



– 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.

PSALM

119.81–104 *Defecit anima mea*

MY soul hath longed for thy salvation :

and I have a good hope because of thy word.

82 Mine eyes long sore for thy word :

saying, O when wilt thou comfort me?

83 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke :

yet do I not forget thy statutes.

84 How many are the days of thy servant :

when wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me?

85 The proud have digged pits for me :

which are not after thy law.

86 All thy commandments are true :

they persecute me falsely; O be thou my help.

87 They had almost made an end of me upon earth :

but I forsook not thy commandments.

88 O quicken me after thy loving-kindness :

and so shall I keep the testimonies of thy mouth.

89 O Lord, thy word :

endureth for ever in heaven.

90 Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another :

thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.

91 They continue this day according to thine ordinance :

for all things serve thee.

92 If my delight had not been in thy law :

I should have perished in my trouble.

93 I will never forget thy commandments :

for with them thou hast quickened me.

94 I am thine, O save me :

for I have sought thy commandments.

- 95 The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me :
but I will consider thy testimonies.
- 96 I see that all things come to an end :
but thy commandment is exceeding broad.
- 97 Lord, what love have I unto thy law :
all the day long is my study in it.
- 98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies :
for they are ever with me.
- 99 I have more understanding than my teachers :
for thy testimonies are my study.
- 100 I am wiser than the aged :
because I keep thy commandments.
- 101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way :
that I may keep thy word.
- 102 I have not shrunk from thy judgements :
for thou teachest me.
- 103 O how sweet are thy words unto my throat :
yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth.
- 104 Through thy commandments I get understanding :
therefore I hate all evil ways.
- † 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 35.30–36.1**

*The First Lesson is written in the Book of Exodus, the 35th and 36th chapters,
beginning to read at the 30th verse.*

And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the Lord hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; ³¹And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship; ³²And to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, ³³And in the cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning work. ³⁴And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of

Dan. ³⁵Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work. ^{36.1}Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the Lord put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the Lord had commanded.

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 **Galatians 5.13–end**

The Second Lesson is written in the Letter of Paul to the Galatians, the fifth chapter, beginning to read at the 13th verse.

For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. ¹⁴For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. ¹⁵But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. ¹⁶This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. ¹⁸But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

²⁰Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, ²¹Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. ²⁴And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. ²⁵If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

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 *Whitsuntide*

O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon thy disciples in Jerusalem: Grant that we who celebrate before thee the Feast of Pentecost may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit, until we come to thine eternal kingdom; 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.**