

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 Reminiscere

O God, Who seest that of ourselves we have no strength, keep us both outwardly and inwardly that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Season Lent

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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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Midweek Lenten Vespers
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“Often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.”

St. Mark 9:22

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James 5:13-20

¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. ¹⁸ And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit. ¹⁹ Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, ²⁰ let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

St. Mark 9:17-29

¹⁷ Then one of the crowd answered and said, “Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. ¹⁸ And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not.” ¹⁹ He

answered him and said, “O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me.” ²⁰ Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ So He asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. ²² And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” ²³ Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!” ²⁵ When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!” ²⁶ Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, “He is dead.” ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸ And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁹ So He said to them, “This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.”

Psalm 25



P: THE SE- || cret of the Lord is with those who | fear | Him,
 C: And He will show them | His | *cov-e- ·* | nant.

P: || To You, O | Lord, | -
 C: I lift | up | my | soul.

P: || O my God, I trust in | You; | -
 C: Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph | o- |
 ver | me.

P: || Indeed, let no one who waits on You be a- | shamed; | -
 C: Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously | with- | out |
 cause.

P: || Show me Your ways, O | Lord; | -
 C: Teach | me | Your | paths.

P: || Lead me in Your truth and | teach | me,
 C: For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait | all |
 the | day.

P: || Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your loving- |
kind-ness- · | es,
 C: For they are | from | of | old.

P: || Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my trans- | gres- | sions;
 C: According to Your mercy remember me, for Your good-ness'
 | sake, | O | Lord.

P: || Good and upright is the | Lord; | -
 C: Therefore He teaches sinners | in | the | way.

P: || The humble He guides in | just- | ice,
 C: And the humble He teach- | es | His | way.

P: || All the paths of the Lord are mercy and | truth, | -
 C: To such as keep His covenant and His tes- | ti- | mo- | nies.

P: || For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my in- | *i-qui- ·* | ty,
 C: For | it | is | great.

P: || Who is the man that fears the | Lord? | -
 C: Him shall He teach in the way | He | choos- | es.

P: || He himself shall dwell in pros- | *per-i- ·* | ty,
 C: And his descendants shall inher- | it | the | earth.

P: || The secret of the Lord is with those who | fear | Him,

C: And He will show them | His | *cov-e- ·* | nant.

P: || My eyes are ever toward the | Lord, | -
 C: For He shall pluck my feet out | of | the | net.

P: || Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy | on | me,
 C: For I am desolate and | af- | flict- | ed.

P: || The troubles of my heart have en- | larged; | -
 C: Bring me out of my | dis- | tress- | es!

P: || Look on my affliction and my | pain, | -
 C: And forgive | all | my | sins.

P: || Consider my enemies, for they are | ma- | ny;
 C: And they hate me with cru- | el | hat- | red.

P: || Keep my soul, and de- | *liv-er ·* | me;
 C: Let me not be ashamed, for I put my | trust | in | You.

P: || Let integrity and uprightness pre- | serve | me,
 C: For I | wait | for | You.

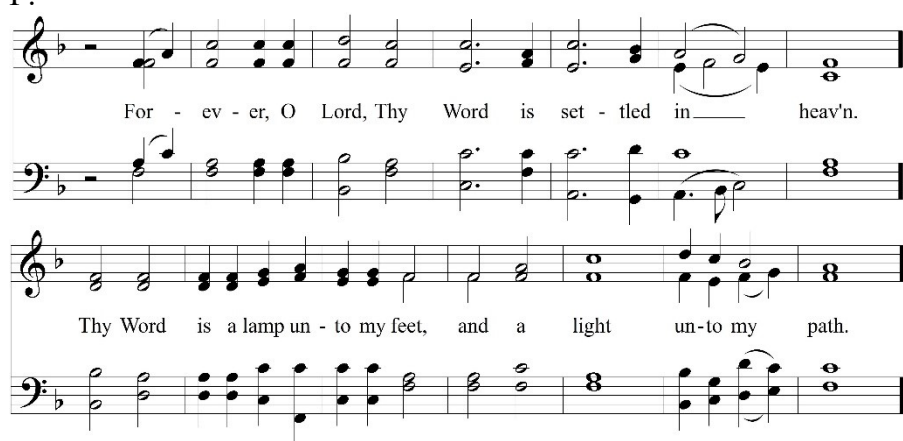
P: || Redeem Israel, O | God, | -
 C: Out of all | their | trou- | bles!

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 ever | shall | be:
 World without | end. | A- | men.

P: || The secret of the Lord is with those who | fear | Him,
 C: And He will show them | His | *cov-e- ·* | nant.

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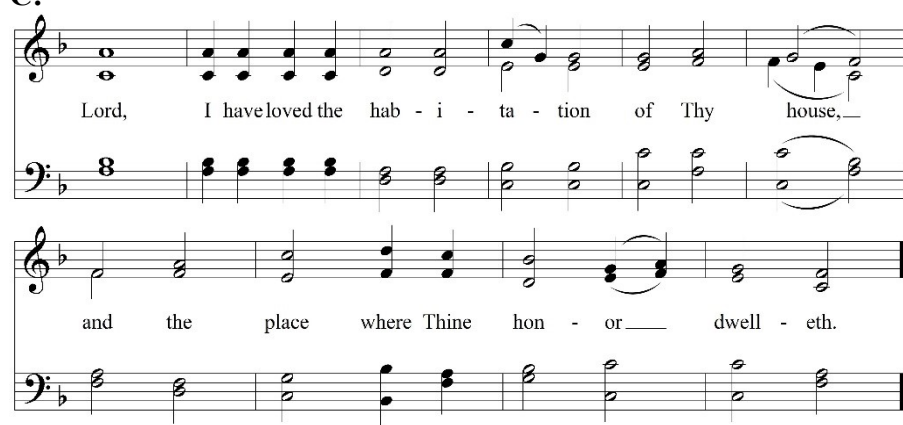
P:



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.

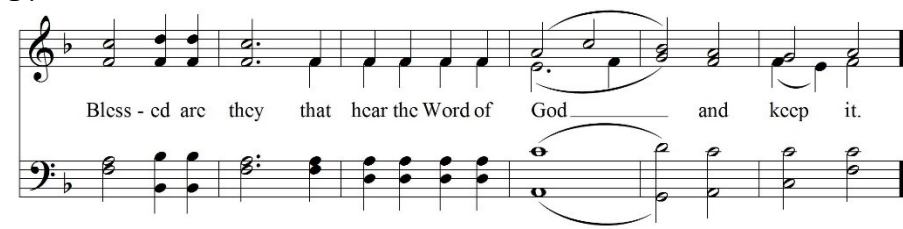
C:



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:

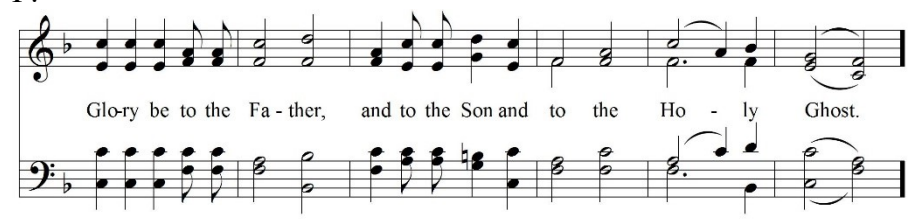


Lord, I have loved the hab - i - ta - tion of Thy house, —



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 147 “O Christ, Thou Lamb of God”

From the German, 1528

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us!

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us!

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace! Amen.

TLH 150 “Lord Jesus, Thou art Going Forth”

Sts. 1-3, 5 Kaspar F. Nachtenhöfer, 1651; St. 4
Magnus D. Omeis, 1699

1. (*The Soul:*) Lord Jesus, Thou art going forth
For me Thy life to offer;
For me, a sinner from my birth,
Who caused all Thou must suffer.
So be it, then, Thou hope of men;
Thee I shall follow weeping,
Tears flowing free
Thy pain to see,
Watch o'er Thy sorrows keeping.

2. (*Jesus:*) O Soul, attend thou and behold
The fruit of thy transgression!
My portion is the curse of old
And for man's sin My Passion.
Now comes the night of sin's dread might,
Man's guilt I here am bearing.
Oh, weigh it, Soul;
I make thee whole,
No need now of despairing.

3. (*The Soul:*) 'Tis I, Lord Jesus, I confess
Who should have borne sin's wages
And lost the peace of heavenly bliss
Through everlasting ages.
Instead 'tis Thou
Who goest now
My punishment to carry,
Thy death and blood
Lead me to God;
By grace I there may tarry.

4. (*Jesus:*) O Soul, I take upon Me now
The pain thou shouldst have suffered.
Behold, with grace I thee endow,

Grace freely to thee offered.
The curse I choose
That thou mightst lose
Sin's curse and guilt forever.
My gift of love
From heaven above
Will give thee blessing ever.

5. (*The Soul:*) What can I for such love divine
To thee, Lord Jesus, render?
No merit has this heart of mine;
Yet while I live, I'll tender
Myself alone,
And all I own,
In love to serve before Thee;
Then when time's past,
Take me at last
To Thy blest home in glory. Amen.

TLH 168 “The Royal Banners Forward Go”

Venantius Fortunatus, 569

1. The royal banners forward go;
The cross shines forth in mystic glow
Where He in flesh, our flesh who made,
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid;

2. Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
Life's torrent rushing from His side.
To wash us in that precious flood
Where mingled water flowed and blood.

3. Fulfilled is all that David told
In true prophetic song of old;
Amidst the nations, God, saith he,
Hath reigned and triumphed from the Tree.

4. O Tree of beauty, Tree of light,
O Tree with royal purple dight;
Elect, on whose triumphal breast
Those holy limbs should find their rest;

5. On whose dear arms, so widely flung,
The weight of this world's ransom hung
The price of humankind to pay
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.

6. O Cross, our one reliance, hail!
So may thy power with us avail
To give new virtue to the saint
And pardon to the penitent.

7. To Thee, eternal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done
Whom by the cross Thou dost restore,
Preserve, and govern evermore. Amen.