

Prayers before Any Office

Grant, O Lord, that what we say with our lips we may believe in our hearts and practice in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Open, Lord, my mouth to bless Thy holy Name; cleanse my heart from all vain, foolish, wandering thoughts; enlighten my understanding; enkindle my affections that I may say this office with attention and devotion and so may be meet to be heard before the presence of Thy divine majesty; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Guide us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help that in all our work begun, continued, and ended in Thee we may glorify Thy holy Name and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

To Thee, O Lord, I commend the service which I, an unworthy sinner, have offered up unto Thee, God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and according to the fulness of Thy love and wisdom fulfill my petitions; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Let Thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



Midweek Vespers
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“And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.” 1 Kings 8:10-11

The Office of Vespers

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Litany Collect for Friday

V: O Lord, enter not into judgment with Thy ser - vant.

R: For in Thy sight shall no man living be just - i - fied.

V: Let us pray: Almight - - - - y God,
 Who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dan - gers
 that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand up right,
 grant us such strength and protection
 as may support us in all dan - gers
 and carry us through all temp - ta - tions;
 through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth
 with Thee and the Ho - ly Ghost, ever one God, world with - out end.

Psalm 139

Psalm Tone IV Flex



P: O **LORD**, - || - | You | have | searched | me *

C: And | — | known | — | me. | —

P: || ¹ O Lord, You have searched | me | and | known | me. *

C: ² You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand | my | thought | a- | far | off.

P: || ³ You comprehend my path and my | ly- | ing | down, | - *

C: And are acquaint- | ed | with | all | my | ways.

P: || ⁴ For there is not a word | on | my | tongue, | - *

C: But behold, O Lord, You know | it | al- | to- | geth- | er.

P: || ⁵ You have hedged me behind | and | be- | fore, | - *

C: And laid | Your | hand | up- | on | me.

P: || ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful | for | me; | - *

C: It is high, I | can- | not | at- | tain | it.

P: || ⁷ Where can I go | from | Your | Spi- | rit? *

C: Or where can I | flee | from | Your | pre- | sence?

P: || ⁸ If I ascend into heaven, | You | are | there; | - *

C: If I make my bed in hell, | be- | hold, | You | are | there.

P: || ⁹ If I take the wings | of | the | morn- | ing, *

C: And dwell in the utter- | most | parts | of | the | sea,

P: || ¹⁰ Even there Your | hand | shall | lead | me, *

C: And Your | right | hand | shall | hold | me.

P: || ¹¹ If I say, “Surely the darkness shall | fall | on | me,” | - *

C: Even the night shall | be | light | a- | bout | me;

P: || ¹² Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, but the night shines | as | the | day; | - *

C: The darkness and the light are | both | a- | like | to | You.

P: || ¹³ For You formed my | in- | ward | parts; | - *

C: You covered me | in | my | moth- | er’s | womb.

P: || ¹⁴ I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonder- | ful- | ly | made; | - *

C: Marvelous are Your works, and that my | soul | knows | ver- | y | well.

P: || ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You, when I was | made | in | sec- | ret, *

C: And skillfully wrought in the low- | est | parts | of | the | earth.

P: || ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my substance, being | yet | un- | formed. | - *

C: And in Your book | they | all | were | writ- | ten,

P: || The days fa- | shioned | for | me, | - *

C: When as yet | there | were | none | of | them.

P: || ¹⁷ How precious also are Your thoughts to | me, | O | God! | - *

C: How great | is | the | sum | of | them!

P: || ¹⁸ If I should count them, they would be more in number | than | the | sand; | - *

C: When I awake, | I | am | still | with | You.

P: || ¹⁹ Oh, that You would slay the wick- | ed, | O | God! | - *

C: Depart from me, therefore, | you | blood- | thirst- | y | men.

P: || ²⁰ For they speak a- | gainst | You | wick- | ed- | ly; *

C: Your enemies | take | Your | name | in | vain.

