

*Divine Office for the
Sacred Triduum
at St. John the Beloved*



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MAUNDY THURSDAY

MORNING PRAYER

- V. God, + come to my assistance, ALL STAND
R. Lord, make haste to help me.
- V. Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, ALL BOW
**R. as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.**

Hymn

Now Christ, O Sun of righteousness,
Let dawn our darkened spirits bless:
The light of grace to us restore
While day to earth returns once more.

To us you give the accepted time,
Give, too, a heart that mourns for crime,
Let those by mercy now be cured
Whom loving-kindness long endured.

Spare not, we pray, to send us here
Some penance kindly but severe,
So let your gift of pardoning grace
Our grievous sinfulness efface.

Soon will that day, your day, appear
And all things with its brightness cheer:
We will rejoice in it, as we
Return thereby to grace, and thee.

Let all the world from shore to shore
O gracious Trinity, adore;
Right soon your loving pardon grant,
That we our new-made song may chant. Amen.

Tune: Beatus Vir L.M.

Music: Slovak Hymn

Text: *Iam, Christe, sol institae*, tenth century or possibly Ambrosian
Translation: The *Primer* of 1706, attributed to John Dryden, 1631-1701

ANTIPHON I

LED BY PRIEST OR CANTOR

Look, O Lord, and see my suffering. Come quickly to my aid.

PSALM 80

Lord, come take care of your vineyard

Come, Lord Jesus (Revelation 22,20)

- I. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, * ALL SIT
you who lead Joseph's flock,
shine forth from your cherubim throne *
upon Ephraim, Benjamin, Manasseh.
O Lord, rouse up your might, *
O Lord, come to our help.
- II. God of hosts, bring us back; *
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.
- I. Lord God of hosts, how long *
will you frown on your people's plea?
You have fed them with tears for their bread, *
an abundance of tears for their drink.
You have made us the taunt of our neighbors, *
our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- II. God of hosts, bring us back; *
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.
- I. You brought a vine out of Egypt; *
to plant it you drove out the nations.
Before it you cleared the ground; *
it took root and spread through the land.
- II. The mountains were covered with its shadow, *
the cedars of God with its boughs.
It stretched out its branches to the sea, *
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

- I. Then why have you broken down its walls? *
 It is plucked by all who pass by.
 It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, *
 devoured by the beasts of the field.
- II. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, *
 look down from heaven and see.
 Visit this vine and protect it, *
 the vine your right hand has planted.
 Men have burnt it with fire and destroyed it. *
 May they perish at the frown of your face.
- I. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, *
 the man you have given your strength.
 And we shall never forsake you again: *
 give us life that we may call upon your name.
- II. God of hosts, bring us back; *
 let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.
- I. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
 and to the Holy Spirit,
- II. as it was in the beginning, is now, *
 and will be forever. Amen.

ALL BOW

Psalm Prayer

Lord God, eternal shepherd, you so tend the vineyard you planted that now it extends its branches even to the farthest coast. Look down on your Church and come to us. Help us remain in your Son as branches on the vine, that, planted firmly in your love, we may testify before the whole world to your great power working everywhere.

ANTIPHON I

ALL REPEAT AS ABOVE

Look, O Lord, and see my suffering. Come quickly to my aid.

ANTIPHON II

LED BY PRIEST OR CANTOR

God is my savior; I trust in him and shall not fear.

CANTICLE: ISAIAH 12,1-6

Joy of God's ransomed people

If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink (John 7,37)

- I. I give you thanks, O Lord; †
though you have been angry with me, *
your anger has abated, and you have consoled me.
- II. God indeed is my savior; *
I am confident and unafraid.
My strength and my courage is the Lord, *
and he has been my savior.
- I. With joy you will draw water *
at the fountain of salvation, and say on that day:
Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim his name; †
among the nations make known his deeds, *
proclaim how exalted is his name.
- II. Sing praise to the Lord for his glorious achievement; *
let this be known throughout all the earth.
- I. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, †
for great in your midst *
is the Holy One of Israel!
- II. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit, ALL BOW
- I. as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be forever. Amen.

ANTIPHON II

ALL REPEAT AS ABOVE

God is my savior; I trust in him and shall not fear.

The Lord has fed us with the finest wheat;
he has filled us with honey from the rock.

PSALM 81

Solemn renewal of the Covenant

See that no one among you has a faithless heart (Hebrews 3,12)

- I. Ring out your joy to God our strength, *
shout in triumph to the God of Jacob.
- II. Raise a song and sound the timbrel, *
the sweet-sounding harp and the lute,
blow the trumpet at the new moon, *
when the moon is full, on our feast.
- I. For this is Israel's law, *
a command of the God of Jacob.
He imposed it as a rule on Joseph, *
when he went out against the land of Egypt.
- II. A voice I did not know said to me: *
"I freed your shoulder from the burden;
your hands were freed from the load. *
You called in distress and I saved you.
- I. I answered, concealed in the storm cloud, *
at the waters of Meribah I tested you.
Listen, my people, to my warning, *
O Israel, if only you would heed!
- II. Let there be no foreign god among you, *
no worship of an alien god.
I am the Lord your God, †
who brought you from the land of Egypt. *
Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.
- I. But my people did not heed my voice *
and Israel would not obey,
so I left them in their stubbornness of heart *
to follow their own designs.

- II. O that my people would heed me, *
 that Israel would walk in my ways!
 At once I would subdue their foes, *
 turn my hand against their enemies.
- I. The Lord's enemies would cringe at their feet *
 and their subjection would last for ever.
 But Israel I would feed with finest wheat *
 and fill them with honey from the rock."
- II. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
 and to the Holy Spirit,
- I. as it was in the beginning, is now, *
 and will be forever. Amen.

ALL BOW

Psalm Prayer

Lord God, open our mouths to proclaim your glory. Help us to leave sin behind and to rejoice in professing your name.

ANTIPHON III

ALL REPEAT AS ABOVE

**The Lord has fed us with the finest wheat;
 he has filled us with honey from the rock.**

READING

HEBREWS 2,9-10

We see Jesus crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, that through God's gracious will he might taste death for the sake of all men. Indeed, it was fitting that when bringing many sons to glory God, for whom and through whom all things exist, should make their leader in the work of salvation perfect through suffering.

RESPONSORY

- V. By your own blood, Lord, you brought us back to God.
R. By your own blood, Lord, you brought us back to God.
- V. From every tribe, and tongue, and people and nation,
R. you brought us back to God.
- V. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
R. By your own blood, Lord, you brought us back to God.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

ALL STAND

ANTIPHON

LED BY PRIEST OR CANTOR

I have longed to eat this meal with you before I suffer.

LUKE 1,68-79

The Messiah and his forerunner

Blessed + be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
He has come to His people and set them free.

