

A PRAYER (*Minister and People*)

Almighty God, with Whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with Whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; we give Thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those Thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labours. And we beseech Thee, that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of Thy Holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister: O Lord, open Thou our lips.

People: And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

PSALM 46 (*To be read in unison*)

God is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof rage and swell, and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God; the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.

God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed; God shall help her, and that right early.

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved; but God hath showed His voice, and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord, what destruction He hath brought upon the earth.

He maketh wars to cease in all the world; He breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

Be still then, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

THE DOXOLOGY (*Then let the People rise*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.—*Amen.*

Then let the People be seated