

*Have mercy upon us.*

*Minister*

Let us pray.

O MOST merciful Redeemer; through the price of thy Precious Blood and through the merits of thy bitter Passion and death, purify our souls from all stain of sin, and grant that we, ever increasing in gratitude and love towards thee, may become more fervent in seeking purity of heart, and may at the last be counted worthy to enter into that inheritance which thou hast purchased for us with thy Precious Blood. Who livest and reignest, world without end. *Amen.*

**KNEEL**      THE GRACE      PRAYER BOOK 20

Minister: THE grace a of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*  
2 Cor. xiii. 14.

*Welcome to St. James!*

Our Church is an Anglican Parish which stands in the unbroken continuity of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Our faith is based on the Word of God and on the seven Ecumenical Councils of the Undivided Church. All who have been baptized in the Name of the Trinity and confirmed or intend to be confirmed by a bishop in Apostolic Succession are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If unable to receive Communion, you may come forward to receive a blessing from the priest. To indicate your desire to receive a blessing, please fold your arms over your chest. May the peace of the Lord be always with you!

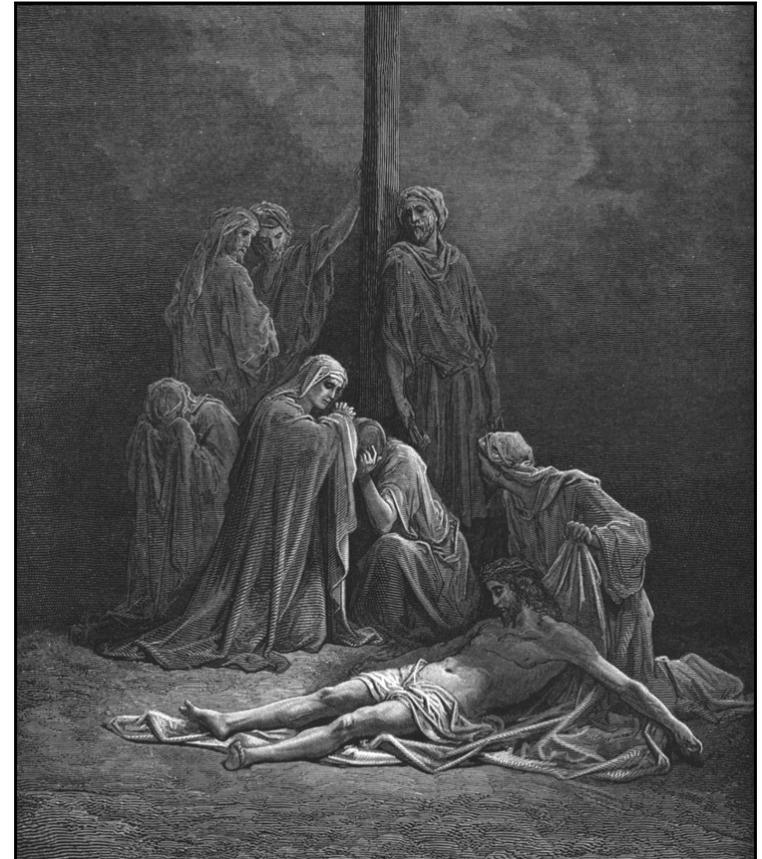
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ANCIENT WORSHIP...TIMELESS FAITH

# Evensong

## STAND THE SENTENCE

PRAYER BOOK 22

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

*Isaiah liii.6.*

## THE INVITATION

*Minister:* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

## KNEEL THE GENERAL CONFESSION

PRAYER BOOK 6

*All:* 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 those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind In Christ Jesus 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

*Priest:* ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon a and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER BOOK 24

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. Amen.

*Jesus deliver us.*

Through the Precious Blood thou didst shed at thy Scourging,

Through the Precious Blood thou didst shed at thy crowning with thorns,

*Jesus deliver us.*

Through the Precious Blood thou didst shed on the road to Calvary,

Through the Precious Blood thou didst shed when thou wert nailed to the Cross,

*Jesus deliver us.*

Through the Precious Blood which thou didst shed when thy Sacred Heart was pierced,

*Jesus deliver us.*

Through the same Precious Blood which is daily consecrated in the Holy Sacrifice of the Altar,

*Jesus deliver us.*

We sinners beech thee, to hear us, that thou wouldest spare us,

*We beseech thee to hear us.*

That thou wouldest pardon us,

That thou wouldest give us true repentance for our sins,

That through thy Precious Blood thou wouldest assist us in our last agony,

That through It thou mayest refresh the departed,

That through It thou mayest show mercy to all,

*We beseech thee to hear us.*

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*Hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Fountain of divine grace  
Source of eternal life,  
Reparation for our sins,  
*Cleanse us.*

Pledge of everlasting happiness,  
Purification of our souls,  
Healing Balm for our wounds  
Remission of our sins,  
Infinite Ransom paid for our souls,  
*Cleanse us.*

Hope of the poor,  
Solace of the afflicted,  
Support of the weak,  
Joy of the just,  
Refuge for all Christians,  
*Cleanse us.*

Light of all Angels,  
King of Patriarchs,  
Desire of Prophets,  
Strength of Apostles,  
Hope of Martyrs,  
Justification of Confessors,  
Sanctification of Virgins,  
Crown of the Blessed,  
*Cleanse us.*

From all evil,  
From all pride and vanity,  
From all envy and ill-will,  
From all uncleanness and gluttony,  
From all sloth,  
From eternal damnation,  
*Jesus deliver us.*

Through the Precious Blood which thou didst shed in  
thy Circumcision,  
Through the Precious Blood thou didst shed on Mount Olivet,

**STAND** THE PRECES

PRAYER BOOK 25

O Lord, open thou our lips.  
*And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*  
Praise ye the Lord.  
*The Lord's Name be praised.*

**STAND** Psalm 24. *Domini est terra.* [Said: Pause at \*]

The earth is the LORD'S, and all that therein is; \* the compass  
of the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, \* and stablished it  
upon the floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? \* or who shall  
rise up in his holy place?