P: || ²¹ Do I not hate them, O Lord, | who | hate | You? | - *

C: And do I not loathe those who | rise | up | a- | gainst | You?

P: || ²² I hate them with | per- | fect | hat- | red; *

C: I count | them | my | en- | e- | mies.

P: || ²³ Search me, O God, and | know | my | heart; | - *

C: Try me, and know | my | an- | xi- | e- | ties;

P: || ²⁴ And see if there is any wick- | ed | way | in | me, *

C: And lead me in the | way | ev- | er- | last- | ing.

ALL: GLO- RY - || be to the Father, and | to | the | Son: | - *

And | to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost;

AS IT - || was in the begin -*ning*, (+) is now, and | ev- | er | shall | be: *

World | with- | out | end. | A- | men.

P: || O Lord, | You | have | searched | me *

C: And | — | known | — | me. | —

1 Kings 8:1-66

¹ Now Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the chief fathers of the children of Israel, to King Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from the City of David, which is Zion. ² Therefore all the men of Israel assembled with King Solomon at the feast in the month of Ethanim, which is the seventh month. ³ So all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. ⁴ Then they brought up the ark of the LORD, the tabernacle of meeting, and all the holy furnishings that were in the tabernacle. The priests and the Levites brought them up. ⁵ Also King Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel who were assembled with him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen that could not be counted or numbered for multitude. ⁶ Then the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the temple, to the Most Holy Place, under the wings of the cherubim. ⁷ For the cherubim spread their two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles. ⁸ The poles extended so that the ends of the poles could be seen from the holy place, in front of the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside. And they are there to this day. ⁹ Nothing was in the ark except the two tablets of stone which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt. ¹⁰ And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, ¹¹ so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD. ¹² Then Solomon spoke: "The LORD said He would dwell in the dark cloud. ¹³ I have surely built You an exalted house, and a place for You to dwell in forever." ¹⁴ Then the king turned around and blessed the whole assembly of Israel, while all the assembly of Israel was standing. ¹⁵ And he said: "Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who spoke with His mouth to my father David, and with His hand has fulfilled it, saying, ¹⁶ 'Since the day that I brought My people Israel out of Egypt, I have chosen no city from any tribe of Israel in which to build a house, that My name might be there; but I chose David to be over My people Israel.' ¹⁷ Now it was in the heart of my father David to build a temple for the name of the LORD God of Israel. ¹⁸ But the LORD said to my father David, 'Whereas it was in your heart to build a temple for My name, you did well that it was in your heart. ¹⁹ Nevertheless you shall not build the temple, but your son who will come from your body, he shall build the temple for My name.' ²⁰ So the LORD has fulfilled His word which He spoke; and I have filled the position of my father David, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised; and I have built a temple for the name of the LORD God of Israel. ²¹ And there I have made a place for the ark, in which is the covenant of the LORD which He made with our fathers, when He brought them out of the land of Egypt." ²² Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven; ²³ and he said: "LORD God of Israel, there is no God in heaven above or on earth below like You, who keep Your covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts. ²⁴ You have kept what You promised Your servant David my father; You have both spoken with Your mouth and fulfilled it with Your hand, as it is this day. ²⁵ Therefore, LORD God of Israel, now keep what You promised Your servant David my father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man sit before Me on the throne of Israel, only if your sons take heed to their way, that they walk before Me as you have walked before Me.' ²⁶ And now I pray, O God of Israel, let Your word come true, which You have spoken to Your servant David my father. ²⁷ But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built! ²⁸ Yet regard the prayer of Your servant and his supplication, O LORD my God, and listen to the cry and the prayer which Your servant is praying before You today: ²⁹ that Your eyes may be open toward this temple night and day, toward the place of which You said, 'My name shall be there,' that You may hear the prayer which Your servant makes toward this place. ³⁰ And may You hear the supplication of Your servant and of Your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. Hear in heaven Your dwelling place; and when You hear, forgive. ³¹ When anyone sins against his neighbor, and is forced to take an oath, and comes and takes an oath before Your altar in this temple, ³² then hear in heaven, and act, and judge Your servants, condemning the wicked, bringing his way on his head, and justifying the righteous by giving him according to his righteousness. ³³ When Your people Israel are defeated before an enemy because they have sinned against You, and when they turn back to You and confess Your name, and pray and make supplication to You in this temple, ³⁴ then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and bring them back to the land which You gave to their fathers. ³⁵ When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against You, when they pray toward this place and confess Your name, and turn from their sin because You afflict them, ³⁶ then hear in heaven, and

