

times, especially Saturdays, Sundays, or the 31st day of the month at the discretion of the Officiant.

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# Daily Morning Prayer

## For the Means of Grace and for the Hope of Glory



**Saturday, 20 April 2024**  
**Eastertide FERIA**  
**B.V.M. on Saturday**

### The Order for Morning Prayer

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! *St. Mark xvi. 6; St. Luke xxiv. 34.*

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm cxviii. 24.*

Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Cor. xv. 57.*

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. *Col. iii. 1.*

¶ *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.)*

¶ *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 and People:* Alleluia.

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

*Antiphon:* Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: \* O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

*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 swear 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.

*Antiphon:* Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: \* O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

*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.*

(*Officiant and people together.*)

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; [*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 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.*

**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.*

*Here endeth the Order of Morning Prayer.*

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\* The Lectionary is that specified in the [official Ordo for the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter](#). We generally use the 30-day traditional Psalm cycle from the Prayer Book, as permitted by the Ordinariate Lectionary, but we list for reference the alternate Psalm cycle in the Lectionary. We use the Psalms from the Lectionary on Christmas, Epiphany, The Purification, Ash Wednesday, The Annunciation, Palm Sunday and Holy Week, Easter Day, Ascension Day, Whitsunday, Trinity Sunday, The Transfiguration, All Saints, Thanksgiving Day, and the Solemnity of Title or of the Patron of the Place. We may also use the Psalm from the lectionary at other

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 Saturdays.*

ALMIGHTY God, who after the creation of the world didst rest from all thy works and sanctify a day of rest for all thy creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of thy sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to thy people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *In the Cycle of Prayer, we pray especially for the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Cruz Alta, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, the Diocese of Hanzhong, China, the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, Ireland, the Archdiocese of Mount Hagen, Papua New Guinea, and the Archdiocese of Wellington, New Zealand.*

*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.*

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.*

¶ *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 Ordinariate 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 Psalms [30](#) and [32](#) appointed for Saturday in Week 2 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 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 crowneth 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.

*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 only 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

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive his inestimable benefit; and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same 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.*

*and/or*

GRANT, we beseech thee, O Lord God, that we thy servants may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body: and, at the glorious intercession of the blessed and ever-Virgin Mary, may be delivered from present sadness, and may rejoice in continual gladness; 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.*



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 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.

*The Lesser Litany.*

<i>¶ Whenever the officiant is a layperson:</i>	<i>¶ Only if the officiant is a priest or deacon:</i>
<i>Lay Officiant:</i> O Lord hear our prayer.	<i>Priest or Deacon:</i> The Lord be with you.
<i>People:</i> <b>And let our cry come unto thee.</b>	<i>People:</i> <b>And with thy spirit.</b>
<i>Officiant:</i> Let us pray.	<i>Officiant:</i> Let us pray.

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

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 merciful 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: Deuteronomy 18:9-end*

A Lesson from the Book of Deuteronomy.

"When you come into the land which the Lord your God gives you, you shall not learn to follow the abominable practices of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, any one who practices divination, a soothsayer, or an augur, or a sorcerer, or a charmer, or a medium, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord; and because of these abominable practices the Lord your God is driving them out before you. You shall be blameless before the Lord your God. For these nations, which you are about to dispossess, give heed to soothsayers

and to diviners; but as for you, the Lord your God has not allowed you so to do. "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brethren--him you shall heed-- just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' And the Lord said to me, 'They have rightly said all that they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brethren; and I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not give heed to my words which he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.' And if you say in your heart, 'How may we know the word which the Lord has not spoken?-- when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word which the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously, you need not be afraid of him.

Here endeth the Lesson.

*Benedicite, 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 Benedicite.)*

*The Second Lesson: Acts of the Apostles 13:44-14:7*

A Lesson from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

The next sabbath almost the whole city gathered together to hear the word of God. But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with jealousy, and contradicted what was spoken by Paul, and reviled him. And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, 'I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the uttermost parts of the earth.'" And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of God; and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord spread throughout all the region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, and stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. Now at Iconium they entered together into the Jewish synagogue, and so spoke that a great company believed, both of Jews and of Greeks. But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brethren. So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands. But the people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews, and some with the apostles. When an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to molest them and to stone them, they learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country; and there they preached the gospel.

Here endeth the Lesson.

*Benedictus.  
St. Luke i. 68.*