

**ST NICHOLAS CHISLEHURST**  
**EVENSONG FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER**

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

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:

**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.**

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.**

O Lord, open thou our lips.

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

O God, make speed to save us.

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

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.**

Praise ye the Lord.

*Answer.* **The Lord's Name be praised.**

*Psalm*

*1<sup>st</sup> Lesson*

*Magnificat* Luke 1

**My soul doth magnify the Lord :**

**and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.**

**For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his hand-maiden.**

**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 shewed 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.**

**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.**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson*

*Nunc Dimittis* 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.**

*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.**

The Lord be with you.

*Answer.* **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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.**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

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

O Lord, save the Queen.

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

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

*Answer.* **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people.

*Answer.* **And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

*Answer.* **Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou,  
O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*Answer.* **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us**

*The Collect of the Day*

*The Second Collect:*

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.

*The Third Collect:*

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.

*Prayers*

*A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

**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.**

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