

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.

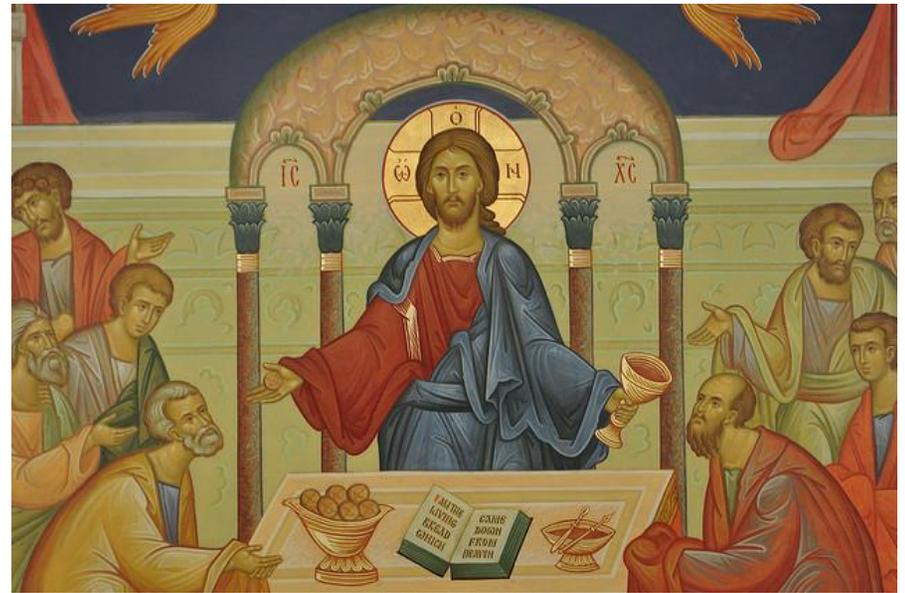
Collect for Laetare

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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Midweek Lenten Vespers
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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 forever: yea and the bread which I will give is My flesh, for the life of the world.” St. John 6:51

229. Lord Jesus, Thanks to Thee We Give

Wir danken dir, Herr Jesu Christ
 Christoph Fischer, 1597
 Tr., August Crull, †1923, alt.

Wir danken dir
 "Bergkreyen"
 Wittenberg, 1562

1. Lord Je - sus, thanks to Thee we give
 2. We pray Thee, O true God and Man,
 Who diedst for us, that we might live,
 Who wast for our of - fenc - es slain:
 And thro' Thy ho - ly, pre - cious blood
 Save us from ev - er - last - ing death,
 Hast made us right - eous be - fore God.
 And cheer us, when we yield our breath. A - men.

3. Defend us, Lord, from sin and shame;
 Help us by Thine almighty name
 To bear our crosses patiently,
 To trust in Thy great agony.

4. And thence the full assurance gain,
 That Thou wilt e'er our Friend remain,
 And not forsake us in our strife,
 Until we enter into life.

134. Before to His Sad Death He Went

G. Vogler's Katechismus, 1625
 Tr. Anon. Ohio Synod Hymnal, 1880

Olive's Brow
 William Batchelder Bradbury, 1853

1. Be - fore to His sad death He went,
 Je - sus or - dained the Sac - ra - ment.
 His flesh and blood through pow'r di - vine
 Is in, with, un - der, bread and wine. A - men.

2. The Sacrament gives grace and life
 To quit ourselves like men in strife.
 Against all sin, affliction, need,
 t gives us health and strength indeed.

3. Lord, with this bread grant us such good;
 Refresh us with Thy precious blood,
 That stills the thirst of our faint soul
 And makes our spirits strong and whole.

4. O Christ, grant Thou in grace that we
 May now receive Thee worthily.
 Forbid it, Lord! that we receive
 Thee unto judgment. Let us live!

Laetare - 4th Sunday in Lent
 23. Christ, the Life of All the Living

Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1659
 Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1851

Jesu, meines Lebens Leben
 Wolfgang Wessnitzer, 1661

1. Christ, the Life of all the liv - ing,
 2. Thou, ah! Thou, hast ta - ken on Thee

Christ, the Death of death our foe, Who, Thy - self for
 Bonds and stripes, a cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were

me once giv - ing To the dark - est depths of woe,
 heaped up - on Thee, O Thou sin - less Son of God!

Ma - dest rec - on - cil - i - a - tion, And didst save me
 Thus didst Thou my soul de - liv - er From the bonds of

from dam - na - tion; Thou - sand, thou - sand
 sin for - ev - er. Thou - sand, thou - sand

thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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| <p>3. Thou hast borne the smiting only
 That my wounds might all be whole;
 Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
 Rest to give my weary soul;
 Yea, the curse of God enduring,
 Blessing unto me securing.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.</p> | <p>5. Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,
 That from pain I might be free;
 Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee—
 Thence I gain security;
 Comfortless once Thou didst languish,
 Me to comfort in my anguish.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.</p> |
| <p>4. Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,
 Treating Thee with cruel scorn,
 And with piercing thorns
 they crowned Thee;
 All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,
 That as Thine Thou mightest own me,
 And with heav'nly glory crown me.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.</p> | <p>6. Thou hast suffered great affliction,
 And hast borne it patiently,
 Even death by crucifixion,
 Fully to atone for me;
 Thou didst choose to be tormented,
 That my doom should be prevented.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.</p> |
| <p>7. Then for all that wrought our pardon,
 For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
 For Thine anguish in the garden,
 I will thank Thee evermore;
 Thank Thee with my latest breath
 For Thy sad and cruel death,
 For that last most bitter cry,
 And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.</p> | |

##. The Litany

[text information]

Harry Archer and Luther Reed, 1901
The Choral Service Book
arr. Benjamin Henson and Jacob Henson

Pastor Congregation

Lord, have mercy up - on us. Lord, have mercy up - on us.
Christ, have mercy up - on us. Christ, have mercy up - on us.
Lord, have mercy up - on us. Lord, have mercy up - on us.

