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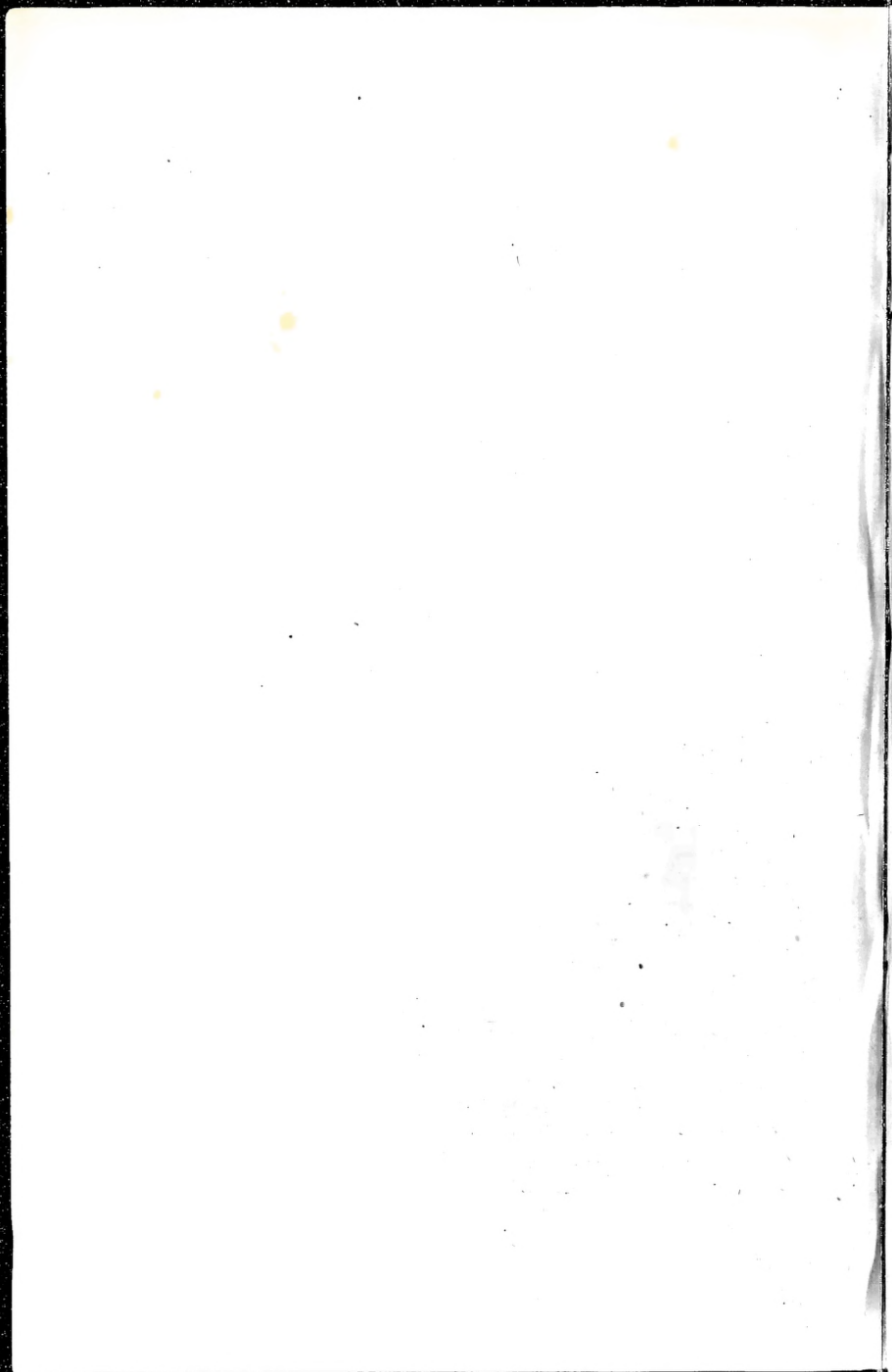
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THE ORDER OF
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¶ *The Minister shall read the following sentences, all standing.*

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy Name, O thou Most Highest: to tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning, and of thy truth in the night season.

For thou, Lord, hast made us glad through thy works, and we will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.

