

### 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, O 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.

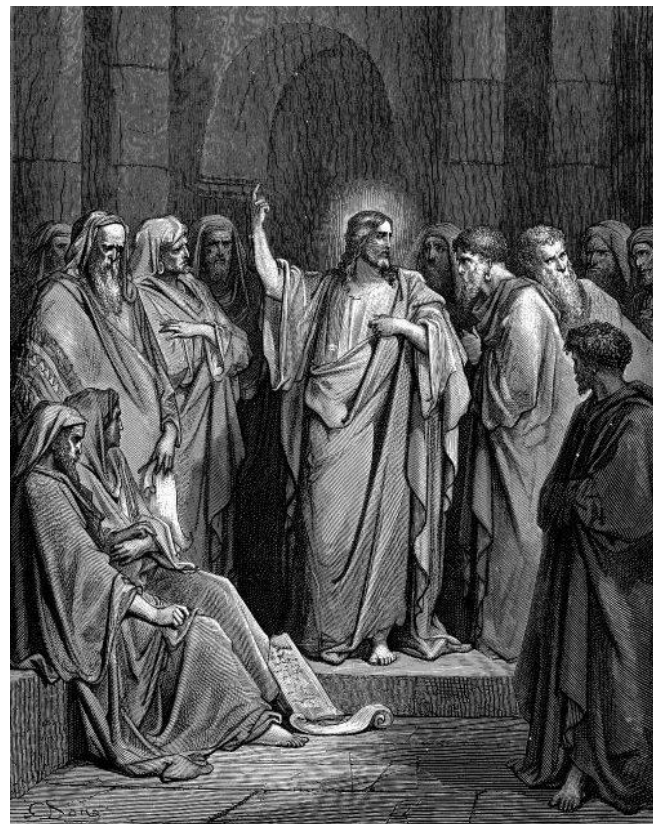
### Collect for Judica

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Thy people, that by Thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and 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 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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*“Think not that I came to send peace on the earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.”*

*St. Matthew 10:34*

<sup>32</sup> “Every one therefore who shall confess Me before men, him will I also confess before My Father who is in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whosoever shall deny Me before men, Him will I also deny before My Father who is in heaven. <sup>34</sup> Think not that I came to send peace on the earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I came to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law: <sup>36</sup> and a man’s foes *shall be* they of his own household. <sup>37</sup> He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>38</sup> And he that doth not take his cross and follow after Me, is not worthy of Me. <sup>39</sup> He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for My sake shall find it. <sup>40</sup> He that receiveth you receiveth Me, and he that receiveth Me receiveth Him that sent Me. <sup>41</sup> He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward: and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. <sup>42</sup> And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you he shall in no wise lose his reward.”

## Psalm 27

Psalm Tone VI

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*Antiphon* **THE LORD** || is my Light and my Salvation; whom | shall | I | fear? \*

The LORD is the Strength of my life; of whom shall | I | **be** | a- | fraid?

<sup>2</sup> || When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat | up | my | flesh, \*

They | stum- | **bled** | and | fell.

<sup>3</sup> || Though an host should encamp against me, my heart | shall | not | fear: \*

Though war should rise against me, in this will I | be | **con-** | fi- | dent.

<sup>4</sup> || One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I | seek | af- | ter; \*

That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire | in | **His** | Tem- | ple.

<sup>5</sup> || For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His | Pa- | vi- | lion: \*

In the secret of His Tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall set me up | up- | **on** | a | rock.

<sup>6</sup> || And now shall mine head be | lift- | ed | up \*

Above mine enemies | round | **a-** | bout | me:

|| Therefore will I offer in His Tabernacle sacrifi- | ces | of | joy; \*

I will sing, yea, I will sing praises | un- | **to** | the | LORD.

<sup>7</sup> || Hear, O LORD, when I cry | with | my | voice: \*

Have mercy also upon me, | and | **an-** | swer | me.

<sup>8</sup> || When Thou saidst, “Seek | ye | my | face;” \*

My heart said unto Thee, “Thy face, | LORD, | **will** | I | seek.”

<sup>9</sup> || Hide not Thy face | far | from | me; \*

Put not Thy servant a- | way | **in** | an- | ger:

|| Thou hast | been | my | Help; \*

Leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of | my | **sal-** | va- | tion.

<sup>10</sup> || When my father and my mother | for- | sake | me, \*

Then the LORD | will | **take** | me | up.

<sup>11</sup> || Teach me Thy | way, | O | LORD, \*

And lead me in a plain path, because of | mine | **en-** | e- | mies.

<sup>12</sup> || Deliver me not over unto the will of | mine | en- | *emies*: \*

For false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe |

out | **cru-** | el- | ty.

<sup>13</sup> || I | had | faint- | ed, \*

Unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land | of | **the** | liv- | ing.

<sup>14</sup> || Wait | on | the | LORD: \*

Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: Wait, I | say, | **on** | the | LORD.

**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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