forgive the sin of Your servants, Your people Israel, that You may teach them the good way in which they should walk; and send rain on Your land which You have given to Your people as an inheritance. ³⁷ When there is famine in the land, pestilence or blight or mildew, locusts or grasshoppers; when their enemy besieges them in the land of their cities; whatever plague or whatever sickness there is; ³⁸ whatever prayer, whatever supplication is made by anyone, or by all Your people Israel, when each one knows the plague of his own heart, and spreads out his hands toward this temple: ³⁹ then hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive, and act, and give to everyone according to all his ways, whose heart You know (for You alone know the hearts of all the sons of men), ⁴⁰ that they may fear You all the days that they live in the land which You gave to our fathers. ⁴¹ Moreover, concerning a foreigner, who is not of Your people Israel, but has come from a far country for Your name's sake ⁴² (for they will hear of Your great name and Your strong hand and Your outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this temple, ⁴³ hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You, that all peoples of the earth may know Your name and fear You, as do Your people Israel, and that they may know that this temple which I have built is called by Your name. ⁴⁴ When Your people go out to battle against their enemy, wherever You send them, and when they pray to the LORD toward the city which You have chosen and the temple which I have built for Your name, ⁴⁵ then hear in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause. ⁴⁶ When they sin against You (for there is no one who does not sin), and You become angry with them and deliver them to the enemy, and they take them captive to the land of the enemy, far or near; ⁴⁷ yet when they come to themselves in the land where they were carried captive, and repent, and make supplication to You in the land of those who took them captive, saying, 'We have sinned and done wrong, we have committed wickedness'; ⁴⁸ and when they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies who led them away captive, and pray to You toward their land which You gave to their fathers, the city which You have chosen and the temple which I have built for Your name: ⁴⁹ then hear in heaven Your dwelling place their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause, ⁵⁰ and forgive Your people who have sinned against You, and all their transgressions which they have transgressed against You; and grant them compassion before those who took them captive, that they may have compassion on them ⁵¹ (for they are Your people and Your inheritance, whom You brought out of Egypt, out of the iron furnace), ⁵² that Your eyes may be open to the supplication of Your servant and the supplication of Your people Israel, to listen to them whenever they call to You. ⁵³ For You separated them from among all the peoples of the earth to be Your inheritance, as You spoke by Your servant Moses, when You brought our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD." ⁵⁴ And so it was, when Solomon had finished praying all this prayer and supplication to the LORD, that he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven. ⁵⁵ Then he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying: ⁵⁶ "Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised through His servant Moses. ⁵⁷ May the LORD our God be with us, as He was with our fathers. May He not leave us nor forsake us, ⁵⁸ that He may incline our hearts to Himself, to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, which He commanded our fathers. ⁵⁹ And may these words of mine, with which I have made supplication before the LORD, be near the LORD our God day and night, that He may maintain the cause of His servant and the cause of His people Israel, as each day may require, ⁶⁰ that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God; there is no other. ⁶¹ Let your heart therefore be loyal to the LORD our God, to walk in His statutes and keep His commandments, as at this day." ⁶² Then the king and all Israel with him offered sacrifices before the LORD. ⁶³ And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered to the LORD, twenty-two thousand bulls and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD. ⁶⁴ On the same day the king consecrated the middle of the court that was in front of the house of the LORD; for there he offered burnt offerings, grain offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar that was before the LORD was too small to receive the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings. ⁶⁵ At that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great assembly from the entrance of Hamath to the Brook of Egypt, before the LORD our God, seven days and seven more days—fourteen days. ⁶⁶ On the eighth day he sent the people away; and they blessed the king, and went to their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the good that the LORD had done for His servant David, and for Israel His people.

