



# Evening Prayer

*Eastertide*

## OPENING SENTENCES

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

COLOSSIANS 3:1

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Officiant* Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence is kept. All kneeling.*

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your 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 apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.**

*Officiant*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Or this*

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## INVITATORY

*All stand.*

*Officiant*

O Lord, open our lips;

*People*

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*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.**

*Officiant*

Praise the Lord.

*People*

**The Lord's Name be praised.**

PASCHA NOSTRUM  
*Christ our Passover*

*Officiant and People*

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast,  
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.  
Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;  
death no longer has dominion over him.  
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
So also consider yourselves dead to sin,  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.  
Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death,  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die,  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

1 CORINTHIANS 5:7-8; ROMANS 6:9-11; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-22

*Or this*

JUBILATE  
*Be Joyful*

*Officiant and People*

**O be joyful in the LORD, all you lands;  
serve the LORD with gladness,  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Be assured that the LORD, he is God;  
it is he that has made us, and not we ourselves;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,  
and into his courts with praise;  
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.  
For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,  
and his truth endures from generation to generation.**

PSALM 100

THE PSALM OR PSALMS APPOINTED

*Following the Psalm*

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

THE LESSONS

*After the lesson (see Daily Office Lectionary)*

*Officiant*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*One of the following Canticles is said after the first lesson.*

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS  
*We Praise You, O God*

*Officiant and People*

**We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord;  
all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you took our flesh to set us free  
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come to be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.**

*Or this*

MAGNIFICAT  
*The Song of Mary*

*Officiant and People*

**My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;  
For he has regarded  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from now on,  
all generations will call me blessed;  
For he that is mighty has magnified me,  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on those who fear him,  
throughout all generations.  
He has shown the strength of his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He has brought down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has exalted the humble and meek.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent empty away.  
He, remembering his mercy, has helped his servant Israel,  
as he promised to our fathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.**

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Officiant and People*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          **And with your spirit.**  
*Officiant*      Let us pray.

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

THE SUFFRAGES

*Officiant*      O Lord, show your mercy upon us;  
*People*          **And grant us your salvation.**  
*Officiant*      O Lord, guide those who govern us;  
*People*          **And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Officiant* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*People* **And let your people sing with joy.**  
*Officiant* O Lord, save your people;  
*People* **And bless your inheritance.**  
*Officiant* Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
*People* **And defend us by your mighty power.**  
*Officiant* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
*Officiant* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People* **And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

*Or this*

*Officiant* That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,  
*People* **We entreat you, O Lord.**  
*Officiant* That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,  
*People* **We entreat you, O Lord.**  
*Officiant* That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,  
*People* **We entreat you, O Lord.**  
*Officiant* That there may be peace in your Church and in the whole world,  
*People* **We entreat you, O Lord.**  
*Officiant* That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before  
the great judgment seat of Christ,  
*People* **We entreat you, O Lord.**  
*Officiant* That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints,  
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,  
*People* **We entreat you, O Lord.**

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

##### A COLLECT FOR STRENGTH TO AWAIT CHRIST'S RETURN

*Sunday*

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

##### A COLLECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIFE

*Monday*

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

##### A COLLECT FOR PEACE

*Tuesday*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR GRACE

*Wednesday*

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day: Defend us by your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor run into any danger; and that, guided by your Spirit, we may do what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

*Thursday*

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

A COLLECT FOR ENDURANCE

*Friday*

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR SABBATH REST

*Saturday*

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

PRAYER FOR MISSION

*Officiant and People*

**O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*or this*

**Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the Cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

*The Officiant may invite the People to offer intercessions and thanksgivings.*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts  
we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

*Officiant*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Officiant*

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*Officiant*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

EPHESIANS 3:20-21