ALL PRAY

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of His servant David.

Through His holy prophets He promised of old
that He would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember His holy covenant.

This was the oath He swore to our father Abraham: *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship Him without fear, *
holy and righteous in His sight, all the days of our life.

You my child shall be called the prophet of the Most High; *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare His way,
to give His people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father and to the Son *
and to the Holy Spirit,

ALL BOW

as it was in the beginning, is now *
and will be forever. Amen.

ANTIPHON

ALL REPEAT AS ABOVE

I have longed to eat this meal with you before I suffer.

INTERCESSIONS

The Father anointed Christ with the Holy Spirit to proclaim forgiveness to those in bondage. Let us humbly call upon the eternal priest.

Lord, have mercy on us.

You went up to Jerusalem to suffer and so enter into your glory,
– bring your Church to the Passover feast of heaven.

Lord, have mercy on us.

You were lifted high on the cross and pierced by the soldier's lance,
– heal our wounds.

Lord, have mercy on us.

You made the cross the tree of life,
– give its fruit to those reborn in baptism.

Lord, have mercy on us.

On the cross you forgave the repentant thief,
– forgive us our sins.

Lord, have mercy on us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by thy name;
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

ALL PRAY

CLOSING PRAYER

God of infinite compassion,
to love you is to be made holy;
fill our hearts with your love.
By the death of your Son
you have given us hope, born of faith;
by his rising again
fulfill this hope
in the perfect love of heaven,
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

IF A PRIEST OR DEACON PRESIDES, HE DISMISSES THE PEOPLE:

The Lord be with you.
– **And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you,
+ the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
– **Amen.**

ANOTHER FORM OF THE BLESSING MAY BE USED, AS AT MASS.

THEN HE ADDS:

Go in peace.
– **Thanks be to God.**

IN THE ABSENCE OF A PRIEST OR DEACON AND IN INDIVIDUAL
RECITATION, MORNING PRAYER CONCLUDES:

**May the Lord + bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.**
– **Amen.**

MAUNDY THURSDAY

EVENING PRAYER

*Ordinarily prayed only by those
who do not participate in the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.*

- V.** God, + come to my assistance, ALL STAND
R. Lord, make haste to help me.
- V.** Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, ALL BOW
R. as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

HYMN

O merciful Creator, hear!
To us in pity bow thine ear:
Accept the tearful prayer we raise
In this our fast of forty days.

Our hearts are open, Lord, to Thee:
Thou know well our infirmity;
Pour out on all who seek Thy face
Abundance of Thy pardoning grace.

Our sins are many, this we know;
Spare us, good Lord, Thy mercy show;
And for the honor of Thy name
Our fainting souls to life reclaim.

Give self-control to us that springs
From discipline of outward things,
That fasting inward, secretly,
The soul may purely dwell with Thee.

We pray Thee, Holy Trinity,
One God, unchanging Unity,
That we from this our abstinence
May reap the fruits of penitence. Amen.

Tune: Jesus Dulcis Memoria L.M.

Music: Gregorian, Mode I

Text: *Audi benigne Conditor*, attributed to Saint Gregory the Great, 540-604
Translation: T. A. Lacey (1853-1931) and others, alt.

ANTIPHON I

LED BY PRIEST OR CANTOR

Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead
and ruler of the kings of the earth,
has made us a royal people to serve his God and Father.

PSALM 72

The Messiah's royal power

Opening their treasures, they offered him gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh
(Matthew 2,11).

I.

- I.** O God, give your judgment to the king, * ALL SIT
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice *
and your poor in right judgment.
- II.** May the mountains bring forth peace for the people *
and the hills, justice.
May he defend the poor of the people †
and save the children of the needy *
and crush the oppressor.
- I.** He shall endure like the sun and the moon *
from age to age.
He shall descend like rain on the meadow, *
like raindrops on the earth.
- II.** In his days justice shall flourish *
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea, *
from the Great River to earth's bounds.
- I.** Before him his enemies shall fall, *
his foes lick the dust.
The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts *
shall pay him tribute.

- II. The kings of Sheba and Seba *
 shall bring him gifts.
 Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, *
 all nations shall serve him.
- I. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
 and to the Holy Spirit,
- II. as it was in the beginning, is now, *
 and will be forever. Amen.

ALL BOW

ANTIPHON

ALL REPEAT AS ABOVE

**Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead
 and ruler of the kings of the earth,
 has made us a royal people to serve his God and Father.**

ANTIPHON II

LED BY PRIEST OR CANTOR

The Lord will be the champion of the helpless;
 he will free the poor from the grip of the powerful.

II.

- I. For he shall save the poor when they cry *
 and the needy who are helpless.
 He will have pity on the weak *
 and save the lives of the poor.
- II. From oppression he will rescue their lives, *
 to him their blood is dear.
 Long may he live, *
 may the gold of Sheba be given him.
 They shall pray for him without ceasing *
 and bless him all the day.
- I. May corn be abundant in the land *
 to the peaks of the mountains.
 May its fruit rustle like Lebanon; †
 may men flourish in the cities *
 like grass on the earth.
- II. May his name be blessed for ever *
 and endure like the sun.
 Every tribe shall be blessed in him, *
 all nations bless his name.

I. Blessed be the Lord, God of Israel, *
who alone works wonders,
ever blessed his glorious name. *
Let his glory fill the earth.

II. Amen! Amen!

I. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit,

ALL BOW

II. as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm Prayer

We call upon your name, Father, and pronounce it blessed above
the earth. Give your people the fullness of peace and justice in your
kingdom.

ANTIPHON

ALL REPEAT AS ABOVE

**The Lord will be the champion of the helpless;
he will free the poor from the grip of the powerful.**

ANTIPHON III

LED BY PRIEST OR CANTOR

The saints won their victory over death
through the blood of the Lamb
and the truth to which they bore witness.

CANTICLE: REVELATION 11,17-18; 12,10B-12A

The judgment of God

I. We praise you, the Lord God Almighty, *
who is and who was.
You have assumed your great power, *
you have begun your reign.

II. The nations have raged in anger, *
but then came your day of wrath
and the moment to judge the dead: *
the time to reward your servants the prophets
and the holy ones who revere you, *
the great and the small alike.

I. Now have salvation and power come, †
the reign of our God and the authority *
of his Anointed One.
For the accuser of our brothers is cast out, *
who night and day accused them before God.

II. They defeated him by the blood of the Lamb †
and by the word of their testimony; *
love for life did not deter them from death.
So rejoice, you heavens, *
and you that dwell therein!

I. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit,

ALL BOW

II. as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be forever. Amen.

ANTIPHON

ALL REPEAT AS ABOVE

**The saints won their victory over death
through the blood of the Lamb
and the truth to which they bore witness.**

READING

HEBREWS 13,12-15

Jesus died outside the gate, to sanctify the people by his own blood.
Let us go out to him outside the camp bearing the insult which he bore.
For here we have no lasting city; we are seeking one which is to come.
Through him let us continually offer God a sacrifice of praise, that is,
the fruit of lips which acknowledge his name.

RESPONSORY

V. For our sake Christ was obedient, accepting even death.

R. For our sake Christ was obedient, accepting even death.

CANTICLE OF MARY

ALL STAND

ANTIPHON

LED BY PRIEST OR CANTOR

While they were at supper, Jesus took bread,
said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples.

LUKE 1,46-55

The soul rejoices in the Lord

My + soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, † ALL PRAY
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: †
the Almighty has done great things for me, *
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * ALL BOW
and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

ANTIPHON

ALL REPEAT AS ABOVE

While they were at supper, Jesus took bread,
said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples.

INTERCESSIONS

At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Savior entrusted to his Church the memorial of his death and resurrection, to be celebrated for ever. Let us adore him, and say:

Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

Redeemer of the world, give us a greater share of your passion through a deeper spirit of repentance,

– so that we may share the glory of your resurrection.

Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

May your Mother, comfort of the afflicted, protect us,

– may we console others as you console us.

Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

In their trials enable your faithful people to share in your passion,

– and so reveal in their lives your saving power.

Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

You humbled yourself by being obedient even to accepting death, death on a cross,

– give all who serve you the gifts of obedience and patient endurance.

Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

Transform the bodies of the dead to be like your own in glory,

– and bring us at last into their fellowship.

Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by thy name;
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

ALL PRAY

CLOSING PRAYER

Father,
for your glory and our salvation
you appointed Jesus Christ eternal High Priest.
May the people he gained for you by his blood
come to share in the power of his cross and resurrection
by celebrating his memorial in this eucharist,
for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

– **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

IF A PRIEST OR DEACON PRESIDES, HE DISMISSES THE PEOPLE:

The Lord be with you.

– **And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you,
+ the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

– **Amen.**

ANOTHER FORM OF THE BLESSING MAY BE USED, AS AT MASS.

THEN HE ADDS:

Go in peace.

– **Thanks be to God.**

IN THE ABSENCE OF A PRIEST OR DEACON AND IN INDIVIDUAL
RECITATION, EVENING PRAYER CONCLUDES:

May the Lord + bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.

– **Amen.**

MAUNDY THURSDAY

NIGHT PRAYER

V. God, + come to my assistance,

ALL STAND

R. Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,

ALL BOW

R. as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

PENITENTIAL RITE

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

I confess to Almighty God, and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I ask Blessed Mary ever virgin, all the angels and saints and you my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

V. May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins
and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

HYMN

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our Lord to earth descends now,
Our full homage to demand.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of Light descends now
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

Tune: Picardy 87.87.87

Music: From *Chansons Populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860

Text: Liturgy of Saint James, paraphrased by Gerald Moultrie, 1864, alt.

ANTIPHON

LED BY PRIEST OR CANTOR

Night holds no terrors for me sleeping under God's wings.

PSALM 91

Safe in God's sheltering care

I have given you the power to tread upon serpents and scorpions (Luke 10,19)

- I. He who dwells under the shelter of the Most High * ALL SIT
and abides in the shade of the Almighty
says to the Lord: "My refuge, *
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!"
- II. It is he who will free you from the snare *
of the fowler who seeks to destroy you;
he will conceal you with his pinions *
and under his wings you will find refuge.
- I. You will not fear the terror of the night *
nor the arrow that flies by day;
nor the plague that prowls in the darkness *
nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.
- II. A thousand may fall at your side, *
ten thousand fall at your right,
you, it will never approach; *
his faithfulness is buckler and shield.
- I. Your eyes have only to look *
to see how the wicked are repaid
you who have said: "Lord, my refuge!" *
and have made the Most High your dwelling.
- II. Upon you no evil shall fall, *
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels, *
to keep you in all your ways.

- I. They shall bear you upon their hands *
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread *
and trample the young lion and the dragon.
- II. Since he clings to me in love, I will free him; *
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: "I am with you." *
I will save him in distress and give him glory.
- I. With length of life I will content him; *
I shall let him see my saving power.
- II. Glory to the Father and to the Son *
and to the Holy Spirit,
- I. as it was in the beginning, is now *
and will be forever. Amen.

ALL BOW

ANTIPHON

ALL REPEAT AS ABOVE

Night holds no terrors for me sleeping under God's wings.

READING

REVELATION 22,4-5

They shall see the Lord face to face and bear His name on their foreheads. The night shall be no more. They will need no light from lamps or the sun, for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever.

RESPONSORY

V. For our sake Christ was obedient, accepting even death.

R. For our sake Christ was obedient, accepting even death.

CANTICLE OF SIMEON

ALL STAND

ANTIPHON

LED BY PRIEST OR CANTOR

Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep,
that awake, we may keep watch with Christ,
and asleep, rest in His peace.

LUKE 2,29-32

Christ is the light of the nations and the glory of Israel.

Lord, + now You let Your servant go in peace. * ALL PRAY
Your word has been fulfilled:

my own eyes have seen the salvation *
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:

a light to reveal You to the nations *
and the glory of Your people Israel.

Glory to the Father and to the Son * ALL BOW
and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now *
and will be forever. Amen.

ANTIPHON

ALL REPEAT AS ABOVE

Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep,
that awake, we may keep watch with Christ,
and asleep, rest in His peace.

PRAYER

V. Let us pray.

Lord, we beg You to visit this house
and banish from it
all the deadly power of the enemy.
May Your holy angels dwell here
to keep us in peace,
and may Your blessing be upon us always.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

V. May + the all-powerful Lord grant us a restful night
and a peaceful death.

R. Amen.

ANTIPHON IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Ave, Regina caelorum,
ave, Domina angelorum,
salve, radix, salve, porta,
ex qua mundo lux est orta.

Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,
super omnes speciosa;
vale, o valde decora,
et pro nobis Christum exora.

OR:

Alma Redemptóris Mater, quæ pérvia cæli
Porta manes, et stella maris, succúrre cadénti,
Súrgere qui curat pópulo: tu quæ genuísti,
Natúra miránte, tuum sanctum Genitórem
Virgo prius ac postérius, Gabriélis ab ore
Sumens illud Ave, peccatórum miserére.

OR:

Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae;
vita, dulcedo et spes nostra, salve,
Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Evæ.
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.

Eia ergo, advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos
ad nos converte.
Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exilium ostende.
O clemens, o pia, o dulcis Virgo Maria.

