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The late General FAST in *England*, now reprinted for the Use of the Churches in this City, upon *Friday* the Twenty-first Day of *May*, Instant; being the Day appointed by Proclamation for a General FAST, and Humiliation:

For humbling ourselves before Almighty GOD, by a sincere Repentance and Reformation, most earnestly to deprecate the Calamities we have Reason to fear; to intreat the Removal of those we suffer, and to implore the Divine Protection and Blessing on His Majesty's sacred Person, illustrious Family, his Kingdoms and Colonies, his Fleets and Armies: as also for humbling ourselves before Him in a deep Sense of His late Visitation, by a most terrible and extensive Earthquake, which was very severe in this and the neighbouring Colonies, and which was more particularly felt in some Countries, in Alliance and Friendship with His Majesty.



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The Order for Morning Prayer.

¶ The Service shall be the same with the usual Office for Holy-Days in all Things, except where it is in this Office otherwise appointed.

¶ *Morning Prayer shall begin with these Sentences.*



O 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.

Correct us, O Lord, but with judgement ; not in thine anger, lest thou bring us to nothing.

¶ *Instead of Venite, exultemus, this Hymn shall be used :*

O Come, let us worship and fall down : and kneel before the Lord our maker.

Let us serve the Lord in fear : and rejoice unto him with reverence.

Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord : let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the Heavens.

Let us repent and be converted, that our sins may be blotted out : when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

Our

Morning Prayer.

Our fathers hoped in thee, O Lord: they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

They called upon thee and were holpen: they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the Glory of thy Name: O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins for thy name's sake.

Shew some token upon us for good, that they who hate us may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, Lord, hast holpen us and comforted us.

Thou shalt grant the King a long life: he shall dwell before God for ever.

O prepare thy loving mercy and faithfulness: that they may preserve him.

Help us now, O Lord: O Lord, send us now Prosperity.

The Lord shall give strength to his people: the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

And all Men that see it, shall say, This hath God done: for they shall perceive that it is his work.

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and put his trust in him: and all they that are true of Heart shall be glad.

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.*

¶ Proper Psalms, XLVI, XVIII.

¶ *Proper Lessons.*

The First, *Isaiab XXIV.*

The Second, *Luke XXI. Ver. 5.*

¶ *Instead of the first Collect at Morning Prayer, shall these two be used :*

GREAT and glorious Lord God, just and terrible in thy judgments, and unsearchable in all thy ways ; at whose rebuke the earth trembleth, the very foundations of the hills shake, and the sea is removed from its place ; we, vile dust and miserable sinners, in a most awful sense of thy amazing power, our own great and manifold provocations, and thy tender mercy to the penitent, do, with all humility of soul, cast ourselves down before thy footstool, bewailing our unworthiness, and imploring thy pity, and the bowels of thy compassion. We beseech thee, O Lord, to awaken our consciences yet farther, that we may see and duly consider thy hand, which, in the most astonishing manner, hath been lifted up against us and round about us. Pardon these crying sins, which have produced these tokens of thy heavy displeasure, and grant us all such a measure of thy grace, that we may no more disobey thy laws, abuse thy forbearance, or despise thy chastisements, lest a worse thing come upon us. It is of thy goodness, O Lord, that we were not all consumed, when thou didst arise to shake terribly the earth, and that in the midst of judgement thou didst remember mercy. Let the deep sense of this work in us such a thankfulness of heart, and such a seriousness and watchfulness of spirit, that no calamity may surprize us, nor death itself come upon us unawares, and that we may at length arrive at that blessed Kingdom, which cannot be shaken, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

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O Most merciful God, the supreme disposer of all events, and the refuge of all those who trust in thee, we, thy unworthy servants, do most humbly implore thy gracious Aid and Protection. Be thou to us, O Lord, in all times of danger and trouble, a sure guardian and never-failing deliverer. Go forth, we beseech thee, with our fleets and armies; let thy Almighty hand ever be over them, and the light of thy countenance shine upon them. Vouchsafe also thy especial blessing to our most gracious Sovereign King **GEORGE**: Defend him from all secret conspiracies, and open violence; direct His counsels, and prosper all His endeavours for the welfare of his Kingdoms and Colonies. And, O Lord, let neither our unhappy divisions, nor our other manifold sins and provocations, obstruct His designs for the publick good, nor bring down thy judgements upon us: but spare thy people, O Lord, spare us; and by the grace of thy Holy Spirit, so unite us in a firm and uniform course of obedience to thy will, and an hearty zeal for thy honour and service, that we may evermore rejoice in thy salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *In the End of the Litany, immediately after the Collect*
 [We humbly beseech thee, O Father, &c.] *these two are to be read:*

