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## PREFACE.

It cannot be said that Free Churchmen have ever been indifferent to the ideal of public worship. Indeed they endured much suffering in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries that they might secure liberty to worship God according to the conscience of the worshippers. Yet it may be questioned whether those who are so swift to appreciate, and so resolute to affirm this privilege, are equally conscious that, since every privilege implies a duty, so this *right* to worship as we *like* involves the *duty* to worship as we *ought*. When George Herbert restored the parish church of Leighton Ecclesia, he was careful to place the pulpit and the reading desk side by side, and to make both of equal height, in order that, as he would often say, "they should neither have a precedency or priority of the other; but that prayer and preaching, being equally useful, might agree like brethren, and have an equal honour and estimation."\* We may be allowed to doubt whether Free Churchmen generally have kept this ideal clearly in view;

\* Walton's *Life of Herbert*.

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whether the ministers of the Free Churches habitually bestow as much care and thought on devotion as on exposition and exhortation; and whether they seek to cultivate the spirit of prayer by providing opportunity for its public and audible expression. To-day we stand so secure in the gains of the Puritan conflict for liberty of worship, that we can well afford to consider whether it has not involved us in some corresponding losses. The fact that we do not and dare not conform to *all* the usages of the Established Church cannot be a reason why we should refuse to conform to *any*. And there is a subtle irony in the situation that the element in her services most generally rejected by Free Churchmen should be the unpriestly and congregational element of common prayer. Dr. Forsyth confesses the candid truth, that our prejudice against a liturgical factor in public worship betrays "more antipathy to a particular Church and its usage than sympathy with the Holy Spirit of common prayer in the Church universal." Surely it is time for each congregation to claim its audible share in that public devotion which Free Churchmen should be the last to allow a minister to monopolise.

The only serious objection to a modicum of liturgical forms is founded on a mistaken idea of their intention and use. They are not meant to dictate, but rather to suggest and



inspire personal devotion. An earnest worshipper need not, and practically does not enter into each and every petition as he follows the Litany of the English Prayer Book. But his heart and conscience are dull indeed if its long recital of human needs does not pierce him here, and again there, to the quick, with the sense of his own personal evil, and the memory of the wants and woes of others. The Litany does its work when it stirs and kindles the soul to pray. We borrow the words of Scripture and the sentences of holy men of old and put them to their highest use, when we let them thus set our spirits in tune with the one Spirit who maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

It ought to be quite superfluous for the compilers of this book to express their faith in the supreme value of free or extempore prayer. On this point there is no practical difference of opinion among Free Churchmen. We suggest a moderate use of forms of prayer in our services, because we believe that this new element will not hinder but help us in the highest exercise of the old. Some few clergymen in the Established Church exercise their liberty to offer a free prayer before the sermon, though it seems a moot point whether this departure from the general custom of their Church does not lay them open to ecclesiastical censure. There can, however, be no question as to the perfect

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right of Free Churchmen to enrich the public service of the sanctuary by including in it whatever is best and most spiritual in the liturgies of any and every branch of Christ's flock. Liturgies and litanies are no monopoly of the more sacerdotal Churches. The great Protestant reformers and revivers of religion, such as Luther and Calvin and Knox and Wesley, habitually used and prescribed them, and proved that forms of common thanksgiving, confession, supplication, and adoration can foster rather than fetter the devout evangelical spirit.

The Editors, however, wish to disclaim any intention of composing a service-book. They have neither the ability nor the desire to undertake such a task. They would deplore any stereotyped liturgy which absolved the minister from his duty to prepare himself for leading the devotion of his people. They believe that more personal thought and prayer should be given to this preparation, rather than less, and that each service should be designed and constructed by the minister on whom this sacred obligation must always rest. To aid him in his high and difficult task, they have here collected some of the simpler and more familiar forms of prayer out of the rich storehouses of the past. They have borrowed from the service-books of Churches and the oratories of saints. And they have tried to arrange these materials for

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common worship, in a shape which admits of ready reference and convenient use. Their excuse must be that each of them has been driven to compile something of the kind for himself, through ignorance of any book—if such exists—which supplied him with what he himself needed Sunday by Sunday.

Thus the object of this manual is simply to be of some practical help to other Free Church ministers who are trying to improve and enrich the public worship which they conduct.

1. Theory and experience agree that the ideal worship of a Christian congregation will combine set forms and responses with free and spontaneous prayer.

2. A movement towards this has already begun among English Nonconformists.

3. To assist its evolution, we have here suggested more than one framework or skeleton of morning and evening services. It is almost essential for minister, choristers, and people to keep to some definite outline of worship; the logical alternative is a Friends' meeting.

4. This outline must naturally include the grand elements of (*a*) confession, (*b*) thanksgiving, (*c*) intercession.

5. We have printed alternative confessions, thanksgivings, and numerous collects, together with some brief litanies, any of which may be used at the minister's discretion, in the proper

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place, so as to vary the service, and avoid the monotony of one rigid sequence.