O sing praises, sing praises unto our God.

O sing praises unto our king; for God is the King of all the earth; let us sing praises unto him with understanding.

DEARLY beloved, forasmuch as we have assembled together to offer the homage of our lips to Almighty God our Heavenly Father, it is meet that we should draw near to this holy celebration with a perfect understanding of its meaning and use, and with hearts in perfect accord with the words of our

mouth. We should first of all remember that the only true worship of God is our adoration of His holiness, and the highest expression thereof is the faithful service of our fellow men.

If this be our earnest conviction, we are then, and then only, in a fit and proper state of mind to join in public worship and to sing His praise. The meaning of our assembling together is not the endeavour to add by our human words and songs to the glory of God, which is already infinite and perfect, nor yet the endeavour to commend ourselves to His most gracious favour, which He has already poured out upon us all from His Fatherly love; but the meaning of our worship is the natural expression of our gratitude, adoration and filial love for our own pleasure and profit, to gratify the strongest and most exalted instincts of our nature, and to cultivate within our souls a

greater devotion to His most holy will.

We desire, moreover, by this our humble service to keep in remembrance that God is our Father, and that we are His children; that a relation does really subsist between Him and our souls, like unto that of father and child, only unspeakably more tender and dear, and we draw near, as it were, to His outstretched arms to receive His welcome and to utter forth our gladness.

It is our privilege, rather than our duty, to pray to Him whenever we feel that we need a strength greater than our own, or help which no human hand can give. It is good for us to call to mind our weakness and our sin when our spirits bend before His Throne, and so to cleanse our hearts by contact with His holiness, and to draw new life out of the fountain of His Everlasting Strength.

And to remember the wants and sorrows of our fellow-men when we are most full of joy and thanksgiving at the thought of His bounty to ourselves will surely help us to remember them in the daily turmoil of life.

Let us then, dearly beloved, draw near to the throne of the Most High, with hearts overflowing with thankfulness and adoration, and desiring above all things, to show forth His praise by our lives here below, and to worship Him in spirit and in truth by the faithful service of

our fellow-men, believing with full assurance of faith that He will be found of all those who diligently seek Him.

¶ *Then shall the people make this response,*

“O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.”

Minister. Let us lift up our hearts with our voice unto God on High.

People. We lift them up unto the Lord, for it is meet and right so to do.

¶ *Then shall all kneel, and the Minister shall say,*

ALMIGHTY and Most Merciful Father, we beseech thee to teach us to pray; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; that the words of our mouth and the meditation of our soul may be now and always acceptable in thy sight; that while we praise thee for thy bounty, we may adore thee for thy Holiness; that while we rejoice in our own happiness, we may seek more and more to help and comfort our fellow-men. Teach us to know, to believe in, and to love the truth above all things, and may we learn this day some new lesson out of thy law, some fresh story of thy love. Show to each one of us the path of duty, and make our feet steadfast therein. Let no false hopes

and fears tempt or drive us from a true following of thee. May we love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou hast promised. May we seek no reward for duty but the bliss of keeping thy commandments. Let the light of thy presence cheer and strengthen us; never let it be clouded over by the mists of our own distrust, or by the tampering of our souls with sin. And when we come to die, O thou Most Merciful Father, may we welcome thy loving call and find in thee our Everlasting Rest. *Amen.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on 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.

Minister. O Lord, open thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Minister. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People. We will alway give thanks unto the Lord. His praise shall ever be in our mouth.

¶ *Then shall be sung, all still kneeling,*

We praise thee in thy power, O God!

We praise thee in thy sanctity.

We praise thee who reignest in the furthest heavens,

We praise thee who dwellest in our inmost souls,

Our Lord and hidden comforter.

No voice can duly proclaim thy greatness,

No heart can comprehend thy goodness,

O thou Father of all our spirits.

The longings of the spirit are inexhaustible:

Only thou canst fill the heart.

When it is empty and aching for thee,

Hungering and thirsting for thy righteousness,

Thou visitest it with peace unspeakable.

With thee there is no misery to the distressed;

But sorrow is hallowed and pain is sweetened,

And hardship is assuaged, and fear is calmed.

