

Daily Evening Prayer: Rite Two

[A PLAINSONG RENDITION]

[N.B. Not for use during Lent or Easter Week]

The Officiant begins the Office with one or more of these sentences of Holy Scripture, or with the verse "Lord, open our lips" on page 5.

Advent

Watch, for you know not when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning; lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.

Mark 13:35, 36

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Isaiab 40:3

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. *Isaiab 40:5*

Christmas

Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy, which will come to all the people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:10, 11*

Behold, the dwelling of God is with mankind. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them, and be their God. *Revelation 21:3*

Epiphany

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. *Isaiah 60:3*

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering: for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

Easter Season, including Ascension Day and the Day of Pentecost

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalms 118:24*

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:57*

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
Colossians 3:1

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. *Hebrews 9:24*

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witness in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. *Acts 1:8*

Trinity Sunday

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come. *Revelation 4:8*

All Saints and other Major Saints' Days

We give thanks to the Father, who has made us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. *Colossians 1:12*

You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. *Ephesians 2:19*

Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. *Psalms 19:4*

Occasions of Thanksgiving

O give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples. *Psalms 105:1*

At any Time

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

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalms 122:1*

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalms 19:14*

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.
Psalms 43:3

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. *Habakkuk 2:20*

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. *John 4:23*

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite." *Isaiah 57:15*

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

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together before Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his awe, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are needed for our life and our healing. And so that we may ready ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in stillness, and with rueful and hearsome hearts acknowledge our sins, that we may have forgiveness by his endless goodness and mercy.

or this

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

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.

The Priest alone stands and says

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 everlasting life. *Amen.*


A Deacon or lay person using the preceding form remains kneeling, and substitutes "us" for "you" and "our" for "your."

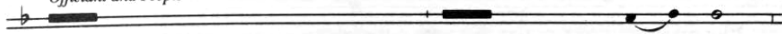
The Invitatory and Psalter

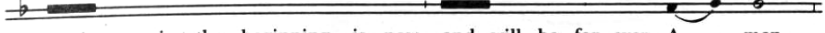
All stand


Officiant

O God, make speed to save us.

People

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:


as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

Except in Lent, add:

Al - le - lu - ia.

Then follows the Phos Hilaron.

One of the following Antiphons may be sung or said with the Phos Hilaron.

In Advent

Our King and Sa - vior now draws near: Come let us a - dore him.

On the Twelve Days of Christmas

Al - le - lu - ia. To us a child is born: Come let

us a - dore him. Al - le - lu - ia.

From the Epiphany through the Baptism of Christ, and on the Feasts of the Transfiguration and Holy Cross

The Lord has shown forth his glo - ry: Come let us a - dore him.

From Easter Day until the Ascension

Al - le - lu - ia. The Lord is ris - en in - deed:

Come let us a - dore him. Al - le - lu - ia.

From Ascension Day until the Day of Pentecost

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ the Lord has a - scend - ed in - to

hea - ven: Come let us a - dore him. Al - le - lu - ia.

On the Day of Pentecost

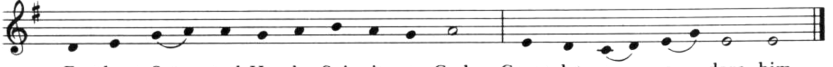


Al - le - lu - ia. The Spi - rit of the Lord re - news the



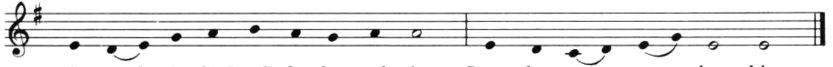
face of the earth: Come let us a - dore him. Al - le - lu - ia.

On Trinity Sunday



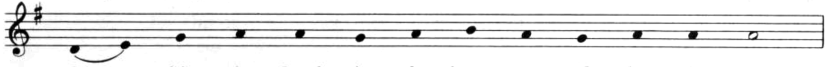
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit, one God: Come let us a - dore him.

