

Evensong

THE OPENING SENTENCE.

¶ *The Officiant may begin the Office by reading, without note, a suitable Sentence of Holy Scripture, such as may be found in Appendix I (p. 256). After the Sentence, he may proceed at once to O Lord, open thou our lips. Or, especially on days of Fasting or Abstinence, he may proceed with The Exhortation, General Confession and Absolution, followed by the Opening Versicles.*

THE EXHORTATION, GENERAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION.

¶ *Then the Officiant shall say, without note,*

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 as for the body as for 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.

¶ *To be said without note by the Officiant bowing and
Congregation kneeling (a layman Officiant kneels).*

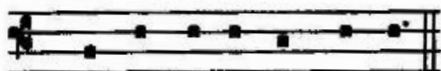
ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father ; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done ; And we have done those things which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

¶ *Here follows the Absolution, pronounced by the Priest alone,
in the normal reading voice, standing, the People still kneeling.*

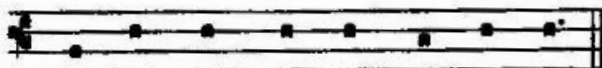
ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of all their sins. 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, all standing, the Officiant shall sing, while all make the Sign of the Cross on their lips:

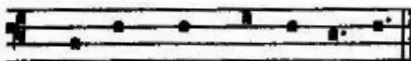


¶ ✠ O Lord, open thou our lips.

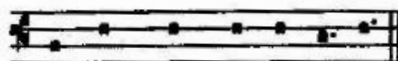


¶ And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

¶ According to the ancient Office and the English BCP, the following are added:

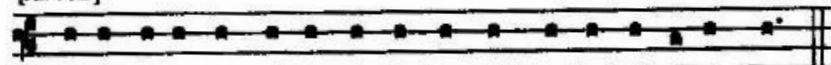


¶ ✠ O God, make speed to save us.



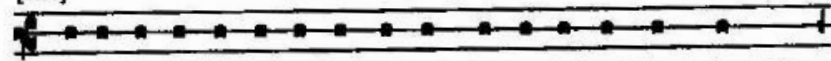
¶ O Lord, make haste to help us.

[All bow]

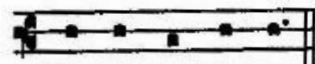


¶ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:

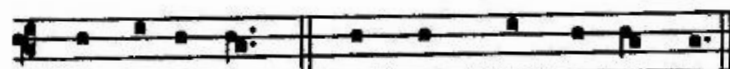
[Rise]



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



without end. Amen.



¶ Praise ye the Lord. ¶ The Lord's Name be prais - ed.

Then shall follow the portion of the Psalms appointed for the day
concluded with the Gloria Patri
Then shall be read the First Lesson

St. Luke i. 46 *Magnificat, anima mea*



¶ The intonation is sung to begin every verse, as in all Gospel canticles.

- ✱ **M**Y soul doth magnify the • Lord, * and my spirit hath
rejoic-ed in • God my Saviour.
- 2 For he hath re-garded * the lowliness of • his handmaiden.
- 3 For behold from • henceforth * all generations shall • call
me bless-ed.
- 4 For he that is mighty hath magnifi-ed • me; * [Bow] and •
holy is his Name.
- 5 And his mercy is on them that • fear him * throughout all •
generations.
- 6 He hath show-ed strength with his • arm; * he hath scat-
ter-ed the proud in the imagin-ation of their hearts.
- 7 He hath put down the mighty from their • seat, * and hath
exalted the • humble and meek.
- 8 He hath fill-ed 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 promis-ed to our forefathers, Abraham and his •
seed for ever.
- 10 Glory be to the Father and to the • Son, * and • to the Holy
Ghost;
- 11 As it was in the beginning, † is now and ever • shall be, *
world • without end. Amen.

Then shall be chanted or read the Second Lesson

St. Luke ii. 29 *Nunc dimittis*



¶ *The intonation is sung to begin every verse, as in all Gospel canticles.*

✠ **L**ORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in · peace, *
ac-cord-ing to thy word.

2 For mine eyes have seen thy sal-va-tion, * which thou hast pre-pa-r-ed be-fore the face · of all people;


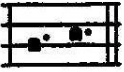
3 To be a light to lighten the · Gen-tiles, * and to be the glory of thy · peo-ple Israel.