For, thine own nature is blessedness,

And thou makest thy worshippers blessed.

Yea, blessed is thy presence, O Lord most Holy!

Blessed is it to dwell with thee and to know thee,

To rest on thee and to serve thee.

Blessed shall the nations be when thy glory is recognised,

When all who love thee unite to succour and raise the weak

Strengthen us in life and death,
 in this, and in every life,
 To be thine in heart, as we are
 thine in right;
 To obey ch  erfully, to strive
 loyally,
 To suffer meekly, to enjoy thank-
 fully,
 So shall we love thee while we
 live, and partake of thy joy,
 And triumph over sorrow, and
 fulfil thy work,
 And be numbered with thy saints,
 and die on thy bosom.*

¶ *Then shall follow the reading of the
 First Lesson,*

¶ *After which shall be sung a Hymn,*

¶ *Then shall follow the reading of the
 Second Lesson,*

¶ *After which shall be sung the
 Jubilate,*

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye
 lands: serve the Lord with
 gladness, and come before his
 presence with a song.

2 Be ye sure that the Lord he
 is God: it is he that hath made
 us, and not we ourselves; we
 are his people, and the sheep of
 his pasture.

3 O go your way into his gates
 with thanksgiving, and into his
 courts with praise: be thankful
 unto him, and speak good of his
 Name.

4 For the Lord is gracious,
 his mercy is everlasting: and his
 truth endureth from generation
 to generation.

Glory be to God, the Father
 Almighty;

As it was in the beginning, is
 now and ever shall be, world
 without end. Amen.

¶ *Or Psalm 145,*

I WILL magnify thee, O God,
 my King: and I will praise
 thy Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I give thanks
 unto thee: and praise thy Name
 for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord and mar-
 vellous, worthy to be praised:
 there is no end of his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise
 thy works unto another: and
 declare thy power.

5 As for me, I will be talking
 of thy worship: thy glory, thy
 praise, and wondrous works;

6 So men men shall speak of
 the might of thy marvellous acts:
 and I will also tell of thy great-
 ness.

7 The memorial of thine abun-
 dant kindness shall be shewed:
 and men shall sing of thy right-
 eousness.

8 The Lord is gracious, and
 merciful: long-suffering and of
 great goodness.

9 The Lord is loving unto
 every man: and his mercy is over
 all his works.

10 All thy works praise thee,
 O Lord: and thy saints give
 thanks unto thee.

11 They shew the glory of thy
 kingdom: and talk of thy power;

12 That thy power, thy glory,
 and mightiness of thy kingdom:
 might be known unto men.

13 Thy kingdom is an ever-
 lasting kingdom: and thy do-
 minion endureth throughout all
 ages.

* This is taken from the *Epilogus*, "Theism," by F. W. NEWMAN.

14 The Lord upholdeth all such as fall: and lifteth up all those that are down.

15 The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord: and thou givest them their meat in due season.

16 Thou openest thine hand; and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

17 The Lord is righteous in all his ways: and holy in all his works.

18 The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.

19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him; he also will hear their cry, and will help them.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

¶ *Then shall follow the Service of Benediction.*

¶ *The Minister standing, the People kneeling,*

Minister. Blessed are all they who love the Lord, and who walk in His ways. Blessed are they who keep His commandments, and do those things which are pleasing in His sight.

People. Lord, enrich us with thy blessing,

Fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Minister. Blessed are they who search diligently for the truth, loving it above all earthly reward, and sacrificing all else

that they may faithfully proclaim it.

People. Lord, enrich us with thy blessing,

Fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Minister. Blessed are they who love mankind, whose lives are spent in doing good, who are active in labour, tender in sympathy, and the well-springs of help and consolation.

People. Lord, enrich us with thy blessing,

Fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Minister. Blessed are the upright and trustworthy, whose promise is never broken, and whose word is sure.

People. Lord, enrich us with thy blessing,

Fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Minister. Blessed are the pure whose hearts shrink from iniquity, in whose lips there is no guile, and to whom all things are pure.

People. Lord, enrich us with thy blessing,

Fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Minister. Blessed are the merciful who remember their own need of mercy; the humble, who judge not harshly their brothers' sin; and the meek, who are slow to take offence.