GOOD FRIDAY

MORNING PRAYER

V. God, + come to my assistance,

ALL STAND

R. Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,

ALL BOW

R. as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

Hymn

O cross of Christ, immortal tree
On which our Savior died,
The world is sheltered by your arms
That bore the Crucified.

From bitter death and barren wood
The tree of life is made;
Its branches bear unfailing fruit
And leaves that never fade.

O faithful Cross, you stand unmoved
While ages run their course:
Foundation of the universe,
Creation's binding force.

Give glory to the risen Christ
And to his Cross give praise,
The sign of God's unfathomed love,
The hope of all our days. Amen.

Tune: Loving hearts, CM

Music: Mode V

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God did not spare His own Son,
but gave Him up to suffer for our sake.

PSALM 51

O God, Have mercy on me

Your inmost being must be renewed, and you must put on the new man
(Ephesians 4,23-24).

- I. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. * ALL SIT
In your compassion blot out my offense.
O wash me more and more from my guilt *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- II. My offenses truly I know them; *
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned; *
what is evil in your sight I have done.
- I. That you may be justified when you give sentence *
and be without reproach when you judge.
O see, in guilt I was born, *
a sinner was I conceived.
- II. Indeed you love truth in the heart; *
then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.
O purify me, then I shall be clean; *
O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.
- I. Make me hear rejoicing and gladness, *
that the bones you have crushed may revive.
From my sins turn away your face *
and blot out all my guilt.
- II. A pure heart create for me, O God, *
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence, *
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.
- I. Give me again the joy of your help; *
with a spirit of fervor sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways *
and sinners may return to you.

- II. O rescue me, God, my helper, *
and my tongue shall ring out your goodness.
O Lord, open my lips *
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
- I. For in sacrifice you take no delight, *
burnt offering from me you would refuse,
my sacrifice, a contrite spirit. *
A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.
- II. In your goodness, show favor to Zion: *
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice, *
holocausts offered on your altar.
- I. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit,
- II. as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be forever. Amen.

ALL BOW

Psalm Prayer

Father, he who knew no sin was made sin for us, to save us and restore us to your friendship. Look upon our contrite heart and afflicted spirit and heal our troubled conscience, so that in the joy and strength of the Holy Spirit we may proclaim your praise and glory before all the nations.

ANTIPHON I

ALL REPEAT AS ABOVE

**God did not spare His own Son,
but gave Him up to suffer for our sake.**

ANTIPHON II

LED BY PRIEST OR CANTOR

Jesus Christ loved us, and poured out His own blood for us
to wash away our sins.

HABAKKUK 3,2-4.13A.15-19

God comes to judge

Lift up your heads for your redemption is at hand (Luke 21,28).

- I. O Lord, I have heard your renown, *
and feared, O Lord, your work.

In the course of the years revive it, †
in the course of the years make it known; *
in your wrath remember compassion!

- II. God comes from Teman, *
the Holy One from Mount Paran.
Covered are the heavens with his glory, *
and with his praise the earth is filled.
- I. His splendor spreads like the light; †
rays shine forth from beside him, *
where his power is concealed.
You come forth to save your people, *
to save your anointed one.
- II. You tread the sea with your steeds*
amid the churning of the deep waters.
I hear, and my body trembles; *
at the sound, my lips quiver.
- I. Decay invades my bones, *
my legs tremble beneath me.
I await the day of distress *
that will come upon the people who attack us.
- II. For though the fig tree blossom not *
nor fruit be on the vines
though the yield of the olive fail *
and terraces produce no nourishment,
- I. Though the flocks disappear from the fold *
and there be no herd in the stalls,
yet will I rejoice in the Lord *
and exult in my saving God.
- II. God, my Lord, is my strength; †
he makes my feet swift as those of hinds *
and enables me to go upon the heights.
- I. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit,

ALL BOW

- II. as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be forever. Amen.

ANTIPHON II

ALL REPEAT AS ABOVE

**Jesus Christ loved us, and poured out His own blood for us
to wash away our sins.**

ANTIPHON III

LED BY PRIEST OR CANTOR

We worship Your cross, O Lord,
and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection,
for the wood of the cross has brought joy to the world.

PSALM 147,12-20

The restoration of Jerusalem

Come, I will show you the bride of the Lamb (Revelation 21,9).

- I. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! *
Zion, praise your God!
- II. He has strengthened the bars of your gates, *
he has blessed the children within you.
He has established peace on your borders, *
he feeds you with finest wheat.
- I. He sends out his word to the earth *
and swiftly runs his command.
He showers down snow white as wool, *
he scatters hoar-frost like ashes.
- II. He hurls down hailstones like crumbs. *
The waters are frozen at his touch;
he sends forth his word and it melts them: *
at the breath of his mouth the waters flow.
- I. He makes his word known to Jacob, *
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations; *
he has not taught them his decrees.

II. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit,

ALL BOW

I. as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm Prayer

Lord you established peace within the borders of Jerusalem. Give the fulness of peace to your faithful people. May peace rule us in this life and possess us in eternal life. You are about to fill us with the best of wheat, grant that what we see dimly now as in a mirror, we may come to perceive clearly in the brightness of your truth.

ANTIPHON III

ALL REPEAT AS ABOVE

**We worship Your cross, O Lord,
and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection,
for the wood of the cross has brought joy to the world.**

READING

ISAIAH 52,13-15

See, my servant shall prosper, he shall be raised high and greatly exalted. Even as many were amazed at him – so marred was his look beyond that of man, and his appearance beyond that of mortals – so shall he startle many nations, because of him kings shall stand speechless; for those who have not been told shall see, those who have not heard shall ponder it.

RESPONSORY

V. For our sake Christ was obedient,
accepting even death, death on a cross.

R. For our sake Christ was obedient,
accepting even death, death on a cross.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

ALL STAND

ANTIPHON

LED BY PRIEST OR CANTOR

Over His head they hung their accusation:
Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.

LUKE 1,68-79

The Messiah and his forerunner

Blessed + be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
He has come to His people and set them free.

ALL PRAY

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of His servant David.

Through His holy prophets He promised of old
that He would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember His holy covenant.

This was the oath He swore to our father Abraham: *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship Him without fear, *
holy and righteous in His sight, all the days of our life.

You my child shall be called the prophet of the Most High; *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare His way,
to give His people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father and to the Son *
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now *
and will be forever. Amen.

ALL BOW

ANTIPHON

ALL REPEAT AS ABOVE

Over His head they hung their accusation:
Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.

INTERCESSIONS

For our sake our Redeemer suffered death and was buried, and rose again. With heartfelt love let us adore him, and pray.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ our teacher, for our sake you were obedient even to accepting death,

– teach us to obey the Father’s will in all things.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ our life, by your death on the cross

you destroyed the power of evil and death,

– may we die with you, to rise with you in glory.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ our King, you became an outcast among us, a worm and no man,

– teach us the humility by which you saved the world.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ our salvation, you gave yourself up to death out of love for us,

– help us to show your love to one another.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ our Savior, on the cross you embraced all time with your outstretched arms,

– unite God’s scattered children in your kingdom of salvation.

