

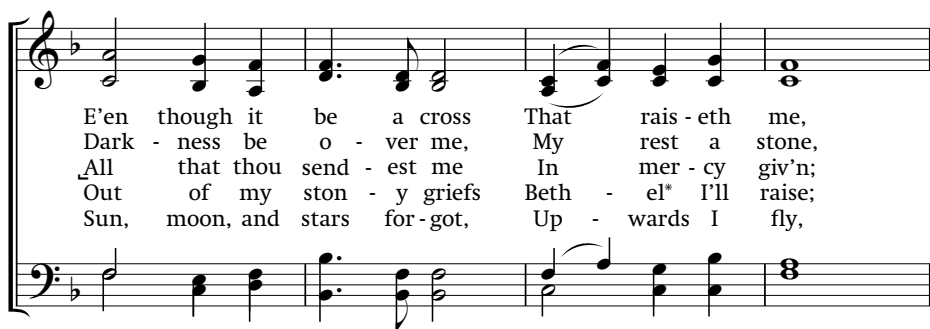


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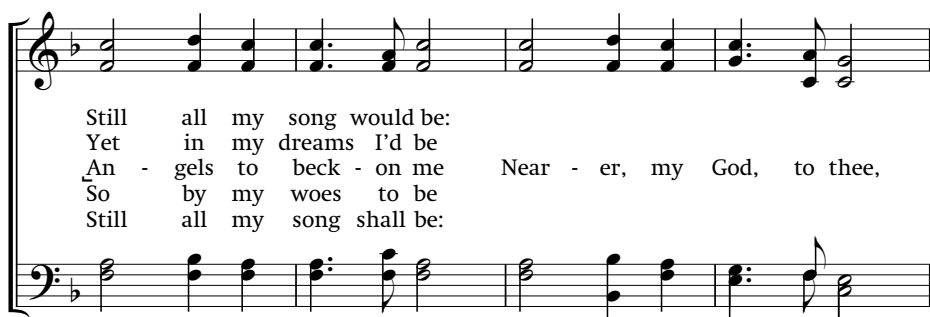
The LITURGY of EVENING PRAYER *on the*
FRIDAY AFTER *the* 15th SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY, 2026 A.D.



1. Near - er, my God, to thee, Near - er to thee!
 2. Though like the wan - der-er, The sun gone down,
 3. There let the way ap - pear Steps un - to heav'n;
 4. Then, with my wak - ing thoughts Bright with thy praise,
 5. Or if on joy - ful wing, Cleav - ing the sky,



E'en though it be a cross That rais - eth me,
 Dark - ness be o - ver me, My rest a stone,
 All that thou send - est me In mer - cy giv'n;
 Out of my ston - y griefs Beth - el* I'll raise;
 Sun, moon, and stars for - got, Up - wards I fly,



Still all my song would be:
 Yet in my dreams I'd be
 An - gels to beck - on me Near - er, my God, to thee,
 So by my woes to be
 Still all my song shall be:



Near - er, my God, to thee, Near - er to thee.

*House of God

THE ORDER FOR EVENING PRAYER

*Opening Sentence

THE LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him. Hab. ii. 20.

O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him. Psalm xcvi. 9.

LET us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*General Confession

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy 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 there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind In Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

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Minister

O Lord, op-en thou our lips.

Answer

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Minister

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

Answer

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen.

Minister

Praise ye the Lord.

Answer

The Lord's Name be prais-ed.

*The Portion of the Psalter: Psalm 89:1-19



MY song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the LORD; * with my mouth will I ever be showing thy truth from one generation to another.

2 For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever; * thy truth shalt thou stablish in the heavens.

3 I have made a covenant with my chosen; * I have sworn unto David my servant:

- 4 Thy seed will I stablish for ever, * and set up thy throne from one generation to another.
- 5 O LORD, the very heavens shall praise thy wondrous works; * and thy truth in the congregation of the saints.
- 6 For who is he among the clouds, * that shall be compared unto the LORD?
- 7 And what is he among the gods, * that shall be like unto the LORD?
- 8 God is very greatly to be feared in the council of the saints, * and to be had in reverence of all them that are round about him.
- 9 O Lord God of hosts, who is like unto thee? * thy truth, most mighty LORD, is on every side.
- 10 Thou rulest the raging of the sea; * thou stillest the waves thereof when they arise.
- 11 Thou hast subdued Egypt, and destroyed it; * thou hast scattered thine enemies abroad with thy mighty arm.
- 12 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine; * thou hast laid the foundation of the round world, and all that therein is.
- 13 Thou hast made the north and the south; * Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy Name.
- 14 Thou hast a mighty arm; * strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.
- 15 Righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy seat; * mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

16 Blessed is the people, O LORD, that can rejoice in thee; * they shall walk in the light of thy countenance.

17 Their delight shall be daily in thy Name; * and in thy righteousness shall they make their boast.

18 For thou art the glory of their strength, * and in thy loving-kindness thou shalt lift up our horns.

19 For the LORD is our defence; * the Holy One of Israel is our King.

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 1st Lesson: *Ecclesiasticus 42:15-21*

