

An ORDER FOR
EVENSONG and BENEDICTION
in the Church of St Barnabas', Linslade.



The **First Hymn** shall be announced and sung.

And after that has been sung the Minister shall read some one or more Sentences of Scripture, as appointed. Following which, the Minister shall say: DEARLY beloved [brethren], the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying with me the general Confession, meekly kneeling upon your knees:

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 Absolution, or Remission of Sins, to be pronounced by the Minister alone, standing; the People still kneeling.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The people shall answer here, and at the end of all other prayers, Amen.

Here, all standing up, the Minister shall recite:

O Lord, open Thou our lips.

And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Then shall be announced and sung the appointed Psalms. (The Psalms begin on page 266 of the green Sunday Service Book.) And after every Psalm, or every section of Psalm 119, the doxology shall be sung, as follows;

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. A' - 'men.

Afterwards all shall sit. Then shall be read the First Lesson, taken out of the OLD TESTAMENT, as appointed. The lesson might end thus:

This is the word of the Lord. *Answer.* **Thanks be to God.**

Then shall all stand and sing the Magnificat (or the song of the Blessed Virgin Mary) except upon Festal Evensongs when it shall be sung by the Quire alone, the People remaining seated.

MAGNIFICAT. St. Luke i 46-55

1. My soul doth' magnify the' Lord: and my spirit hath re'joiced in ' God my , Saviour.

2. For he ' hath re'garded: the' lowliness ' of his' handmaiden.

3. For be 'hold, from' henceforth: all gene'rations shall ' call me ' blessed.

4. For he that is mighty hath ' magnified ' me: and ' holy is his' Name.

5. And his mercy them that' fear him: through' out all gene'rations.

6. He hath shew-ed' strength with his ' arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imag'ination ' of their ' hearts.

7. He hath put down the mighty' from their' seat: and hath ex'alted the' humble and ' meek.

8. He hath fill-ed the hungry with ' good ' things : and the rich he ' hath sent ' empty a'way.

9. He re'membering his' mercy: hath' holpen ' his servant' Israel;

10. As he promised' to our ' forefathers: Abraham ' and his ' seed for ' ever.

Glory be to the Father, and' to the' Son: and' to the' Holy' Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and' ever' shall be: world without ' end. A' - 'men.

Then all shall sit and listen attentively whilst is read the Second Lesson taken out of the NEW TESTAMENT. This shall be read in a like manner to the first, and some readers may end by saying:

This is the word of the Lord. *Answer.* **Thanks be to God**

And after that, all shall stand and sing the Nunc Dimittis (or the Song of Simeon) except upon Festal Evensong when it shall be sung by the Quire alone, the People still sitting.

NUNC DIMITIIS. St. Luke ii 29-32

1. **LORD, now letteth thou thy servant de'part in ' peace: ac'cording , to thy , word.**
2. **For mine eyes have' seen thy sal'vation: which thou hast prepared before the ' face of ' all ' people.**
3. **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. A'- 'men.**

Then shall be said the APOSTLES' CREED by the Minister and the people, 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.**

*And after that, these Prayers following; the Minister first pronouncing with a loud voice:
The Lord be with you.*

And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

All kneel or sit.

Minister. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Minister. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then the Minister, Clerks, and people shall say the LORD'S PRAYER with a loud voice:

**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. Amen.**

Then the Minister standing up, shall say:

O Lord, shew Thy mercy upon us.

And grant us Thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee.

Endue Thy Ministers with righteousness.

And make Thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save Thy people.

And bless Thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

Then shall the Minister read three Collects:

The **Collect of the Day**, with the following ending; [through Jesus Christ ...] who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Then the **Collect for Peace**;

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that 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.**

And the **Collect for Aid against all Perils**,

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lastly the minister may ask **THE GRACE** be said, as followeth:

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

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If it be festal evensong then here followeth the **Anthem**.

The **Second hymn** is announced; the whole congregation standing to sing it.

While the hymn is in singing, a sidesman may take a Collection from the people and present it unto the Minister at the altar, the minister commending whatsoever be collected unto Almighty God for the fulfilment of His purposes.

If a **Sermon** is desired then it is here preached.

Then the Minister calleth the Congregation to Prayer, whereafter the people shall devoutly kneel, and the Minister bring before Almighty God whatsoever thanksgivings, petitions and supplications as the Holy Ghost doth inspire. After each intercession one of these responses may be said: Minister. O Lord hear our prayer.

Answer. And let our cry come unto Thee. Psalm cii. 1

OR

Minister. Lord in Thy mercy: Answer. Hear our prayer.

And after the intercessions: if the Grace has not been said then it is here said, as above.

Else the minister may end the prayers by saying: Merciful Father,

Answer. Accept these prayers, for the sake of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Then the **Third Hymn** shall be announced, the people standing up to sing it.

During this hymn, the altar is prepared and the Blessed Sacrament placed upon it. A bell is rung when the Tabernacle is opened. Please sit or kneel at the conclusion of the hymn or when the bell is rung.

Incense may be used, and the Sacrament may be censed.

There may be a time of silence. Prayers may be said by the Minister.

Then the following hymn is sung, seated or kneeling:

Hymn – Tantum Ergo

**Therefore we, before Him bending,
This great Sacrament revere;
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes the inward vision clear.**

**Glory let us give and blessing
To the Father and the Son;
Honour, might and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever to His love confessing,
Who from both, with both, is One. Amen.**

Following the hymn, the Minister alone stands, and the following verse and response may be said or sung:

Thy people eat the food of angels.
Thou givest them bread from heaven.

