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PREFACE

THIS Form of Prayer is not compiled with the expectation of its being permanent.

It is essential to sympathetic interest in liturgical prayers and praises that they should not be inexorably settled as to form and expression.

At the same time, it is to be hoped, on many grounds, that this Form will receive a fair and patient trial, and that those who may take objection to any portion of it will remember that others may like that very portion best; and that if any number of people join in public worship, they can only do so by making mutual concessions.

This Prayer Book was compiled under the conviction of the Editor's inability to adopt the old Nonconformist worship, with its long *extempore* prayer, even had it been preferred by the congregation. He believed however that, as some form must be used, the form most likely to find acceptance would be one which was already partly familiar to English ears, and yet stripped of all that has become obsolete and out of harmony with a pure Theism.

He commends the "Revised Prayer Book" to the consideration of those who may be called upon to take an

active part in the reformation of the English Church and Liturgy.

The Psalms are retained, after being relieved of those maledictions and mournful complaints which had only or chiefly a temporary and local value.

Some expressions have been retained simply for their poetry or quaintness, and others have not been excluded for fear of marring their context. What has been aimed at is to provide a reasonable Service with the smallest degree of departure from familiar forms, which was necessary in order to exclude of what the Editor considered to be erroneous or superstitious.

The two new Services of *Duty*, and of *Praise* and *Thanksgiving* have been introduced, for occasional use, in place of the old *Litany*, and of the old *Communion Service*. They are at best but experiments in this direction, and though time and custom may make them more acceptable than they can be at first, the Editor hopes that they will be some day replaced by productions far more worthy of their noble purpose.

CAMDEN HOUSE, DULWICH,
October 1st, 1871.

THE ORDER FOR

MORNING PRAYER.

¶ *At the beginning of Morning Prayer the Minister shall read with a loud voice some one or more of these Sentences of the Scriptures that follow. And then he shall say that which is written after the said Sentences.*

WHEN the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. *Ezek. xviii. 27.*

I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. *Psal. li. 3.*

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. *Psal. li. 17.*

Render your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness. *Josel ii. 13.*

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him: neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us. *Dan. ix. 9, 10.*

I will arise, and go to my father, and will say unto him,

Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. *St. Luke xv. 18, 19.*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but, if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 St. John i. 8, 9.*

DEARLY beloved, the loving-kindness of God moveth us 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 deliverance from 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, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body and 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;

¶ *A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation after the Minister, all kneeling.*

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. Cleanse thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent. And grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall read this Prayer:*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised deliverance from sin to all them

that with hearty repentance and sincerity turn unto him; Have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life. *Amen.*

¶ *Or this,*

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall say the Lord's Prayer; the people also kneeling, and repeating it with him.*

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: For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then likewise he shall say,*

O Lord, open thou our lips.
People. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Minister. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People. It is meet and right so to do.

¶ Here all standing up, the Minister shall say,

Glory be to God the Father Almighty.

People. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

People. The Lord's Name be praised.

¶ Then shall be read or sung the Psalms for the day. And at the end of the Psalms shall be sung this Doxology,

Glory be to God the Father Almighty, As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ Or this,

Now unto the King, eternal, immortal, invisible, The only wise God, be glory and honour, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ Then shall follow the First Lesson, taken from the Old Testament, or from some other Ancient Writings, as directed by the Minister.

¶ After which shall be sung,

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS.

WE praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.

Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God Almighty;

Heaven and earth are full of thy Majesty: of thy Glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee.

The Father: of an infinite Majesty.

O Lord, strengthen thy people: and bless thine heritage.

Govern them: and lift them up for ever.

Day by day: we magnify thee;

And we worship thy Name: ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have we trusted: let us never be confounded.

¶ Or this Canticle,

BENEDICITE, OMNIA OPERA.

O ALL ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Heavens, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O all ye Powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O let Israel bless the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Ministers of the Lord,
bless ye the Lord: praise him,
and magnify him for ever.

O ye Servants of the Lord,
bless ye the Lord: praise him,
and magnify him for ever.

O ye Spirits and Souls of the
Righteous, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for
ever.

O ye holy and humble Men of
heart, bless ye the Lord: praise
him, and magnify him for ever.

¶ *Or an Anthem.*

¶ *Then shall follow the Second Lesson,
taken from the New Testament, or
from some Modern Writings as selected
by the Minister.*

¶ *After which shall be sung,*

VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO.

PSALM XCIV.

O COME, let us sing unto the
Lord: let us heartily re-
joice in the strength of our salva-
tion.

Let us come before his pre-
sence with thanksgiving: and
shew ourselves glad in him with
Psalms.

For the Lord is a great God:
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners
of the earth: and the strength of
the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made
it: and his hands prepared the
dry land.

O come, let us worship, and
fall down: and kneel before the
Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God:
and we are the people of his

pasture, and the sheep of his
hand.

¶ *Or this Psalm,*

JUBILATE DEO. PSAL. C.

O BE joyful in the Lord, all
ye lands: serve the Lord
with gladness, and come before
his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he
is God: it is he that hath made
us, and not we ourselves; we
are his people, and the sheep of
his pasture.

O go your way into his gates
with thanksgiving, and into his
courts with praise: be thankful
unto him, and speak good of
his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his
mercy is everlasting: and his
truth endureth from generation
to generation.

¶ *And after that, these Prayers follow-
ing, all devoutly kneeling; the Minis-
ter first pronouncing with a loud
voice,*

The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. O Lord, shew thy
mercy upon us.

People. And grant us thy sal-
vation.

Minister. O Lord, save the
Queen.

People. And mercifully hear
us when we call upon thee.

Minister. Endue thy Minis-
ters with righteousness.

People. And make all thy
people joyful.

Minister. Give peace in all
the earth.

People. For the wrath of man