On other Sundays and Weekdays (1)



The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us a - dore him.

On other Sundays and Weekdays (2)



Wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of ho - li - ness:




Come let us a - dore him.

On other Sundays and Weekdays (3)



The mer - cy of the Lord is ev - er - last - ing:



Come let us a - dore him.

O Gracious Light *Phos Hilaron*

1. O gra-cious Light, pure bright-ness of the ev-er-liv-ing

The first system of music features a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a half note A4, and then a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand.

Fa-ther in hea-ven, O Je-sus Christ, ho-ly and bless-ed!

The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has a quarter note G4, a half note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment maintains the same harmonic structure as the first system.

2. Now as we come to the set-ting of the sun, and our

The third system begins with a new vocal line. The vocal line starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a half note A4, and then a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same accompaniment.

eyes be-hold the ves-per light, we sing your prais-es, O God:

The fourth system concludes the piece. The vocal line has a quarter note G4, a half note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord in the right hand.

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit. 3. You are wor - thy at all times

to be praised by hap - py voic - es, O Son of God, O Giv - er

of life, and to be glo - ri - fied through all the worlds.

Setting: Mode 2 melody, centonized by Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947) and James McGregor (b. 1930); acc. James McGregor (b. 1930)

Then follows

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

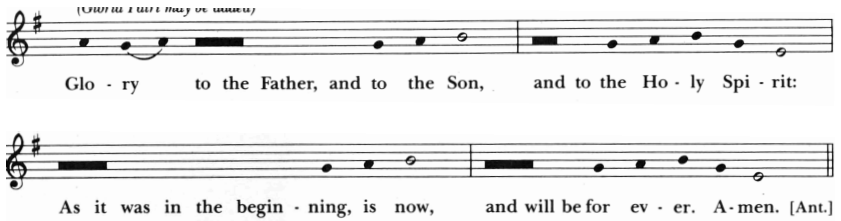
chanted to the following tone:

Tone 4

Intonation Reciting note Mediation Reciting note Ending 1

At the end of the Psalms is sung

(CANTICUS DEUS ET CHRISTUS ET SPIRITUS SANCTUS)



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:
As it was in the begin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the Credo, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody. The lyrics are written below the notes. The text is in a simple, clear font.

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.

Or the Reader may say Here ends the Lesson (Reading).

Silence may be kept after each Reading. One of the following Canticles is sung after each Reading. If three Lessons are used, the Lesson from the Gospel is read after the second Canticle.

15 The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Antiphon

The Al - might - y has done great things for me,

and ho - ly is his Name.

1. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices

in God my Sa - vior; for he has looked with favor on his

low - ly ser - vant. 2. From this day all generations will

call me bless - ed: the Almighty has done great things for me,

and ho - ly is his Name. 3. He has mercy on those who fear him

in every gen - er - a - tion. 4. He has shown the strength of his arm,

he has scattered the proud in their con - ceit. 5. He has cast down

the might - y from their thrones, and has lifted up the low - ly.

6. He has filled the hun-gry with good things, and the rich he has sent a - way

emp - ty. 7. He has come to the help of his ser - vant Is - ra - el,

for he has remembered his promise of mer - cy, 8. The promise he

made to our fa - thers, to Abraham and his children for ev - er. [Ant.]

(Gloria Patri may be omitted)

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

Setting: Plainsong, Tonus Peregrinus; adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947); acc. Alec Wyton (b. 1921)

17 The Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittis*

1. Lord, you now have set your ser - vant free to go in peace as

you have prom - ised; 2. For these eyes of mine have seen the Sa - vior,

whom you have prepared for all the world to see: 3. A Light to en -

lighten the na - tions, and the glory of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

(Gloria Patri may be omitted)

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:

As it was in the begin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.

Setting: Plainsong, Irregular Tone; adapt. The Standing Commission on Church Music, 1979;
acc. Alec Wyton (b. 1921) and SCCM, 1979

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

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.

