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PREFACE.

THIS Book of Prayer is designed to be a help in the offices of religion in the church and in the home. As originally published, it included many instructions and prayers which are now omitted, the aim being, in this revised edition, to provide simple services of worship for those who desire them, and to give suggestion, if not formal direction, to those who are called to the various ministration of religion, in public and in private. The book was urgently called for, else it might not have seemed best to add another to the many excellent manuals of devotion already in use.

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ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER.

The Minister shall begin the Morning Prayer by reading one or more of the following Sentences of Scripture; all standing.

THE Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

The Lord is nigh unto all who call upon him; unto all who call upon him in truth.

Give ear to my words, O God, consider my meditation. Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King and my God; for unto thee will I pray.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near.

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

¶ Then the Minister shall say :

BELOVED in the Lord, we have again assembled together as the disciples of Jesus Christ, to render thanks to God for all his mercies; to confess our manifold transgressions; to renew our good resolutions; and to recommend ourselves and all our concerns to the care of our heavenly Father. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Put your trust in him, and you shall not be disappointed. With humble and contrite hearts let us approach the throne of heavenly grace.

The Minister shall then say the following Prayer; all reverently bowing down or kneeling, and the People responding with AMEN.

GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all men, trusting in thy loving-kindness and tender mercy, we come into thy Holy Presence, and bring to thee our devout offerings. Purify us, we beseech thee, from all guile; unite us to one another in the bonds of love and peace; pour down upon us thy spiritual gifts, and grant us every blessing in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then the Lord's Prayer, to be said by Minister and People.

OUR Father, who 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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ Then the Minister shall say:

O Lord, open thou our lips;

People. And our mouth shall show forth
thy praise.

¶ Here, all standing, the Minister shall say:

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only Wise God;

People. Be honor and glory through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

People. The Lord's name be praised.

¶ Then shall be sung the following, or some other Anthem; all standing.

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.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In his hands are the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is his also.

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.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.