

# Evening Prayer of The Office for the Dead

## The General Confession

*The Officiant says to the People*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence is kept. All kneeling the Officiant and People say*

**A**lmighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost  
sheep.  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our  
own hearts.  
we have offended against your holy laws.  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have  
done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to  
have done;  
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Spare all those who confess their faults.  
Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises  
declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of your holy Name. *Amen.*

*The Priest alone stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you ✠ absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*A Deacon or Layperson remains kneeling and says*

Grant your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**O**ur Father, who is in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name  
your kingdom come,  
your 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 yours is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory  
For ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The Psalms**

**Ant. 1** I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

**PSALM 116.** *Dilexi, quoniam.*

**I** love the Lord \* because he heard the voice of my prayer,  
**2** Because he inclined his ear to me; \* therefore will I call upon  
him as long as I live.

**3** The snares of death encompassed me, and the pains of the  
grave laid hold of me; \* I suffered trouble and sorrow.

**4** Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: \* "O Lord, I beseech  
you, deliver my soul."

**5** Gracious is the Lord and righteous; \* indeed, our God is full  
of compassion.

- 6 The Lord preserves the simple; \* I was in misery, and he helped me.
- 7 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \* for the Lord has rewarded you.
- 8 You have delivered my soul from death, \* my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- 9 I will walk before the Lord \* in the land of the living.
- 10 I believed, and therefore will I speak: "I am greatly troubled." \* I said in my haste, "All men are liars."
- 11 What shall I give unto the Lord \* for all the benefits that he has done unto me?
- 12 I will lift up the cup of salvation \* and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 13 I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence of all his people; \* dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; \* I am your servant, and the child of your handmaid; you have broken my bonds asunder.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \* and will call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the sight of all his people, \* in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.
- ✠ Grant eternal rest unto them, O Lord.
- ✠ And let light perpetual shine upon them.

**Ant. 1** I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

**Ant. 2** Woe is me, that I am constrained to dwell among enemies of peace.

**PSALM 120.** *Ad Dominum.*

**W**hen I was in trouble I called upon the Lord, \* and he hearkened to my calling.

2 Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips \* and from a deceitful tongue.

3 What reward shall be given or done unto you, O false tongue?  
\* Even mighty and sharp arrows, with hot burning coals.

4 Woe is me, that I am constrained to dwell in Meshech \* and to  
have my habitation among the tents of Kedar.

5 My soul has long dwelt among those \* who are enemies  
of peace.

6 I labor for peace, but when I speak to them of it, \* they make  
themselves ready for battle.

✠ Grant eternal rest unto them, O Lord.

✠ And let light perpetual shine upon them.

**Ant. 2** Woe is me, that I am constrained to dwell among enemies  
of peace.

**Ant. 3** If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, O Lord,  
who could abide it?

**PSALM 130.** *De profundis.*

**O**ut of the deep have I called unto you, O Lord; \* Lord,  
hear my voice.

2 O let your ears consider well \* the voice of my supplications.

3 If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, \* O Lord, who  
could abide it?.

4 For there is mercy with you; \* therefore you shall be feared.

5 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; \* in his word is  
my trust.

6 My soul waits for the Lord, \* more than watchmen for the  
morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy, \*  
and with him is plenteous redemption;

8 And he shall redeem Israel \* from all their sins.

✠ Grant eternal rest unto them, O Lord.

✠ And let light perpetual shine upon them.

**Ant. 3** If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, O Lord,  
who could abide it?

**Ant. 4** Despise not, O Lord, the works of your own hands.

**PSALM 138.** *Confitebor tibi.*

**I** will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \* even before the gods will I sing praises to you.

**2** I will worship toward your holy temple and praise your Name because of your loving-kindness and truth, \* for you have magnified your Name and your word above all things.

**3** When I called upon you, you heard me \* and gave me increase of strength.

**4** All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, \* for they have heard the words of your mouth.

**5** They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, \* that great is the glory of the Lord.

**6** For though the Lord be high, yet he has respect for the lowly; \* as for the proud, he beholds them from afar.

**7** Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shall you refresh me; \* you shall stretch forth your hand upon the furiousness of my enemies, and your right hand shall save me.

**8** The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness toward me; \* your mercy, O Lord, endures for ever; despise not the works of your own hands.

**℣** Grant eternal rest unto them, O Lord.

**℟** And let light perpetual shine upon them.

**Ant. 4** Despise not, O Lord, the works of your own hands.

## **The First Lesson**

*A reading from Job 19:20-27*

My bones cleave to my skin and to my flesh,

And I have escaped by the skin of my teeth.

Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends,

For the hand of God has touched me!

