Choral Evensong

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

INTROIT *(optional)*

OPENING SENTENCES *(optional)*

*Then the Officiant says this or some other bidding*

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*All kneel*

*Officiant and People*

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.

ABSOLUTION

*Officiant*

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*

*All stand*

PRECES

*V.* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*R.* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*V.* O God, make speed to save us.

*R.* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*V.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

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

*Except in Lent, add*

*V.* Praise ye the Lord.

*R.* The Lord’s name be praised.

PHOS HILARON *(optional)*

*The congregation sits*

PSALMODY

FIRST LESSON

*All stand*

OFFICE HYMN *(optional)*

MAGNIFICAT

*All sit*

SECOND LESSON

*All stand*

NUNC DIMITTIS

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

*Officiant and People*

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.

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*Choir* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*All kneel*

*The Choir sings:*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*The Choir (or everyone) sings:*

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 that trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

SUFFRAGES

*V.* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*R.* And grant us thy salvation.

*V.* O Lord, save the State.

*R.* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*V.* Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

*R.* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*V.* O Lord, save thy people.

*R.* And bless thine inheritance.

*V.* Give peace in our time, O Lord.

*R.* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

*V.* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*R.* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

*Then three Collects are sung*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

*Officiant*

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.*

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERIL

*Officiant*

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. *Amen.*

*All sit*

ANTHEM

*Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used*

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

*Officiant*

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.*

THE BENEDICAMUS DOMINO

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*All* Thanks be to God.

THE GRACE

*Officiant*

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.*

HYMN

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