

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 Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul

O God, Who through the preaching of the Blessed Apostle Saint Paul hast caused the Light of Thy Gospel to shine to the Gentile world, give us grace ever to joy in the saving light of Thy Gospel and to spread it to the uttermost parts of the Earth; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Collect for The Third Sunday after Epiphany

Almighty and Everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



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*“See, we have left all and followed You.
Therefore what shall we have?” St. Matthew
19:27*

The Office of Vespers

The Prelude	<i>“Der mange skal komme”</i>	Steven Wente
The Ringing of the Bell		
Silent Prayer		
The Hymn	<i>“Lo, Many Shall Come from the East and the West”</i>	TLH 415
<i>Stand</i>		
The Opening Versicles		TLH p. 41
The Psalmody	Psalm 33	INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
The Lection		Jeremiah 1:4-10
		Acts 9:1-22
		St. Matthew 19:27-30
The Response	<i>(After each reading)</i>	TLH p. 42
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The Hymn	<i>“May God Bestow On Us His Grace”</i>	Δ TLH 500
The Sermon	<i>Inherit Eternal Life</i>	
The Offering		
The Office Hymn	<i>“Jesus Christ, My Pride and Glory”</i>	TLH 408
<i>Stand</i>		
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The Collect for the Day		
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The Collect for Peace		TLH p. 45
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Silent Prayer		
The Postlude	<i>“Reuter”</i>	Jan Bender
Announcements		

Δ—indicates a hymn ending in a Doxological stanza; please stand.

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: ⁵ “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.” ⁶ Then said I: “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth.” ⁷ But the LORD said to me: “Do not say, ‘I am a youth,’ for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸ Do not be afraid of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you,” says the LORD. ⁹ Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me: “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant.”

Acts 9:1-22

¹ Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. ⁴ Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” ⁵ And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” Then the Lord said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.” ⁶ So he, trembling and astonished, said, “Lord, what do You want me to do?” Then the Lord said to him, “Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” ⁷ And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰ Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹ So the Lord said to him, “Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. ¹² And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that

he might receive his sight.” ¹³ Then Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.” ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name’s sake.” ¹⁷ And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸ Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized. ¹⁹ So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰ Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. ²¹ Then all who heard were amazed, and said, “Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?” ²² But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ.

St. Matthew 19:27-30

²⁷ Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?” ²⁸ So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. ³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

Psalm 33

Psalm Tone IV

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P: THE COUN- - || sel of the Lord | stands | for- | ev- | er, *

C: The plans of His heart to | all | gen- | er- | a- | tions.

P: || Rejoice in the Lord, | O | you | right- | eous! *

C: For praise from the up- | right | is | beau- | ti- | ful.

P: || Praise the Lord | with | the | harp; | - *

C: Make melody to Him with an in- | stru- | ment | of | ten | strings.

P: || Sing to Him | a | new | song; | - *

C: Play skillfully | with | a | shout | of | joy.

P: || For the word of the | Lord | is | right, | - *

C: And all His | work | is | done | in | truth.

P: || He loves righteous- | ness | and | just- | ice; *

C: The earth is full of the | good- | ness | of | the | Lord.

P: || By the word of the Lord the heav- | ens | were | made, | - *

C: And all the host of them by | the | breath | of | His | mouth.

P: || He gathers the waters of the sea together | as | a | heap; | - *

C: He lays up the | deep | in | store- | hous- | es.

P: || Let all the earth | fear | the | Lord; | - *

C: Let all the inhabitants of the world | stand | in | awe | of | Him.

P: || For He spoke, and | it | was | done; | - *

C: He command- | ed, | and | it | stood | fast.

P: || The Lord brings the counsel of the na- | tions | to | no- | thing; *

C: He makes the plans of the peo- | ples | of | no | ef- | fect.

P: || The counsel of the Lord | stands | for- | ev- | er, *

C: The plans of His heart to | all | gen- | er- | a- | tions.

P: || Blessèd is the nation whose God | is | the | Lord, | - *

C: The people He has chosen as His | own | in- | her- | i- | tance.

P: || The Lord | looks | from | heav- | en; *

C: He sees | all | the | sons | of | men.

P: || From the place of His dwell- | ing | He | looks | - *

C: On all the inhab- | i- | tants | of | the | earth;

P: || He fashions their hearts | in- | di- | vi- | du- | al- | ly; *

C: He con- | si- | ders | all | their | works.

