

THE CALL TO PRAYER

The Officiant begins with one of the following:

Officiant One thing I have asked of God,
this is what I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of God
all the days of my life;
to behold the beauty of God
and to seek God in the temple of creation.

Officiant Who is it that you seek?

People **We seek the God of Love who is God of all Life.**

Officiant Do you seek God with all your heart?

People **Amen. God, have mercy.**

Officiant Do you seek God with all your soul?

People **Amen. God, have mercy.**

Officiant Do you seek God with all your mind?

People **Amen. God, have mercy.**

Officiant Do you seek God with all your strength?

People **Amen. Christ, have mercy.**

OR this:

Officiant If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the furthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me and your right hand shall hold me fast. *Psalm 139: 90-10*

OR this:

Officiant I bless the night that nourished my heart to set the ghosts of longing free.

People **All that is eternal in me welcomes the wonder of this day.**

from John O'Donahue

A hymn may be sung here.

During Lent, continue with the Confession of Sin. In other seasons, the Office may continue at once with the Invitatory and Psalter.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

All God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

A deacon or lay person using the preceding form remains kneeling, and substitutes "us" for "you" and "our" for "your."

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

All stand in body or in spirit

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People And your glory all the day long.

All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Except in Lent, add Alleluia.

First, one of the following Invitatory Psalms is said.

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Holy One; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout with psalms.
For you, O God, are a great God, *
you are great above all gods.
In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are yours also.
The sea is yours, for you made it, *
and your hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before God our Maker.
For you are our God, and we are the people of your
pasture and the sheep of your hand. *
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

Deus misereatur Psalm 67:1-5

O God, be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of your countenance and come to us.
Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

Then follows the Psalm/Psalms appointed for the day.

At the end of the Psalm(s) is said by all

All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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THE LESSONS

One or more Lessons, as appointed, are read.

The Reader begins:

A Reading from _____.

After each Lesson the Reader says:

Here ends the Reading.

Silence may be kept after each Reading. One of the following Canticles is sung or said after each Reading. If three Lessons are used, the Lesson from the Gospel is read after the second Canticle.

Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah Ecce, Deus Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in God and not be afraid.

For God is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and God will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's Name;

Make God's deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that God's name is exalted.

Sing the praises of God, for God has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Canticle 11 The Third Song of Isaiah Surge, illuminare Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *

and the glory of God has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; *

deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you God will rise, *

and will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, *

and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; *

by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you, The City of God, *

The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
 Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
 ruin or destruction within your borders.
 You will call your walls, Salvation, *
 and all your portals, Praise.
 The sun will no more be your light by day; *
 by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
 The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
 and your God will be your glory.

Canticle 15 The Song of Mary Magnificat Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
 my spirit rejoices in you, O God my Savior; *
 From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
 you, the Almighty, have done great things for me, and holy is your Name.
 You have mercy on those who fear you *
 in every generation.
 You have shown the strength of your arm, *
 and scattered the proud in their conceit,
 Casting down the mighty from their thrones, *
 and lifting up the lowly.
 You have filled the hungry with good things, *
 and sent the rich away empty.
 You have come to the help of your servant Israel, *
 for you have remembered your promise of mercy,
 The promise made to our forebears, *
 to Abraham, Sarah, and their children for ever.

Canticle A A Song of Wisdom Sapientia liberavit Wisdom 10:15-19,20b-21

Wisdom freed from a nation of oppressors *
 a holy people and a blameless race.
 She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord, *
 withstood dread rulers with wonders and signs.
 To the saints she gave the reward of their labors, *
 and led them by a marvelous way;
 She was their shelter by day *
 and a blaze of stars by night.
 She brought them across the Red Sea, *
 she led them through mighty waters;
 But their enemies she swallowed in the waves *
 and spewed them out from the depths of the abyss.
 And then, Lord, the righteous sang hymns to your Name, *
 and praised with one voice your protecting hand;

For Wisdom opened the mouths of the mute, *
and gave speech to the tongues of a new-born people.

Canticle C The Song of Hannah 1 Samuel 2:1-8

My heart exults in you, O God; *
my triumph song is lifted in you.
My mouth derides my enemies, *
for I rejoice in your salvation.
There is none holy like you, *
nor any rock to be compared to you, our God.
Do not heap up prideful words or speak in arrogance; *
Only God is knowing and weighs all actions.
The bows of the mighty are broken, *
but the weak are clothed in strength.
Those once full now labor for bread, *
those who hungered now are well fed.
The childless woman has borne sevenfold, *
while the mother of many is forlorn.
God destroys and brings to life, casts down and raises up; *
gives wealth or takes it away, humbles and dignifies.
God raises the poor from the dust; *
and lifts the needy from the ash heap
To make them sit with the rulers *
and inherit a place of honor.
For the pillars of the earth are God's *
on which the whole earth is founded.

Canticle N A Song of God's Love 1 John 4:7-11

Beloved, let us love one another, *
for love is of God.
Whoever does not love does not know God, *
for God is Love.
In this the love of God was revealed among us, *
that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through Jesus Christ.
In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us *
and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.
Beloved, since God loved us so much, *
we ought also to love one another.
For if we love one another, God abides in us, *
and God's love will be perfected in us.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing in body or in spirit

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

The people stand or kneel in body or in spirit.

Officiant God be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

**Our Father, in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Officiant Show us your mercy, O God;
People **And grant us your salvation.**
Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People **Let your people sing with joy.**
Officiant Give peace, O God, in all the world;
People **For only in you can we live in safety.**
Officiant Keep this nation under your care;
People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;
People **Your saving health among all nations.**
Officiant Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten;
People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects

A Collect for Fridays

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the love of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Holy One, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Then the Collect for Mission is said.

Collect for Mission

All Holy One, in whom we live and move and have our being, gift us with the courage to know our neighbors and inspire us to be a bridge of your Love; connecting and inviting in our service to the diversity of your Creation in our home of Kingston. May we fearlessly share our space and resources; creatively discover ways to steward the arts and advocate for social justice; and live ever more deeply into our call to be an inclusive community so each person may remember their place at Your Table. We ask this in the name of the Holy and Undivided Trinity. Amen.

Officiant For whom or what shall we pray?

To collect the petitions and thanksgivings, one or both of the following prayers is said.

The General Thanksgiving

All God of all mercies, we your wayward servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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

Officiant Bless to me O God, the earth beneath my feet.

***People* Bless to me O God, the path on which I go.**

Officiant Bless to me O God, the people whom I meet.

***People* O God of all gods, bless to me my life.**

The Officiant concludes with one of the following:

The grace of our Savior Jesus the Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. *Romans 15:13*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*