Then the Minister will pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank Thee that in a wonderful sacrament Thou hast given us the memorial of Thy passion. Grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruits of Thy redemption; who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Congregation is Blessed with the Sacrament.

After the Blessing, the Divine Praises may be said.

Blessèd be God. **Blessèd be God.**

Blessèd be the holy and undivided Trinity. **Blessèd be the holy and undivided Trinity.**

Blessèd be God the Father, maker of heaven and earth.

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Blessèd be Jesus Christ, truly divine and truly human.

Blessèd be Jesus Christ, truly divine and truly human.

Blessèd be the holy Name of Jesus. **Blessèd be the holy Name of Jesus.**

Blessèd be Jesus Christ in His death and resurrection.

Blessèd be Jesus Christ in His death and resurrection.

Blessèd be Jesus Christ on His throne of glory.

Blessèd be Jesus Christ on His throne of glory.

Blessèd be Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of His body and blood.

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Blessèd be God the Holy Spirit, the giver and sustainer of life.

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Blessèd be God in the Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord and God.

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Blessèd be God in St Joseph, her spouse most chaste.

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Blessèd be God in the angels and saints. **Blessèd be God in the angels and saints.**
 Blessèd be God. **Blessèd be God.**

Then, the following Psalm may be said or sung:

Adoremus

Antiphon - Plainchant mode vi

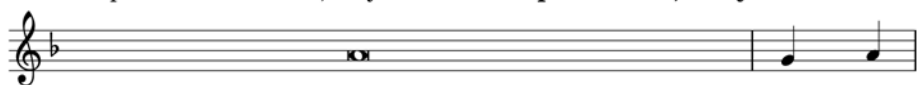


Lét us a dóre for é ver the Móst Hó ly Sá cra mént

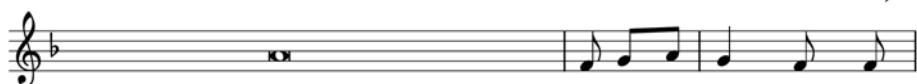
Psalm 117 Tone vi



O prá ise the Lórd, all ye héa then: **práise Him, áll ye ná tions.**



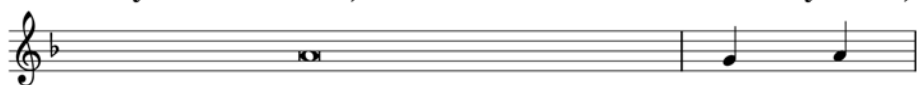
For his mérciful kíndness is éver móre and móre to wá rds us;



and the trúth of the Lórd endúreth for év er. Práise the Lórd.



Glóry be to the Fáther, and tó the Són: ánd tó the Hó ly Ghóst;



As it wás in the béginning, is nów, and éver shá ll be:



wó rld with óut énd. Amen.

Antiphon - Plainchant mode vi



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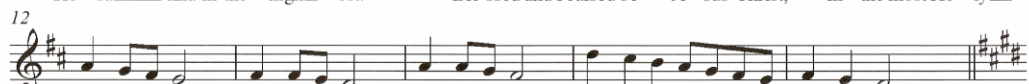
After this, as the Blessed Sacrament is returned to the Tabernacle, the following is sung:



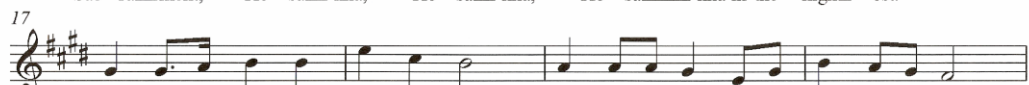
Ble ssed and Praised be Je sus Christ, In the most Ho ly Sac ra ment, Ho sa nna, Ho sa nna,



Ho sa nna in the high est. Ble ssed and Praised be Je sus Christ, In the most Ho ly



Sac ra ment, Ho sa nna, Ho sa nna, Ho sa nna in the high est.



Ble ssed and Praised be Je sus Christ, In the most Ho ly Sac ra ment,



Ho sa nna, Ho sa nna, Ho sa nna in the high est.

Finally, the following prayers may be said, as the conclusion of the Service.

SALVE REGINA

**Hail, Holy Queen, mother of mercy:
our life, our sweetness and our hope, all hail.
To thee do we cry, poor exiled children of Eve.
To thee do we sigh,
mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.
Turn then, O most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy towards us.
And after this our exile
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.**

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary;

For the Lord hath arisen indeed.

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, who by the co-operation of the Holy Spirit prepared the Virgin Mary to become a worthy dwelling place for Thy Son: grant that, as we rejoice in commemorating her here, we may like her be delivered from present evils and eternal death, and be united with her and all the company of the faithful in the fullness of joy in heaven, through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

Father, You created all things through Your Holy Spirit and Your Holy Word. You redeemed Your creation through Your Word when He took on our flesh by Your Holy Spirit and Your handmaid Mary, a daughter prepared in Your first Covenant with Your people. By the Word's presence in this Bread that we have made and which You have given us to offer, unite us into His saving love and passion, preserve us in that new creation You have begun, and transfigure our bodies into Your New Kingdom, that we may dwell in Him, and He in us. **Amen.**

The Ministers and people depart.