

Opening Versicles

L O Lord, open my lips,
 C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
 L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
 C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm 66:8-20

Bless our God, O | peoples;*
 let the sound of his | praise be heard,
who has kept our soul among the | living*
and has not let our | feet slip.
 For you, O God, have | tested us;*
 you have tried us as sil- | ver is tried.
You brought us in- | to the net;*
you laid a crushing burden | on our backs;
 you let men ride o- | ver our heads;*
 we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of a- | bundance.
I will come into your house with burnt | offerings;*
I will perform my | vows to you,
 that which my lips | uttered*
 and my mouth promised when I was in | trouble.
I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacri- | fice of rams;*
I will make an offering of | bulls and goats.
 Come and hear, all you who | fear God,*
 and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.
I cried to him | with my mouth,*
and high praise was | on my tongue.
 If I had cherished iniquity | in my heart,*
 the Lord would not have | listened.
But truly God has | listened;*
he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.
 Blessèd | be God,*
 because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me!

779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care

1 Come, my soul, with ev'ry care, Jesus loves to answer prayer;	He Himself has bid thee pray, Therefore will not turn away.
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- 2 Thou art coming to a King,
Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and pow'r are such
None can ever ask too much.
- 3 With my burden I begin:
Lord, remove this load of sin;
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,
Set my conscience free from guilt.
- 4 Lord, Thy rest to me impart,
Take possession of my heart;

There Thy blood-bought right maintain
And without a rival reign.

- 5 While I am a pilgrim here,
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my guide, my guard, my friend,
Lead me to my journey's end.

- 6 Show me what is mine to do;
Ev'ry hour my strength renew.
Let me live a life of faith;
Let me die Thy people's death.

Kyrie

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- L O Lord,
C **have mercy.**
L O Christ,
C **have mercy.**
L O Lord,
C **have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

Apostles' Creed

- C 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 Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Reading

Acts 17:16–31

While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babblers wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for “‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “‘For we are indeed his offspring.’ Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Versicles

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- L Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C **let my cry come to You.**
L In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
C **for You answer me.**
L Hide Your face from my sins,
C **and blot out all my iniquities.**

L Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C **and renew a right spirit within me.**
L Cast me not away from Your presence,
C **and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**
L Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
L Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
C **my lips will praise You.**
L For You have been my help,
C **and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.**
L Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
C **unite my heart to fear Your name.**
L I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
C **and I will glorify Your name forever.**
L May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
C **May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**
L Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
C **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**
L Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
C **listen to my plea for grace.**

Collect of the Day

P O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**

Benedicamus:

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Blessing:

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C Amen

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