Pastor Congregation

O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.

Pastor Congregation

O God the Fa - ther in heaven, Have mercy up - on us.
O God the Son, Re - deem - er of the world, Have mercy up - on us.
O God the Holy Ghost, Have mercy up - on us.

Pastor Congregation

Be gra - cious un - to us. Spare us, good Lord.
Be gra - cious un - to us. Help us, good Lord.

Pastor Congregation

From all sin;
From all error;
From all evil; Good Lord, de - liver us.

Pastor

From the crafts and as - saults of the devil;
From sud - den and evil death;
From pesti - lence and famine;
From war and blood - shed;
From se - di - tion and re - bellion;
From light - ning and tempest;
From all calamity by fire and wa - ter;
And from ev - er - lasting death;

Congregation

Good Lord, de - liver us.

Pastor

By the mystery of Thy holy In - car - na - tion;
 By Thy ho - ly Na - tivity;
 By Thy Baptism, fasting, and temp - ta - tion;
 By Thine ag - ony and bloody sweat;
 By Thy cross and Pas - sion;
 By Thy precious death and burial;
 By Thy glorious Resur - rec - tion and As - cen - sion;
 And by the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Comfort - er;

Congregation

Help us, good Lord.

Pastor

In all time of our trib - u - la - tion;
 In all time of our pros - per - i - ty;
 In the hour of death;
 And in the Day of Judg - ment;

Congregation

Help us, good Lord.

Pastor

Congregation

We poor sinners do be - seech Thee To hear us, O Lord God.

Pastor

And to rule and govern Thy holy Chris - tian Church;
 To preserve all bishops, pastors, and deacons of
 Thy Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Thy Word, and in holiness of life;
 To put an end to all schisms and causes of of - fense;
 To bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are de - ceived;
 To beat down Satan under our feet;
 To send faithful laborers into Thy har - vest;
 To accompany Thy Word with Thy Spirit and grace;
 To raise up them that fall, and to strengthen such as do stand;
 And to comfort and help the weak-hearted and the dis - tressed;

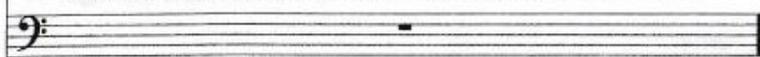
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We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

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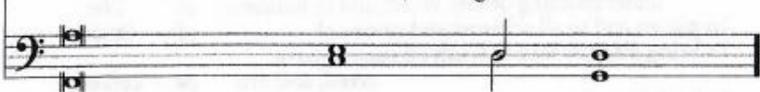
To give to all nations peace and con - cord;
 To preserve our country from discord and con - ten - tion;
 To give to our nation perpetual victory over all its ene - mies;
 To direct and defend our President and all in au - thor - ity;
 And to bless and keep our magistrates, and all our peo - ple;



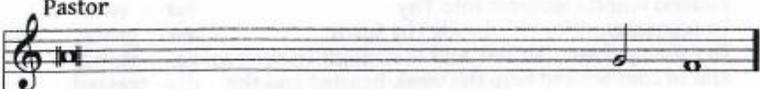
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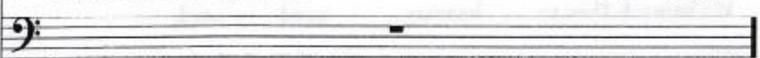
We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.



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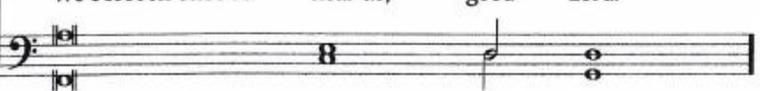
To behold and succor all who are in danger, -
 necessity, and tribu - la - tion;
 To protect all who travel by land or wa - ter;
 To preserve all women in the perils of child - birth;
 To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young chil - dren;
 To set free all who are innocently im - pris - oned;
 To defend and provide for all fatherless children and wid - ows;
 And to have mercy upon all men;



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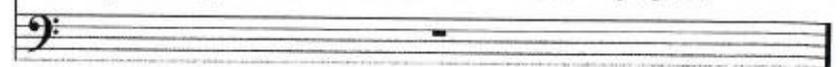
We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.



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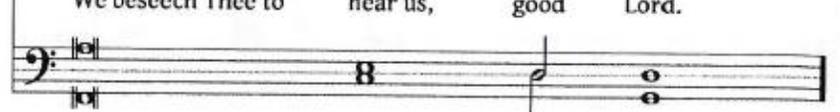
To forgive our enemies, persecutors,
 and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;
 To give and preserve to our use the fruits of the earth;
 And graciously to hear our prayers;



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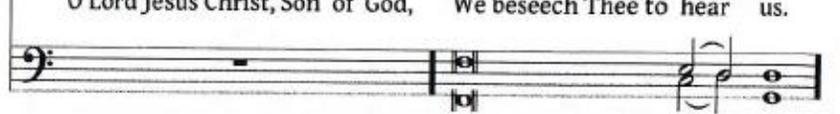
We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.



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O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, We beseech Thee to hear us.



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O Lamb of God, that
 takest away the sin of the world, Have mercy up-on us.
 O Lamb of God, that
 takest away the sin of the world, Have mercy up-on us.
 O Lamb of God, that
 takest away the sin of the world, Grant us Thy peace.



