

Praying the Daily Office

The Daily Office generally refers to the services of Morning and Evening Prayer. In the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, the services of Noonday Prayer and Compline were added.

The Daily Office begins on page 38 of the Book of Common Prayers. There are both Rite I & Rite II Services in Morning and Evening Prayer. There is only a Rite II version of Noonday Prayer & Compline.

There is a two year cycle of readings for the Daily Office. This begins on page 934 of the Book of Common Prayer. The cycle begins on the first Sunday of Advent. Year One begins on the first Sunday of Advent before odd numbered years. Year Two begins on the first Sunday of Advent before even numbered years. We are in Year 2.

The Daily Office Lectionary has two sets of Psalms, one for Morning Prayer & one for Evening Prayer and three lessons. Usually two readings are used in the morning and one in the evening. The suggestion is that the Gospel be used in the evening in Year One and in the morning in Year Two. Usually the Epistle is used in the evening in Year 2.

You can begin Morning and Evening Prayer with an opening sentence, with the confession or with the Psalm. A canticle is read after every lesson.

<https://www.missionstclare.com/english/> is a website that has morning and evening prayer every day. You can read the service or listen to the audio. Venite is an app that will play morning and evening prayer on your phone.

This handout includes an edited version of Rite II Morning & Evening Prayer and the Year 2 lectionary for Lent. If you are praying the office by yourself, you say both the Officiant and the People parts.

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

The service begins with one of these sentences, or the Confession, or the Psalter

Lent

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:8, 9

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. Joel 2:13

I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." Luke 15:18, 19

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, because we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws which he set before us. Daniel 9:9, 10

Jesus said, "If anyone will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Mark 8:34

The following Confession of Sin may then be said; or the Office may continue at once with "Lord, open our lips."

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

A deacon or lay person using the preceding form substitutes "us" for "you" and "our" for "your."

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Then follows one of the Invitatory Psalms, Venite or Jubilate. The following Antiphon may be sung or said with the Invitatory Psalm.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Jubilate Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *

he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Then follows

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

One or two lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading (Lesson) from _____.

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added. After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept after each Reading. One of the following Canticles, is sung or said after each Reading.

This is a small selection of the Canticles. These are ones especially appropriate for Lent.

9 The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce, Deus Isaiah 12:2-6*

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

10 The Second Song of Isaiah *Quaerite Dominum Isaiah 55:6-11*

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *

call upon him when he draws near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways *

and the evil ones their thoughts;

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

11 The Third Song of Isaiah *Surge, illuminare Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

14 A Song of Penitence *Kyrie Pantokrator Prayer of Manasseh 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15*

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, *
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all their righteous offspring:
You made the heavens and the earth, *
with all their vast array.
All things quake with fear at your presence; *
they tremble because of your power.
But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *
it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.
O Lord, you are full of compassion, *

long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.
You hold back your hand; *
you do not punish as we deserve.
In your great goodness, Lord, you have promised forgiveness to sinners, *
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.
And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, *
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *
and I know my wickedness only too well.
Therefore I make this prayer to you: *
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.
Do not let me perish in my sin, *
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, *
and in me you will show forth your goodness.
Unworthy as I am, you will save me, in accordance with your great mercy, *
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, *
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

18 A Song to the Lamb *Dignus es Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13*

Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and for evermore.

19 The Song of the Redeemed *Magna et mirabilia Revelation 15:3-4*

O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Then follows one of these sets of Suffrages. V (or versicle) are read by the Officiant. R (or response) by the people.

A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

B

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your name for ever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Fridays

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Saturdays

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then, unless the Eucharist or a form of general intercession is to follow, one of these prayers for mission is added

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Or this

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or the following

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen. Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow. This is where you can add your own prayer list.

Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Then may be said

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Romans 15:13

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20,21*

Daily Evening Prayer: Rite Two

The service can begin with a sentence of Scripture, the Confession or the Psalter

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
Psalms 141:2

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him. *Psalms 96:9*

Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. *Psalms 74:15,16*

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalms 16:7,8*

Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the surface of the earth: The Lord is his name. *Amos 5:8*

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalms 139:10,11*

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." *John 8:12*

Confession of Sin

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The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

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O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

O gracious light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,

O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,

O Son of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
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The Lessons

After the Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept after each Reading. One of the following Canticles, is sung or said after each Reading.

The Song of Mary *Magnificat Luke 1:46-55*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *

in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *

and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *

and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *

to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittis Luke 2:29-32*

Lord, you now have set your servant free *

to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *

whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.
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He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
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thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
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And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

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V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

B

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of [_____ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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A Collect for Peace

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

A Collect for Aid against Perils

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Collect for Protection

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Collect for the Presence of Christ

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

Then, unless the Eucharist or a form of general intercession is to follow, one of these prayer for mission is added

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or this

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

or the following

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow. This is where you can add your prayer list.

Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Then may be said
 Let us bless the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. *Romans 15:13*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20,21*

The Psalms are at the top of each day. The psalms for the morning are first. The ones for the evening are after the symbol.

	Week of 1 Lent		
<i>Sunday</i>	63:1-8(9-11), 98 Dan. 9:3-10	✠ 103 Heb. 2:10-18	John 12:44-50
<i>Monday</i>	41, 52 Gen. 37:1-11	✠ 44 1 Cor. 1:1-19	Mark 1:1-13
<i>Tuesday</i>	45 Gen. 37:12-24	✠ 47, 48 1 Cor. 1:20-31	Mark 1:14-28
<i>Wednesday</i>	119:49-72 Gen. 37:25-36	✠ 49, [53] 1 Cor. 2:1-13	Mark 1:29-45
<i>Thursday</i>	50 Gen. 39:1-23	✠ [59, 60] or 19, 46 1 Cor. 2:14—3:15	Mark 2:1-12
<i>Friday</i>	95* & 40, 54 Gen. 40:1-23	✠ 51 1 Cor. 3:16-23	Mark 2:13-22
<i>Saturday</i>	55 Gen. 41:1-13	✠ 138, 139:1-17(18-23) 1 Cor. 4:1-7	Mark 2:23—3:6

Week of 2 Lent

<i>Sunday</i>	24, 29 ✧ 8, 84 Gen. 41:14-45 Rom. 6:3-14 John 5:19-24
<i>Monday</i>	56, 57, [58] ✧ 64, 65 Gen. 41:46-57 1 Cor. 4:8-20(21) Mark 3:7-19a
<i>Tuesday</i>	61, 62 ✧ 68:1-20(21-23)24-36 Gen. 42:1-17 1 Cor. 5:1-8 Mark 3:19b-35
<i>Wednesday</i>	72 ✧ 119:73-96 Gen. 42:18-28 1 Cor. 5:9—6:8 Mark 4:1-20
<i>Thursday</i>	[70], 71 ✧ 74 Gen. 42:29-38 1 Cor. 6:12-20 Mark 4:21-34
<i>Friday</i>	95* & 69:1-23(24-30)31-38 ✧ 73 Gen. 43:1-15 1 Cor. 7:1-9 Mark 4:35-41
<i>Saturday</i>	75, 76 ✧ 23, 27 Gen. 43:16-34 1 Cor. 7:10-24 Mark 5:1-20

For the Invitatory*Week of 3 Lent**

<i>Sunday</i>	93, 96 ✧ 34 Gen. 44:1-17 Rom. 8:1-10 John 5:25-29
<i>Monday</i>	80 ✧ 77, [79] Gen. 44:18-34 1 Cor. 7:25-31 Mark 5:21-43
<i>Tuesday</i>	78:1-39 ✧ 78:40-72 Gen. 45:1-15 1 Cor. 7:32-40 Mark 6:1-13
<i>Wednesday</i>	119:97-120 ✧ 81, 82 Gen. 45:16-28 1 Cor. 8:1-13 Mark 6:13-29
<i>Thursday</i>	[83] or 42, 43 ✧ 85, 86 Gen. 46:1-7, 28-34 1 Cor. 9:1-15 Mark 6:30-46
<i>Friday</i>	95* & 88 ✧ 91, 92 Gen. 47:1-26 1 Cor. 9:16-27 Mark 6:47-56
<i>Saturday</i>	87, 90 ✧ 136 Gen. 47:27—48:7 1 Cor. 10:1-13 Mark 7:1-23