Lord, have mercy on us.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by thy name;

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread

and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

ALL PRAY

CLOSING PRAYER

Look, we pray, O Lord, on this your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ
did not hesitate to be delivered into the hands of the wicked
and submit to the agony of the Cross.

Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

IF A PRIEST OR DEACON PRESIDES, HE DISMISSES THE PEOPLE:

The Lord be with you.

– **And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you,
+ the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

– **Amen.**

ANOTHER FORM OF THE BLESSING MAY BE USED, AS AT MASS.

THEN HE ADDS:

Go in peace.

– **Thanks be to God.**

**IN THE ABSENCE OF A PRIEST OR DEACON AND IN INDIVIDUAL
RECITATION, MORNING PRAYER CONCLUDES:**

**May the Lord + bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.**

– **Amen.**

GOOD FRIDAY

EVENING PRAYER

*Ordinarily prayed only by those
who do not participate in the Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion.*

- V.** God, + come to my assistance, ALL STAND
R. Lord, make haste to help me.
- V.** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, ALL BOW
and to the Holy Spirit,
R. as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

HYMN

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the cross of Christ my God,
The vain delights that charm me most:
I sacrifice them to his blood.
See from his head, his hands, his feet
What grief and love flow mingling down;
Did e'er such Love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were all the realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Tune: Rockingham L.M.

Music: Adapted by Edward Miller (1731-1807)

from A. William's *A Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, Oxford 1780

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), slightly adapted

Look well, all you peoples, and see my suffering.

PSALM 116,10-19

Thanksgiving in the Temple

*Through Christ let us offer God a continual sacrifice of praise
(Hebrews 13,15).*

- I. I trusted, even when I said: * ALL SIT
“I am sorely afflicted,”
and when I said in my alarm: *
“No man can be trusted.”
- II. How can I repay the Lord *
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise; *
I will call on the Lord’s name.
- I. My vows to the Lord I will fulfill *
before all his people.
O precious in the eyes of the Lord *
is the death of his faithful.
- II. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; *
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: *
I will call on the Lord’s name.
- I. My vows to the Lord I will fulfill *
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord, *
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
- I. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * ALL BOW
and to the Holy Spirit,
- II. as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm Prayer

Father, precious in your sight is the death of the saints, but precious above all is the love with which Christ suffered to redeem us. In this life we fill up in our own flesh what is still lacking in the sufferings of Christ; accept this as our sacrifice of praise, and we shall even now taste the joy of the new Jerusalem.

ANTIPHON

ALL REPEAT AS ABOVE

Look well, all you peoples, and see my suffering.

ANTIPHON II

LED BY PRIEST OR CANTOR

My soul is in anguish, my heart is in torment.

PSALM 143,1-11

Prayer in distress

*A man is not justified by observance of the law
but only through faith in Jesus Christ (Galatians 2,16).*

- I. Lord, listen to my prayer: *
turn your ear to my appeal.
You are faithful, you are just; give answer. †
Do not call your servant to judgment *
for no one is just in your sight.
- II. The enemy pursues my soul; *
he has crushed my life to the ground;
he has made me dwell in darkness *
like the dead, long forgotten.
Therefore my spirit fails; *
my heart is numb within me.
- I. I remember the days that are past: *
I ponder all your works.
I muse on what your hand has wrought †
and to you I stretch out my hands. *
Like a parched land my soul thirsts for you.

- II. Lord, make haste and answer; *
 for my spirit fails within me.
 Do not hide your face *
 lest I become like those in the grave.
- I. In the morning let me know your love *
 for I put my trust in you.
 Make me know the way I should walk: *
 to you I lift up my soul.
- II. Rescue me, Lord, from my enemies; *
 I have fled to you for refuge.
 Teach me to do your will *
 for you, O Lord, are my God.
 Let your good spirit guide me *
 in ways that are level and smooth.
- I. For your name's sake, Lord, save my life; *
 in your justice save my soul from distress.
- II. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
 and to the Holy Spirit,
- I. as it was in the beginning, is now, *
 and will be forever. Amen.

ALL BOW

Psalm Prayer

Lord Jesus, early in the morning of your resurrection, you made your love known and brought the first light of dawn to those who dwell in darkness. Your death has opened a path for us. Do not enter into judgment with your servants; let your Holy Spirit guide us together into the land of justice.

ANTIPHON

ALL REPEAT AS ABOVE

My soul is in anguish, my heart is in torment.

When Jesus had taken the vinegar, he said:
“It is accomplished.”
Then he bowed his head and died.

CANTICLE: PHILIPPIANS 2,6-11

Christ, God’s holy servant

- I. Though he was in the form of God, †
Jesus did not deem equality with God *
something to be grasped at.
- II. Rather, he emptied himself †
and took the form of a slave, *
being born in the likeness of men.
- I. He was known to be of human estate, *
and it was thus that he humbled himself,
obediently accepting even death, *
death on a cross!
- II. Because of this, *
God highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name *
above every other name,
- I. So that at Jesus’ name *
every knee must bend
in the heavens, on the earth, *
and under the earth,
and every tongue proclaim †
to the glory of God the Father: *
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!
- II. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit,
- I. as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be forever. Amen.

ALL BOW

ANTIPHON

ALL REPEAT AS ABOVE

**When Jesus had taken the vinegar, he said:
“It is accomplished.”
Then he bowed his head and died.**

READING

1PETER 2,21-24

Christ suffered for you and left you an example, to have you follow in his footsteps. He did no wrong; no deceit was found in his mouth. When he was insulted, he returned no insult. When he was made to suffer, he did not counter with threats. Instead, he delivered himself up to the One who judges justly. In his own body he brought your sins to the cross, so that all of us, dead to sin, could live in accord with God’s will. By his wounds you were healed.

RESPONSORY

V. For our sake Christ was obedient,
accepting even death, death on a cross.
R. For our sake Christ was obedient,
accepting even death, death on a cross.

CANTICLE OF MARY

ALL STAND

ANTIPHON

LED BY PRIEST OR CANTOR

When we were his enemies,
God reconciled us to himself by the death of his Son.

LUKE 1,46-55

My + soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, † ALL PRAY
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: †
the Almighty has done great things for me, *
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:

ALL BOW

as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

ANTIPHON

ALL REPEAT AS ABOVE

When we were his enemies,
God reconciled us to himself by the death of his Son.

INTERCESSIONS

Today we lovingly remember the death of our Lord Jesus Christ,
from which was born new life for the whole world. Let us turn to
God the Father, and say:

By the merits of your Son's death, hear us, Lord.

Give unity to your Church.

By the merits of your Son's death, hear us, Lord.

Protect Francis, our Pope.

By the merits of your Son's death, hear us, Lord.

Sanctify your people, both clergy and faithful, by your Spirit.

By the merits of your Son's death, hear us, Lord.

Increase faith and understanding in those under instruction.

By the merits of your Son's death, hear us, Lord.

Gather all Christians in unity.

By the merits of your Son's death, hear us, Lord.

Lead the Jewish people to the fullness of redemption.

By the merits of your Son's death, hear us, Lord.

Enlighten with your glory those who do not yet believe in Christ.

By the merits of your Son's death, hear us, Lord.

Show the marks of your love in creation to those who deny them.

By the merits of your Son's death, hear us, Lord.

Guide the minds and hearts of those who govern us.

By the merits of your Son's death, hear us, Lord.

Console all who are troubled.

By the merits of your Son's death, hear us, Lord.

Have pity on those who have died.

By the merits of your Son's death, hear us, Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by thy name;
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

ALL PRAY

CLOSING PRAYER

Look, we pray, O Lord, on this your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ
did not hesitate to be delivered into the hands of the wicked
and submit to the agony of the Cross.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
– Amen.

DISMISSAL

IF A PRIEST OR DEACON PRESIDES, HE DISMISSES THE PEOPLE:

The Lord be with you.

– **And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you,

+ the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

– **Amen.**

ANOTHER FORM OF THE BLESSING MAY BE USED, AS AT MASS.

THEN HE ADDS:

Go in peace.

– **Thanks be to God.**

IN THE ABSENCE OF A PRIEST OR DEACON AND IN INDIVIDUAL RECITATION, EVENING PRAYER CONCLUDES:

**May the Lord + bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.**

– **Amen.**

GOOD FRIDAY

NIGHT PRAYER

V. God, + come to my assistance,
R. Lord, make haste to help me.

ALL STAND

V. Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
R. as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

ALL BOW

PENITENTIAL RITE

Examination of Conscience

I confess to Almighty God, and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I ask Blessed Mary ever virgin, all the angels and saints and you my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

V. May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins
and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

HYMN

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our Lord to earth descends now,
Our full homage to demand.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of Light descends now
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

Tune: Picardy 87.87.87

Music: From *Chansons Populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860

Text: Liturgy of Saint James, paraphrased by Gerald Moultrie, 1864, alt.

ANTIPHON

LED BY PRIEST OR CANTOR

Night holds no terrors for me sleeping under God's wings.

PSALM 91

Safe in God's sheltering care

I have given you the power to tread upon serpents and scorpions (Luke 10,19)

- I.** He who dwells under the shelter of the Most High * **ALL SIT**
and abides in the shade of the Almighty
says to the Lord: "My refuge, *
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!"
- II.** It is he who will free you from the snare *
of the fowler who seeks to destroy you;
he will conceal you with his pinions *
and under his wings you will find refuge.
- I.** You will not fear the terror of the night *
nor the arrow that flies by day;
nor the plague that prowls in the darkness *
nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.
- II.** A thousand may fall at your side, *
ten thousand fall at your right,
you, it will never approach; *
his faithfulness is buckler and shield.
- I.** Your eyes have only to look *
to see how the wicked are repaid
you who have said: "Lord, my refuge!" *
and have made the Most High your dwelling.
- II.** Upon you no evil shall fall, *
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels, *
to keep you in all your ways.

- I. They shall bear you upon their hands *
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread *
and trample the young lion and the dragon.
- II. Since he clings to me in love, I will free him; *
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: "I am with you." *
I will save him in distress and give him glory.
- I. With length of life I will content him; *
I shall let him see my saving power.
- II. Glory to the Father and to the Son *
and to the Holy Spirit,
- I. as it was in the beginning, is now *
and will be forever. Amen.

ALL BOW

ANTIPHON

ALL REPEAT AS ABOVE

Night holds no terrors for me sleeping under God's wings.

READING

REVELATION 22,4-5

They shall see the Lord face to face and bear His name on their foreheads. The night shall be no more. They will need no light from lamps or the sun, for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever.

RESPONSORY

V. For our sake Christ was obedient,
accepting even death, death on a cross.

**R. For our sake Christ was obedient,
accepting even death, death on a cross.**

CANTICLE OF SIMEON

ALL STAND

ANTIPHON

LED BY PRIEST OR CANTOR

Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep,
that awake, we may keep watch with Christ,
and asleep, rest in His peace.

LUKE 2,29-32

Christ is the light of the nations and the glory of Israel.

Lord, + now You let Your servant go in peace. * ALL PRAY
Your word has been fulfilled:

**my own eyes have seen the salvation *
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:**

**a light to reveal You to the nations *
and the glory of Your people Israel.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son * ALL BOW
and to the Holy Spirit,

**as it was in the beginning, is now *
and will be forever. Amen.**

ANTIPHON

ALL REPEAT AS ABOVE

**Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep,
that awake, we may keep watch with Christ,
and asleep, rest in His peace.**

PRAYER

V. Let us pray.

Lord, we beg You to visit this house
and banish from it
all the deadly power of the enemy.
May Your holy angels dwell here
to keep us in peace,
and may Your blessing be upon us always.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

V. May + the all-powerful Lord grant us a restful night and a
peaceful death.

R. Amen.

ANTIPHON IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Ave, Regina caelorum,
ave, Domina angelorum,
salve, radix, salve, porta,
ex qua mundo lux est orta.

Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,
super omnes speciosa;
vale, o valde decora,
et pro nobis Christum exora.

OR:

Alma Redemptóris Mater, quæ pérvia cæli
Porta manes, et stella maris, succúrre cadénti,
Súrgere qui curat pópulo: tu quæ genuísti,
Natúra miránte, tuum sanctum Genitórem
Virgo prius ac postérius, Gabriélis ab ore
Sumens illud Ave, peccatórum miserére.

OR:

Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae;
vita, dulcedo et spes nostra, salve,
Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Evæ.
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.

Eia ergo, advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos
ad nos converte.
Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exilium ostende.
O clemens, o pia, o dulcis Virgo Maria.

HOLY SATURDAY
MORNING PRAYER

V. God, + come to my assistance,
R. Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit,
R. as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be forever. Amen.

ALL BOW

HYMN

Now Christ, O Sun of righteousness,
Let dawn our darkened spirits bless:
The light of grace to us restore
While day to earth returns once more.
To us you give the accepted time,
Give, too, a heart that mourns for crime,
Let those by mercy now be cured
Whom loving-kindness long endured.
Spare not, we pray, to send us here
Some penance kindly but severe,
So let your gift of pardoning grace
Our grievous sinfulness efface.
Soon will that day, your day, appear
And all things with its brightness cheer:
We will rejoice in it, as we
return thereby to grace, and thee.
Let all the world from shore to shore
O gracious Trinity, adore;
Right soon your loving pardon grant,
That we our new-made song may chant. Amen.