TURN thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, be favourable to thy people, who turn to thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, and in thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord, spare them, and let not thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great; and after the multitude of thy mercies look upon us, through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* O

O Almighty God, who delightest not to grieve the children of Men, yet, as a wise and gracious father, dost chasten every son whom thou receivest : Behold with tender pity all those who have suffered by the late publick Calamity, in body, estate, friends, or relations : Give them patience and submission to thy holy will : Let them not murmur or repine, seeing it was thy doing, whose judgements are always righteous, though they are a great deep. Be thou the Comforter of those who are cast down, O thou God of consolation ; and make up their temporal losses by spiritual advantages, and by future blessings of this world, so far as thou seeest necessary and convenient for them : And so sanctify to all of us, both the mercies and judgements which thou sendest, that at length we may be made happy in that perfect state, which is not subject to time or chance ; where we shall sin no more, be no more disquieted, and die no more ; but enjoy that everlasting rest which thou hast promised through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Here endeth the Order of Morning Prayer.

The Communion Service.

¶ After the Prayer for the King [*Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting*] the two first Collects [*Great and Glorious Lord God,*] And [*O most merciful God*] are to be repeated instead of the Collect for the Day.

The Epistle. 2 Cor. VIII to Ver. 16.

Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit, of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; how that in a great trial of affliction, the abundance of their joy, and their deep poverty, abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power, I bear record, yea and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; praying us with much intreaty, that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God: insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also. Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, in utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us; see that ye abound in this grace also. I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love. For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. And herein I give my advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago. Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was
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a readines to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have. For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. For I mean not that other men be eased, and you burdened : but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, and their abundance also may be a supply for your want, that there may be equality ; as it is written, He that had gathered much, had nothing over ; and he that had gathered little, had no lack.

The Gospel. *Luke XIII. to Ver. 10.*

THERE were present at that season some that told him of the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering, said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered such things ? I tell you, Nay ; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were Sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem ? I tell you, Nay : but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. He spake also this parable ; A certain man had a fig-tree planted in his vineyard ; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig-tree, and find none : cut it down ; why cumbereth it the ground ? And he answering, said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it ; and if it bear fruit, well : and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.

¶ *After the Nicene Creed shall follow the Sermon.*

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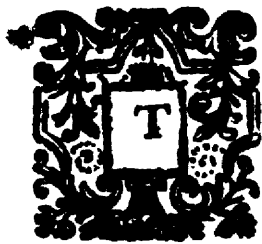
¶ *After the Prayer* [For the whole state of Christ's Church] shall be used the following Prayer, For all the Reformed Churches:

O GOD, the Father of mercies, who of thy great goodness hast admitted us into thy holy Church, the mystical body of Christ; we, as living members thereof, mourning with them that mourn, and rejoicing with them that rejoice, do now present our supplications and prayers at the throne of grace, more especially in behalf of all our reformed brethren; beseeching thee to make them perfect, stablish, strengthen them, that they may stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made them free; to preserve the tranquillity of those who at present enjoy it; and to look down with an eye of pity upon those who are in distress or persecution on account of thy most holy Religion. Suffer not unreasonable and wicked men still to triumph over thy heritage. Plead thy cause with them that blaspheme thy truth, and persecute thy people. Enlighten those who are in darkness and error, and give them repentance to the acknowledgement of the truth; that all the ends of the earth may remember themselves, and be turned to the Lord; and we may all become one flock under the great Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, Jesus Christ, our blessed Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

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The Order for Evening Prayer.

¶ *Evening Prayer shall begin with these Sentences.*



O 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.

Correct us, O Lord, but with judgement ; not in thine anger, lest thou bring us to nothing.

¶ Proper Psalms, III, XCI, CXXI.

¶ *Proper Lessons.*

The First, *Jer.* IV.

The Second, 2 *Pet.* III. to Ver. 14.

¶ *The same Collects to be used as in the Morning, instead of the Collect for the Day.*

¶ Immediately after the Collect [*Lighten our Darknes*] shall be used the two Collects that were used immediately after the Litany, beginning [*Turn thou us, O good Lord*] And [*O Almighty God, who delightest not to grieve the Children of Men.*]

¶ *Before the Prayer in the Time of War and Tumults, That [For all the Reformed Churches] to be used.*

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