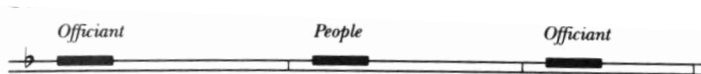
On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

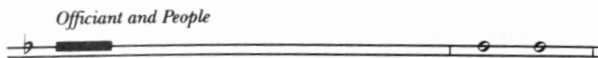
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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



The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.



Our Father in heaven . . . ever. A - men.

or

Our Father, who art in heaven . . . ever. A - men.

Then follows this set of Suffrages

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Cantor or Officiant



V. Show us your mer - cy, O Lord;

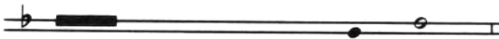
People



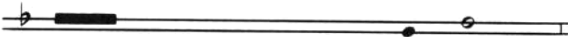
R. And grant us your salva - tion.



V. Clothe your ministers with right - eous - ness;



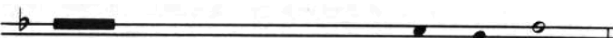
R. Let your people sing with joy.



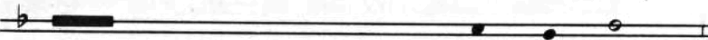
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;



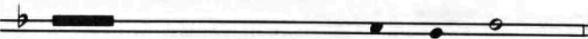
R. For only in you can we live in safe - ty.



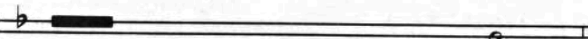
V. Lord, keep this nation un - der your care;



R. And guide us in the way of jus - tice and truth.



V. Let your way be known up - on earth;



R. Your saving health among all na - tions.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgot - ten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be ta - ken a - way.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spi - rit.

The Officiant then chants the following Collect, using this structure:

The metrum is used at the end of the first convenient stopping place within the prayer, and the flex at the next such point. If the length of the prayer permits, the metrum may be sung twice before the flex. The remainder of the body of the prayer is sung to the reciting note.

Collects which have a long ending are concluded as follows: flex (on the phrase "through Jesus Christ our Lord"), metrum, and reciting note.

Collects which have a short ending are concluded with the metrum.

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.*

Then, unless the Eucharist or a form of general intercession is to follow, this Collect 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.*

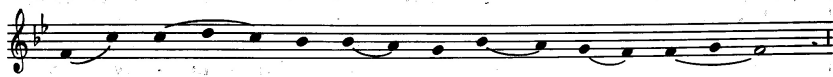
The following hymn may be sung

Evening

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1 O blest Cre - a - tor, source of light,
 2 You joined the morn and eve - ning ray;
 3 Lest we, be - set by doubt and strife,
 4 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, help us rise
 5 De - fend us, Fa - ther, through the night,



1 you gave the day with splen - dor bright,
 2 you found it good and called it 'day.'
 3 for get your bless - ed gift of life,
 4 and strive to gain the heaven - ly prize;
 5 and with your Son, and Spi - rit bright



1 when on the new and liv - ing earth
 2 But now the threat - ening dark - ness nears -
 3 and an - guished and in mind dis - tressed,
 4 for you a - lone can make us strong
 5 the Tri - ni - ty whom we a - dore -



1 you brought all things to glo - rious birth.
 2 we pray you, Fa - ther, to calm our fears.
 3 be crushed by guilt, by sin op - pressed.
 4 to turn from sin and cease from wrong.
 5 be with us now and ev - er more.

Words: Latin, 6th cent.; tr. Anne LeCroy (b. 1930), alt.
 Music: *Lucis creator optime*, plainsong, Mode 8, Worcester MS, 13th cent.

LM

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

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

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we you 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.*

Concluding Versicle and Response

Cantor or Officiant

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Concluding Versicle and Response in Easter Season

Cantor or Officiant

Let us bless the Lord, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

People

Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Officiant may then conclude with 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

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