Why do you, like God, pursue me?

Why are you not satisfied with my flesh?

Oh that my words were written!  
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!  
Oh that with an iron pen and lead  
They were engraven in the rock forever!  
For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and at last he will stand upon the earth.  
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I shall see God,  
whom I shall see for myself,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
My heart faints within me!

✠ O Lord, judge me not by my merits, for I have done nothing  
worthy in your sight.

✠ Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me  
from my sin.

## The Gospel Canticle

*Ant.* The Lord said: all that the Father gives me will come to me,  
and all those who come to me I will never drive away.

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**M**y soul magnifies the Lord, \* and my spirit rejoices in  
God my Saviour.

For he has regarded \* the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from now on \* all generations will call me blessed.

For he that is mighty has magnified me; \* and holy is his  
Name.

And his mercy is on them who fear him \* throughout all  
generations.

He has shown the strength of his arm; \* he has scattered the  
proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He has brought down the mighty from their thrones, \* and has  
exalted the humble and meek.

He has filled the hungry with good things; \* and the rich he  
has sent empty away.

He, remembering his mercy, \* has helped his servant Israel;  
As he promised to our forefathers, \* Abraham and his seed  
for ever.

✠ Grant eternal rest unto them, O Lord.

✠ And let light perpetual shine upon them.

*Ant.* The Lord said: all that the Father gives me will come to me,  
and all those who come to me I will never drive away.

## The Second Lesson

A reading from 1 Corinthians 15:35-58

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come? You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body which is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. For not all flesh is alike, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the glory of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is imperishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual which is first but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image

of the man of heaven. I tell you this, brethren: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

“O death, where is your victory?”

O death, where is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

✠ Deliver us, O Lord, from everlasting death on that fearful day, when the heavens and the earth shall be shaken, when you shall come to judge the world.

✠ **Deliver us, O Lord, when you come to judge the world.**

**PSALM 146.** *Lauda, anima mea.*

**P**raise the Lord, O my soul; while I live I will praise the Lord.

✠ **Indeed, as long as I have my being, I will sing praises unto my God.**

✠ Put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man.

✠ **For there is no help in them.**

✠ For when one breathes his last, he shall return again to the earth.



**℞ And in that day all his thoughts perish.**

℣ Blessed is the one who has the God of Jacob for his help

**℞ And whose hope is in the Lord his God,**

℣ Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is therein.

**℞ Who keeps his promise for ever;**

℣ Who does right to those who suffer wrong.

**℞ And who feeds the hungry.**

℣ The Lord sets prisoners free.

**℞ The Lord gives sight to the blind.**

℣ The Lord helps those who have fallen.

**℞ The Lord loves the righteous.**

℣ The Lord cares for the strangers in the land; he defends the fatherless and widow.

**℞ But the way of the ungodly he makes crooked.**

℣ The Lord shall be King for evermore.

**℞ Even your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.**

℣ Grant eternal rest unto them, O Lord.

**℞ And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

## **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 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.***

☩ From the gates of death.

☩ **Deliver their souls, O Lord.**

☩ May they rest in peace.

☩ **Amen.**

☩ Lord, hear our prayer.

☩ **And let our cry come unto you.**

☩ The Lord be with you.

☩ **And with your spirit.**

Let us pray.

## **The Commemoration**

*The name(s) of the deceased will be said by the Officiant in this fashion:*

O Lord, we have gathered today to remember those you have bidden to depart from the trials of this worldly life. We beseech you, Lord, that the *soul(s)* of your servant(s), **N. et al.**, may be gathered in the fellowship of your elect.

☩ **May their memory be eternal. Amen.**

*After the commemoration are then said the following collects. The collects are always to be said in the plural, even if only a single individual is commemorated.*

## The Collects

**W**e pray to you, O Lord, absolve the souls of your servants from every bond of sin; that though they are dead to the world, yet they may live in you; and that whatever sins they may have committed through the weakness of the flesh in their earthly lives may be forgiven by your most merciful loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**O** God, who desires not the death of a sinner but rather that all should be saved; we beseech you to mercifully grant the brethren, relatives, and benefactors of our congregation who have passed out of this world, the joy of your everlasting blessedness with all your saints. *Amen.*

**O** Eternal God, who holds all souls in life; we pray that you reveal to your whole Church in heaven and on earth, your light and your peace; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served you here and are now at rest, may enter with them into your everlasting joy. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

∇ Grant eternal rest unto them, O Lord.

℞ **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

∇ May they rest in peace.

℞ **Amen.**

Miserunt eum in cister-



nam veterem. Gen. 37, 24.



Præparavit Dñs piscem



grandem, ut . . . Jon. 2, 1.