I will now remember the works of the Lord, and declare the things that I have seen: In the words of the Lord are his works. 16 The sun that giveth light looketh upon all things, and the work thereof is full of the glory of the Lord. 17 The Lord hath not given power to the saints to declare all his marvellous works, which the Almighty Lord firmly settled, that whatsoever is might be established for his glory. 18 He seeketh out the deep, and the heart, and considereth their crafty devices: for the Lord knoweth all that may be known, and he beholdeth the signs of the world. 19 He declareth the things that are past, and for to come, and revealeth the steps of hidden things. 20 No thought escapeth him, neither any word is hidden from him. 21 He hath garnished the excellent works of his wisdom, and he is from everlasting to everlasting: unto him may nothing be added, neither can he be diminished, and he hath no need of any counsellor.

*Canticle: Magnificat

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S. Wesley



MY soul doth magni|fy the Lord,
* and my spirit hath rejoiced in | God my SAVIOR.

2 For | he · hath re|garded
* the lowliness | of his HANDmaiden.

3 For be|hold, from henceforth
* all generations shall | call me BLESSED.

4 For he that is mighty hath | magni-fied me;
* and | holy is his name.

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5 And his mercy is on | them that fear him
* throughout | all · generAtions.

6 He hath showed | strength · with his | arm;
* he hath scattered the proud in the imagi|nation of their hearts.

7 He hath put down the mighty | from their seat,
* and hath ex|alted · 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.

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 2nd Lesson: Matthew 8:28–9:8

And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. 29 And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? 30 And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding. 31 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. 32 And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters. 33 And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told every thing, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils. 34 And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought him that he would depart out of their coasts.

And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city. 2 And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. 3 And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. 4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said,

Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? 5 For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? 6 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. 7 And he arose, and departed to his house. 8 But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

***Canticle: Nunc dimittis**



LORD, now lettest thou thy servant de|part in peace,
 * ac|cording to thy word.

- 2 For mine | eyes have seen
 * thy | SALVATION,
- 3 Which | thou · hast pre|pared
 * before the face of | ALL PEOPLE;
- 4 To be a light to | lighten · the Gentiles,
 * and to be the glory of thy | people Israel.

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 Nicene Creed

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Minister

Answer

Minister

The Lord be with you. || And with thy spirit. || Let us pray.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the State.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

†The Collect for the 15th Sunday after Trinity

KEEP, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

†The Collect for Peace

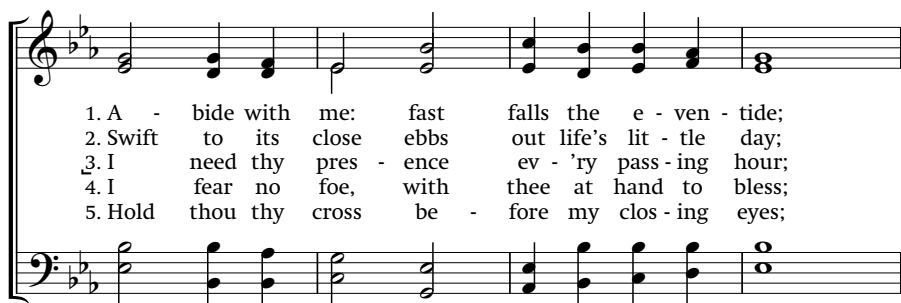
O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and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

†The Collect for Aid against Perils

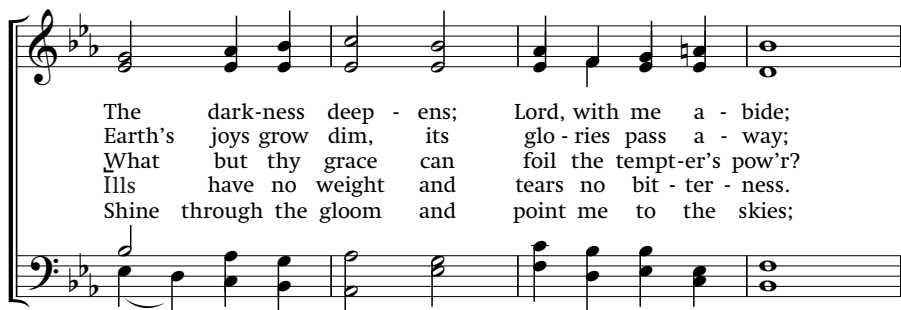
LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*Recessional Hymn (next page)



1. A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3. I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark-ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide;
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 What but thy grace can foil the tempt-er's pow'r?
 Ills have no weight and tears no bit - ter - ness;
 Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com-forts flee,
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 Heav'n's morn-ing breaks, and earth's vain shad-ows flee;



Help of the help-less, O a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang-est not, a - bide with me.
 Thro' cloud and sun-shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri-umph still if thou a - bide with me.
 In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me. A - men.

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