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THE ORDER FOR EVENSONG (EVENING PRAYER)

(The Book of Common Prayer)

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ORDER OF SERVICE

The Minister reads The Opening Sentence

Minister: O Lord, open thou our lips.

All: **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

Minister: O God, make speed to save us.

All: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Ghost;

All: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. AMEN.**

Minister: Praise ye the Lord.

All: **The Lord's Name be praised.**

PSALM 135 (Said)

¹ Praise the Lord!

Praise the name of the Lord;
give praise, O servants of the Lord,

² you that stand in the house of the Lord,
in the courts of the house of our God.

³ Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;
sing to his name, for he is gracious.

⁴ For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself,
Israel as his own possession.

⁵ For I know that the Lord is great;
our Lord is above all gods.

⁶ Whatever the Lord pleases he does,
in heaven and on earth,
in the seas and all deeps.

⁷ He it is who makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth;
he makes lightnings for the rain
and brings out the wind from his storehouses.

⁸ He it was who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,
both human beings and animals;

⁹ he sent signs and wonders
into your midst, O Egypt,
against Pharaoh and all his servants.

¹⁰ He struck down many nations
and killed mighty kings—

¹¹ Sihon, king of the Amorites,
and Og, king of Bashan,
and all the kingdoms of Canaan—

¹² and gave their land as a heritage,
a heritage to his people Israel.

¹³ Your name, O Lord, endures for ever,
your renown, O Lord, throughout all ages.

¹⁴ For the Lord will vindicate his people,
and have compassion on his servants.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :**

world without end. AMEN.

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 12: 1-9

The Call of Abram

Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan.

When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, ‘To your offspring I will give this land.’ So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

The Magnificat (Said)

- 1 My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.**
- 2 For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his handmaiden.**
- 3 For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.**
- 4 For he that is mighty hath magnified me :**

and holy is his Name.

- 5 **And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.**
- 6 **He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.**
- 7 **He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.**
- 8 **He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.**
- 9 **He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.**

Luke 1:46-55

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. AMEN.**

The New Testament Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-3 & 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had

left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Nunc Dimittis (Said)

- 1 **Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.**
- 2 **For mine eyes have seen :
thy salvation;**
- 3 **Which thou hast prepared :
before the face of all people;**
- 4 **To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel**

Luke 2:29-32

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. AMEN.**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God

All: the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. AMEN.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Minister: Our Father,

All: **which art in heaven,**

Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth,

As it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

AMEN.

Minister: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

All: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Minister: O Lord, save the Queen.

All: **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

All: **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Minister: O Lord, save thy people.

All: **And bless thine inheritance.**

Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

All: **Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

All: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

The Collect for the Day: Lent 2

Almighty God,

You show to those in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness;

Grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion
that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession
and follow such things as are agreeable to the same;

Through our Lord Jesus Christ
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever.

AMEN.

The Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **AMEN.**

The Collect for Aid Against Perils.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

THE SERMON

The Prayers, which may end with:

All: **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.**

The Final Prayer and Blessing, to which all reply **AMEN.**

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **In the name of Christ. AMEN.**