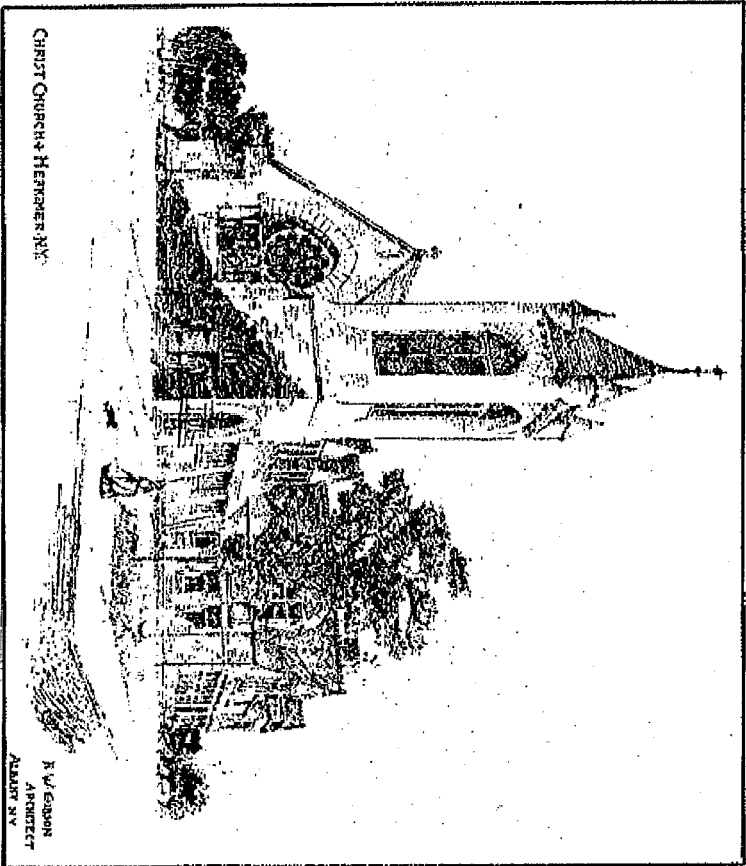


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Service of Morning Prayer Rite I

Officiant: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Confession of Sin

Officiant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Please kneel, if you are able

People: *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. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those 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.*

Officiant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance,

amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Please stand if you are able

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

Officiant and People:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

People: *Come let us adore him.*

Officiant and People:

*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. **

*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 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.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.*

Officiant and People:
*The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us
adore him.*

Psalm

Insert

Read in unison, please be seated

Officiant and People:
*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and
will be for ever. Amen.*

The First Lesson

Insert

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand, if you are able

Canticle 2

A Song of Praise

*Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.*

*Blessed art thou for the name of thy Majesty; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,
and dwellest between the Cherubim; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy
kingdom; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.*

The Second Lesson

Insert

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand, if you are able

Canticle 3

The Song of Mary

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
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 to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for
ever. Amen.*

Please be seated

The Gospel Reading

Insert

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand, if you are able

The Apostle's Creed

*I believe in God, 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 catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

*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,
forever and ever. Amen.*

Suffrages A

Officiant: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People: *And grant us thy salvation.*

Officiant: Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

People: *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People: *For only in thee can we live in safety.*

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

People: *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

Officiant: Let thy way be known upon earth;

People: *Thy saving health among all nations.*

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People: *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: *And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.*

Collect of the Day

Insert

People: *Amen.*

Officiant: O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship

of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: *Amen.*

Officiant and People: *Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Reader: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and

due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Prayers of thanksgiving may be added here.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially...], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good example of Blessed John, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

People: **Amen.**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-

kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Officiant: Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

People: **Amen.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

People: **Amen.**

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