Week of 4 Lent

<i>Sunday</i>	66, 67 ✧ 19, 46 Gen. 48:8-22 Rom. 8:11-25 John 6:27-40
<i>Monday</i>	89:1-18 ✧ 89:19-52 Gen. 49:1-28 1 Cor. 10:14—11:1 Mark 7:24-37
<i>Tuesday</i>	97, 99, [100] ✧ 94, [95] Gen. 49:29—50:14 1 Cor. 11:17-34 Mark 8:1-10
<i>Wednesday</i>	101, 109:1-4(5-19)20-30 ✧ 119:121-144 Gen. 50:15-26 1 Cor. 12:1-11 Mark 8:11-26
<i>Thursday</i>	69:1-23(24-30)31-38 ✧ 73 Exod. 1:6-22 1 Cor. 12:12-26 Mark 8:27—9:1
<i>Friday</i>	95* & 102 ✧ 107:1-32 Exod. 2:1-22 1 Cor. 12:27—13:3 Mark 9:2-13
<i>Saturday</i>	107:33-43, 108:1-6(7-13) ✧ 33 Exod. 2:23—3:15 1 Cor. 13:1-13 Mark 9:14-29

**For the Invitatory*

Week of 5 Lent

<i>Sunday</i>	118 ✧ 145 Exod. 3:16—4:12 Rom. 12:1-21 John 8:46-59
<i>Monday</i>	31 ✧ 35 Exod. 4:10-20(21-26)27-31 1 Cor. 14:1-19 Mark 9:30-41
<i>Tuesday</i>	[120], 121, 122, 123 ✧ 124, 125, 126, [127] Exod. 5:1—6:1 1 Cor. 14:20-33a, 39-40 Mark 9:42-50
<i>Wednesday</i>	119:145-176 ✧ 128, 129, 130 Exod. 7:8-24 2 Cor. 2:14—3:6 Mark 10:1-16
<i>Thursday</i>	131, 132, [133] ✧ 140, 142 Exod. 7:25—8:19 2 Cor. 3:7-18 Mark 10:17-31
<i>Friday</i>	95* & 22 ✧ 141, 143:1-11(12) Exod. 9:13-35 2 Cor. 4:1-12 Mark 10:32-45
<i>Saturday</i>	137:1-6(7-9), 144 ✧ 42, 43 Exod. 10:21—11:8 2 Cor. 4:13-18 Mark 10:46-52

Holy Week

<i>Palm Sunday</i>	24, 29 ✧ 103 Zech. 9:9-12** 1 Tim. 6:12-16** Zech. 12:9-11; 13:1, 7-9*** Luke 19:41-48***
<i>Monday</i>	51:1-18(19-20) ✧ 69:1-23 Lam. 1:1-2, 6-12 2 Cor. 1:1-7 Mark 11:12-25
<i>Tuesday</i>	6, 12 ✧ 94 Lam. 1:17-22 2 Cor. 1:8-22 Mark 11:27-33
<i>Wednesday</i>	55 ✧ 74 Lam. 2:1-9 2 Cor. 1:23—2:11 Mark 12:1-11
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	102 ✧ 142, 143 Lam. 2:10-18 1 Cor. 10:14-17; 11:27-32 Mark 14:12-25
<i>Good Friday</i>	95* & 22 ✧ 40:1-14(15-19), 54 Lam. 3:1-9, 19-33 1 Pet. 1:10-20 John 13:36-38** John 19:38-42***
<i>Holy Saturday</i>	95* & 88 ✧ 27 Lam. 3:37-58 Heb. 4:1-16** Rom. 8:1-11***

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