Tune: Beatus Vir L.M.

Music: Slovak Hymn

Text: *Iam, Christe, sol iustitiae*, tenth century or possibly Ambrosian
Translation: The *Primer* of 1706, attributed to John Dryden, 1631-1701

Though sinless, the Lord has been put to death.
The world is in mourning as for an only son.

PSALM 64

Prayer for help against enemies

*The psalm commemorates most particularly our Lord's passion
(Saint Augustine).*

- I. Hear my words, O God, as I complain, * ALL SIT
guard my life from dread of the foe.
Hide me from the band of the wicked, *
from the throng of those who do evil.
- II. They sharpen their tongues like swords; *
they aim bitter words like arrows
to shoot at the innocent from ambush, *
shooting suddenly and recklessly.
- I. They scheme their evil course; *
they conspire to lay secret snares.
They say: "Who will see us? *
Who can search out our crimes?"
- II. He will search who searches the mind *
and knows the depth of the heart.
God has shot them with His arrow *
and dealt them sudden wounds.
Their own tongue has brought them to ruin *
and all who see them mock.
- I. Then will all men fear; *
they will tell what God has done.
They will understand God's deeds. *
The just will rejoice in the Lord
and fly to him for refuge. *
All the upright hearts will glory.

II. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit,

ALL BOW

I. as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm Prayer

Father, you gave your Son victory over the men who plotted evil against him; when he cried to you in his agony, you delivered him from fear of his enemies. May those who suffer with him in this life find refuge and success in you.

ANTIPHON

ALL REPEAT AS ABOVE

**Though sinless, the Lord has been put to death.
The world is in mourning as for an only son.**

ANTIPHON II

LED BY PRIEST OR CANTOR

From the jaws of hell, Lord, rescue my soul.

ISAIAH 38,10-14.17-20

Anguish of a dying man and joy in his restoration

I was living, I was dead... and I hold the keys of death (Revelation 1,17-18)

- I. Once I said, *
“In the noontime of life I must depart!
To the gates of the nether world I shall be consigned *
for the rest of my years.”
- II. I said, “I shall see the Lord no more *
in the land of the living.
No longer shall I behold my fellow men *
among those who dwell in the world.”
- I. My dwelling, like a shepherd’s tent, *
is struck down and borne away from me;
you have folded up my life, like a weaver *
who severs the last thread.

- II. Day and night you give me over to torment; *
 I cry out until the dawn.
 Like a lion he breaks all my bones; *
 day and night you give me over to torment.
- I. Like a swallow I utter shrill cries; *
 I moan like a dove.
 My eyes grow weak, gazing heaven-ward: *
 O Lord, I am in straits; be my surety!
- II. You have preserved my life *
 from the pit of destruction,
 when you cast behind your back *
 all my sins.
- I. For it is not the nether world that gives you thanks, *
 nor death that praises you;
 neither do those who go down into the pit *
 await your kindness.
- II. The living, the living give you thanks, *
 as I do today.
 Fathers declare to their sons, *
 O God, your faithfulness.
- I. The Lord is our savior; *
 we shall sing to stringed instruments
 in the house of the Lord *
 all the days of our life.
- II. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
 and to the Holy Spirit,
- I. as it was in the beginning, is now, *
 and will be forever. Amen.

ALL BOW

ANTIPHON

ALL REPEAT AS ABOVE

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ANTIPHON III

LED BY PRIEST OR CANTOR

I was dead, but now I live forever,
and I hold the keys of death and of hell.

PSALM 150

Praise the Lord

- I. Praise God in his holy place, *
praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his powerful deeds, *
praise his surpassing greatness.
- II. O praise him with sound of trumpet, *
praise him with lute and harp.
Praise him with timbrel and dance, *
praise him with strings and pipes.
- I. O praise him with resounding cymbals, *
praise him with clashing cymbals.
Let everything that lives and that breathes *
give praise to the Lord.
- II. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit,
- I. as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be forever. Amen.

ALL BOW

Psalm Prayer

Lord God, maker of heaven and earth and of all created things,
you make your just ones holy and you justify sinners who confess
your name. Hear us as we humbly pray to you: give us eternal joy
with your saints.

ANTIPHON

ALL REPEAT AS ABOVE

**I was dead, but now I live forever,
and I hold the keys of death and of hell.**

READING

HOSEA 5,15B-16,2

Thus says the Lord: In their affliction, they shall look for Me: “Come, let us return to the Lord. For it is He who has rent, but He will heal us; He has struck us, but He will bind our wounds. He will revive us after two days; on the third day He will raise us up, to live in His presence.

RESPONSORY

V. For our sake Christ was obedient,
accepting even death, death on a cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave Him the name above all other names.

R. For our sake Christ was obedient,
accepting even death, death on a cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave Him the name above all other names.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

ALL STAND

ANTIPHON

LED BY PRIEST OR CANTOR

Save us, O Savior of the world.
On the cross You redeemed us by the shedding of Your Blood;
we cry out for Your help, O God.

LUKE 1,68-79

The Messiah and his forerunner

Blessed + be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
He has come to His people and set them free.

ALL PRAY

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of His servant David.

Through His holy prophets He promised of old
that He would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember His holy covenant.

This was the oath He swore to our father Abraham: *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship Him without fear, *
holy and righteous in His sight, all the days of our life.

You my child shall be called the prophet of the Most High; *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare His way,
to give His people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father and to the Son *
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now *
and will be forever. Amen.

ALL BOW

ANTIPHON

ALL REPEAT AS ABOVE

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On the cross You redeemed us by the shedding of Your Blood;
we cry out for Your help, O God.

INTERCESSIONS

Our Redeemer suffered and was buried for us in order to rise again.
With sincere love we adore him, and aware of our needs we cry
out.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ our Savior. Your sorrowing Mother stood by you at your death
and burial,

– in our sorrows may we share your suffering.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ our Lord, like the seed buried in the ground, you brought
forth for us the harvest of grace,

– may we die to sin and live for God.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, the Good Shepherd, in death you lay hidden from the world,
– teach us to live a life hidden with you in the Father.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, the new Adam, you entered the kingdom of death to release
all the just since the beginning of the world,

– may all who lie dead in sin hear your voice and rise to life.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, Son of the living God, through baptism we were buried with
you,

– risen also with you in baptism, may we walk in newness of life.

