

# Office of the Dead

## Evening Prayer:

### Rite One

## Psalter

### The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

#### Psalm 116 *Dilexi, quoniam.*

MY delight is in the LORD; \* because he hath heard the voice of my prayer;

2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me; \* therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

3 The snares of death compassed me round about, \* and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.

4 I found trouble and heaviness; then called I upon the Name of the LORD; \* O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; \* yea, our God is merciful.

6 The LORD preserveth the simple: \* I was in misery, and he helped me.

7 Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul; \* for the LORD hath rewarded thee.

8 And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death, \* mine eyes

from tears, and my feet from falling.

9 I will walk before the LORD \* in the land of the living.

10 I believed, and therefore will I speak; but I was sore troubled: \* I said in my haste, All men are liars.

11 What reward shall I give unto the LORD \* for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

12 I will receive the cup of salvation, \* and call upon the Name of the LORD.

13 I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people: \* right dear in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

14 Behold, O LORD, how that I am thy servant; \* I am thy servant, and the son of thine<sup>1</sup> handmaid; thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

15 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, \* and will call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will pay my vows unto the LORD, in the sight of all his people, \* in the courts of the LORD'S house; even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

Rest perpetual \* grant unto them, O Lord

And let light perpetual \* shine upon them.

#### Psalm 120 *Ad Dominum.*

WHEN I was in trouble, I called upon the LORD, \* and he heard me.

2 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, \* and from a deceitful tongue.

3 What reward shall be given or done unto thee, thou false tongue? \* even mighty and sharp arrows, with hot burning coals.

4 Woe is me, that I am constrained to dwell with Meshech, \* and to have my habitation among the tents of Kedar!

5 My soul hath long dwelt among them \* that are enemies unto peace.

6 I labour for peace; but when I speak unto them thereof, \* they make them ready to battle.

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

**Psalm 121** *Levavi oculos.*

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills; \* from whence cometh my help?

2 My help cometh even from the LORD, \* who hath made heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; \* and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel \* shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The LORD himself is thy keeper; \* the LORD is thy defence upon thy right hand;

6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, \* neither the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil; \* yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

8 The LORD shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, \* from this time forth for evermore.

Rest perpetual \* grant unto them, O Lord

And let light perpetual \* shine upon them.

**Psalm 130** *De profundis.*

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O LORD; \* Lord, hear my voice.

2 O let thine ears consider well \* the voice of my complaint.

3 If thou, LORD, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, \* O Lord, who may abide it?

4 For there is mercy with thee; \* therefore shalt thou be feared.

5 I look for the LORD; my soul doth wait for him; \* in his word is my trust.

6 My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; \* I say, before the morning watch.

7 O Israel, trust in the LORD; for with the LORD there is mercy, \* and with him is plenteous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Israel \* from all his sins.

Rest perpetual \* grant unto them, O Lord

And let light perpetual \* shine upon them.

## The Lessons

### A Reading from Job

My spirit is broken, my days are extinct, the grave is ready for me. Surely there are mockers about me, and my eye dwells on their provocation. “Lay down a pledge for me with thyself; who is there that will give surety for me? My days are past, my plans are broken off, the desires of my heart. They make night into day; ‘The light,’ they say, ‘is near to the darkness.’ If I look for Sheol as my house, if I spread my couch in darkness, if I say to the pit, ‘You are my father,’ and to the worm, ‘My mother,’ or ‘My sister,’ where then is my hope? Who will see my hope? My bones cleave to my skin and to my flesh, and I have escaped by the skin of my teeth. Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends, for the hand of God has touched me! Why do you, like God, pursue me? Why are you not satisfied with my flesh? “Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were graven in the rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then from my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. “Why didst thou bring me forth from the womb? Would that I had died before any eye had seen me, and were as though I had not been, carried from the womb to the grave. Are not the days of my life few? Let me alone, that I may find a little comfort before I go whence I shall not return, to the land of gloom and deep darkness, the land of gloom and chaos, where light is as darkness.”

## The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

*Luke 1:46-55*

**Antiphon:** All, saith the Lord, † that the Father hath given unto me shall come unto me, \* and him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out.

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.

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

**Antiphon:** All, saith the Lord, † that the Father hath given unto me shall come unto me, \* and him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out.

## 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.