

7 Fill us, O Lord, with your Holy Spirit  
that we may see all heaven before our eyes,  
rejoice in the glory of your kingdom  
and set forth in our praise  
the wonders of your redeeming love;  
and this we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
Jacob Boehme 1575-1624

8 Open our lips, O Lord,  
and purify our hearts,  
that we may worthily praise your name.  
Help us to be reverent in thought, word and act,  
and to worship you at all times  
in the faith and spirit  
of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.  
John Hunter, *Devotional Services for Public Worship*, 1930

9 Gracious God,  
make us to be like-minded with all your saints  
whether on earth or in heaven.  
May we worship you as they worship,  
trust you as they trust,  
rejoice in you as they rejoice  
and love you as they love you;  
for the sake of your only Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.  
Christina Rossetti 1830-94

**Closing prayers at divine worship**

10 Go before us, Lord,  
in all we do  
with your most gracious favour,  
and guide us with your continual help,  
that in all our works begun,  
continued and ended in you,  
we may glorify your holy name,  
and finally by your mercy  
receive everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
*Gregorian Sacramentary*, 8th century

11 O Lord our God,  
all the holy worship in your sanctuary  
have we fulfilled,  
and we go forward from strength to strength,  
and now we beseech you  
to count us worthy  
of your perfect lovingkindness.  
Direct our path aright,  
root us in reverence of you,  
and count us worthy of your heavenly kingdom.  
*Liturgy of St James*

4 Awaken us to your presence, O God,  
that we may bow before you with reverence,  
praise you with joy, and serve you with love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
J. W. G. Masterton, 1970

5 God our Father, you refresh your whole church  
in this most holy mystery  
of our Saviour's body and blood.  
May this sacrament of our salvation  
turn not to our judgment and condemnation,  
but to the strengthening of our souls and bodies  
for eternal life; through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
*Sarum Missal*, 13th century

6 Gracious God,  
whose glory is above all our thoughts  
and whose mercy is over all your works;  
may your Holy Spirit inspire our worship  
and make us attentive to your Word.  
Accept, we pray, the sacrifice of praise  
which your holy church offers to you this day.  
Being created by you, let us ever act for your glory,  
and being redeemed by you,  
let us render to you that which is your own;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

12 O God, from whom to turn away is to fall,  
to whom to turn is to rise,  
and in whom to abide is to stand fast for ever,  
guard us we pray now and always,  
here and everywhere, within and without,  
above, beneath and on every side,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
St Augustine of Hippo 354-430

13 O Christ,  
who has shown us the beauty of eternal peace  
and the duty of inseparable love,  
grant that we may ever think humbly of ourselves,  
abounding in gentleness and pity towards all,  
that following the example of your humility  
and imitating you in all things, we may live in you and  
never depart from you. Amen.  
*Mozarabic Liturgy*

14 May the eternal God bless and keep us,  
guard our bodies, save our souls,  
direct our thoughts,  
and bring us safe to the heavenly country,  
our eternal home,  
where Father, Son, and Holy Spirit reign,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.  
*Sarum Breviary*

2 Cleanse our consciences,  
we beseech you, O Lord,  
by your visitation;  
that your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
may, when he comes,  
find in us a dwelling-place prepared for himself;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
ever one God,  
world without end. Amen.  
*Gelasian Sacramentary*, 8th century

3 Gracious God,  
without whose presence all worship is vain,  
and without whose light  
we have no understanding;  
lead us into your holy presence,  
and bring us from the darkness of our sin  
into the brightness of your heavenly light;  
that with your whole church,  
we may worship you in spirit and in truth,  
to the honour of your name,  
and the glory of your kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayers of preparation for divine worship**

1 I will go up to the altar of God,  
*All Even to the God of my joy and gladness.*  
Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
*All Who has made heaven and earth.*  
Almighty and heavenly Father,  
we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament  
you have given us the memorial of the passion  
of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Grant us so to reverence  
the sacred mysteries of his body and blood,  
that we may know within ourselves  
and show forth in our lives  
the fruits of his redemption;  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
*All Amen.*  
I will go up to the altar of God,  
*All Even to the God of my joy and gladness.*  
Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
*All Who has made heaven and earth.*