware in my wrath, * that they should not enter into my rest.
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.

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* In the 1662 BCP, and in Canada, the Venite is Psalm 95, as above. In 1789, the American BCP replaced the “strong words” of Psalm 95 vv 8-11 with Psalm 96 vv 9 & 13, while also permitting the older tradition of using Psalm 95 without alteration. The Office of Morning Prayer in the Ordinarie will normally follow the older tradition. When using musical settings based on the American BCP, it is permissible to use the American version. Click this paragraph to swap the text.

¶ Then shall follow a portion of the Psalms, as appointed.

¶ The psalms are recited responsively by whole verse, with a distinct pause at the asterisk. The officiant recites the full first verse and the congregation follows with the second. The Gloria Patri follows each Psalm, except during the Holy Week Triduum.

¶ See below at the * for a note on our Psalm selection practice.

The Psalms for the Morning of Day 20 in the traditional 30-day cycle. Alternatively Psalm 45 appointed for Tuesday in Week 3 of the 7-week cycle.

The Twentieth Day.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm 102. Domine, exaudi.

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 firebrand.
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 housetop.
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 nations 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 them that are appointed unto death;
21 That they may declare the Name of the Lord in Sion, * and his worship
at Jerusalem;
22 When the peoples 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


Here endeth the Order of Morning Prayer.

NOVENA BEFORE THE SOLEMNITY OF THE
CHAIR OF ST. PETER

- This novena may be prayed during the nine days before the Solemnity of Title of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter. Please pray for your own special intentions and with special intention for the growth of all of the Ordinaries.

V. In the Name of the Father, * and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
R. Amen.

Antiphon: 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.

V. I say unto thee, thou art Peter;
R. And upon this Rock I will build my Church.

- Each day's scripture and intention is read aloud. After a brief silence, the final
prayers are offered.

February 20th.
Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?"
He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my
lamb.s. A second time he said to him, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He
said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my
sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter
was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to
him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him,
"Feed my sheep. - St. John 21:15-17

Intention: That we may remain in close communion with the Successor of St. Peter,
whose task it is to strengthen us in the faith.

FINAL PRAYER (to be offered each day)

O Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to thy Apostle Saint Peter
many excellent gifts, and commandedst him earnestly to feed thy flock: make, we
beseech thee, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach thy holy Word, and the
people obediently to follow the same; that they may receive the crown of everlasting
glory; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

V. St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles;
R. Pray for us.

V. In the Name of the Father, * and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
R. Amen.

- The Lectionary is that specified in the official Ordo for the Personal Ordinariate of
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 she may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; [especially those for whom our prayers are desired:] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

A Collect for the Departed
(DWM 375)

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we pray for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; [especially NN.] and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee: chiefly the glorious and ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and God, the holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs, and all thy Saints; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship and prayers, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

A General Thanksgiving.
(Officant and people together.)

ALMIGHTY God, Father of allmercies, 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; [particularly those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them.] 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 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.

V: Let us bless the Lord.
R: Thanks be to God.

The Grace (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.

fast in thy sight.
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.

Psalm 103. Benedic, anima mea.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul; * and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.
2 Praise the Lord, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits:
3 Who forgiveth all thy sin, * and healeth all thine infirmities;
4 Who saveth thy life from destruction, * and crowndeth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;
5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, * making thee young and lusty as an eagle.
6 The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment * for all them that are oppressed with wrong.
7 He showed his ways unto Moses, * his works unto the children of Israel.
8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, * long-suffering, and of great goodness.
9 He will not alway be chiding; * neither keepeth he his anger for ever.
10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; * nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.
11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth; * so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.
12 Look how wide also the east is from the west; * so far hath he set our sins from us.
13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children; * even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.
14 For he knoweth whereof we are made; * he remembereth that we are but dust.
15 The days of man are but as grass; * for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.
16 For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone; * and the place thereof shall know it no more.
17 But the mercifull goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him; * and his righteousness upon children's children;
18 Even upon such as keep his covenant, * and think upon his commandments to do them.
19 The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven, * and his kingdom ruleth over all.
20 O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength; * ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his word.
21 O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts; * ye servants of his that do his
pleasure.  
22 O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: * praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

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.

The First Lesson: Genesis 44

A Lesson from the Book of Genesis.

Then he commanded the steward of his house, "Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put each man's money in the mouth of his sack, and put my cup, the silver cup, in the mouth of the sack of the youngest, with his money for the grain." And he did as Joseph told him. As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away with their asses. When they had gone but a short distance from the city, Joseph said to his steward, "Up, follow after the men; and when you overtake them, say to them, 'Why have you returned evil for good? Why have you stolen my silver cup? Is it not from this that my lord drinks, and by this that he divines? You have done wrong in so doing.' When he overtook them, he spoke to them these words. They said to him, "Why does my lord speak such words as these? Far be it from your servants that they should do such a thing! Behold, the money which we found in the mouth of our sacks, we brought back to you from the land of Canaan; how then should we steal silver or gold from your lord's house? With whomever of your servants it be found, let him die, and we also will be my lord's slaves." He said, "Let it be as you say: he with whom it is found shall be my slave, and the rest of you shall be blameless." Then every man quickly lowered his sack to the ground, and every man opened his sack. And he searched, beginning with the eldest and ending with the youngest; and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. Then they rent their clothes, and every man loaded his ass, and they returned to the city. When Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, he was still there; and they fell before him to the ground. Joseph said to them, "What deed is this that you have done? Do you not know that such a man as I can indeed divine?" And Judah said, "What shall we say to my lord? What shall we speak? Or how can we clear ourselves? God has found out the guilt of your servants; behold, we are my lord's slaves, both we and he also in whose hand the cup has been found." But he said, "Far be it from me that I should do so! Only the man in whose hand the cup was found shall be my slave; but as for you, go up in peace to your father." Then Judah went up to him and said, "O my lord, let your servant, I pray you, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not your anger burn against your servant; for you are like Pharaoh himself. My lord asked his servants, saying, 'Have you a father, or a brother?' And we said to my lord, 'We have a father, an old man, and a young brother, the child of his old age; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother's children; and his father loves him.' Then you said to your servants, 'Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes upon him.' We said to my lord, 'The lad cannot leave his father, for if he should leave his father, his father would die.' Then you said to your servants, 'Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you shall see my face no more.' When we went back to your servant my father we told him the words of my lord. And when our father said, 'Go again, buy us a little food,' we said, 'We cannot go down. If our youngest brother goes with us, then we will go down; for we cannot see the man's face unless our youngest may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever 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 we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Guidance.