6. Few Nonconformist congregations are ready to adopt any complete service-book printed at length. Distaste for so drastic a change stands in the way, as well as the absence of any supremely suitable book of the kind which could gain common acceptance. We have already deprecated such a departure. It follows, therefore, that elaborate responses are at present out of the question, and we have suggested only the shortest and simplest, which any congregation may easily learn to sing.

7. We urge that the people be led by the choir to also repeat heartily, with the minister, the Lord's Prayer, the General Thanksgiving, the General Confession, and the confessional verses of Ps. li., whenever these occur in the service. The "Amens" should be sung after each prayer that is not extemporaneous.

8. When chanting is not possible, a Psalm may be read *from the Chant Book* by the people in unison with the minister.

9. When special praise or petition is requested for any individual, the fact may be announced just before the General Thanksgiving, or the prayer for All sorts and conditions of men or for the Church militant, is repeated, with a pause at the place marked for particular cases.

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10. We have added, with some hesitation, forms of service for Baptism and Communion. These sacraments seem specially unfit to be left altogether for their ordering to the impulse of the hour.

The prayers in this volume are almost all taken from earlier sources; the bulk of them will be recognised as occurring in the Book of Common Prayer. It seems almost impossible to make collects that will stand wear, out of modern English; the literary style is as unsuitable as the colloquial. And a great collect can only be appreciated by use: you must pray it again and again to know its potentiality. We have printed the prayers in their received forms, except only for occasional omissions, made to avoid tautology or undue length. But to alter a familiar collect seems as bad as to garble a classic hymn; and we have retained archaic phrases, leaving them to be modified by any reader whose taste compels or permits him to do so.

Our whole attempt and aim has been to offer a select amount of carefully-arranged material which Free Church ministers may utilise in their conduct of the public worship of God.

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## In Church.

LET US HAVE GRACE THAT WE MAY SERVE GOD ACCEPTABLY, WITH REVERENCE AND GODLY FEAR:

1. By expectancy of spirit, claiming those great and precious promises which belong to the assembled Church.
2. By stillness in prayer, during which none should enter, and all should kneel.
3. By heartiness in utterance, each voice joining in the common praises and prayers.
4. By a personal act of silent worship *before* the beginning of public service and *after* its close.



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After this manner pray ye :

**O**UR Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name. Thy  
kingdom come. Thy will be done in  
earth, As it is in heaven. Give us  
this day our daily bread. And for-  
give us our trespasses, As we forgive  
them that trespass against us. And  
lead us not into temptation ; But  
deliver us from evil : For Thine is  
the kingdom, The power, and the  
glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

### Opening Sentences.

**O** COME, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, and He shall lift you up.

Draw nigh unto God, and He will draw nigh unto you.

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**T**HE Lord is in His holy temple: let the whole earth keep silence before Him.

Be still and know that I am God.

Take thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

Rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, and He shall give thee thy heart's desire.

In returning and in rest shall ye be

saved ; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.

There remaineth therefore a rest for the people of God.

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**G**OD so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins . . . and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give His Holy Spirit unto them that ask Him ?

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**C**OME now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord : though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be

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white as snow ; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money ; come ye, buy, and eat ; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

The Spirit and the Bride say, Come ; and let him that heareth say Come ; and let him that is athirst come ; and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come.

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**L**IKE as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God : when shall I come and appear before the presence of God ?

Take thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

Surely the Lord is in this place, and I knew it not. This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God

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is with men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and shall be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

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**S**E EK ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him ; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Ask, and it shall be given you ; seek, and ye shall find ; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

When Thou saidst, Seek ye My face," my heart said unto Thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after ; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.

Every one that asketh receiveth ;



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and he that seeketh findeth ; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

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**O** COME, let us worship and bow down ; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

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 good ; His mercy is everlasting ; and His truth endureth unto all generations.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live. I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

My meditation of Him shall be sweet : I will be glad in the Lord.

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**B**EHOLD, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save ; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear.

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength ; they shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run, and not be weary ; and they shall walk, and not faint.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble.

The Eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

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**G**OD is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are round about Him.

Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the High God ?

God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

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**L**IKE as a Father pitieth His children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

We have not received the spirit of bondage again unto fear ; but we have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba, that is Father.

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I will arise and go to my Father, and will say unto Him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before Thee, and am no more worthy to be called Thy son.

While he was yet a great way off his Father saw him, and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask Him.

Ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

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#### AT MORNING SERVICE.

**M**Y voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord. In the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up.

As for me, I will come into Thy house in the multitude of Thy mercies ; and in Thy fear will I worship toward Thy holy temple.

Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion, and unto Thee shall the vow be performed.

O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come.

Iniquities prevail against us: as for our transgressions Thou shalt purge them away.

Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest, and causest to approach unto Thee.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house, even of Thy holy temple.

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#### AT EVENING SERVICE.

**F**ROM the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised.

Let our prayer be set forth as incense, and the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice.

It shall come to pass that at evening time there shall be light.

This is the message which we have heard of Him: that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth.

But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of

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Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

If our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

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### AN OPENING PRAYER.

*From the Psalter.*

**L**ORD, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Our fathers trusted in Thee, and were not confounded. Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving-kindnesses, for they have been ever of old.

We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, the noble works that Thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

Return, O Lord, how long, and let it repent Thee concerning Thy servants.

O satisfy us early with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts: try us, and know our thoughts: and see if there be any

wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

Let the words of our mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer.

## Confessions.

### A GENERAL CONFESSION.

**A**LMIGHTY 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 them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent; According to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu 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.*

## A CONFESSION.

**A**LMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against Thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of Thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## A GENERAL CONFESSION.

*From Psalm li.*

**H**AVE mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness:



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According to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out all our transgressions.

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin ;

For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

Create in us a clean heart, O God ; and renew a right spirit within us.

Cast us not away from Thy presence, and take not thy holy Spirit from us.

Restore unto us the joy of Thy salvation : and uphold us with Thy free spirit.

O Lord, open Thou our lips : and our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

For Thou desirest not sacrifice, else would we give it ; Thou delightest not in burnt offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit : a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

## A SHORT CONFESSION.

*From the Psalter.*

OUR prayer is unto Thee, O Lord,  
in an acceptable time.

O God, in the multitude of Thy mercies hear us ; in the truth of Thy salvation.

O God, Thou knowest our foolishness, and our sins are not hid from Thee.

Deliver us out of the mire, and let us not sink. Let us be delivered out of the deep waters.

Hear us, O Lord, for Thy loving-kindness is good.

Turn unto us, according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies.

And hide not Thy face from Thy servants ; for we are poor and sorrowful.

Let Thy salvation, O God, set us up on high.

## Thanksgivings.

### A GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

**A**LMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we Thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and lovingkindness 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 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 ourselves 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

\* This to be said when any desire to return praise.

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honour and glory, world without end.  
*Amen.*

A THANKSGIVING.

**O** LORD and heavenly Father, we Thy humble servants desire Thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching Thee to grant, that by the merits and death of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in His blood, we and all Thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins. And here we offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto Thee; humbly beseeching Thee, that all we may be fulfilled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy to offer unto Thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech Thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.  
*Amen.*

## Intercessions.

### A PRAYER FOR ALL SORTS AND 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 ; [*\*especially those for whom our prayers are desired,*] that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their

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

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.*

A PRAYER FOR THE WHOLE STATE  
OF CHRIST'S CHURCH MILITANT  
HERE ON EARTH.

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, who hast taught us to make supplications, and to give thanks, for all men; most mercifully receive these our prayers, which we offer unto Thy Divine Majesty; inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant, that all they that do confess Thy holy Name may agree in the truth of Thy holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love. We beseech Thee also to save and defend all Christian Princes, and Governors; and specially Thy servant our Queen, and all that are put in authority under her. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Ministers, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth Thy Word,

and rightly administer Thy Sacraments. And to all Thy people give Thy heavenly grace ; and especially to this congregation here present ; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive Thy holy Word ; truly serving Thee in righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech Thee of Thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other ad-

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versity [*\*especially those for whom our prayers are desired*]. And we also bless Thy holy Name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear ; beseeching Thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

## Short Litanies.

### THE COMMANDMENTS OF CHRIST.

*Minister :*

**T**HOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.

*Response :* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Minister :* Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

*Response :* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Minister :* Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

*Response :* Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

*Minister :* The Lord be with you.

*People :* And with thy spirit.

*Here may follow a Collect, or the Lord's Prayer.*



## THE BEATITUDES.

*Minister :*

**B**LESSED are the poor in spirit :  
for theirs is the kingdom of  
heaven.

*Congregation :* Lord, have mercy  
upon us, and incline our hearts to  
heed Thy Word.

*Minister :* Blessed are they that  
mourn : for they shall be comforted.

*Congregation :* Lord, have mercy  
upon us, and incline our hearts to  
heed Thy Word.

*Minister :* Blessed are the meek : for  
they shall inherit the earth.

*Congregation :* Lord, have mercy  
upon us, and incline our hearts to  
heed Thy Word.

*Minister :* Blessed are they which  
do hunger and thirst after righteous-  
ness : for they shall be filled.

*Congregation :* Lord, have mercy  
upon us, and incline our hearts to  
heed Thy Word.

*Minister :* Blessed are the merciful :  
for they shall obtain mercy.

*Congregation :* Lord, have mercy  
upon us, and incline our hearts to  
heed Thy Word.

*Minister* : Blessed are the pure in heart : for they shall see God.

*Congregation* : Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to heed Thy Word.

*Minister* : Blessed are the peacemakers : for they shall be called the children of God.

*Congregation* : Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to heed Thy Word.

*Minister* : Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*Congregation* : Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to heed Thy Word. *Amen.*

### CHRIST'S CALL TO CONSECRATION.

*Minister* :

**J**ESUS saith, Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father who is in heaven.

*Congregation* : Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to heed Thy Word.

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*Minister*: He that taketh not his cross, and followeth after Me, is not worthy of Me.

*Congregation*: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to heed Thy Word.

*Minister*: He that findeth his life shall lose it, and he that loseth his life, for My sake, shall find it.

*Congregation*: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to heed Thy Word.

*Minister*: Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

*Congregation*: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to heed Thy Word.

*Minister*: Ye cannot serve God and Mammon.

*Congregation*: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to heed Thy Word.

*Minister*: Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

*Congregation*: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to heed Thy Word. *Amen.*

## SUFFRAGES.

*To follow at the end of a Prayer or Collect.*

*Minister :*

**O** LORD, open Thou our lips.  
*People :* And our mouth shall  
 show forth Thy praise.

*Minister :* O God, make speed to save  
 us.

*People :* O Lord, make haste to help  
 us.

*Here all standing up, the Minister shall say :*

Glory be to the Father, and to the  
 Son : and to the Holy Ghost.

*People :* As it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ever shall be : world with-  
 out end. *Amen.*

*Minister :* Praise ye the Lord.

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

*Here may follow a Hymn, Chant, or Anthem.*

## SUFFRAGES.

*Before a Prayer or Collect.*

*Minister :*

**O** LORD, show Thy mercy upon  
 us.

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*People:* And grant us Thy salvation.

*Minister:* O Lord, save the Queen.

*People:* And mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee.

*Minister:* Endue Thy ministers with righteousness.

*People:* And make Thy chosen people joyful.

*Minister:* O Lord, save Thy people.

*People:* And bless Thine inheritance.

*Minister:* Give peace in our time, O Lord.

*People:* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only Thou, O God.

*Minister:* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*People:* And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

## Collects.

ARRANGED IN ORDER, WITH THE SPECIAL SUBJECT  
INDICATED IN THE MARGIN.

I.

*For  
Inward  
Cleans-  
ing.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

II.

*For True  
Repent-  
ance.*

**A**LMIGHTY 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.*

III.

*For  
Mercy.*

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to

hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire, or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

## IV.

**O** GOD, who declarest Thy almighty *For*  
power most chiefly in showing *Mercy.*  
mercy and pity; Mercifully grant  
unto us such a measure of Thy grace,  
that we, running the way of Thy  
commandments, may obtain Thy gra-  
cious promises, and be made partakers  
of Thy heavenly treasure; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## v.

**W**E humbly beseech Thee, O Father, *For*  
mercifully to look upon our *Mercy.*  
infirmities; and for the glory of Thy  
Name turn from us all those evils  
that we most righteously have de-  
served; and grant, that in all our  
troubles we may put our whole trust  
and confidence in Thy mercy, and

evermore serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, to Thy honour and glory, through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

## VI.

*For  
Mercy.*

**O** GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

## VII.

*For  
Healing  
Mercy.*

**O** GOD, beneath whose eyes every heart trembles, and all consciences are afraid: be merciful to the groanings of all, and heal the wounds of all; that as not one of us is free from fault, so not one may be shut out from pardon; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## VIII.

*For  
Pardon  
and  
Peace.*

**G**RANT, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



## IX.

**O** GOD, merciful Father, that des- *For*  
 pisest not the sighing of a con- *Deliver-*  
 trite heart, nor the desire of such as *ance*  
 be sorrowful ; mercifully assist our *from*  
 prayers that we make before Thee in *Evil.*  
 all our troubles and adversities, when-  
 soever they oppress us ; that we Thy  
 servants, being hurt by no persecu-  
 tions, may evermore give thanks unto  
 Thee in Thy holy Church ; through  
 Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## X.

**O** GOD, who knowest us to be set *For Help*  
 in the midst of so many and *and*  
 great dangers, that by reason of the *Grace.*  
 frailty of our nature we cannot  
 always stand upright ; Grant to us  
 such strength and protection, as may  
 support us in all dangers, and carry  
 us through all temptations ; through  
 Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## XI.

**O** GOD, whose blessed Son was *For*  
 manifested that He might de- *Purity.*  
 stroy the works of the devil, and  
 make us the sons of God, and heirs of  
 eternal life ; grant us, we beseech

Thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as He is pure ; that, when He shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom ; where with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, He liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## XII.

*For a  
Stead-  
fast  
Heart.*

**O** ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men ; Grant unto Thy people, that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise ; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## XIII.

*For a  
Perfect  
Heart.*

**L** ORD, for Thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge ; but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk with a perfect heart before Thee now and evermore. *Amen.*

## XIV.

**L**ORD, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee the only God ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *For Victory over Temptation.*  
*Amen.*

## XV.

**O**LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth ; send Thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee. Grant this for Thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *For Charity.*  
*Amen.*

## XVI.

**L**ORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things ; graft in our hearts the love of Thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *For Increase of Piety.*  
*Amen.*

## XVII.

*For the  
Love of  
God.*

**O** GOD, who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## XVIII.

*For Love  
of God's  
Law.*

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that which Thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## XIX.

*For the  
Satisfac-  
tion of  
the Soul.*

**O** GOD, the Life of the faithful, the Bliss of the righteous, mercifully receive the prayers of Thy suppliants; that the souls which thirst for Thy promises may evermore be filled from Thine abundance; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## XX.

*For  
Inward  
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 both 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.*

## XXI.

**O** GOD, who art Peace everlasting, *For*  
 whose chosen reward is the gift *Inward*  
 of peace, and who hast taught us that *Peace.*  
 the peacemakers are Thy children ;  
 pour Thy sweet peace into our souls,  
 that everything discordant may ut-  
 terly vanish, and all that makes for  
 peace be sweet to us for ever. *Amen.*

## XXII.

**O** GOD, who art the author of peace *For*  
 and lover of concord, in know- *Peace.*  
 ledge 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 adver-  
 saries, through the might of Jesus  
 Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## XXIII.

*For  
Peace.*

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; mercifully hear the supplications of Thy people, and grant us Thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## XXIV.

*For  
Divine  
Defence.*

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth Thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## XXV.

*For  
Divine  
Defence.*

**O** LORD God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do; mercifully grant that by Thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## XXVI.

*For  
Divine  
Protection.*

**O** ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of Thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech Thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul,

may cheerfully accomplish those things that Thou wouldest have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## XXVII.

**O** GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; we humbly beseech Thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For  
Divine  
Provi-  
dence.*

## XXVIII.

**O** GOD, the protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy; that, Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

*For  
Divine  
Guid-  
ance.*

## XXIX.

**O** GOD, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee; mercifully grant, that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For the  
Guid-  
ance of  
the  
Spirit.*

## XXX.

*For the  
Church.*

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## XXXI.

*For Zeal  
in the  
Church.*

**S**TIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of Thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## XXXII.

*For the  
Church's  
Peace.*

**G**RANT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Thy governance, that Thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



## XXXIII.

**K**EEP, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy Church with Thy perpetual mercy: and, because the frailty of man without Thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by Thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For the  
Church's  
Safety.*

## XXXIV.

**L**ORD, we beseech Thee to keep Thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through Thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve Thee in good works, to the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For the  
Church's  
Safety.*

## XXXV.

**W**E beseech Thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Thy people; that by Thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For the  
Church's  
Safety.*

## XXXVI.

**O**LORD, we beseech Thee, let Thy continual pity cleanse and de-

*For the  
Church's  
Safety.*

fend Thy Church ; and, because it cannot continue in safety without Thy succour, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## XXXVII.

*For the  
Church's  
Faith.*

**O** LORD, we beseech Thee to keep Thy Church and household continually in Thy true religion ; that they who do lean only upon the hope of Thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by Thy mighty power ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## XXXVIII.

*A Prayer  
for  
Unity.*

**O** GOD the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace ; Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord : that, as there is but one Body, and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of

faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## XXXIX.

**O** ALMIGHTY God, who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head cornerstone ; grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto Thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For the Church's Unity.*

## XL.

**W**E bow in prayer before Thy throne, O God. Help us to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Help us to pray, help us to praise and hear Thy Word. Look down, O Lord, in mercy upon us, and blot out all our transgressions. O hear our prayer, accept our praise, forgive and bless us for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

*For Help in Worship*

## XLI.

**B**LESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning ; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark,

*For the Understanding of Scripture.*

learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of Thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## XLII.

*For  
Guid-  
ance in  
Prayer.*

**L**ET Thy merciful ear, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Thy humble servants; and that we may obtain our petitions, make us to ask such things as shall please Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## XLIII.

*For  
Guid-  
ance in  
Prayer.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; we beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## XLIV.

*At the  
Close of  
Worship.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in Thy Son's name;

we beseech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ears to us that have made now our prayers and supplications unto Thee; and grant, that those things which we have faithfully asked according to Thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## XLV.

**O** GOD, the strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace, that in keeping of Thy commandments we may please Thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*At the  
Close of  
Worship.*

## XLVI.

**O** LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive the prayers of Thy people which call upon Thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*At the  
Close of  
Worship.*

## XLVII.

*After  
Sermon.*

**G**RANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears may, through Thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## XLVIII.

*At the  
Close of  
Worship.*

**O** GOD, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness; be ready, we beseech Thee, to hear the devout prayers of Thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## XLIX.

*At the  
Close of  
Worship.*

**A**LMIGHTY 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.*

## L.

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful *For the Sick.* Father, whose lovingkindness is over all Thy works, behold, visit, and relieve Thy servants, who are grieved with sickness. Grant that the sense of their weakness may add strength to their faith, and seriousness to their repentance. And grant that by the help of Thy Holy Spirit, after the pains and labours of this short life, we may all obtain everlasting happiness ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## LI.

**O**LORD, our heavenly Father, *Morning for Grace.* 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 may be ordered by Thy governance, to do always that is righteous in Thy

sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

## LII.

*Morning.* **P**REVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## LIII.

*Evening.* **L**IGHTEN 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.*

## LIV.

*Advent.* **A**LMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the quick and dead, we may rise to the life immor-



tal, through Him who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

## LV.

**W**E beseech Thee, O Lord, pour *Christ-*  
Thy grace into our hearts; that, *mas.*  
as we have known the incarnation of  
Thy Son Jesus Christ, so by His cross  
and passion we may be brought unto  
the glory of His resurrection; through  
the same Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

## LVI.

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, *Good*  
who, of Thy tender love towards *Friday.*  
mankind, hast sent Thy Son, our  
Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon  
Him our flesh, and to suffer death  
upon the cross, that all mankind  
should follow the example of His  
great humility; mercifully grant,  
that we may both follow the example  
of His patience, and also be made  
partakers of His resurrection; through  
the same Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

## LVII.

**A**LMIGHTY God, who through *Easter.*  
Thine only-begotten Son Jesus  
Christ hast overcome death, and

opened unto us the gate of everlasting life ; we humbly beseech Thee, that, as by Thy special grace preventing us Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by Thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect ; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## LVIII.

*Ascensiontide.*

**G**RANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe Thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens ; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## LIX.

*Whitsuntide.*

**O** GOD the King of glory, who hast exalted Thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto Thy kingdom in heaven ; we beseech Thee, leave us not comfortless ; but send to us Thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is

gone before, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## LX.

**G**OD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit; grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*Whit-  
suntide.*

## LXI.

**O** ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Thy Son Christ our Lord; grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*All  
Saints'  
Day.*

## LXII.

*Spring-  
time.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, who bringest forth again the fruits of the earth, be pleased to renew within us, by Thy Divine Spirit, the life that the care and cold of this world have caused to fade; that we, bringing forth even in this world the perpetual bloom of faith and hope and charity, may pass into the land of eternal light and life, there to abide for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## LXIII.

*Harvest.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, giver of the seed and of the soil; of the word and the understanding; of the heavenly life and the earthly vessel; teach us the good husbandry of the heart, so that Thy precious word may bring forth fruit; and that we may thereby be refreshed for our daily life, and fitted at last for the life eternal. We ask it through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## LXIV.

*In Com-  
memora-  
tion of  
the De-  
parted.*

**E**TERNAL God, in whom the spirits of just men do rest in peace from their labours; we bless and praise Thy holy Name for all Thy servants

departed this life in Thy faith and fear ; and especially for those most dear to us, of whom we have good hope that they are fallen asleep in peace with Thee ; and we beseech Thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples that even here we may be united to them in fellowship of spirit, and that finally we may be gathered together with them into the bosom of Thy love. *Amen.*

## LXV.

**O** GOD, Giver and Preserver of all life, by whose power we were created, and by whose providence we are sustained, look down upon us with tenderness and mercy. Grant that by longer life we may become less desirous of sinful pleasures and more careful of eternal happiness. Let not our years be multiplied to increase our guilt, but as our age advances let us become more pure in our thoughts, more regular in our desires, and more obedient to Thy laws. Finally, give us such a sense of our wickedness as may produce true contrition and effectual repentance ; so that when we shall be called into another state,

*New  
Year's  
Eve.*

we may be received among the sinners for whom sorrow and reformation have obtained pardon; for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

*Note:* Collects VII., XIX. and XXI. are from Canon Bright's "Ancient Collects"; Nos. LXII. and LXIII. from Mr. George Dawson's "Prayers"; Nos. L. and LXV. have been condensed from Dr. Johnson; No. LXIV. is from "Ten Services of Public Prayer"; and the Collect in the Baptismal Service is from Jeremy Taylor.

## Offertory Sentences.

*Just before, or during the collection, at any service, some of the following sentences of Scripture may be read :*

**S**ELL that ye have and give alms ;  
make for yourselves purses  
which wax not old, a treasure in  
the heavens that faileth not, where  
no thief approacheth nor moth cor-  
rupteth. For where your treasure is,  
there will your heart be also.

How much owest thou unto thy  
Lord ?

Ye know the grace of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, that though He was  
rich, for our sakes He became poor,  
that we through His poverty might  
be rich.

Freely ye have received, freely  
give.

Let every man give according as  
he hath purposed in his heart : not  
grudgingly or of necessity : for God  
loveth a cheerful giver.

To do good and to communicate  
forget not : for with such sacrifices  
God is well pleased.

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Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

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**A**S we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them that are of the household of faith.

Concerning the collection for the saints, upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him.

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.

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**C**AST thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days.

With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed.

He that soweth sparingly shall also reap sparingly, and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

He that hath pity on the poor lendeth unto the Lord, and that which he hath given will He repay him again.



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Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

When thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth; that thine alms may be in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret Himself shall reward thee openly.

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**D**O not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect cometh down from above from the Father of lights.

He giveth unto all men liberally, and upbraideth not.

All things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee.

Though I give all my goods to feed the poor, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing.

Love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, never despairing: and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be sons of the Most High, for He is kind to the unthankful and the evil.

Be ye therefore merciful, even as your Father in heaven is merciful.

## Ascriptions and Benedictions.

**N**OW the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**N**OW unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

**N**OW unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto Him be glory in the Church, by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

UNTO Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

NOW unto the blessed and only Potentate, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen or can see; to Him be honour and power everlasting. *Amen.*

NOW unto the God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless you, and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**T**HE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

## A Service for the Baptism of Children.

### INTRODUCTORY SENTENCES.

**L**IKE as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you.

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children.