P: || No king is saved by the multitude | of | an | arm- | y; *

C: A mighty man is not de- | li- | vered | by | great | strength.

P: || A horse is a vain | hope | for | safe- | ty; *

C: Neither shall it deliver an- | y | by | its | great | strength.

P: || Behold, the eye of the Lord is on | those | who | fear | Him, *

C: On those who | hope | in | His | mer- | cy,

P: || To deliver their | soul | from | death, | - *

C: And to keep them | a- | live | in | fa- | mine.

P: || Our soul waits | for | the | Lord; | - *

C: He is | our | help | and | our | shield.

P: || For our heart shall re- | joice | in | Him, | - *

C: Because we have trusted | in | His | ho- | ly | name.

P: || Let Your mercy, O Lord, | be | up- | on | us, *

C: Just | as | we | hope | in | You.

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: || The counsel of the Lord | stands | for- | ev- | er, *

C: The plans of His heart to | all | gen- | er- | a- | tions.

The Responsory

P:

For - ev - er, O Lord, Thy Word is set - tled in heav'n.

Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet, and a light un-to my path.

C:

Lord, I have loved the hab - i - ta - tion of Thy house, —

and the place where Thine hon - or dwell - eth.

P:

Bless - ed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.

C:

Lord, I have loved the hab - i - ta - tion of Thy house, —

and the place where Thine hon - or dwell - eth.

P:

Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost.

C:

Lord, I have loved the hab - i - ta - tion of Thy house, —

and the place where Thine hon - or dwell - eth.

TLH 415 “Lo, Many Shall Come from the East and the West”

Magnus B. Langstad, 1861

1. Lo, many shall come from the East and the West
And sit at the feast of salvation
With Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the blest,
Obeying the Lord’s invitation.
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

2. But they who have always resisted His grace
And on their own virtue depended
Shall then be condemned and cast out from His
face,
Eternally lost and unfriended.
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

3. Oh, may we all hear when our Shepherd doth
call
In accents persuasive and tender,
That, while there is time, we make haste, one and
all,
And find Him, our mighty Defender!
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

4. Oh, that we the throng of the ransomed may
swell,
To whom He hath granted remission!
God graciously make us in Heaven to dwell
And save us from endless perdition.
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

5. God grant that I may, of His infinite love,
Remain in His merciful keeping
And sit with the King at His table above
When here in the grave I am sleeping.
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

6. All trials are then like a dream that is past,
Forgotten all trouble and sorrow;
All questions and doubts have been answered at
last;
Then dawneth eternity’s morrow.
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

7. The heavens shall ring with an anthem more
grand
Than ever on Earth was recorded;
The blest of the Lord shall receive at His hand
The crown to the victors awarded.
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus! Amen.

TLH 500 “May God Bestow On Us His Grace”

Martin Luther, 1524

1. May God bestow on us His grace,
With blessings rich provide us,
And may the brightness of His face
To life eternal guide us
That we His saving health may know,
His gracious will and pleasure,
And also to the heathen show
Christ’s riches without measure
And unto God convert them.

2. Thine over all shall be the praise
And thanks of ev’ry nation,
And all the world with joy shall raise
The voice of exultation;
For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord,
Nor suffer sin to flourish;
Thy people’s pasture is Thy Word
Their souls to feed and nourish,
In righteous paths to keep them.

Δ 3. Oh, let the people praise Thy worth,
In all good works increasing;
The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth,
Thy Word is rich in blessing.
May God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit bless us!
Let all the world praise Him alone,
Let solemn awe possess us.
Now let our hearts say, “Amen.” Amen.

TLH 408 “Jesus Christ, My Pride and Glory”

Johann Olearius, 1671

1. Jesus Christ, my Pride and Glory,
He, the true and living Light,
Strengthens me with glorious might.
Christ, revealed in sacred story,
Whom I now as Lord confess,
Teaches me true holiness.

2. Let me live to praise Thee ever,
Jesus, Thou my heart’s Delight,
Thou Who leadest me aright.
Let me cling to Thee forever,
All the fleshly lusts deny
And the devil’s hosts defy.

3. Grant me, Lord, Thy Holy Spirit
That in all I follow Him
Lest the light of faith grow dim.
Let me ever trust Thy merit,

Let Thy blessing me attend,
From all evil me defend.

4. From all pain and imperfection,
Gracious Lord, deliver me,
Heaven's glory let me see.
Keep me under Thy direction
That the grace thou gavest me
I may praise eternally. Amen.