

# The Order for Evening Prayer: Trinity 16

## THE OFFICE

STAND

*The Introit: O Praise the Lord (Batten)*

O Lord, open thou our lips;  
**And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

O God, make speed to save us;  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord;  
**The Lord's Name be praised.**

### Psalm 124

- 1 'If the Lord had not been on our side,' \* now may / Israel / say:  
    'if the Lord had not been on our side, when / men rose / up a-/gainst us,
  - 2 'Then they would have swallowed us / up a-/live:  
    when their / anger • was / kindled • a-/gainst us;
  - 3 'Then the waters would have swept us away, \* and the / torrent • gone / over  
us: then the raging waters / would have / gone clean / over us.
  - 4 'But / praised • be the / Lord:  
    who hath not given us over for a / prey / unto • their teeth.
  - 5 'We have escaped, \* as a bird out of the / snare • of the / fowler:  
    the snare is / broken, • and / we • are de- /livered.
  - 6 'Our help standeth in the / name • of the / Lord:  
    who hath / made / heaven • and / earth.'
- Glory be to the Father, \* and / to the / Son: and / to the / Holy / Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, \* is now, and / ever / shall be: world without / end. /  
A- / men.

*The first lesson is read from the Old Testament or the Apocrypha.*

**Ezekiel 37. 15-28**

The word of the LORD came to me: Mortal, take a stick and write on it, "For Judah, and the Israelites associated with it"; then take another stick and write on it, "For Joseph (the stick of Ephraim) and all the house of Israel associated with it"; and join them together into one stick, so that they may become one in your hand. And when your people say to you, "Will you not show us what you mean by these?" say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am about to take the stick of Joseph (which is in the hand of Ephraim) and the tribes of Israel associated with it; and I will put the stick of Judah upon it, and make them one stick, in order that they may be one in my hand. When the sticks on which you write are in your hand before their eyes, then say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from every quarter, and bring them to their own land. I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all. Never again shall they be two nations, and never again shall they be divided into two kingdoms. They shall never again defile themselves with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. I will save them from all the apostasies into which they have fallen, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be my people, and I will be their GOD. My servant David shall be king over them; and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall follow my ordinances and be careful to observe my statutes. They shall live in the land that I gave to my servant Jacob, in which your ancestors lived; they and their children and their children's children shall live there forever; and my servant David shall be their prince forever. I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will bless them and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary among them forevermore. My dwelling place shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Then the nations shall know that I the LORD sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary is among them forevermore.

MAGNIFICAT (*Luke 1.46*)

- 1 My soul doth / magnify • the / Lord: and my spirit hath re- / joiced in / God my / Saviour.
- 2 For he / hath re- / garded: the / lowli • ness / of his / handmaiden.
- 3 For be- / hold, from / henceforth: all gener- / ations • shall / call me / blessed.
- 4 For he that is mighty hath / magni- • fied / me: and / holy / is his / name.
- 5 And his mercy is on / them that / fear him: through- / out all / gener- / ations,

- 6 He hath showed / strength • with his / arm: he hath scattered the proud \* in the imagin- / ation / of their / hearts.
- 7 He hath put down the mighty / from their / seat: and hath ex- / alted • the / humble • and / meek.
- 8 He hath filled the hungry with / good / things: and the rich he hath / sent / empty • a- / way.
- 9 He re- / membering • his / mercy: hath / helped his / servant / Israel;
- 10 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 / Spirit; As it was in the beginning, \* is now, and / ever / shall be: world without / end. / A- / men.

*The second lesson is read from the New Testament.*

**1 John 2. 22-29**

Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father; everyone who confesses the Son has the Father also. Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is what he has promised us, eternal life. I write these things to you concerning those who would deceive you. As for you, the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and so you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, abide in him. And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he is revealed we may have confidence and not be put to shame before him at his coming. If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who does right has been born of him.

STAND

NUNC DIMITTIS (*Luke 2.29*)

- 1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant de- / part in / peace: ac- / cording / to thy / word.
- 2 For mine eyes have / seen • thy sal- / vation: which thou hast prepared before the / face of / all / peoples.
- 3 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 / Spirit; As it was in the beginning, \* is now, and / ever / shall be: world without / end. / A- / men.

## 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 Spirit,  
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 is seated at 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 Spirit;

the Holy Catholic Church;

the communion of saints;

the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body;

and the life everlasting. Amen.

*KNEEL*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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.**

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
**And grant us thy salvation.**

Endue thy ministers with righteousness;  
**And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people;  
**And bless thine inheritance.**

O Lord, save the *Queen*;  
**And give her counsellors wisdom.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
**And evermore mightily defend us.**

Make clean our hearts, O God;  
**And renew a right spirit within us.**  
*The Collect of the day.*

#### THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth: we humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Second Collect, for Peace*

Almighty 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 that, being defended by thee from the fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in rest and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Third Collect, for aid against all perils*

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.**

*The Anthem: O Quam Gloriosum (Victoria).*

*The Intercessions*

*The Grace*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. **Amen.**