

### 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.

### Prayers after Any Office

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 Populus Sion

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Thine Only-Begotten Son, so that by His coming we may be enabled to serve Thee with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

### Collect for Advent

Stir up, we beseech Thee, Thy power, O Lord, and come, that by Thy protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Thy mighty deliverance; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



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*“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS.” St. Luke 1:30-31*

## The Office of Vespers

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**Silent Prayer**

## Romans 2:1-16

<sup>1</sup> Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. <sup>2</sup> But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. <sup>3</sup> And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? <sup>4</sup> Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? <sup>5</sup> But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, <sup>6</sup> who “will render to each one according to his deeds”: <sup>7</sup> eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; <sup>8</sup> but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath, <sup>9</sup> tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; <sup>10</sup> but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>11</sup> For there is no partiality with God. <sup>12</sup> For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law <sup>13</sup> (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; <sup>14</sup> for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the

things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, <sup>15</sup> who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) <sup>16</sup> in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

## St. Luke 1:26-35

<sup>26</sup> Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And having come in, the angel said to her, “Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!” <sup>29</sup> But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. <sup>30</sup> Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. <sup>32</sup> He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. <sup>33</sup> And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.” <sup>34</sup> Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?” <sup>35</sup> And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.”

## Psalm 91

Psalm Tone VI

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## **TLH 69 “Arise, Sons of the Kingdom”**

Johann Rist, 1651

1. Arise, sons of the Kingdom!  
The King is drawing nigh;  
Arise and hail with gladness  
The Ruler from on high.  
Ye Christians, hasten forth!  
Your praise and homage bring Him  
And glad hosannas sing Him;  
Naught else your love is worth.

2. Arise, ye drooping mourners!  
The King is very near;  
Away with grief and sorrow!  
For, lo, your Help is here.  
Behold, in many a place—  
Oh, blessed consolation!—  
You find Him, your Salvation,  
Within His means of grace.

3. Arise, ye much afflicted!  
The King is not afar.  
Rejoice, ye long dejected,  
Behold the Morning Star!  
The Lord will give you joy;  
Tho' troubles now distress you,  
With comfort He will bless you,  
E'en death will He destroy.

4. Arise, ye poor and needy!  
The King provides for you;  
He comes with succor speedy,  
With mercy ever new.  
Receive your gracious King,  
The Giver of all blessing,  
Hail Him, His Name confessing,  
And glad hosannas sing.

5. Be righteous, ye his subjects,  
The King is just and true;  
Prepare for Him a highway,  
Make all things straight and new.  
For, lo, He means it well;  
Then willing bear the crosses  
That He Himself imposes,  
Nor let your courage fail.

6. Oh, rich the gifts Thou bringest,  
Thyself made poor and weak!  
O Love beyond expression,  
That thus can sinners seek!  
For this, O Lord, will we  
Our joyous tribute bring Thee

And glad hosannas sing Thee  
And ever grateful be. Amen.

## **TLH 71 “Watchmen, Tell Us of the Night”**

John Bowring, 1825

1. Watchman, tell us of the night,  
What its signs of promise are.  
Trav'ler, o'er yon mountain's height,  
See that glory-beaming star.  
Watchman, doth its beauteous ray  
Aught of joy or hope foretell?  
Trav'ler, yes; it brings the day,  
Promised day of Israel.

2. Watchman, tell us of the night;  
Higher yet that star ascends.  
Trav'ler, blessedness and light,  
Peace and truth, its course portends.  
Watchman, will its beams alone  
Gild the spot that gave them birth?  
Trav'ler, ages are its own;  
See, it bursts o'er all the Earth.

3. Watchman, tell us of the night,  
For the morning seems to dawn.  
Trav'ler, darkness takes its flight;  
Doubt and terror are withdrawn.  
Watchman, let thy wand'rings cease;  
Hie thee to thy quiet home.  
Trav'ler, lo, the Prince of Peace,  
Lo, the Son of God, is come! Amen.

## **TLH 66 “Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes”**

Philip Doddridge, 1735

1. Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
The Savior promised long;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne  
And ev'ry voice a song.

2. He comes the pris'ners to release,  
In Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before Him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.

3. He comes from thickest films of vice  
To clear the mental ray  
And on the eyeballs of the blind  
To pour celestial day.

4. He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,

And with the treasures of His grace  
T' enrich the humble poor.

5. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim  
And Heaven's eternal arches ring  
With Thy beloved Name. Amen.