

# Office of the Dead

## Morning Prayer:

### Rite One

## The Invitatory and Psalter

**Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7; 96:9, 13*

**Antiphon:** The King, by whom and in whom all things live and move and have their being, \* O come, let us worship.

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.

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*Then follows*

### The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

**Psalm 23** *Dominus regit me.*

THE LORD is my shepherd; \* therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He shall feed me in a green pasture, \* and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

3 He shall convert my soul, \* and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; \* for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me; \* thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; \* and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Rest eternal \* grant unto them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual \* shine upon them.

**Psalm 25** *Ad te, Domine, levavi.*

UNTO thee, O LORD, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee: \* O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

2 For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed; \* but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.

3 Show me thy ways, O LORD, \* and teach me thy paths.

4 Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me: \* for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.

5 Call to remembrance, O LORD, thy tender mercies, \* and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

6 O remember not the sins and offences of my youth; \* but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O LORD, for thy goodness.

7 Gracious and righteous is the LORD; \* therefore, will he teach sinners in the way.

8 Them that are meek shall he guide in judgment; \* and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

9 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, \* unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

10 For thy Name's sake, O LORD, \* be merciful unto my sin; for it is great.

11 What man is he that feareth the LORD? \* him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

12 His soul shall dwell at ease, \* and his seed shall inherit the land.

13 The secret of the LORD is among them that fear him; \* and he will show them his covenant.

14 Mine eyes are ever looking unto the LORD; \* for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

15 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; \* for I am desolate, and in misery.

16 The sorrows of my heart are enlarged: \* O bring thou me out of my troubles.

17 Look upon my adversity and misery, \* and forgive me all my sin.

18 Consider mine enemies, how many they are; \* and they bear a tyrannous hate against me.

19 O keep my soul, and deliver me: \* let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in thee.

20 Let perfectness and righteous dealing wait upon me; \* for my hope hath been in thee.

21 Deliver Israel, O God, \* out of all his troubles.

Rest eternal \* grant unto them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual \* shine upon them.

**Psalm 27** *Dominus illuminatio.*

THE LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? \* the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, \* they stumbled and fell.

3 Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid; \* and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

4 One thing have I desired of the LORD, which I will require; \* even that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the LORD, and to visit his temple.

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle; \* yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

6 And now shall he lift up mine head \* above mine enemies round about me.

7 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation, with great gladness: \* I will sing and speak praises unto the LORD.

8 Harken unto my voice, O LORD, when I cry unto thee; \* have mercy upon me, and hear me.

9 My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face: \* Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

10 O hide not thou thy face from me, \* nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

11 Thou hast been my succour; \* leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

12 When my father and my mother forsake me, \* the LORD

taketh me up.

13 Teach me thy way, O LORD, \* and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.

14 Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries: \* for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak wrong.

15 I should utterly have fainted, \* but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

16 O tarry thou the LORD'S leisure; \* be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the LORD.

Rest eternal \* grant unto them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual \* shine upon them.

## The Lessons

*One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from the Book of Job.

I would not live alway: let me alone; for my days are vanity. What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him? And that thou shouldest visit him every morning, and try him every moment? How long wilt thou not depart from me, nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle? I have sinned; what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men? why hast thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a burden to myself? And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity? for now shall I sleep in the dust; and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I shall not be. My soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; shew me wherefore thou contendest with me. Is it good unto thee that thou shouldest oppress, that thou shouldest despise the work of thine hands, and shine upon the counsel of the wicked? Hast thou eyes of flesh? or seest thou as man seeth? Are thy days as the days of man? are thy

years as man's days, That thou enquirest after mine iniquity, and searchest after my sin? Thou knowest that I am not wicked; and there is none that can deliver out of thine hand. Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet thou dost destroy me. Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again? Hast thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese? Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews. Thou hast granted me life and favour, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit. And these things hast thou hid in thine heart:

**Canticle of Hezekiah** *Ego dixi in dimidio*

*Is. 38:10-20*

I said, In the midst of my days \*

I shall go unto the gates of hell.

I sought for the residue of my years. \*

I said, I shall not see the Lord God in the land of the living.

I shall behold man no more, \*

neither the inhabitant of the land of rest.

Mine age is departed, and is rolled up from me, \*

like as it were a shepherd's tent.

My life is cut off as by a weaver, whilst I was yet but beginning, he cut me off : \*

from morning even until night shalt thou make an end of me.

I hoped till morning, \*

as a lion, so hath he broken all my bones.

From morning even until night shalt thou make an end of me : \*

I will cry like a young swallow; I will meditate like a dove.

Mine eyes are weakened, \*

with looking upward.

O Lord, I suffer violence, answer thou for me. \*

What shall I say, or what shall he answer me, whereas he himself hath done it?

I will call to remembrance before thee all my years \*

in the bitterness of my soul.

O Lord, if man's life be such, and the life of my spirit be in such

things as these, thou shalt chasten me, and make me to live. \*

Behold, in peace is my my bitterness most bitter.

But thou hast delivered my soul that it should not perish: \*

thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

For hell shall not give glory unto thee,

neither shall death praise thee, \*

nor yet shall they that go down into the pit look for thy truth.

The living, yea the living, he shall give praise unto thee,

as I do this day; \*

the father to the children shall make known thy truth.

O Lord, save me, \*

and we will sing our psalms all the days of our life in the house of  
the Lord.

Rest eternal \* grant unto them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual \* shine upon them.

A Reading from the Book of Job.

Then call thou, and I will answer: or let me speak, and answer thou me. How many are mine iniquities and sins? make me to know my transgression and my sin. Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and holdest me for thine enemy? Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro? and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble? For thou writest bitter things against me, and makest me to possess the iniquities of my youth. Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks, and lookest narrowly unto all my paths; thou settest a print upon the heels of my feet. And he, as a rotten thing, consumeth, as a garment that is moth eaten. Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. And dost thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with thee? Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one. Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass; Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day. O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret,

until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me! If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands. For now thou numberest my steps: dost thou not watch over my sin?

### **The Song of Zechariah** *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

*Luke 1:68-79*

**Antiphon:** I am that I am, † saith the Lord, the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live; \* and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, \*

for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us \*

in the house of his servant David,

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, \*

which have been since the world began:

That we should be saved from our enemies, \*

and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, \*

and to remember his holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham,\*  
that he would give us,

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies \*  
might serve him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before him, \*  
all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, \*

for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord

to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people \*

for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God, \*

whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness

and in the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Rest eternal \* grant unto them, O Lord.  
And let light perpetual \* shine upon them.

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## The Prayers

### *Officiant and People*

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.

V. From the gates of hell.  
R. Deliver *their souls* (or *his* or *her* soul), O Lord.  
V. May *they* (or *he* or *she*) rest in peace.  
R. Amen.  
V. Lord, hear my prayer.  
R. And let my cry come unto thee.

### *The Collect*

V: The Lord be with you.  
R: And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O Eternal Lord God, who holdest all souls in life: vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served thee here and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into thine unending joy.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: accept our prayers on behalf of the *soul* of thy *servant* departed; and grant *him* an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy Saints. Through Jesus Christ our Lord who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever. Amen.

V: Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.  
R: And let light perpetual shine upon them.  
V: May they rest in peace.  
R: Amen.