**Evensong**

**Book of Common Prayer**

*All stand at the as the ministers and choir*

**Hymn**

Minister Beloved, we are come together in the presence of almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require. Wherefore let us kneel in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

*All kneeling, the minister and people say the general confession together*

**All Almighty and most merciful Father,**

**We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,**

**We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,**

**We have offended against thy holy laws,**

**We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,**

**And we have done those things which we ought not to have done,**

**And there is no health in us:**

**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders;**

**Spare thou 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.**

*The reader may say*

Minister Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people

pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from their sins,

and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen**

*Minister and people say the Lord's Prayer together.*

Minister Our Father,

**All 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.**

*Minister*  O Lord, open thou our lips.  
***All* And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

*Minister*  O God, make speed to save us.  
***All* O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*All stand*Minister Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
***All* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,**

**world without end.** **Amen.**

*Minister*  Praise ye the Lord.  
***All* The Lord's Name be praised.**

*Stand* **The Psalm**

*The psalm will be announced or the following psalm may be used*

**Psalm 148.**

*Laudate Dominum*

**O praise the Lord of heaven : praise him in the height.**

**2 Praise him, all ye angels of his : praise him, all his host.**

**3 Praise him, sun and moon : praise him, all ye stars and light.**

**4 Praise him, all ye heavens : and ye waters that are above the heavens.**

**5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord : for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.**

**6 He hath made them fast for ever and ever : he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.**

**7 Praise the Lord upon earth : ye dragons, and all deeps;**

**8 Fire and hail, snow and vapours : wind and storm, fulfilling his word;**

**9 Mountains and all hills : fruitful trees and all cedars;**

**10 Beasts and all cattle : worms and feathered fowls;**

**11 Kings of the earth and all people : princes and all judges of the world;**

**12 Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord : for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.**

**13 He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him : even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.**

*At the end of the psalm;*

**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**

*Sit* **The First Lesson**

*Stand*  **Magnificat**

*(or the Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary) Luke 1*

**All My soul doth magnify the Lord:   
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.**

**For he hath regarded:   
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.**

**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 shewed 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, forever.**

**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.**

*Sit* **The Second Lesson**

*Stand* **Nunc Dimittis**

*Luke 2.29*

**All 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.**

*Then shall be said or sung the Apostles' Creed, by the Minister and the people remain standing.*

**The Apostles' Creed**

Minister I believe in God

**All 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 Catholick Church;**

**The Communion of Saints;**

**The Forgiveness of sins;**

**The Resurrection of the body,**

**And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

*Minister* The Lord be with you.  
***All* And with thy spirit.***Minister* Let us pray.

*All kneel*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

***All* Christ, have mercy upon us.**Lord, have mercy upon us.

Minister Our Father,

**All 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. Amen.**

*Then the Minister standing up shall say, the people continue to kneel*

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

O Lord, save the Queen.  
**All And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.  
**All And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people.  
**All And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
**All Because there is none other that fighteth for us,**

**but only thou, O God.**

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

**The Collect of the Day**

*The minister says the collect of the day, or the following may be used*

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.

**All Amen.**

**The Collect for Peace**

Minister 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.

**All** **Amen.**

**The Collect for Aid against all Perils,**

Minister 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.

**All** **Amen.**

*Stand* **Hymn**

*Kneel* **The Prayers**

Lord in your mercy or Lord hear us

**Hear our prayer Lord graciously hear us**

*Stand* **Hymn**

*(During the hymn, a collection may be taken)*

*This prayer or a blessing may be used to conclude the service*

Minister The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

**All Amen.**

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