4 Glory be to the Fa-ther and to the · Son, * and · to the Holy Ghost;

5 As it was in the be-gin-ning, † is now and ever · shall be, * world · with-out end. Amen.

¶ Then shall be sung the Apostles' Creed by the Officiant (first intoning) and People, standing; or else, on appointed days at Matins, the Quicumque vult (p. 429)

THE APOSTLES' CREED. *Credo in Deum.*

 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 : Suffer-ed under Pontius Pilate, Was crucifi-ed, 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 Officiant first pronouncing:

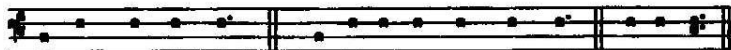
THE SALUTATION. *Dominus vobiscum.*

[Kneel]



∇ The Lord be with you. ∇ And with thy spirit. ∇ Let us pray.

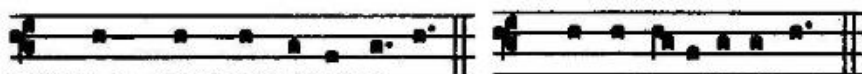
¶ NOTE, That, according to the old Roman Office, an Officiant who is not at least a Deacon, says instead:



∇ O Lord, hear our pray'r. ∇ And let our cry come unto thee. ∇ Let us pray.

¶ According to the ancient Office and the English BCP, here is added in English or Greek:

KYRIE, ELEISON. (Threefold)



♩ Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

♩ Ky-ri - e e-le-i-son.

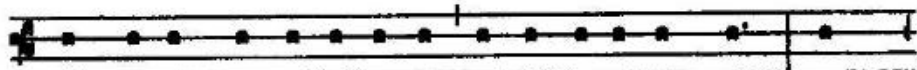
♩ Christ, have mer-cy up-on us.

♩ Christ -e e-le-i-son.

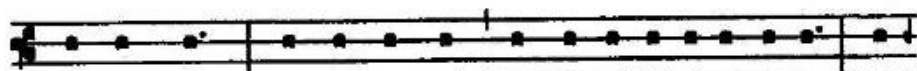
All. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

All. Ky-ri - e e-le-i-son.

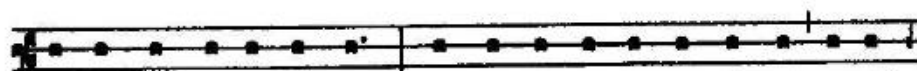
THE LORD'S PRAYER. *Pater noster.*



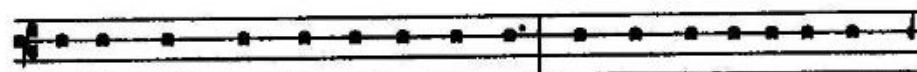
OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallow-ed be thy Name. Thy



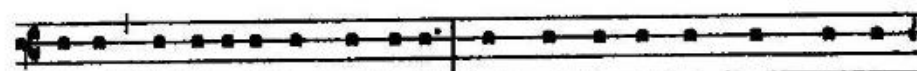
kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give



us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we



forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temp -



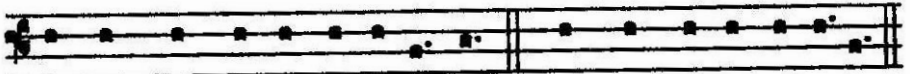
tation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the



power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES, OR PRECES. *Ostende nobis.*

¶ According to the American BCP, only the first and last Versicle and Response (O Lord, show thy mercy, etc. and O God make clean, etc.) are said at Matins.



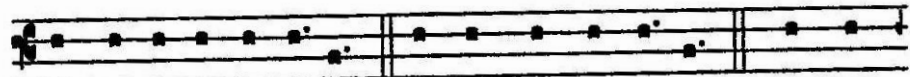
¶ O Lord show thy mercy upon us. ☩ And grant us thy salvation.