TLH 326 “Lord, to Thee I Make Confession”

Johann Franck, 1649

1. Lord, to Thee I make confession;
I have sinned and gone astray,
I have multiplied transgression,
Chosen for myself my way,
Led by Thee to see my errors,
Lord, I tremble at Thy terrors.

2. Yet, though conscience' voice appal me,
Father, I will seek Thy face;
Tho' Thy child I dare not call me,
Yet receive me to Thy grace.
Do not for my sins forsake me;
Do not let Thy wrath o'ertake me.

3. For Thy Son did suffer for me,
Gave Himself to rescue me,
Died to heal me and restore me,
Reconciled me unto Thee.
'Tis alone His cross can vanquish
These dark fears and soothe this anguish.

4. Then on Him I cast my burden,
Sink it in the depths below.
Let me know Thy gracious pardon,
Wash me, make me white as snow.
Let Thy Spirit leave me never;
Make me only Thine forever. Amen.

TLH 554 “Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow”

Paul Gerhardt, 1648

1. Now rest beneath night's shadow
The woodland, field, and meadow,
The world in slumber lies;
But Thou, my heart, awake thee,
To prayer and song betake thee;
Let praise to thy Creator rise.

2. The radiant sun hath vanished,
His golden rays are banished
By night, the foe of day;
But Christ, the Sun of gladness,
Dispelling all my sadness,
Within my heart holds constant sway.

3. The rule of day is over
And shining jewels cover
The heaven's boundless blue.
Thus I shall shine in Heaven,
Where crowns of gold are given
To all who faithful prove and true.

4. To rest my body hasteth,
Aside its garments casteth,
Types of mortality;
These I put off and ponder
How Christ will give me yonder
A robe of glorious majesty.

5. Lord Jesus, Who dost love me,
Oh, spread Thy wings above me
And shield me from alarm!
Though evil would assail me,
Thy mercy will not fail me:
I rest in Thy protecting arm.

6. My loved ones, rest securely,
For God this night will surely
From peril guard your heads.
Sweet slumbers may He send you
And bid His hosts attend you
And through the night watch o'er your beds.
Amen.

TLH 561 “Now that the Day hath Reached Its Close”

Sts. 1-8, Johann F. Hertzog, 1670, abridged; St. 9,
Unknown, 1693

1. Now that the day has reached its close,
The sun doth shine no more,
In sleep the toil-worn find repose
And all who wept before.

2. But Thou, my God, dost never sleep,
For Thou Thyself art Light;
No darkness, howsoever deep,
Can dim Thy perfect sight.

3. Therefore, O Lord, remember me
Thro'out the gloom of night,
Protect Thou me most graciously
And shield me with Thy might.

4. Keep Satan's fury far from me
By many an angel arm;
Then shall I be from worry free
And safe from every harm.

5. I know the evil I have done
Doth cry aloud to Thee;
But yet in mercy Thy dear Son
Hath full atoned for me.

6. In Him accepted I shall be
When suppliant at Thy feet,

He is my Surety and my Plea
Before Thy judgment-seat.

7. And so I close my weary eyes,
Sweet peace within my breast.
Why toss about in fears or sighs?
God watches while I rest.

8. Should this night prove the last for me
In this sad vale of cares,
Then lead me, Lord, to dwell with Thee
And all Thy chosen heirs.

9. And thus I live and die to Thee,
Strong Lord of hosts indeed.
In life, in death, deliver me
From every fear and need. Amen.