

# The Versicles and Responses at Mattins and Evensong

according to  
*A Manual of Plainsong*  
by H. B. Briggs and W. H. Frere, 1902

*The introductory matter preceding the*

V. O Lord open thou our lips,

*should be said in a low voice without note.*

*The opening Versicles are sung as follows and at any pitch which is convenient.*

V. O Lord, o - pen thou our lips.      R. And our mouth shall shew forth  
thy praise.      V. O God, make speed to save us.      R. O Lord, make haste to  
help us.      V. Glory be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Ghost;      R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with-  
out end. Amen.      V. Praise ye the Lord.      R. The Lord's Name be praised.

*The Creed should be recited at a low pitch and end thus:--*

V. The Resurrection of the Body. R. And the life everlasting. Amen. V. The Lord be

with you. And with thy spirit. Let us pray. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*The Lord's Prayer should be recited like the Creed and end thus:--*

V. And lead us not into temptation. R. But de-liver us from evil. Amen. V. O

Lord, shew thy mer-cy up-on us. R. And grant us thy sal-vation. V. O

Lord, save the King. R. And merci-fully hear us when we call upon thee. V. En-

due thy ministers with righteousnes. R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. O Lord, save thy people. R. And bless thine inhe-ritance. V. Give peace in

our time, O Lord. R. Because their is none other that fight-eth for us,

but only thou, O God. V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

R. and take not thy holy Spirit from us.

*At the Collect there is only one inflexion, at the close. Collect of the Day.*

Almighty God ... now and ev - er. R. Amen.  
world without end,

*Other Collects have one of these two inflexions, with Amen as above.*

Je-sus Christ our Lord. Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Saviour, Je - sus Christ,

*The Five Prayers should be said without note.*