Day of Penitence, Prayer, and Fasting[1]

Friday, 8 December 1676 (1676a only)

Morning Worship Service

Ch	*Gott hat das Evangelium gegeben*
Ch	*Ach Gott, vom Himmel sieh darein*
Ch	*Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit*
Ch	*All Ehr und Lob soll Gottes sein*
Ch	*Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr*
R	Penitential Collect and Reading of the Letter of Jude
Ch	*Vater unser im Himmelreich*
R	Scripture Reading: Ps 10
L	German Litany, sung by the choirboys kneeling before the altar
S	*Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend*
Pr	Lord's Prayer prayed by the middle court preacher, kneeling, together with the entire congregation, after which the bells were rung three times
Ch	*Ach Gott und Herr, wie groß und schwer*
Ch	*Ach Gott, tu dich erbarmen*
Ch	*Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort*
Bl	Collect and Blessing
Ch	*Es spricht der Unweisen Mund wohl*, st. 6: "Wer soll Israel, dem Armen"

Vespers

V	*Deus in adjutorium meum*
Ps	Ps 2, *choraliter*
Ch	*Herr Jesu Christ, du höchstes Gut*
Ch	*Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir*
R	Reading of Nehemiah 9, the "Prayer Hour" prayer, and the Lord's Prayer
Ch	*Nimm von uns, Herr, du treuer Gott*
S/Ch	*Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein*
Pr	Lord's Prayer prayed by the celebrant kneeling before the altar, after which the bells were rung three times
Ch	*Du Friedefürst, Herr Jesu Christ*
Ch	*Was mein Gott will, das gescheh allzeit*
Bl	Collect and Blessing

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[1] "Buß: Beth und Fast Tag." These days of Penitence, Prayer, and Fasting were introduced by Johann Georg II in 1664, during the time of the Austro-Turkish War (1663–64) and were observed throughout Saxony in various years. See *Des Durchlauchtigsten Hochgebohrnen Fürsten und Herrn, Hn. Johann Georgens des Andern, … Anordnung, Wie es bey … hochgefährlichen Läufften, mit fernerer Bestellung gewisser zweyer Fast-Beth- und Buß-Tage In folgendem 1676. Jahre gehalten werden soll* (Dresden, 1676). Only the court diary for 1676 includes orders of worship for these services.

Ch   *Christe, der du bist Tag und Licht,* st. 5: "Beschirmer Herr der Christenheit"

Friday, 18 February 1676 (1676a only)

Morning Worship Service

Ch   *Vater unser im Himmelreich*
Ch   *Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir*
Ch   *Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit*
Ch   *All Ehr und Lob soll Gottes sein*
Ch   *Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr*
R   Penitential Collect and Reading of Ps 94
Ch   *Erbarm dich mein, O Herre Gott*
R   Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 1:5–11
Ch   *Du Friedefürst, Herr Jesu Christ*
L   German Litany sung by the choirboys kneeling before the altar
S   *Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend*
Pr   Lord's Prayer prayed by the middle court preacher, kneeling, together with the entire congregation, after which the bells were rung three times
Ch   *Ach lieben Christen, seid getrost*
Ch   *Nimm von uns, Herr, du treuer Gott*
Ch   *Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort*
Bl   Collect and Blessing
Ch   *O Vater aller Frommen*

Vespers

V   *Deus in adjutorium meum*
Ch   *Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder*
Ch   *Herr Jesu Christ, du höchstes Gut*
R   Reading of Ps 90, "Prayer Hour" prayer, and Lord's Prayer
Ch   *Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein*
S/Ch   *Es wolle Gott uns gnädig sein*
Pr   Lord's Prayer prayed by the celebrant kneeling at the altar, after which the bells were rung three times[2]
Ch   *Christe, der du bist Tag und Licht*
Ch   *Wo Gott der Herr nicht bei uns hält*
Bl   Collect and Blessing
Ch   *Ach bleib bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ*

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[2] 1676a indicates that the Stadtprediger M. Kühn offered the Lord's Prayer.

17 March 1676 (1676a only)

Early Communion Service[3]

I	*Erbarm dich mein, O Herre Gott*
Ch	*Gott der Vater wohn uns bei*
R	Collect and Reading of Ps 143 and the Prayer of Manasseh
Ch	*Wir glauben all an einen Gott*
WI	Words of Institution (I Corinthians 11:23–32)
Ch	*Allein zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ*
D/Ch	Consecration and Distribution, during which was sung *Jesus Christus unser Heiland, der von uns*
Bl	Collect and Blessing
Ch	*Ich dank dir, lieber Herr,* st. 8: "Herr Christ, dir lob ich sage, für deine Wohltat all"

Morning Worship Service

Ch	*Herr Jesu Christ, meins Lebens Licht*[4]
Ch	*Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder*
Ch	*Kyrie, Gott, Vater in Ewigkeit*
Ch	*All Ehr und Lob soll Gottes sein*
Ch	*Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr*
R	Penitential Collect and Reading of Jesus Sirach 36:1–19
Ch	*Nimm von uns, Herr, du treuer Gott*
R	Reading of Ps 57 in place of the Gospel
Ch	*Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein*
L	Litany sung by the choirboys kneeling before the altar
S	*Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend*
Pr	Lord's Prayer prayed by the middle court preacher, kneeling, together with the entire congregation, after which the bells were rung three times
Ch	*Ach Gott und Herr, wie groß und schwer*
Ch	*Herr Jesu Christ, wahr Mensch und Gott*
Ch	*Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort*
R	Collect and Blessing
Ch	*Du Friedefürst Herr Jesu Christ*

Vespers

V	*Deus in adjutorium meum*

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[3] 1676a indicates that on this occasion, the altar and pulpit were draped with black velvet paraments (for Lent), the "ordinary" silver crucifix and candlesticks stood on the altar, the travelling ("Reise") chalice and other vessels were used, and the celebrant's chasuble was of black velvet, upon which a cross had been embroidered in silver; the elector, electress, and her ladies-in-waiting received communion (*D-Dl* Msc. Dresd. Q 260, entry for 17 March).

[4] Given as *O Jesu Christ, meins Lebens Licht* (a common variant) in 1676a.

Ps   Ps 46, *choraliter*
Ch   *Herr Jesu Christ, du höchstes Gut*
Ch   *Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir*
R   Reading of Ps 5, the "Prayer Hour" prayer, and the Lord's Prayer
Ch   *Wo soll ich fliehen hin*
S/Ch   *O Lamm Gottes unschuldig*
Pr   Lord's Prayer prayed by the celebrant kneeling before the altar, as in the early communion service, after which the bells were rung three times
Ch   *Ach lieben Christen, seid getrost*
Ch   *Wo Gott der Herr nicht bei uns hält*
Bl   Collect and Blessing
Ch   *Was mein Gott will, das gescheh allzeit*