

Vespers

¶ The General Rubrics contain directions additional to those which appear in the Services.

¶ The Versicles with the Gloria Patri shall be sung or said, the Congregation standing until the end of the Psalm.

¶ The Hallelujah shall be omitted in Lent.

The Versicles

O LORD, open Thou my lips.

℟ And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

℣ Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

℟ Make haste to help me, O Lord.

℣ 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.
Hallelujah.**

¶ Then shall be sung or said one or more Psalms.

The Psalm

¶ At the end of each Psalm the Congregation shall sing or say the Gloria Patri.

Gloria Patri

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 Lesson

¶ The Scripture Lessons shall then be read. After each Lesson shall be sung or said the Response.

℣ O Lord, have mercy upon us.

℟ Thanks be to God.

¶ After the Lesson a Responsory or a Hymn may be sung.

¶ A Sermon may then follow.

¶ The Offering may then be received and placed upon the Altar.

¶ Then shall be sung the Hymn.

The Hymn

¶ The Congregation shall rise and sing or say the Canticle.

¶ A Versicle shall be used with the Canticle.

℣ Let my prayer be set before Thee as incense.

℟ And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

The Canticle

Magnificat

**MY soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For He hath regarded: the low estate of His handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
For He that is mighty hath done to me great things: and holy is His Name.
And His mercy is on them that fear Him: from generation to generation.
He hath showed strength with His arm: He hath scattered the proud in the imagination
He hath put down the mighty from their seats: and exalted them of low degree.
He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich He hath sent empty away.
He hath holpen His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy: as He spake to our
fathers, to Abraham, and to 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.**

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;
A light to lighten the Gentiles: and 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 Prayer

¶ Then shall be said the Prayers.

¶ The Minister shall say:

Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ The Congregation shall sing or say:

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

¶ Then shall all say the Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed by 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.

¶ Then may be sung or said:

℣ The Lord be with you.
℟ **And with thy spirit.**

¶ The Minister shall say:

Let us pray.

¶ Then shall be said the Collect for the Day.

The Collect for the Day

¶ Other Collects may then be said, and after them this Collect for Peace, with which a Versicle may be used.

℣ The Lord will give strength unto His people.
℟ **The Lord will bless His people with peace.**

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, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.

℟ **Amen.**

¶ Then may be sung or said the Benedicamus.

℣ Bless we the Lord.
℟ **Thanks be to God.**

¶ Then shall the Minister say the Benediction.

THE Grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

℟ **Amen.**

