

## Evening Prayer from

### ***The Book of Common Prayer***

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The First Sunday in Lent

Dearly beloved,  
the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge  
and confess our manifold sins and wickedness;

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

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

***All*** **Almighty and most merciful Father,**  
**we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.**  
**We have followed too much the devices and desires**  
**of our own hearts.**  
**We have offended against thy holy laws.**  
**We have left undone those things**  
**which we ought to have done;**  
**and we have done those things**

**which we ought not to have done;  
and there is no health in us.**

**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable  
offenders.**

**Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.  
Restore thou them that are penitent;  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesu our Lord.**

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober  
life,  
to the glory of thy holy name.  
Amen.**

***A priest says***

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;  
and 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 them that 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.

***All* Amen.**

***All* Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

**¶ Evening Prayer**

***These responses are used***

**All** O Lord, open thou our lips  
**and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

**All** O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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

Praise ye the Lord.  
**All The Lord's name be praised.**

***Psalmody***

Psalm 119.17-32

- 17 O do well unto thy servant \*  
that I may live, and keep thy word.
- 18 Open thou mine eyes \*  
that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.
- 19 I am a stranger upon earth \*  
O hide not thy commandments from me.
- 20 My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire \*  
that it hath always unto thy judgements.
- 21 Thou hast rebuked the proud \*  
and cursed are they that do err from thy commandments.
- 22 O turn from me shame and rebuke \*  
for I have kept thy testimonies.
- 23 Princes also did sit and speak against me \*  
but thy servant is occupied in thy statutes.

- 24 For thy testimonies are my delight \*  
and my counsellors.
- 25 My soul cleaveth to the dust \*  
○ quicken thou me, according to thy word.
- 26 I have acknowledged my ways, and thou heardest me \*  
○ teach me thy statutes.
- 27 Make me to understand the way of thy commandments \*  
and so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.
- 28 My soul melteth away for very heaviness \*  
comfort thou me according unto thy word.
- 29 Take from me the way of lying \*  
and cause thou me to make much of thy law.
- 30 I have chosen the way of truth \*  
and thy judgements have I laid before me.
- 31 I have stuck unto thy testimonies \*  
○ Lord, confound me not.
- 32 I will run the way of thy commandments \*  
when thou hast set my heart at liberty.

***At the end of each psalm these words are said or sung***

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.

*Old Testament Reading*

## First Reading: Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.  
And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:  
But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely

die.

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

*Magnificat*

***Either the Magnificat (as follows) or Cantate Domino (Psalm 98) is said or sung.***

- 1 My soul doth magnify the Lord :  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
- 2 For he hath regarded :  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
- 3 For behold, from henceforth :  
all generations shall call me blessed.
- 4 For he that is mighty hath magnified me :  
and holy is his Name.
- 5 And his mercy is on them that fear him :  
throughout all generations.
- 6 He hath shewed strength with his arm :  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- 7 He hath put down the mighty from their seat :  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

- 8 He hath filled the hungry with good things :  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
- 9 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.  
*Luke 1.46-55*

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.

*New Testament Reading*

## Second Reading: Romans 5.12-19

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.

And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.

For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

*Nunc dimittis*

- 1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :

according to thy word.

- 2 For mine eyes have seen :  
thy salvation;
- 3 Which thou hast prepared :  
before the face of all people;
- 4 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Luke 2.29-32

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 Apostles' Creed*

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

*Prayers*

The Lord be with you.  
**All** And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

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

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All** Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

**All** And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen.

**All** And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

**All** And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

**All** And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**All** Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

**All** And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

*Three Collects are said.*

*The Collect of the Day*

O Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights;  
Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued  
to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in  
righteousness, and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who  
livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God,  
world without end.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast  
made and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent;  
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily  
lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may



obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*The Collect for Peace*

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels,  
and all just works do proceed;  
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;  
that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,  
and also that, by thee,  
we being defended from the fear of our enemies  
may pass our time in rest and quietness;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**All Amen.**

*The Collect for Aid against all Perils*

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

**All Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,  
be with us all evermore.

**All Amen.**

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