(Suitable on Tuesday and Thursday)

O HEAVENLY Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ In the Cycle of Prayer, we pray especially for the clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese of Antequera, Oaxaca, México, the Diocese of Babanā, Burundi, the Coptic Catholic Eparchy of Guizeh, Egypt, the Diocese of Sorsogon, Philippines, and the Diocese of Taichung, Taiwan.

A Prayer for the Pope, Clergy, and People.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon N. our Pope, N. our Bishop, all bishops, priests, and deacons, 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.

¶ The officiant may close here or choose from the following or other approved collects.

A Prayer for The President of the United States, and all in Civil Authority.

ALMIGHTY God, whose kingdom is everlasting and power infinite; Have mercy upon this whole land; and so rule the hearts of thy servants THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, The Governor of this State, and all others in authority, that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek thy honour and glory; and that we and all the People, duly considering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honour them, according to thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer for all Sorts and Conditions of Men.
Lay: O Lord hear our prayer. Officiant: The Lord be with you.
People: And let our cry come unto thee. Officiant: Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer.

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. Amen.

The Suffrages.

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. O Lord, save the State.
R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
V. O Lord, save thy people.
R. And bless thine inheritance.
V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but thou, O God.
V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

WE beseech thee, O Lord, graciously to behold this thy family: that, whereas we now do chaste our bodies by the mortifying of the flesh, our souls may shine in thy sight with longing after thee; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reinsith with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Collect for Ash Wednesday may be said after the Collect of the Day:

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, brother is with us.' Then your servant my father said to us, 'You know that my wife bore me two sons; one left me, and I said, Surely he has been torn to pieces; and I have never seen him since. If you take this one also from me, and harm befalls him, you will bring down my gray hairs in sorrow to Sheol.' Now therefore, when I come to your servant my father, and the lad is not with us, then, as his life is bound up in the lad's life, when he sees that the lad is not with us, he will die; and your servants will bring down the gray hairs of your servant our father with sorrow to Sheol. For your servant became surety for the lad to my father, saying, 'If I do not bring him back to you, then I shall bear the blame in the sight of my father all my life.' Now therefore, let your servant, I pray you, remain instead of the lad as a slave to my lord; and let the lad go back with his brothers. For how can I go back to my father if the lad is not with me? I fear to see the evil that would come upon my father.'

Here endeth the Lesson.

Benedictio, omnia opera Domini.
Song of the Three Children 35-65.
(Suitable for Tuesdays and Saturdays)

O ALL ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: *
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: *
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O YE Heavens, bless ye the Lord: *
O ye Waters that be above the firmament, bless ye the Lord;
O all ye Powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: *
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Sun and Moon, bless ye the Lord: *
O ye Stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord;
O ye Showers and Dew, bless ye the Lord: *
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Winds of God, bless ye the Lord: *
O ye Fire and Heat, bless ye the Lord;
O ye Winter and Summer, bless ye the Lord: *
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Dews and Frosts, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye Frost and Cold, bless ye the Lord;
O ye Ice and Snow, bless ye the Lord *
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Nights and Days, bless ye the Lord: *
O ye Light and Darkness, bless ye the Lord;
O ye Lightnings and Clouds, bless ye the Lord *
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O LET the Earth bless the Lord; *
O ye Mountains and Hills, bless ye the Lord;
O all ye Green Things upon the earth, bless ye the Lord: *
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Wells, bless ye the Lord: *
O ye Seas and Floods, bless ye the Lord;
O ye Whales, and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord: *
praise him, and magnify him for ever. 
O all ye Fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord; * 
O all ye Beasts and Cattle, bless ye the Lord; 
O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord: * 
praise him, and magnify him for ever. 
O ye People of God, bless ye the Lord; * 
O ye Priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; 
O ye Servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: * 
praise him, and magnify him for ever. 
O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous, bless ye the Lord; * 
O ye holy and humble Men of heart, bless ye the Lord; 
LET us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost: * 
praise him, and magnify him for ever. 
(No Gloria Patri after the Benedictus.) 

The Second Lesson: Matthew 26:31-56 
A Lesson from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter declared to him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." Jesus said to him, "Truly, I say to you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go yonder and pray." And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt." And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, thy will be done." And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand." While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I shall kiss is the man; seize him." And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Hail, Master!" And he kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, why are you here?" Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest, and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then should the scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But all this has taken place, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples forsook him and fled.

Here endeth the Lesson.

Benedictus. 
St. Luke i. 68.

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. 
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.

The Apostle's 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 Pilot, 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.

The Lesser Litany.

† Whenever the officiant is a layperson: † Only if the officiant is a priest or deacon:
