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The Order for Evening Prayer Daily Introduction (Scott).

Introit:

If ye love me – Tallis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IzGOsN0pAw0>

[The Tallis Scholars] 2'00"

First hymn:

Glory to thee, my God, this night – Tallis ("Tallis' Canon")

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VqKgGqvSiW4>

[The Sixteen] 2'42"

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Psalm 51.17

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I St. John 1.8-9

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation after the Minister, all kneeling.

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 them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu 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.

The Absolution or Remission of sins to be pronounced by the Priest alone, standing: the people still kneeling. (MARTIN)

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; and 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 them that 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.

Then the Minister shall kneel, and say the Lord's Prayer: the people also kneeling, and repeating it with him.

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Preces & Responses – Smith

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l2r2bnlKh84>

[Seraphic Fire] 5'38"

Minister. O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer. **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

Minister. O God, make speed to save us.

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

Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say,

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 be said or sung the Psalms in order as they be appointed.

Psalm 24: O Taste and See how gracious the Lord is – Vaughan Williams

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=heiiATCrwVQ>

[The Cambridge Singers] 1'26''

Then a Lesson of the Old Testament, as is appointed (PAUL).

Deuteronomy 24:10-22 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

10 When you make your neighbour a loan of any kind, you shall not go into the house to take the pledge. 11 You shall wait outside, while the person to whom you are making the loan brings the pledge out to you. 12 If the person is poor, you shall not sleep in the garment given you as[a] the pledge. 13 You shall give the pledge back by sunset, so that your neighbour may sleep in the cloak and bless you; and it will be to your credit before the Lord your God.

14 You shall not withhold the wages of poor and needy labourers, whether other Israelites or aliens who reside in your land in one of your towns. 15 You shall pay them their wages daily before sunset, because they are poor and their livelihood depends on them; otherwise they might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt.

16 Parents shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall children be put to death for their parents; only for their own crimes may persons be put to death.

17 You shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice; you shall not take a widow's garment in pledge. 18 Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this.

19 When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all your undertakings. 20 When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow.

21 When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. 22 Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this.

And after that Magnificat (or the Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary) in English, as followeth.

MAGNIFICAT

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pg9LWV5eiiT0&feature=youtu.be>

[The choir of St Marys, Richmond] 5'01''

Mary Holtby, after Luke 1

My Lord and Saviour is my song, He fills my spirit with delight.
To raise me up his arm is strong, the lowly precious in his sight.
Magnificat, Magnificat, Magnificat anima mea Dominum.
(My soul magnifies the Lord)

My names shall live from age to age, and every tongue his servant bless,
For mercy is their heritage whose hearts the Holy One confess.
Magnificat, Magnificat, Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

The proud beguiled by dreams of power divided and degraded lie:
He casts them down from throne and tower and stoops to lift the humble high.
Magnificat, Magnificat, Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

He feeds the hungry at his board and sends the rich unfilled away,
And mindful of his promised word has answered Israel's prayer today.
Magnificat, Magnificat, Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

With all the elders of our race, and those unborn who seek this birth,
I will sing the glory of his grace who brings eternity to earth.
Magnificat, Magnificat, Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

Then a Lesson of the New Testament, as it is appointed. (MARTIN)

Acts 28.1-16 (NRSV)

Paul on the Island of Malta

28 After we had reached safety, we then learned that the island was called Malta. 2 The natives showed us unusual kindness. Since it had begun to rain and was cold, they kindled a fire and welcomed all of us around it. 3 Paul had gathered a bundle of brushwood and was putting it on the fire, when a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand. 4 When the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, “This man must be a murderer; though he has escaped from the sea, justice has not allowed him to live.” 5 He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. 6 They were expecting him to swell up or drop dead, but after they had waited a long time and saw that nothing unusual had happened to him, they changed their minds and began to say that he was a god.

7 Now in the neighbourhood of that place were lands belonging to the leading man of the island, named Publius, who received us and entertained us hospitably for three days. 8 It so happened that the father of Publius lay sick in bed with fever and dysentery. Paul visited him and cured him by praying and putting his hands on him. 9 After this happened, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases also came and were cured. 10 They bestowed many honours on us, and when we were about to sail, they put on board all the provisions we needed.

Paul Arrives at Rome

11 Three months later we set sail on a ship that had wintered at the island, an Alexandrian ship with the Twin Brothers as its figurehead. 12 We put in at Syracuse and stayed there for three days; 13 then we weighed anchor and came to Rhegium. After one day there a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli. 14 There we found believers[a] and were invited to stay with them for seven days. And so we came to Rome. 15 The believers[b] from there, when they heard of us, came as far as the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns to meet us. On seeing them, Paul thanked God and took courage. 16 When we came into Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with the soldier who was guarding him.

And after that Nunc Dimittis (or the Song of Simeon) in English, as followeth.

Nunc Dimittis in D Minor – Walmisley

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wqiqvYGNuUU>

[St Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, NY] 2'19"

Luke 2.29

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 or sung the Apostles' Creed, by the Minister and the people standing.

THE APOSTLES' 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 Catholick Church; The

Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of

the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

And after that these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling: the Minister first pronouncing with a loud voice,

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. **And with thy spirit.**

Minister. Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then the Minister, Clerks, 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 standing up shall say,

Priest. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

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

Priest. O Lord, save the Queen.

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

Priest. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Answer. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**
Priest. O Lord, save thy people.
Answer. **And bless thine inheritance.**
Priest. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Answer. **Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**
Priest. 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, as hereafter followeth: which two last Collects shall be daily said at Evening Prayer without alteration.

The First Collect of the day

O God, who has caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the True Light; Grant us, we beseech Thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven.

Amen

The Second Collect at Evening Prayer

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.

Amen

The Third 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.

Amen

In Quires and Places where they sing here followeth the Anthem.

Anthem: Greater love hath no man – Ireland

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hfDZv6j-Ts8>

[The choir of All Saints Church, Northampton] 5'38"

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.
Love is strong as death.
Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being
dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus;
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of
darkness into his marvellous light.
I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a
living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

A time of prayer led by the Minister (GILLIAN)

2 Corinthians 13.

**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.**

Second Hymn

Hymn: Guide me O Thou Great Redeemer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JBialmYF2I4>

[The choir of Westminster Abbey] 2'44"

The service concludes with a blessing (SCOTT)

The peace of God be in your heart
The grace of God be in your words
The love of God be in your hands
The joy of God be in your soul
and in the song that your life sings.
And may the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all this night and for evermore.
Amen.

Here endeth the Order of Evening Prayer throughout the Year.

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