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**O** SATISFY us early with Thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands, establish Thou it.

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**A**ND it came to pass that Hannah bare a son, and called his name

Samuel ; saying, Because I have asked him of the Lord. And she took him up with her unto the house of the Lord. And she said, For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of Him ; therefore also I have lent him to the Lord : as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord.

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**T**HERE was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, then took he Him up in his arms, and blessed God.

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**C**HRIST Himself said: Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in heaven.

Whosoever shall receive this child in My name receiveth Me: and whosoever shall receive Me receiveth Him that sent Me.

All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore,

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and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. *Amen.*

*Here may follow a brief Address to Parents and People, with Prayer by the Minister.*

*Then shall be read as follows:—*

**H**EAR the words of the Gospel, written by St. Mark: They brought young children to Christ that He should touch them; and His disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And He took them up in His arms, and put His hands upon them, and blessed them.

*After which may follow this Exhortation:—*

**B**ELOVED, ye hear in this Gospel the words of our Saviour Christ, that He commanded the children to

be brought unto Him; how He blamed those that would have kept them from Him; how He exhorted all men to follow their innocency. Ye perceive how by His outward gesture and deed He declared His goodwill toward them; for He embraced them in His arms, He laid His hands upon them, and blessed them. Doubt ye not therefore, but earnestly believe, that He hath likewise favourably received *this present infant*; that He hath embraced *him* with the arms of His mercy; and that He will give unto *him* the blessing of eternal life, and make *him* partaker of His everlasting kingdom. Wherefore we being thus persuaded of the goodwill of our heavenly Father towards *this infant*, declared by His Son Jesus Christ; let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks unto Him, and say the prayer which the Lord Himself taught us:

*Our Father, &c.*

*Then the Minister, receiving the child from the Parents, the Congregation standing, baptizes the child, saying:*

*N or NN, I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*



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*Then the Minister may add :*

The Lord bless thee and keep thee.  
The Lord make His face to shine  
upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.  
The Lord lift up His countenance  
upon thee, and give thee peace.  
*Amen.*

*Or this :*

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom. *Amen.*

*Let us pray :*

**O** MOST holy, most gracious Saviour Jesus, who lovest Thy Church, and hast given Thyself for it, that Thou mightest sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word; do Thou with Thy Holy Spirit enlighten, and with Thy Word instruct, the understanding of *this child*, that *he* may live by faith, and may receive the secrets of Thy kingdom, and know Thy will, and obey Thy laws, and promote Thy glory. *Amen.*

*Here may follow the Hymn.*

## BENEDICTION.

**F**OR this cause we bow our knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

## An Order for the Communion Service.

### OPENING SENTENCES.

*N.B.—Before these any new Communicants may be welcomed into the Church. If an address be given it may also come here.*

*Then the Minister shall read some of the following :—*

**T**HE cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ ?

The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ ?

Seeing that we, who are many, are one bread, one body : for we all partake of the one bread.

This is the bread which came down from heaven, of which if a man eat he shall live for ever.

Lord, evermore give us this bread.

Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness : for they shall be filled.

Jesus saith unto them, Are ye able to drink of the cup that I drink of ? They say unto Him, We are able. He saith unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of My cup.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits towards me ?

I will take the cup of salvation, and I will call upon the Lord.

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

*Here may follow a Hymn, after which the Minister shall say:—*

**W**HEN ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread, and drink of the cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

#### PRAYER.

**A**Lmighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## LESSON.

1 Cor. xi. 22-26.

**O**UR Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed took bread: and when He had given thanks He brake it and said, Take, eat, this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in My blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup ye do show the Lord's death till He come.

*Minister.*

**H**EAR what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to Him:

Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

He that cometh unto Me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst.

Him that cometh unto Me, I will in no wise cast out.

The Spirit and the Bride say, Come; and let him that heareth say, Come; and let him that is athirst come; and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

*Minister to the People.*

**Y**E that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways; draw near with faith, and take this Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

## PRAYER.

WE do not presume to come to this Thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy Table. But Thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. *Amen.*

*Minister and People.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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: For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Here follows the Distribution of the Bread.*

*Minister* : The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ ?

*Or,*

The Lord said : This is My body which is given for you : this do in remembrance of Me.

*Then immediately follows the Distribution of the Wine.*

*Minister* : The cup which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ ?

*Or,*

The Lord said : This is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

*Adding,*

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we do show the Lord's death, till He come.



## OTHERWISE.

*At the Distribution of the Bread.*

*Minister.*

**T**HE body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your bodies and souls unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*At the Distribution of the Wine.*

*Minister.*

**T**HE blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your bodies and souls unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful.

*After Silent Prayer. A Prayer by the Minister.*

*Or,*

*Certain Sentences from this Post-Communion Litany :*

**O** GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth for ever.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thine unspeakable gift.

We thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Thy sight.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

We therefore pray Thee help Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world; grant us Thy peace.

O Lord and Giver of Life, abide in us and we in Thee; and Thou wilt raise us up at the last day.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servants

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depart in peace, according to Thy word. For our eyes have seen Thy salvation.

