

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.

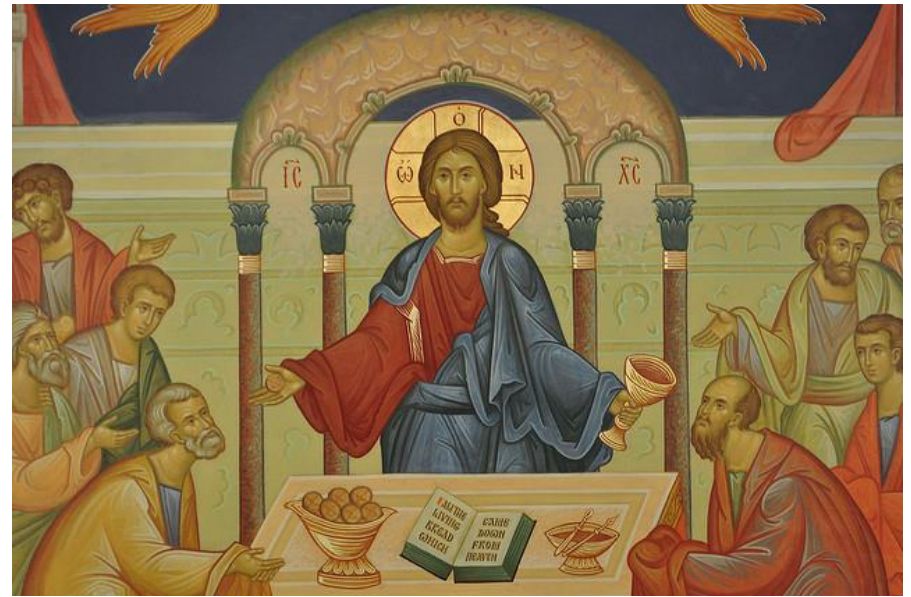
Collect for Laetare

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved; 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 of 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 the Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.

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“I Am the living bread which came down out of heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: yea and the bread which I will give is My flesh, for the life of the world.” St. John 6:51

Psalm 139

Psalm Tone VI

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Antiphon O LORD, || Thou hast searched me, | and | known | me. *

Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, Thou understandest my | thought | **a-** | far | off.

3 || Thou compassest my path and my | ly- | ing | down, *

And art acquainted | with | **all** | my | ways.

4 || For there is not a word | in | my | tongue, *

But, lo, O LORD, Thou knowest it | al- | **to-** | geth- | er.

5 || Thou hast beset me behind | and | be- | fore, *

And laid Thine | hand | **up-** | on | me.

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

It is high, I cannot at- | tain | **un-** | to | it.

7 || Whither shall I go from | Thy | Spir- | it? *

Or whither shall I flee | from | **Thy** | pre- | sence?

8 || If I ascend up into heaven, | Thou | art | there: *

If I make my bed in hell, be- | hold, | **Thou** | art | there.

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

And dwell in the uttermost | parts | **of** | the | sea;

10 || Even there shall Thy | hand | lead | me, *

And Thy right | hand | **shall** | hold | me.

11 || If I say, "Surely the darkness shall | cov- | er | me;" *

Even the night shall be | light | **a-** | bout | me.

12 || Yea, the darkness hideth not from *Thee*; (+) But the night shineth | as | the | day: *

The darkness and the light are both | a- | **like** | to | *Thee*.

13 || For Thou hast possess- | ed | my | reins: *

Thou hast covered me in | my | **moth-** | er's | womb.

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

Marvellous are Thy works; And that my soul | know- | **eth** | right | well.

15 || My substance was not hid from *Thee*, (+) when I was made | in | sec- | ret, *

And curiously wrought in the lowest | parts | **of** | the | earth.

16 || Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being | un- | per- | fect; *

And in Thy book all my mem- | bers | **were** | writ- | ten,

|| Which in continuance were | fash- | ion- | ed, *

When as yet there | was | **none** | of | them.

17 || How precious also are Thy thoughts unto | me, | O | God! *

How great is | the | **sum** | of | them!

18 || If I should count them, they are more in number | than | the | sand: *

When I awake, I | am | **still** | with | *Thee*.

19 || Surely Thou wilt slay the wick- | ed, | O | God: *

Depart from me therefore, | ye | **blood-** | y | men.

20 || For they speak against Thee | wick- | ed- | ly, *

And Thine enemies take | Thy | **Name** | in | vain.

21 || Do not I hate them, O LORD, | that | hate | *Thee*? *

And am not I grieved with those that rise | up | **a-** | gainst | *Thee*?

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

I count them | mine | **en-** | e- | mies.

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

Try me, | and | **know** | my | thoughts:

24 || And see if there be any wicked | way | in | me, *

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

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.

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