



– THE ORDER FOR **EVENING PRAYER** –

*according to the Book of Common Prayer (Canada, 1962)*

PRECES

O Lord, open thou our lips;

**And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

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;  
**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 praised.**

§ Then shall follow **THE PSALMS.**

PSALM

**46** *Deus noster refugium*

GOD is our hope and strength :

a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved :

and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell :

and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

4 The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God :  
the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.

5 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed :  
God shall help her, and that right early.

6 The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved :  
but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us :  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

8 O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord :  
what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

9 He maketh wars to cease in all the world :  
he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder,  
and burneth the chariots in the fire.

10 Be still then, and know that I am God :

I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

11 The Lord of hosts is with us :

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

## PSALM

### 98 *Cantate Domino*

- O SING unto the Lord a new song :  
for he hath done marvellous things.
- 2 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm :  
hath he gotten himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord declared his salvation :  
his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.
- 4 He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel :  
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
- 5 Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands :  
sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
- 6 Praise the Lord upon the harp :  
sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.
- 7 With trumpets also and shawms :  
O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is :  
the round world, and they that dwell therein.
- 9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord :  
for he is come to judge the earth.
- 10 With righteousness shall he judge the world :  
and the people with equity.

† 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.

## FIRST LESSON **1 Samuel 2.1-10**

*The First Lesson is written in the First Book of Samuel, the second chapter,  
beginning to read at the first verse.*

**H**annah prayed and said, 'My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. <sup>2</sup>'There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. <sup>3</sup>Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; or the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. <sup>4</sup>The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. <sup>5</sup>Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. <sup>6</sup>The Lord kills and brings to life;

he brings down to Sheol and raises up. <sup>7</sup>The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. <sup>8</sup>He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honour. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world. <sup>9</sup>He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail. <sup>10</sup>The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed.'

*Here endeth the First Lesson.*

**MAGNIFICAT** *St. Luke 1.46*

✠ My soul doth magnify the Lord, :  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded :  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth :  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; :  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him :  
throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm; :  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, :  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things; :  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy :  
hath holpen his servant Israel;  
As he promised to our forefathers, :  
Abraham and his seed for ever.  
✠ 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.

**SECOND LESSON** *Matthew 1.18–23*

*The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter, beginning to read at the 18<sup>th</sup> verse.*

**N**ow the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David,

do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’ <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: <sup>23</sup>‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel’, which means, ‘God is with us.’

*Here endeth the Second Lesson.*

NUNC DIMITTIS *St. Luke 2.29*

‡LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, :  
according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, :  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, :  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
‡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.

APOSTLES' 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.**

VERSICLES AND LESSER LITANY

The Lord be with you;  
**And with thy spirit.**  
Let us pray.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**Christ, have mercy upon us**  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 them that trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

## RESPONSES

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

O Lord, save the Queen:  
**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;  
**And evermore mightily defend us.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us;  
**And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY *The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## FIRST COLLECT *for Lent*

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. **Amen.**

## SECOND 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 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.**

## THIRD 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. **Amen.**

PRAYER *for the Queen and the Commonwealth*

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, the Parliaments of the Commonwealth, and all who are set in authority under her; that they may order all things in wisdom, righteousness, and peace, to the honour of thy holy Name, and the good of thy Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER *for the Clergy and People*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our Bishops and Clergy, and all 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.**

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 the good estate of the Catholic Church; 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; 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 his sake. **Amen.**

PRAYER *at Eventide*

O LORD, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER *of Saint 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.**

BLESSING *2 Corinthians 13.14*

† 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.**