People. Lord, enrich us with thy blessing,

Fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Minister. Blessed are the pa-

tient, long-suffering, and forbearing; and the peacemakers, who by silence or timely speech heal the strifes of men.

People. Lord, enrich us with thy blessing,

Fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Minister. Blessed are the kind, considerate and generous masters, who take thought for the souls and bodies of those who serve them.

People. Lord, enrich us with thy blessing,

Fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Minister. Blessed are the diligent, faithful and honest servants, who care more to serve well than to receive much.

People. Lord, enrich us with thy blessing,

Fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Minister. Blessed are the husbands and wives who live together in faithful love, tenderly caring for each others' good.

People. Lord, enrich us with thy blessing,

Fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Minister. Blessed are the fathers and the mothers who rule their households well, and bring up their children in the paths of holiness and peace.

People. Lord, enrich us with thy blessing,

Fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Minister. Blessed are the children who love and obey their

parents, and dwell together in unity, learning wisdom and virtue, and growing more truthful, honourable and pure from day to day.

People. Lord, enrich us with thy blessing,

Fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Minister. Blessed are all faithful friends who comfort each other in sorrow, rejoice together in prosperity, and whose friendship cannot be shaken by a timely reproof.

People. Lord, enrich us with thy blessing,

Fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Minister. Blessed are they who, living under the clouds of sorrow or disappointment themselves, are yet sources of comfort to others, and shed peace and joy on all around them.

People. Lord, enrich us with thy blessing,

Fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Minister. Blessed are the honest teachers, who are loyal to truth and duty, and who suffer in mind, body, or estate through their own integrity.

People. Lord, enrich us with thy blessing,

Fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Minister. Blessed are the faithful guardians of other men's lives, rich or poor, who honour all men, and speak unto others as they would men should speak unto them.

People. Lord, enrich us with thy blessing,

Fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Minister. Blessed are they who care more for the good of others, and for their own growth in virtue, than for their own pleasure and worldly good, and who value the approval of conscience more than their necessary food.

People. Lord, enrich us with thy blessing,

Fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Minister. Blessed are all they who have learned by the integrity of their own lives that God is just and holy; who have learned by the generosity of their own hearts that God is merciful and loving; and who have learned by their own trustworthiness to commit the well-being of themselves, and of all mankind, without one doubt or fear, into His hands as unto a Faithful Creator.

People. Lord, enrich us with thy blessing,

Fill our hearts with joy and peace.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say,*

Let us Pray.

O LORD most High, Thou fount and source of every blessing, who hast ever been unto us more than we could desire or deserve, fill our souls with all holy desires, all good counsels, and all pure purposes, that we may outgrow our selfishness, our weakness and our

sin, and become more and more what Thou dost wish us to be. So cleanse our inmost hearts that we may forget every thought of our own pleasure in desiring and striving only to do Thy blessed will and to give peace and comfort to each other. May we hunger and thirst after righteousness, and leave every issue of good and ill fortune, of health and disease, of life and death, now and evermore, in Thy most loving hands. Amen.

¶ *Then shall follow the Hymn,*

Oh, that the Lord would guide
my ways
To keep his statutes still;
Oh, that my God would grant
me grace
To know and do his will.

From vanity turn off mine eyes,
Let no corrupt design
Nor covetous desires arise
Within this soul of mine.

Order my footsteps by thy Word,
And keep my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.

Make me to walk in thy commands,
'Tis a delightful road;
Nor let my feet, or heart, or hands
Offend against my God.

¶ *Or this,*

Father! whate'er of earthly bliss
Thy Sovereign will denies,

Accepted at Thy throne of
Grace

Let this petition rise.

Give me a calm and thankful
heart

From every murmur free ;
The blessings of Thy Grace im-
part,

That I may live to Thee.

Let the sweet hope that I am
Thine

My life, my death attend ;
Thy presence through my jour-
ney shine,

And crown my journey's end.

Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say,*

The blessing of the Lord it
maketh rich, and he addeth no
sorrow therewith. Thou, oh
Father, wilt keep him in perfect
peace whose mind is stayed on
Thee, because he trusteth in
Thee.

People. Trust ye in the Lord
for ever, for in the Lord alone
is everlasting strength. Amen.

