



**Divine Office of Peace of the Holy, Catholic, Apostolic, and Orthodox Church ( Ferrette Succession, 1866 )**

***The clergy begins the Office, saying:***

BLESSED be the kingdom of the ( + ) Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: now and ever, unto ages of ages, world without end. Amen.

O, Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, who art present everywhere, and fillest all things, Treasure of blessings, and Giver of life, come and dwell in us; ( + ) **absolve** us from every sin, and save, Good LORD, our souls.

***Here may be sung a hymn.***

***The clergy recites the proclamation:***

**James 3:17-18 (CEV)**

The wisdom that comes from above leads us to be pure, friendly, gentle, sensible, kind, helpful, genuine, and sincere. When peacemakers plant seeds of peace, they will harvest justice.

***The Gloria is recited by all:***

GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace: good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, We give thanks unto thee, for thy great glory: O LORD, O King, O Heavenly, O God, O Father, O Almighty; O LORD, O Only-begotten, O Jesu Christ; And O Holy Spirit.

O LORD, O God, O Lamb of God, O Son of the Father: Thou who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us; Thou who takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer; Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us: For thou alone art holy, thou alone art LORD, O Jesu Christ, To the glory of God the Father. Amen.

***The clergy recites the collects:***

Almighty God, unto Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our LORD.

People: Amen.

O 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 also that by Thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

People: Amen.

***Then are read the lessons from the Hebrew Bible:***

**Psalm 46 (CEV)**

God is our mighty fortress, always ready to help in times of trouble.

And so, we won't be afraid! Let the earth tremble and the mountains tumble into the deepest sea.

Let the ocean roar and foam, and its raging waves shake the mountains.

A river and its streams bring joy to the city, which is the sacred home of God Most High.

God is in that city, and it won't be shaken.

He will help it at dawn. Nations rage! Kingdoms fall! But at the voice of God the earth itself melts.

The LORD All-Powerful is with us. The God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come! See the fearsome things the LORD has done on earth.

God brings wars to an end all over the world. He breaks the arrows, shatters the spears, and burns the shields.

Our God says, "Calm down, and learn that I am God! All nations on earth will honor me."

The LORD All-Powerful is with us.

The God of Jacob is our fortress.

( + ) 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, unto the ages of ages, world without end.

People: Amen.

**Isaiah 2 : 2-5 (CEV)**

In the future, the mountain  
with the LORD's temple  
will be the highest of all.  
It will reach above the hills;  
every nation will rush to it.  
Many people will come and say,  
"Let's go to the mountain  
of the LORD God of Jacob  
and worship in his temple."  
The LORD will teach us his Law  
from Jerusalem,  
and we will obey him.  
He will settle arguments  
between nations.  
They will pound their swords  
and their spears  
into rakes and shovels;  
they will never make war  
or attack one another.  
People of Israel, let's live  
by the light of the LORD.

God bless his holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

***The Magnificat is recited responsively by the clergy and the people:***

My soul magnifies the LORD : and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

For He has regarded : the lowliness of His handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty has magnified me : and Holy is His Name.

And His mercy is on them that fear Him : throughout all generations.

He has shown strength with his arm : He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He has put down the mighty from their seat : and has exalted the humble and the meek.

He has filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he has sent away empty.

Remembering His mercy, He has helped His servant Israel : as He promised to our ancestors, Abraham and his seed, forever.

***The Magnificat being ended, the clergy says:***

Let us pray to the LORD:

Lighten our hearts, O LORD, Lover of humankind, with the incorruptible light of thy divine knowledge, and open the eyes of our understanding, that we may discern the truth of thy joyful tidings. Implant in us the blessed **love** of thy commandments, so that, treading under foot all **unhealthy** desires, we may begin to lead a spiritual life, our only thought being to please thee. For thou art the light of our hearts and souls, O God Christ, and to thee we render the glory, and to thy eternal Father, and to thy most holy and good and life-giving Spirit: now and for ever, unto ages of ages, world without end. Amen.

***Then are read the lessons from the New Testament:***

**Romans 12 : 9-21 (CEV)**

Be sincere in your love for others. Hate everything that is evil and hold tight to everything that is good. Love each other as brothers and sisters and honor others more than you do yourself. Never give up. Eagerly follow the Holy Spirit and serve the LORD. Let your hope make you glad. Be patient in time of trouble and never stop praying. Take care of God's needy people and welcome strangers into your home.

Ask God to bless everyone who mistreats you. Ask him to bless them and not to curse them. When others are happy, be happy with them, and when they are sad, be sad. Be friendly with everyone. Don't be proud and feel that you know more than others. Make friends with ordinary people. Don't mistreat someone who has mistreated you. But try to earn the respect of others, and do your best to live at peace with everyone.

Dear friends, don't try to get even. Let God take revenge. In the Scriptures the LORD says, "I am the one to take revenge and pay them back."

The Scriptures also say, "If your enemies are hungry, give them something to eat. And if

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they are thirsty, give them something to drink. This will be the same as piling burning coals on their heads.”

Don't let evil defeat you, but defeat evil with good.

God bless his holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Matt 5 : 38-48 (CEV)**

Alleluia, alleluia. I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia, alleluia.

You know you have been taught, “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” But I tell you not to try to get even with a person who has done something to you. When someone slaps your right cheek, turn and let that person slap your other cheek. If someone sues you for your shirt, give up your coat as well. If a soldier forces you to carry his pack one kilometer, carry it two kilometers. When people ask you for something, give it to them. When they want to borrow money, lend it to them.

You have heard people say, “Love your neighbors and hate your enemies.” But I tell you to love your enemies and pray for anyone who mistreats you. Then you will be acting like your Father in heaven. He makes the sun rise on both good and bad people. And He sends rain for the ones who do right and for the ones who do wrong. If you love only those people who love you, will God reward you for this? Even tax collectors love their friends. If you greet only your friends, what's so great about this? Don't even unbelievers do that? But you must always act like your Father in heaven.

God bless his holy Gospel.

People: Praise to you, LORD Jesus Christ.

***The lessons being ended, the following ancient hymn is recited by the clergy and the people:***

O, gladdening brightness of the holy glory of the immortal Father, The heavenly, the holy, the blessed; O Jesu Christ having come to the setting of the sun, having seen the evening light, we praise the ( + ) Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit God.

It is meet for us at all times to praise thee with reverent voices, Son of God, giver of life: therefore the world glorifies thee.

***Here may follow a homily and another hymn.***

***The St. Cyril Creed of Jerusalem is recited by all:***

All: I believe in the Father, and in the Son, and in the Holy Ghost, and in one  
Baptism of repentance.

***Then begins the Litany, recited responsively by the clergy and the people:***

**THE LITANY FOR WORLD PEACE**

*Litany for World Peace, Presbyterian Church USA, Adapted by Christine Longhurst  
<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/09/litany-for-world-peace.html>*

Remember, O LORD, the people of this world divided into many nations, religions, and  
tongues. Deliver us from every evil that stands in the way of Your saving purpose, and fulfill  
the promise of peace on earth among those with whom You are well pleased; through Jesus  
Christ.

People: Amen.

From the curse of war and the human sin that causes war,

People: O LORD, deliver us.

From pride that turns its back on You, and from unbelief that will not bow to You,

People: O LORD, deliver us.

From national vanity that poses as patriotism, and from loud-mouthed boasting and blind  
self-worship that admit no guilt,

People: O LORD, deliver us.

From self-righteousness that will not compromise, and from selfishness that glories in the  
oppression of others,

People: O LORD, deliver us.

From the lust for property or power that drives humanity to kill,

People: O LORD, deliver us.

From trusting in the weapons of war, and mistrusting the councils of peace,

People: O LORD, deliver us.

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From hearing, believing, and speaking lies about other nations and religions,

People: O LORD, deliver us.

From groundless suspicions and fears that stand in the way of reconciliation,

People: O LORD, deliver us.

From words and deeds that encourage discord, prejudice, and hatred; from everything that prevents the human family from fulfilling Your promise of peace,

People: O LORD, deliver us.

LORD of Israel, and God of all the nations: we pray for Your children across the whole earth, of every land and race, that they may be strong to do Your will. We pray especially for the church in the world,

People: Give us your peace, O LORD.

For the United Nations,

People: Give us your peace, O LORD.

For international federations and alliances promoting cooperation among peoples,

People: Give us your peace, O LORD.

For world leaders, and for departments of state, ambassadors, diplomats, and statesmen,

People: Give us your peace, O LORD.

For those in military service, that they may live for the establishment of peace and justice,

People: Give us your peace, O LORD.

For all who in any way work or pray to further the cause of peace and goodwill,

People: Give us your peace, O LORD.

For civilians in every land,

People: Give us your peace, O LORD.

For those who declare themselves enemies, that at last they may find reconciliation,

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People: Give us your peace, O LORD.

Eternal God: Use us, even in our ignorance and weakness, to bring about Your holy will on earth. Hurry the day when people shall live together in Your love; for Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

People: Amen.

***The clergy continues the Office with the following:***

O, GOD, great and most high, who alone hast immortality, who dwellest in light inaccessible, who hast ordered the whole creation with wisdom, and divided the light from the darkness, and appointed the sun to rule the day, and the moon and stars to rule the night; who hast enabled us sinners, even in this present hour, to appear before thy face in confession, and to offer unto thee our evening song of praise: thou, O Lover of humankind, direct our prayer as incense in thy presence, and accept it as a sweet savour; and grant unto us that this present evening, and the coming night, may be all peace.

Clothe us with the armour of light; deliver us from the fears of the night and from every thing that walketh in darkness; and grant that the sleep which thou hast given us as a refreshment to our weakness, may be free from every illusion of the adversary.

Even so, O LORD, Giver of all blessings; that, upon our beds communing with our own hearts, we may remember during the night thy name, and that, being enlightened by the meditation of thy precepts, we may with joy rise to praise thy goodness, and to offer again unto thee our prayers and supplications for ourselves and for all thy people: whom we beseech thee to visit in thy mercy: for thou art good, O God, and a Lover of humankind, and to thee we render the glory; to the ( + ) Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever: unto ages of ages, world without end . Amen.

Thou, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and hast promised, that when two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now the petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Remit, pardon, forgive, O God, our sins, voluntary and involuntary; of deed and of word, of knowledge and of ignorance; our sins of day and night, the sins of our thoughts and intentions. Forgive them all, for thou art good, and a Lover of humankind. Amen.

***An Eucharist or Informal Communion may be celebrated.***

***The clergy recites the Nunc Dimittis, the Song of Simeon:***

Now Thou dost send away Thy servant, LORD, according to Thy word, in peace,



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because mine eyes did see Thy salvation, which Thou didst prepare before the face of all the peoples, a light to the uncovering of nations, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

***The clergy says the intercessory prayer through the patron saint.***

***The clergy gives the final blessing:***

O LORD Jesus Christ, who said to Your Apostles: Peace I leave you, My peace I give to you; regard not our sins, but the faith of Your Church, and grant unto her that peace and unity which are agreeable to Your Will; Who lives and reigns for ever, one God, world without end.

***[ The above is a prayer from the Confraternity of the Holy Apostles. ]***

( + ) The blessings of the LORD Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit, be with everyone today and every day. Amen.