4 Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; \* and that  
hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his  
neighbour.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, \* and  
righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This is the generation of them that seek him; \* even of them  
that seek thy face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlast-  
ing doors; \* and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is this King of glory? \* It is the LORD strong and mighty,  
even the LORD mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlast-  
ing doors; \* and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this King of glory? \* Even the LORD of  
hosts, he is the King of glory.

**SIT** THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

BEHOLD, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted  
and extolled, and be very high. As many were astonished at thee; his  
visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the  
sons of men: So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut  
their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they  
see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider. Who hath  
believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?  
For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of  
a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see  
him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised

and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

**STAND** Psalm 102. *Domine, exaudi.*

Hear my prayer, O LORD, \* and let my crying come unto thee.

2 Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble; \* incline thine ear unto me when I call; O hear me, and that right soon.

3 For my days are consumed away like smoke, \* and my bones are burnt up as it were a firebrand.

4 My heart is smitten down, and withered like grass; \* so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 For the voice of my groaning, \* my bones will scarce cleave to my flesh.

6 I am become like a pelican in the wilderness, \* and like an owl that is in the desert.

7 I have watched, and am even as it were a sparrow, \* that

Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(Prayer from The Book of Common Prayer of the Anglican Church of Canada)

THE COLLECTS FOR PEACE AND  
AID AGAINST PERILS

PRAYER BOOK 31

*A Collect for Peace.*

*Minister:* 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. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Aid against Perils.*

*Minister:* 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.*

SERMON by Rev. Michael W. Jackson, Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church

## Litany of the Precious Blood

**KNEEL**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, hear us.

*Christ, graciously bear us.*

God the Father of Heaven,  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
Holy Trinity, One God,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Precious Blood of Jesus Christ,  
Blood of the New Testament,  
Price of our Redemption,

*And mercifully bear us when we call upon thee.*  
Endue thy Ministers with righteousness  
*And make thy chosen people joyful.*  
O Lord, save thy people  
*And bless thine inheritance.*  
Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
*For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.*  
O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
*And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

THE COLLECTS FOR THE DAY

PRAYER BOOK 156-157

*Minister:* ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*Minister:* ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*Minister:* O MERCIFUL God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor desirest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; Have mercy upon all who know thee not as thou art revealed in the Gospel of thy Son. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy fold, that they may be made one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*Minister:* O LORD of hosts, stretch forth, we pray thee, thine almighty arm to strengthen and protect our country's forces in every peril of sea, and land, and air; shelter them in the day of battle, and ever keep them safe from all evil; endue them with loyalty and courage; and grant that in all things they may serve as seeing thee who art invisible; through

sitteth alone upon the housetop.

8 Mine enemies revile me all the day long; \* and they that are mad upon me are sworn together against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes as it were bread, \* and mingled my drink with weeping;

10 And that, because of thine indignation and wrath; \* for thou hast taken me up, and cast me down.

11 My days are gone like a shadow, \* and I am withered like grass.

12 But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever, \* and thy remembrance throughout all generations.

13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion; \* for it is time that thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come.

14 And why? thy servants think upon her stones, \* and it pitieth them to see her in the dust.

15 The nations shall fear thy Name, O LORD; \* and all the kings of the earth thy majesty;

16 When the LORD shall build up Sion, \* and when his glory shall appear;

17 When he turneth him unto the prayer of the poor destitute, \* and despiseth not their desire.

18 This shall be written for those that come after, \* and the people which shall be born shall praise the LORD.

19 For he hath looked down from his sanctuary; \* out of the heaven did the LORD behold the earth;

20 That he might hear the mournings of such as are in captivity, \* and deliver them that are appointed unto death;

21 That they may declare the Name of the LORD in Sion, \* and his worship at Jerusalem;

22 When the peoples are gathered together, \* and the kingdoms also, to serve the LORD.

23 He brought down my strength in my journey, \* and shortened my days.

24 But I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of mine age; \* as for thy years, they endure throughout all generations.

25 Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth, \* and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: \* they all

shall wax old as doth a garment;

27 And as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed; \* but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

28 The children of thy servants shall continue, \* and their seed shall stand fast in thy sight.

**SIT**

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:11

DEARLY beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king. Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

**STAND** Psalm 143. *Domine, exaudi.*

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and consider my desire; \* hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.

2 And enter not into judgment with thy servant; \* for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten

my life down to the ground; \* he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.

4 Therefore is my spirit vexed within me, \* and my heart within me is desolate.

5 Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all thy works; \*yea, I exercise myself in the works of thy hands.

6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee; \* my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land.

7 Hear me, O LORD, and that soon; for my spirit waxeth faint: \*hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

8 O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning; for in thee is my trust: \* show thou me the way that I should walk in; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

9 Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies; \* for I flee unto thee to hide me.

10 Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee; for thou art my God: \* let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

11 Quicken me, O LORD, for thy Name's sake; \* and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

12 And of thy goodness slay mine enemies, \* and destroy all them that vex my soul; for I am thy servant.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

PRAYER BOOK 29-30

*All:* 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 Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

**KNEEL** THE SUFFRAGES

PRAYER BOOK 31

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*And grant us thy salvation.*

O Lord, save the State