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## PREFACE.

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THE "Order of Family Prayer," published a few years ago by the author, being out of print, the question of printing a new edition came up for consideration. On reflection, it was deemed best not to retain the order there recommended, but to present an entirely new Order of Service.

The family, being assembled in any convenient room of the dwelling, each member having a copy of this Order in hand, the service may be fully carried out as herein laid down, for the several seasons of the Church year. The form is fully printed, without abbreviation, in the first service for the first week in Advent.

The observation and experience of the author have brought him to the conviction that, if ever family prayer is to be generally practiced in our families both in town and country, it must be offered whilst the members of the family, old and young, are sitting around the table at the morning or evening meal. Then they are necessarily together, but it is difficult to get them regularly together at any other time. The interruptions are so frequent when the time of family prayer is fixed at an hour either before or after the meal, and in another room of the dwelling, that the service, after having been for a short time irregularly held and often interfered with, is soon abandoned altogether. But when all are sitting at the table, and without changing the posture, it is not difficult to have family prayer. This little manual is specially prepared for use in this way. Let a copy be placed beside each plate and before each guest, and, opening at the regular week of the Church year, let the form here laid down be gone through with by all joining in the parts assigned them. The parts for the father, or whoever leads in his stead, and the parts for the family in the Kyrie, the Gloria, etc., are printed in full in the first service in the book, as a specimen of the way in which they are to be said throughout the book. The Bible Lesson can be read by the head of the family, or by one of the children; or the father can say one verse, and all the others say the next in unison, and so on until the whole is read. The whole will

take up only a few minutes of time, and no secular duty need interfere with its regular daily observance. If there is, however, on any day not time for the whole service, some part can be omitted, and the other parts may be used. It is very desirable that "the voice of rejoicing and salvation" should be heard in all "the tabernacles of the righteous."

In order to keep the book small in size and cheap in price, only three forms are given for each week, except in a few instances, where others are added. On the other days of the week, they may either be repeated, or one or more of the prayers may be used that are found at the end of the book, and that have been transferred to it from the author's "Order of Family Prayer."

The Hymns are taken from the Church Book, and the numbers as there given are retained.

The prayers in the latter part of the volume are mainly translated from Diefenbaugh's Haus Agende.

The use of such a manual as this in our families will familiarize them with liturgical forms and a responsive service, and there will be little difficulty in using the Church Book at public worship, where this Order of Family Prayer is daily used at home.

May Jesus be the Table Guest in every house! With fervent prayers for the divine blessing upon this humble attempt to glorify His dear name, this little volume is sent forth into our families.

E. G.

*Lancaster, Pa., January 13, 1883.*



# JESUS OUR TABLE GUEST.

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## FIRST WEEK IN ADVENT.

### FIRST SERVICE.

#### *The Introit.*

*Father.*—Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors;

*Family.*—And the King of glory shall come in.

*Fath.*—Who is this King of glory?

*Fam.*—The Lord of hosts; he is the King of glory.

*Fath.*—Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord!

*Fam.*—Hosanna in the highest.

*Fath.*—We give Thee thanks, O Lord, that out of Thy great mercy, Thou didst come to this our fallen world to seek and save that which was lost. We humbly confess our sins unto Thee, for we are not worthy of the least of all the mercy and of all the truth which Thou hast showed unto Thy servants.

*Fam.*—Amen.

#### *The Kyrie.*

*Father.*—Lord,

*Family.*—Have mercy upon us.

*Fath.*—Christ,

*Fam.*—Have mercy upon us.

*Fath.*—Lord,

*Fam.*—Have mercy upon us, and grant us Thy peace.

#### *The Gloria.*

*Father.*—Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

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

*The Hymn—No. 114. 7, 6.*

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| <p>1.—O, how shall I receive thee,<br/>         How greet thee, Lord, aright?<br/>         All nations long to see thee,<br/>         My hope, my heart's delight.<br/>         O kindle, Lord, most holy,<br/>         Thy lamp within my breast,<br/>         To do in spirit lowly,<br/>         All that may please Thee best.</p> | <p>2.—Thy Zion palms is strewing,<br/>         And branches fresh and fair;<br/>         My heart, its powers renewing,<br/>         An anthem shall prepare.<br/>         My soul puts off her sadness,<br/>         Thy glories to proclaim;<br/>         With all her strength and gladness,<br/>         She fain would serve Thy name.</p> |
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## THE BIBLE LESSON. MATT. XXI. 1-9.

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| <p>1. And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the Mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,<br/>         2. Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her; loose them, and bring them unto me.<br/>         3. And if any man say aught unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them;<br/>         4. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,<br/>         5. Tell ye the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.</p> | <p>6. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,<br/>         7. And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.<br/>         8. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.<br/>         9. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.</p> |
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*The Creed.*

*Father and Family.*—I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of Sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

*The Prayer.*

*Father.*—O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, who didst in the fulness of time come into the world to be a Prince and Saviour, we

pray Thee, come daily to our hearts and homes with Thy grace and blessing ; come with Thy mercy and forgiveness, with Thy help and comfort, and reign in us and rule over us, so that, having Thy protection and peace, we may remain the faithful subjects of Thy kingdom of grace until Thou shalt receive us to Thy kingdom of glory, through Thee, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God forever and ever.

*Family.*—Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer.*

*Father.*—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, forever.

*Family.*—Amen.

*The Benediction.*

*Father.*—The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

*Father and Family.*—Amen.

FIRST WEEK IN ADVENT.

SECOND SERVICE.

*The Introit.*

*Father.*—Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

*Family.*—For He hath visited and redeemed His people,

*Fath.*—And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us,

*Fam.*—In the house of His servant David,

*Fath.*—As He spake by the mouth of His holy prophets,

*Fam.*—Which have been since the world began,

*Fath.*—That we should be saved from our enemies,

*Fam.*—And from the hand of all that hate us,

*Fath.*—To perform the mercy promised to our fathers,

*Fam.*—And to remember His holy covenant.

*Fath.*—O God, with whom is mercy and forgiveness of sins, and who hast sent Thy only Son to redeem us from everlasting death, and hast long borne with our unbelief and impenitence of heart, be gracious unto us, and hear our humble supplications when we cry unto Thee.

*Fam.*—Amen.