



– 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

119.129–136 *Mirabilia*

THY testimonies are wonderful :

therefore doth my soul keep them.

130 When thy word goeth forth :

it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.

131 I opened my mouth, and drew in my breath :

for my delight was in thy commandments.

132 O look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me :

as thou usest to do unto those that love thy Name.

133 Order my steps in thy word :

and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.

134 O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men :

and so shall I keep thy commandments.

135 Shew the light of thy countenance upon thy servant :

and teach me thy statutes.

136 Mine eyes gush out with water :

because men keep not thy law.

PSALM

119.137–144 *Justus es, Domine*

RIGHTEOUS art thou, O Lord :
and true is thy judgement.
138 The testimonies that thou hast commanded :
are exceeding righteous and true.
139 My zeal hath even consumed me :
because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.
140 Thy word is tried to the uttermost :
and thy servant loveth it.
141 I am small, and of no reputation :
yet do I not forget thy commandments.
142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness :
and thy law is the truth.
143 Trouble and heaviness have taken hold upon me :
yet is my delight in thy commandments.
144 The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting :
O grant me understanding, and I shall live.
‡ 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 *Exodus 35.20–36.7*

*The First Lesson is written in the Book of Exodus, the 35th and 36th chapters,
beginning to read at the 20th verse.*

Then all the congregation of the Israelites withdrew from the presence of Moses. ²¹And they came, everyone whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, and brought the Lord's offering to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the sacred vestments. ²²So they came, both men and women; all who were of a willing heart brought brooches and earrings and signet rings and pendants, all sorts of gold objects, everyone bringing an offering of gold to the Lord. ²³And everyone who possessed blue or purple or crimson yarn or fine linen or goats' hair or tanned rams' skins or fine leather, brought them. ²⁴Everyone who could make an offering of silver or bronze brought it as the Lord's offering; and everyone who possessed acacia wood of any use in the work, brought it. ²⁵All the skilful women spun with their hands, and brought what they had spun in blue and purple and crimson yarns and fine linen; ²⁶all the women whose hearts moved them to use their skill spun the goats' hair. ²⁷And the leaders brought onyx stones and gems to be set in the ephod and the

breastpiece, ²⁸and spices and oil for the light, and for the anointing-oil, and for the fragrant incense. ²⁹All the Israelite men and women whose hearts made them willing to bring anything for the work that the Lord had commanded by Moses to be done, brought it as a freewill-offering to the Lord. ³⁰Then Moses said to the Israelites: See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel son of Uri son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; ³¹he has filled him with divine spirit, with skill, intelligence, and knowledge in every kind of craft, ³²to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, ³³in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, in every kind of craft. ³⁴And he has inspired him to teach, both him and Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. ³⁵He has filled them with skill to do every kind of work done by an artisan or by a designer or by an embroiderer in blue, purple, and crimson yarns, and in fine linen, or by a weaver—by any sort of artisan or skilled designer. ³⁶Bezalel and Oholiab and everyone skilful to whom the Lord has given skill and understanding to know how to do any work in the construction of the

sanctuary shall work in accordance with all that the Lord has commanded. ²Moses then called Bezalel and Oholiab and everyone skilful to whom the Lord had given skill, everyone whose heart was stirred to come to do the work; ³and they received from Moses all the freewill-offerings that the Israelites had brought for doing the work on the sanctuary. They still kept bringing him freewill-offerings every morning, ⁴so that all the artisans who were doing every sort of task on the sanctuary came, each from

the task being performed, ⁵and said to Moses, 'The people are bringing much more than enough for doing the work that the Lord has commanded us to do.' ⁶So Moses gave command, and word was proclaimed throughout the camp: 'No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary.' So the people were restrained from bringing; ⁷for what they had already brought was more than enough to do all the work.

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 1 Timothy 4

The Second Lesson is written in the First Letter of Paul to Timothy, the fourth chapter, beginning to read at the first verse.

Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will renounce the faith by paying attention to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, ²through the hypocrisy of liars whose consciences are seared with a hot iron. ³They forbid marriage and demand abstinence from foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. ⁴For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, provided it is received with thanksgiving; ⁵for it is sanctified by God's word and by prayer. ⁶If you put these instructions before the brothers and sisters, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching that you have followed. ⁷Have nothing to do with profane myths and old wives' tales. Train yourself in godliness, ⁸for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way,

holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. ⁹The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. ¹⁰For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Saviour of all people, especially of those who believe. ¹¹These are the things you must insist on and teach. ¹²Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. ¹³Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. ¹⁴Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. ¹⁵Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. ¹⁶Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

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 Fourth Sunday in Lent*

GRANT we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **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.**

*God of our longing,
rest upon our wearied souls and bodies;
give us courage and grace to meet
the mounting needs of your people.
We ask this in the name of the risen Lord. Amen.*



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