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.

Defend us Thy servants with Thy heavenly grace, that we may continue Thine for ever, and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more.

And keep us in everlasting fellowship with our brothers and sisters who have entered into the joy of their Lord; and with the whole Church triumphant: and let us rest together in Thy presence from our labours.

Now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Closing Hymn, with Offertory.*

BENEDICTION.

## An Example of Morning Service.

*Opening Sentences to be read by the Minister, the  
Congregation standing.*

**T**HE Lord is in His holy temple:  
let the whole earth keep silence  
before Him.

O worship the Lord in the beauty  
of holiness; bow before Him all the  
earth.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be  
praised, and to be had in reverence of  
all that call upon Him.

God is a Spirit; and they that  
worship Him must worship Him in  
spirit and in truth. The Father  
seeketh such to worship Him.

(For alternative Opening Sentences, see p. 17.)

*Then the Minister shall say:*

O Lord, open Thou our lips.

*And the Congregation shall say or sing:*

And our mouth shall shew forth . . . thy praise.

## HYMN.

PRAYER:—THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING (see p. 31.)

(For alternative Thanksgivings, see p. 32.)

FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER (p. 16.)

*Both to be audibly repeated by the Congregation, the  
"Amens" being sung.*

CHANT: OR HYMN.

FIRST LESSON.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CHILDREN'S ADDRESS.

CHILDREN'S HYMN: OR ANTHEM.

SECOND LESSON.

PRAYER BY THE MINISTER.

HYMN.

SERMON.

HYMN.

PRAYER:—*Collect No. XLIX.*

(For alternative Collects see p. 57).

BENEDICTION (see p. 70).

## Example of Evening Service.

*Opening Sentences, to be read by the Minister, the  
Congregation standing.*

**S**E EK ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

The Spirit and the Bride say, Come; and let him that heareth say, Come; and let him that is athirst come; and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

(For alternative Opening Sentences, see p. 17.)

*Then the Minister shall say:*

O Lord, open Thou our lips.

*And the Congregation shall say or sing:*

And our mouth shall show forth  
Thy praise.

## HYMN.

PRAYER: The General Confession (p. 27). *To be audibly repeated by the Congregation.*

(For alternative Confessions, see p. 28.)

A Collect. (See pp. 42-66.)

The Lord's Prayer (p. 16), *to be audibly repeated by the Congregation.*

*To each of these the "Amen" should be sung by the Congregation.*

## CHANT, OR HYMN.

LITANY, *for which all should kneel.*

*Minister*: Let the words of our mouth, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer.

*Congregation*: Amen.

*Minister*: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.

*Congregation*: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Minister*: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

*Congregation*: Lord, have mercy

upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Minister*: A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another.

*Congregation*: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Minister*: Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you.

*Congregation*: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

(For alternative Litanies see pp. 36-41.)

*An appropriate musical setting of the Response is:*

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

The first system of musical notation is for the vocal line. It is in a 4/2 time signature with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody begins on a G4 note, moves to F4, then E4, and continues with a series of quarter notes: D4, C4, B3, A3, G3, F3, E3, D3. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with a long dotted line under 'on'.

And in - cline our hearts to keep this law.

The second system of musical notation is for the vocal line. It continues in the same 4/2 time signature and key signature. The melody begins on a G4 note, moves to F4, then E4, and continues with a series of quarter notes: D4, C4, B3, A3, G3, F3, E3, D3. The lyrics are placed below the notes.



## ANTHEM.

LESSON : *followed by Announcements.*

PRAYER BY THE MINISTER.

HYMN.

SERMON.

HYMN.

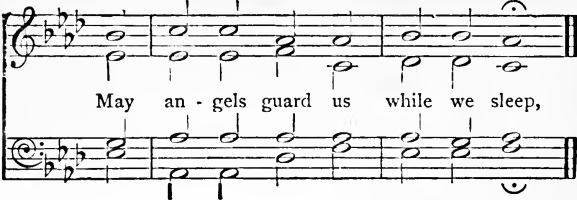
PRAYER : *Collects, Nos. XLVII. and LIII.*

(For alternative Collects see pp. 57, 58.)

VESPER VERSE *to be sung very softly by the Congregation, still kneeling.**Slow and soft.*

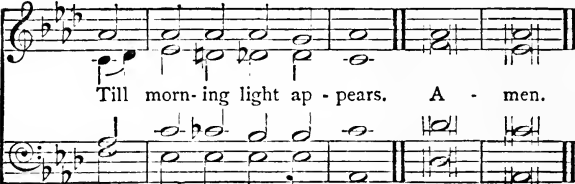
Lord, keep us safe this night,

Se - cure from all our fears ;



May an - gels guard us while we sleep,

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. It contains a vocal line with lyrics. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, containing a piano accompaniment. The music concludes with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.



Till morn - ing light ap - pears. A - men.

The second system of music also consists of two staves in the same key signature and time signature. The vocal line continues with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support. The system ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

BENEDICTION (see p. 70).

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