Che Centh Day at Evening Prayer

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THE FOOLish body hath / said in his heart, * - / There is no God.

- 2. Corrupt are they and become abominable / in their wickedness; * there is none / that doeth good.
- 3. God looked down from heaven upon the / children of men, * to see if there were any that would understand and seek / after God.
- 4. But they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become a/bominable; * there is also none that doeth good / no not one.
- 5. Are not they without understanding / that work wickedness, * eating up my people as if they would eat bread? They have not called / upon God.
- 6. They were a/fraid where no fear was; * for God hath broken the bones of him that besieged thee; thou hast put them to confusion because God hath / despised them.
- 7. O that the salvation were given unto Israel / out of Sion! * O that the Lord would deliver his people out of / captivity.
- 8. Then should / Jacob rejoice, * and Israel / should be right glad. 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 with/out end. Amen.



- SAVE ME O God / for thy Name's sake, * and avenge me in thy / strength.
- 2. Hear my / prayer O God, * and hearken unto the words of my / mouth.
- 3. For strangers are risen / up against me; * and tyrants which have not God before their eyes, seek after my / soul.



- 4. Behold, God / is my helper; * the Lord is with them that uphold my / soul.
- 5. He shall reward evil un/to mine enemies: * destroy thou them in thy / truth.
- 6. An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and / praise thy Name O Lord; * because it is so comfort/able.
- 7. For he hath delivered me out of / all my trouble; * and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine en/emies.

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. A/men.



HEAR MY prayer, / O God, * and hide not thyself from / my petition.

- 2. Take heed unto me and / hear me, * how I mourn in my / prayer and am vexed;
- 3. The enemy crieth so, and the ungodly cometh on / so fast; * for they are minded to do me some mischief, so maliciously are they / set against me.
- 4. My heart is disquieted with/in me, * and the fear of death is fall/en upon me.
- 5. Fearfulness and trembling are come up/on me, * and an horrible dread hath / overwhelmed me.
- 6. And I said, O that I had wings like / a dove! * for then would I flee a/way and be at rest.
- 7. Lo then would I get me away / far off, * and remain / in the wilderness.
- 8. I would make haste to / escape, * because of the stormy / wind and tempest.



- 9. Destroy their tongues O Lord and di/vide them; * for I have spied unrighteousness and strife / in the city.
- 10. Day and night they go about within the walls / thereof: * mischief also and sorrow are / in the midst of it.
- 11. Wickedness is / therein; * deceit and guile go / not out of her streets.
- 12. For it is not an open enemy that hath done me this dis/honour; * for then I / could have borne it;
- 13. Neither was it mine adversary that did magnify himself a/gainst me; * for then peradventure I would have hid / myself from him;
- 14. But it was even thou my com/panion, * my guide and mine / own familiar friend.
- 15. We took sweet counsel to/gether, * and walked in the / house of God as friends.
- 16. Let death come hastily upon them, † and let them go down alive into / the pit; * for wickedness is in their dwellings / and among them.
- 17. As for me I will call up/on God, * and the / Lord shall save me.
- 18. In the evening and morning and at noonday will I pray, and that in/stantly; * and / he shall hear my voice.
- 19. It is he that hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was a/gainst me; * for there were ma/ny that strove with me.
- 20. Yea even God that endureth for ever shall hear me and bring / them down; * for they will not / turn nor fear God.
- 21. He laid his hands upon such as be at peace / with him, * and he / brake his covenant.
- 22. The words of his mouth were softer than butter, having war in / his heart; * his words were smoother than oil, and yet / be they very swords.
- 23. O cast thy burden upon the Lord and he shall nou/rish thee, * and shall not suffer the righteous to / fall for ever.
- 24. And as / for them, * thou O God shalt bring them into the pit / of destruction.
- 25. The bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half / their days: * nevertheless, my trust shall / be in thee, O Lord.

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.