

## **Evening Prayer Rite I**

Thine is the day, O God, thine also the night; thou hast established the moon and the sun. Thou hast fixed all the boundaries of the earth; thou hast made summer and winter.

*Psalm 74:15,16*

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

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. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou  
those who are penitent, according to thy promises  
declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus 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 Priest alone stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and  
remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment  
of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.  
*Amen.*

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*All stand*

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

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

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!

**O Gracious Light**     *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,

O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the world

## **The Psalm or Psalms Appointed**

**128** *Beati omnes*

1 Happy are they all who fear the Lord, \*  
and who follow in his ways!

2 You shall eat the fruit of your labor; \*  
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.

3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house,  
\*

your children like olive shoots round about your table.

4 The man who fears the Lord \*  
shall thus indeed be blessed.

5 The Lord bless you from Zion, \*  
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days  
of your life.

6 May you live to see your children's children; \*  
may peace be upon Israel.

## **129** *Sæpe expugnauerunt*

1 "Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth," \*  
let Israel now say;

2 "Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth, \*  
but they have not prevailed against me."

3 The plowmen plowed upon my back \*  
and made their furrows long.

4 The Lord, the Righteous One, \*  
has cut the cords of the wicked.

5 Let them be put to shame and thrown back, \*  
all those who are enemies of Zion.

6 Let them be like grass upon the housetops, \*

which withers before it can be plucked;

7 Which does not fill the hand of the reaper, \*  
nor the bosom of him who binds the sheaves;

8 So that those who go by say not so much as,  
"The Lord prosper you. \*  
We wish you well in the Name of the Lord."

### **130** *De profundis*

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
O Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, \*  
for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen. Alleluia!

## **A Reading From the First Book of Samuel 12:1-6,16-25**

# 12

Samuel said to all Israel, 'I have listened to you in all that you have said to me, and have set a king over you. <sup>2</sup>See, it is the king who leads you now; I am old and grey, but my sons are with you. I have led you from my youth until this day. <sup>3</sup>Here I am; testify against me before the Lord and before his anointed. Whose ox have I taken? Or whose donkey have I taken? Or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed? Or from whose hand have I taken a bribe to blind my eyes with it? Testify against me\* and I will restore it to you.' <sup>4</sup>They said, 'You have not defrauded us or oppressed us or taken anything from the hand of anyone.' <sup>5</sup>He said to them, 'The Lord is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand.' And they said, 'He is witness.'

<sup>6</sup> Samuel said to the people, 'The Lord is witness, who\* appointed Moses and Aaron and brought your ancestors up out of the land of Egypt. <sup>16</sup>Now therefore take your stand and see this great thing that the Lord will do before your eyes. <sup>17</sup>Is it not the wheat harvest today? I will call upon the Lord, that he may send thunder and rain; and

you shall know and see that the wickedness that you have done in the sight of the Lord is great in demanding a king for yourselves.' <sup>18</sup>So Samuel called upon the Lord, and the Lord sent thunder and rain that day; and all the people greatly feared the Lord and Samuel.

<sup>19</sup> All the people said to Samuel, 'Pray to the Lord your God for your servants, so that we may not die; for we have added to all our sins the evil of demanding a king for ourselves.' <sup>20</sup>And Samuel said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; you have done all this evil, yet do not turn aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart; <sup>21</sup>and do not turn aside after useless things that cannot profit or save, for they are useless. <sup>22</sup>For the Lord will not cast away his people, for his great name's sake, because it has pleased the Lord to make you a people for himself. <sup>23</sup>Moreover as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you; and I will instruct you in the good and the right way. <sup>24</sup>Only fear the Lord, and serve him faithfully with all your heart; for consider what great things he has done for you. <sup>25</sup>But if you still do wickedly, you shall be swept away, both you and your king.'

## **The Word of the Lord.**

*Thanks be to God.*

## **18 A Song to the Lamb    *Dignus es*** *Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13*

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*

and by your will they were created and have their being;

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.

### **A Reading From Acts 8:14-25**

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup> The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup> (for as yet the Spirit had not come\* upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John\* laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. <sup>18</sup> Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, <sup>19</sup> saying, 'Give me also this power so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.' <sup>20</sup> But Peter said to him, 'May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain God's gift with money! <sup>21</sup> You have no part or share in this, for your heart is not right before God. <sup>22</sup> Repent therefore of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you. <sup>23</sup> For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and the chains of wickedness.' <sup>24</sup> Simon

answered, 'Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you\* have said may happen to me.'

25 Now after Peter and John\* had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, proclaiming the good news to many villages of the Samaritans.

### **The Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

### **19 The Song of the Redeemed**    *Magna et mirabilia* *Revelation 15:3-4*

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the Holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen.

### **A Reading from the Gospel of Luke 23:1-12**



# 23

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus\* before Pilate. <sup>2</sup>They began to accuse him, saying, 'We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.'<sup>\*</sup> <sup>3</sup>Then Pilate asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' He answered, 'You say so.'<sup>4</sup>Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, 'I find no basis for an accusation against this man.'<sup>5</sup>But they were insistent and said, 'He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.'

<sup>6</sup> When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. <sup>7</sup>And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. <sup>8</sup>When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. <sup>9</sup>He questioned him at some length, but Jesus\* gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. <sup>11</sup>Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup>That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

## **The Word of the Lord.**

*Thanks be to God.*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

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.

## **The Prayers**

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.  
*People;* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant and People*

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 those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **B**

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,  
*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,  
*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,  
*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole world,  
*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,  
*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the communion of St. Mark and all thy saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,  
*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

***Collect of the Day***

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

***Collect for Peace***

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge 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 defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

***A Collect for Aid against 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 Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

***A Collect for Protection***

O God, who art the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank thee for the timely blessings of the day, and humbly beseech thy merciful protection all the night. Bring us, we pray thee, in safety to the morning hours; through him who died for us and rose again, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### ***A Collect for the Presence of Christ***

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know thee as thou art revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love. *Amen*

### ***A Prayer for Mission***

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. *Amen.*

### ***For the Human Family***

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### ***For the Church***

Gracious Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior. *Amen.*

### ***For our Country***

Almighty God, Ruler of all the peoples of the earth:  
Forgive, we beseech thee, our shortcomings as a nation;  
purify our hearts to see and love the truth; give wisdom  
to our counselors and steadfastness to our people; and  
bring us at last to that fair city of peace whose  
foundations are mercy, justice and good-will, whose  
Builder and Maker thou art; through thy Son, Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen (*The Pastor's Prayer Book*)

### ***For those in the Armed Forces of our Country***

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and  
keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at  
home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your  
heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and  
temptations; give them courage to face the perils which  
beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding  
presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.

### ***In the Evening***

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

### ***A Prayer for the Departed***

Now let us pray for those we love but see no longer:

*Silence*

Remember thy servants, O Lord, according to the favor  
which thou bearest unto thy people; and grant that,  
increasing in knowledge and love of thee, they may go

from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

***A Prayer attributed to St. Francis***

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

***For Quiet Confidence***

O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

***The General Thanksgiving***

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.  
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 our selves 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 honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

### ***A Prayer of St. Chrysostom***

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with  
one accord to make our common supplication unto thee;  
and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that  
when two or three are gathered together in his Name  
thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the  
desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for  
us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and  
in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14*