

DIVINE WORSHIP

DAILY OFFICE

(Commonwealth Edition)

MORNING PRAYER

This form of the *Venite* may be said together with the Antiphons in the Supplementary Material. The ferial Antiphons are given below.

Sun (Ep): Let us worship the Lord, * for he hath made us. ☩ **Sun** (Tr): The Lord hath made us: * let us sing unto the Lord. ☩ **Mon**: O come, * let us sing unto the Lord. ☩ **Tues**: Let us heartily rejoice * in the strength of our salvation. ☩ **Wed**: The Lord is a great God: * O come, let us worship him. ☩ **Thurs**: The Lord is a great King: * O come, let us worship him. ☩ **Fri**: The Lord is our God: * O come, let us worship him. ☩ **Sat**: We are the people of the Lord, and the sheep of his pasture: * O come, let us worship him.

Psalm 95 Venite, exsultemus Domino.

The Officiant reads the Antiphon in full, and it is repeated in full by all.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord :
let us heartily rejoice in the strength
of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence
with thanksgiving :
and show ourselves glad in him with Psalms.

The Antiphon is said in full.

For the Lord is a great God :
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth :
and the strength of the hills is his also.

The latter part of the Antiphon is said.

The sea is his, and he made it :
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship, and fall down :
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

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

The Antiphon is said in full.

Today if ye will hear his voice,
harden not your hearts :
as in the provocation,
and as in the day of temptation
in the wilderness;

When your fathers tempted me :
proved me, and saw my works.

The latter part of the Antiphon is said.

Forty years long was I grieved
with this generation, and said :
It is a people that do err in their hearts,
for they have not known my ways.

Unto whom I sware in my wrath :
that they should not enter into my rest.

The Antiphon is said in full.

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 latter part of the Antiphon is said, and
then the whole Antiphon is repeated.*

Benedictus Luke 1:68-79

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel :
for he hath visited,
and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us :
in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth
of his holy Prophets :
which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies :
and from the hands of all that hate us.

To perform the mercy promised
to our forefathers :
and to remember his holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware
to our forefather Abraham :
that he would give us;

That we being delivered out of the hands
of our enemies :

might serve him without fear;

In holiness and righteousness before him :
all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the

Prophet of the Highest :
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord
to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation
unto his people :

Through the tender mercy of our God :
whereby the day-spring from on high
hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness,
and in the shadow of death :
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory.

EVENING PRAYER

Magnificat Luke 1:46-55

MY SOUL doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced
in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud
in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty
from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen
his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed, for ever.
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.

COLLECTS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we
may cast away the works of darkness, and
put upon us the armour of light, now in the
time of this mortal life, in which thy Son
Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility;
that in the last day, when he shall come again
in his glorious majesty, to judge both the
quick and the dead; we may rise to the life
immortal; through the same Jesus Christ thy
Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with
thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one
God, world without end. Amen.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy
Only Begotten Son to take our nature
upon him, and as at this time to be born of a
pure Virgin: grant that we being regenerate,
and made thy children by adoption and
grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy
Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son
our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God,
world without end. Amen.

ASH WEDNESDAY

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who
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 wretched-
ness, 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 thee, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without
end. Amen.