



The Parish Churches of S Philip
and S Augustine and S Matthew
with S Mary the Virgin Newcastle

The Office
for
Good Friday
and
Holy Saturday
for use at home

Notes

When reciting the office privately, you should move your lips with the words to ensure that your eyes do not just mindlessly move along the text.

Usually, people sit (or kneel) to recite the office privately – in front of a Crucifix, if possible. Some people may choose to light a candle.

The sign of the Cross made at, “ O Lord, open &c) is generally made on the lips with the thumb to seek a blessing on the words of our prayer.

The Responsory is provided in full, but if you are reciting it alone, you can omit the lines in blue.

For the psalm(s), reading and collect, the plan is that the Vicar will send these out the day before they are to be used.

The booklet is provided in two forms. Some will prefer to read it from their electronic toy; others may need to print it out. Hopefully the booklet format will let you do just that. Please save the file to your hard disk. Other booklets will be sent as and when the Liturgical season requires.

Intercessions will also be circulated so that we can pray for the same thing each day.

Almighty and everlasting God, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and, acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, Who art the Author of peace and Lover of concord, in knowledge of Whom standeth our eternal life, Whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us Thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in Thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, Who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with Thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance, to do always that is righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Any intercessions follow and a period of silence

+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.

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.
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.

*There follows the **Collect of the Day**.*

The Office

+ 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.

*At Mattins, there follows the **Venite** with its antiphon:*

Antiphon:

Good Friday: Christ Jesus was obedient unto death, even Death on a Cross; O come, let us adore Him.

Holy Saturday: Christ the Lord suffered for us and was buried; O come, let us adore Him.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord :
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving :
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

Antiphon

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.

Antiphon

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.

Antiphon

To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts :
as in the provocation,
and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;
When your fathers tempted me :
proved me, and saw my works.

Antiphon

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said :
It is a people that do err in their hearts,
for they have not known my ways.
Unto whom I swear in my wrath :
that they should not enter into my rest.

Antiphon

The office continues:

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.

Let us pray.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Good Friday:

Antiphon: They set up over His Head His accusation written:
Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.

Holy Saturday:

Antiphon: The women, sitting over against the Sepulchre, made
lamentation, weeping for the Lord.

+ Blessed be the Lord God of Israel : for he hath visited and
redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us : in the house of his
servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets : which have
been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies : and from the hand
of all that hate us.
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers : and to
remember his holy Covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham :
that he would give us;
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies : might
serve him without fear;
In holiness and righteousness before him : all the days of our
life.
And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest : for
thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people : for the
remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God : whereby the day-spring
from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of
death : and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Antiphon

The Office Hymn follows:

Good Friday:

Now my soul, thy voice upraising,
Tell in sweet and mournful strain
How the Crucified enduring
Grief and wounds, and dying pain,
Freely of His love was offered,
Sinless was for sinners slain.

See His hands and feet are fastened!
So He makes His people free;
Not a wound whence Blood is flowing
But a fount of Grace shall be;
Yea, the very nails, which nail Him
Nail us also to the Tree.

Hail true Cross of beauty rarest,
King of all the forest trees;
Leaf and flower and fruit thou bearest
Med'cine for a world's desire;
Fairest wood, and iron fairest –
Yet more fair, Who hung on thee.

Victim of our race, He deign-ed
On thy arms to lay His Head;
Thou the ark, whose refuge gain-ed,
Sinful man no more may dread;
Ark, whose planks are deeply stain-ed
With the Blood the Lamb hath shed.

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Jesu, may those precious fountains
Drink to thirsting souls afford;
Let them be our cup and healing,
And at length our full reward:
So a ransomed world shall ever
Praise Thee, its redeeming Lord.

Holy Saturday:

Jesu, Redemption all divine,
Whom here we love, for Whom we pine,
God, working out Creation's plan,
And, in the later time, made man;

What love of Thine was that, which led
To take our woes upon Thy head,
And pangs and cruel Death to bear,
To ransom us from death's despair?

To Thee Hell's gate gave ready way,
Demanding there his captive prey:
Let very mercy force Thee still
To spare us, conqu'ring all our ill.

Be Thou our Joy, and Thou our Guard,
Who art to be our great reward:
Our Glory and our boast in Thee
For ever and for ever be.

There follow:

The Psalm(s)

The Reading

The Responsory

Good Friday:

We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.
We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.
By Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.
We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

Holy Saturday:

Christ died that He might live, for ever and ever.
Christ died that He might live, for ever and ever.
He holds the keys of death and hell.
Christ died that He might live, for ever and ever.

*There follows the **Benecticus**:*