

A Liturgy for the
Rogation Days

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A Liturgy for the Rogation Days, Being the Three Days before Ascension Day

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Easter,
Commonly called Rogation Sunday

O LORD, from whom all good things do come; Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ Here may be sung a hymn.

The Litany or General Supplication

¶ Here shall be said the Litany or General Supplication, as provided in the Book of Common Prayer. If there is to be a procession to a field, the Litany shall be read in procession with the crucifer going before.

¶ Then shall be said the Collect for the Rogation Days. The procession stops at the first corner appointed.

The Collect for the Rogations Days

ALMIGHTY God, Lord of heaven and earth; We beseech thee to pour forth thy blessing upon this land, and to give us a fruitful season; that we, constantly receiving thy bounty, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The First Lesson.

Here beginneth the eighth verse of the eleventh chapter of the book of Deuteronomy.

THEREFORE shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it; And that ye may prolong your days in the land, which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs: But the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven: A land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eyes of the LORD thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.

And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil. And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full. Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; And then the LORD'S wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you.

Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach

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them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates: That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to thee, O Lord.

¶ Here may be sung a canticle or hymn.

The Second Lesson.

Here beginneth the eighth verse of the fourth chapter of the Epistle of St. James.

DRAW nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?

Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye rejoyce in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

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The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¶ *Here or at such other point as may be convenient the minister may deliver a short sermon.*

¶ *Then the crucifer and minister going before, the congregation shall process to the next corner of the boundary, reading responsively the following Psalm(s).*

Psalm 67. *Deus misereatur.*

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us, * and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;

That thy way may be known upon earth, * thy saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise thee, O God; * yea, let all the peoples praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad; * for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise thee, O God; * yea, let all the peoples praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase; * and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

God shall bless us; * and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

Psalm 28. *Ad te, Domine.*

UNTO thee will I cry, O LORD, my strength: * think no scorn of me; lest, if thou make as though thou hearest not, I become like them that go down into the pit.

Hear the voice of my humble petitions, when I cry unto thee; * when I hold up my hands towards the mercy-seat of thy holy temple.

O pluck me not away, neither destroy me with the ungodly and wicked doers, * which speak friendly to their neighbours, but imagine mischief in their hearts.

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Reward them according to their deeds, * and according to the wickedness of their own inventions.

Recompense them after the work of their hands; * pay them that they have deserved.

For they regard not in their mind the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands; * therefore shall he break them down, and not build them up.

Praised be the LORD; * for he hath heard the voice of my humble petitions.

The LORD is my strength, and my shield; my heart hath trusted in him, and I am helped; * therefore my heart danceth for joy, and in my song will I praise him.

The LORD is my strength, * and he is the wholesome defence of his anointed.

O save thy people, and give thy blessing unto thine inheritance: * feed them, and set them up for ever.

¶ At the end of each psalm shall be said or sung the Gloria Patri.

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.

¶ Here may be offered special prayers for family, land, crops, beasts and work, in the coming year.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and 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 ever-lasting. Amen.

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Benediction

(1 Chronicles 17:26, 27)

AND now, LORD, thou art God, and hast promised this goodness unto thy servant; Now therefore let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may be before thee for ever; for thou blessest, O LORD, and it shall be blessed for ever; in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen.