

CherwellValley Benefice Evensong Service

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. 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.

And our mouth shall shew 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 Ghost;

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

**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.**

Reading

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Reflection

The Magnificat

**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.

The Apostles' Creed

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 ascend-
ed 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.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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. For thine is
the kingdom, the power and the glory; For ever and
ever. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen.

And mercifully hear 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.

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

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

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Prayers

The Blessing