The Litany

according to

A Manual of Plainsong

by H. B. Briggs and W. H. Frere, 1902
The Litany from the Sarum Processional

O GOD the Father, of heaven: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world: have mercy upon us miserable sinners. O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God:

... and be not angry with us for ever. Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil ... everlasting damnation, Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners ... in the right way; We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God: we beseech thee to hear us. O Lamb of God:

that takest away the sins of the world; Grant us thy peace.

O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world;
Have mercy upon us. 
O Christ, hear us. 
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OUR Father, ... into temptation, 
But deliver us from evil. Amen. 
Priest. O Lord, deal not with us according to our

sins. Answer. Neither reward us according to our iniquities. 
Priest. Let us pray. 
O GOD, merciful Father ... through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. 
Ant. O Lord, arise, 
help us, and deliver us

for thy Name's sake. 
Psalms. O GOD, we have heard with our ears, 
and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst

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Psalm. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-
ly Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. From our enemies defend us, O Christ. Gracious - ly look upon our afflictions. 
Piti-fully behold the sorrows of our hearts. Merciful - ly for-give the sins of thy people. Favour-a-bly with mer-cy hear our prayers. 
O Son of David, have mercy up-on us. Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ. Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ. Priest. O Lord, let thy mercy be showed up-on us; Answer. As we do put our trust in thee. Priest. Let us pray. WE humbly beseech thee, ... Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. 
ALMIGHTY God, ... in the world to come life ever-lasting. Amen. 
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