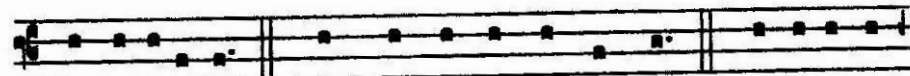
¶ O Lord save the State. ☩ And mercifully hear us when we call



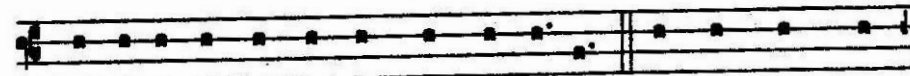
upon thee. ¶ Endue thy Ministers with righteousness. ☩ And make



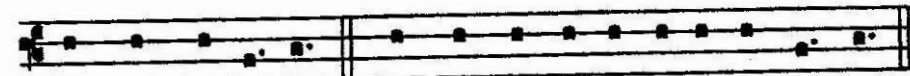
thy chosen people joyful. ¶ O Lord save thy people. ☩ And bless



thine inheritance. ¶ Give peace in our time O Lord. ☩ For it is thou



Lord only that makest us dwell in safety. ¶ O God make clean



our hearts within us. ☩ And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY AND COMMEMORATIONS.

¶ *Then shall be said the proper Collect for the Day, with any other Commemorations, and after that the Collects and Prayers following.*

¶ *The chant settings of the Collects may be found in Appendix III (p. 278 or 283).*

At Matins.

FOR PEACE. *Deus Auctor pacis.*

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.*

FOR GRACE. *Domine sancte.*

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.*

At Evensong.

FOR PEACE. *Deus, a quo sancta.*

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 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. *Amen.*

FOR AID AGAINST PERILS.

Illumina, quaesumus.

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. *Amen.*

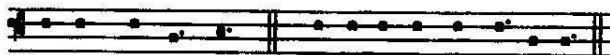
THE CLOSING VERSICLES. *Benedicamus Domino.*

¶ According to the ancient Office, the following is added at both Matins and Evensong, after the last Collect, and before the Anthem, other prayers, and the Grace:



¶ The Lord be with you. ¶ And with thy spirit.

¶ Or, if the Officiant is not in major Holy Orders:



¶ O Lord, hear our pray'r. ¶ And let our cry come un-to thee.

¶ On Feasts, the following tone is used:



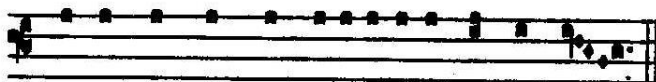
¶ Let us bless the Lord. ¶ Thanks be to God.

¶ Or, on Ferias, the following tone is used:

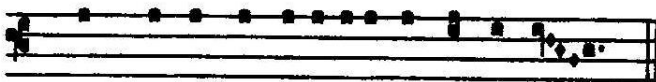


¶ Let us bless the Lord. ¶ Thanks be to God.

¶ Or, in Eastertide:



¶ Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, al - le - lu - ia.



¶ Thanks be to God, alleluia, al - le - lu - ia.

¶ *Then is said the following in a low monotone voice:*

✻ **MAY** the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

¶ *The Officiant may here end the Office with such Prayer, or Prayers, as he shall think fit, or with the Grace. All the following prayers are read, not sung.*

¶ *In places where it may be convenient, here followeth the Anthem. Which same is understood to refer to the four seasonal Final Anthems of the Blessed Virgin Mary, from the Roman Breviary [p. 491].*

At Matins.

PRAYER FOR CIVIL AUTHORITIES.

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 THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, 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 to everlasting joy and felicity ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

At Evensong.

PRAYER FOR CIVIL AUTHORITIES.

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 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 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.*

** This may be said
when any desire the
prayers of the
Congregation.*

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

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 to 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

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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.*

¶ NOTE, *That the General Thanksgiving may be said by the Congregation with the Officiant.*

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM.

O 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.*

THE GRACE. II 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.*

V

S Alve Re-gí-na, * ma-ter mi-se-ri-córdi-æ, Vi-ta, dul-
cé-do, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamá-mus, éxsu-
les, fí-li- i Hevæ. Ad te suspi-rá-mus, geméntes et flen-
tes in hac lacrimá-rum valle. E-ia ergo, Advo-cá-ta
nostra, illos tu- os mi-se-ri-córdes ó-cu-los ad nos con-
vér-te. Et Je-sum, be-ne-díctum fructum ventris tu- i,
no-bis post hoc exsí- li- um osténde. O cle- mens:
O pi- a: O dulcis Virgo Ma-rí- a.