



An Order for Evening Prayer

Sunday 22nd November, 2020. Christ the King.

St Nicholas Church, Brighton

The minister shall say

The Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore. The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. *Ps 29.9b-10.*

BELOVED, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins ; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require.

Wherefore let us keep silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

Then shall follow the General Confession, to be said of the whole congregation after the Minister:

O GOD, our Father, we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed: we have not loved thee with all our heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, we beseech thee; cleanse us from our sins; and help us to overcome our faults; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution, or Remission of Sins, shall be pronounced by the Minister alone:

MAY the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Minister shall say:

Answer. O Lord, open thou our lips;
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Minister. O God, make speed to save us;

Answer. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Minister. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy 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 praised.**

Then shall the office hymn be sung.

**1. Rejoice, the Lord is King;
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**2. Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He has purged our stains,
He took his seat above;
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**3. His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**4. Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

Then shall be said the psalms appointed, psalms 93 and 97, the people joining in the bold type.

PSALM 93

The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel *
the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.

**He hath made the round world so sure *
that it cannot be moved.**

Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared *
thou art from everlasting.

**The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice *
the floods lift up their waves.**

The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly *
but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.

**Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure *
holiness becometh thine house 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.**

PSALM 97

The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof *
yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.

**Clouds and darkness are round about him *
righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his seat.**

There shall go a fire before him *
and burn up his enemies on every side.

**His lightnings gave shine unto the world *
the earth saw it, and was afraid.**

The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

**The heavens have declared his righteousness *
and all the people have seen his glory.**

Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods *
worship him, all ye gods.

Sion heard of it, and rejoiced *
and the daughters of Judah were glad, because of thy judgements, O Lord.

For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth *
thou art exalted far above all gods.

O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil *
the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of
the ungodly.

There is sprung up a light for the righteous *
and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous *
and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

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.

Then shall be read the first lesson, 2 Samuel 23.1-7

A READING from the second book of Samuel.

Now these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,

The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and his word was in my tongue. The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain.

Although my house be not so with God; yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure: for this is all my salvation, and all my desire, although he make it not to grow.

But the sons of Belial shall be all of them as thorns thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands: But the man that shall touch them must be fenced with iron and the

staff of a spear; and they shall be utterly burned with fire in the same place.

Here ends the lesson.

Then shall be said the Magnificat, the people joining in the bold type.

MAGNIFICAT.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

**For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.**

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 shewed 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.

Then shall be read the second lesson, Matthew 28.16-20

A READING from the book of Gospel according to St Matthew.

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Here ends the lesson.

Then shall be said the Nunc Dimittis, the people joining in the bold type.

NUNC DIMITTIS.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.

**For mine eyes have seen':
thy salvation,**

Which thou hast prepared :
before the face of all people;

**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.**

Then shall be said the Apostles' Creed by the Minister and the people,

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 Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Then shall be said these Prayers following, the Minister first pronouncing

The Lord be with you;

Answer. **And with thy spirit.**

Minister. Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then the Minister and people, shall say the Lord's Prayer with a loud voice.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; In earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Then the Minister shall say,

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;

Answer. **And grant us thy salvation.**

Minister. O Lord, save the queen;

Answer. **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Minister. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

Answer. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Minister. O Lord, save thy people;

Answer. **And bless thine inheritance.**

Minister. Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Answer. **Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Answer. **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us**

Then shall follow three Collects; the first of the Day; the second for Peace; the third for Aid against all Perils.

The Collect of the Day

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; 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 both, 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 all 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.**

Then shall follow the intercessions.

*Then shall follow the chant **Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom.***

Then shall follow the blessing.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

Amen.