Lord, have mercy on us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by thy name;
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.**

ALL PRAY

CLOSING PRAYER

All-powerful and ever-living God,
Your only Son went down among the dead
and rose again in glory.
In Your goodness
raise up Your faithful people,
buried with Him in baptism,
to be one with Him
in the everlasting life of heaven,
where He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

IF A PRIEST OR DEACON PRESIDES, HE DISMISSES THE PEOPLE:

The Lord be with you.

– **And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you,

+ the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

– **Amen.**

ANOTHER FORM OF THE BLESSING MAY BE USED, AS AT MASS.

THEN HE ADDS:

Go in peace.

– **Thanks be to God.**

IN THE ABSENCE OF A PRIEST OR DEACON AND IN INDIVIDUAL
RECITATION, MORNING PRAYER CONCLUDES:

**May the Lord + bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.**

– **Amen.**

HOLY SATURDAY

EVENING PRAYER

V. God, + come to my assistance,
R. Lord, make haste to help me.

ALL STAND

V. Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
R. as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

ALL BOW

HYMN

O merciful Creator, hear!
To us in pity bow thine ear:
Accept the tearful prayer we raise
In this our fast of forty days.
Our hearts are open, Lord, to Thee:
Thou know well our infirmity;
Pour out on all who seek Thy face
Abundance of Thy pardoning grace.
Our sins are many, this we know;
Spare us, good Lord, Thy mercy show;
And for the honor of Thy name
Our fainting souls to life reclaim.
Give self-control to us that springs
From discipline of outward things,
That fasting inward, secretly,
The soul may purely dwell with Thee.
We pray Thee, Holy Trinity,
One God, unchanging Unity,
That we from this our abstinence
May reap the fruits of penitence. Amen.

Tune: Jesus Dulcis Memoria L.M.

Music: Gregorian, Mode I

Text: *Audi benigne Conditor*, attributed to Saint Gregory the Great, 540-604

Translation: T. A. Lacey (1853-1931) and others, alt.

Death, you shall die in me; hell, you shall be destroyed by me.

PSALM 116,10-19

Thanksgiving in the Temple

*Through Christ let us offer God a continual sacrifice of praise
(Hebrews 13,15).*

- I. I trusted, even when I said: * ALL SIT
“I am sorely afflicted,”
and when I said in my alarm: *
“No man can be trusted.”
- II. How can I repay the Lord *
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise; *
I will call on the Lord’s name.
- I. My vows to the Lord I will fulfill *
before all his people.
O precious in the eyes of the Lord *
is the death of his faithful.
- II. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; *
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: *
I will call on the Lord’s name.
- I. My vows to the Lord I will fulfill *
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord, *
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
- I. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * ALL BOW
and to the Holy Spirit,
- II. as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm Prayer

Father, precious in your sight is the death of the saints, but precious above all is the love with which Christ suffered to redeem us. In this life we fill up in our own flesh what is still lacking in the sufferings of Christ; accept this as our sacrifice of praise, and we shall even now taste the joy of the new Jerusalem.

ANTIPHON

ALL REPEAT AS ABOVE

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ANTIPHON II

LED BY PRIEST OR CANTOR

As Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale,
so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights
in the heart of the earth.

PSALM 143,1-11

Prayer in distress

*A man is not justified by observance of the law
but only through faith in Jesus Christ (Galatians 2,16).*

- I. Lord, listen to my prayer: *
turn your ear to my appeal.
You are faithful, you are just; give answer. †
Do not call your servant to judgment *
for no one is just in your sight.
- II. The enemy pursues my soul; *
he has crushed my life to the ground;
he has made me dwell in darkness *
like the dead, long forgotten.
Therefore my spirit fails; *
my heart is numb within me.
- I. I remember the days that are past: *
I ponder all your works.
I muse on what your hand has wrought †
and to you I stretch out my hands. *
Like a parched land my soul thirsts for you.

- II. Lord, make haste and answer; *
 for my spirit fails within me.
 Do not hide your face *
 lest I become like those in the grave.
- I. In the morning let me know your love *
 for I put my trust in you.
 Make me know the way I should walk: *
 to you I lift up my soul.
- II. Rescue me, Lord, from my enemies; *
 I have fled to you for refuge.
 Teach me to do your will *
 for you, O Lord, are my God.
 Let your good spirit guide me *
 in ways that are level and smooth.
- I. For your name's sake, Lord, save my life; *
 in your justice save my soul from distress.
- II. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
 and to the Holy Spirit,
- I. as it was in the beginning, is now, *
 and will be forever. Amen.

ALL BOW

Psalm Prayer

Lord Jesus, early in the morning of your resurrection, you made your love known and brought the first light of dawn to those who dwell in darkness. Your death has opened a path for us. Do not enter into judgment with your servants; let your Holy Spirit guide us together into the land of justice.

ANTIPHON

ALL REPEAT AS ABOVE

**As Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale,
 so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights
 in the heart of the earth.**

Destroy this temple, says the Lord,
and in three days I will rebuild it.
He was speaking of the temple of his body.

CANTICLE: PHILIPPIANS 2,6-11

Christ, God's holy servant

- I. Though he was in the form of God, †
Jesus did not deem equality with God *
something to be grasped at.
- II. Rather, he emptied himself †
and took the form of a slave, *
being born in the likeness of men.
- I. He was known to be of human estate, *
and it was thus that he humbled himself,
obediently accepting even death, *
death on a cross!
- II. Because of this, *
God highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name *
above every other name,
- I. So that at Jesus' name *
every knee must bend
in the heavens, on the earth, *
and under the earth,
and every tongue proclaim †
to the glory of God the Father: *
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!
- II. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit,
- I. as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be forever. Amen.

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READING

1PETER 1,18-21

Realize that you were delivered from your futile way of life your fathers handed on to you, not by any diminishable sum of silver or gold, but by Christ's blood beyond all price: the blood of a spotless, unblemished lamb chosen before the world's foundation and revealed for your sake in these last days. It is through him that you are believers in God, the God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory. Your faith and hope, then, are in God.

RESPONSORY

V. For our sake Christ was obedient,
accepting even death, death on a cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him the name above all other names.
R. For our sake Christ was obedient,
accepting even death, death on a cross.
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and gave him the name above all other names.

CANTICLE OF MARY

ALL STAND

ANTIPHON

LED BY PRIEST OR CANTOR

Now the Son of Man has been glorified
and God has been glorified in him.

LUKE 1,46-55

The soul rejoices in the Lord

**My + soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, †
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

ALL PRAY

From this day all generations will call me blessed: †
the Almighty has done great things for me, *
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:

ALL BOW

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INTERCESSIONS

For our sake our Redeemer suffered death and was buried, and rose
again. With heartfelt love, let us adore him, and pray:
Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, when your side was pierced, there flowed out blood and
water, the marvelous symbol of the whole Church,
– through your death, burial and resurrection, bring life to your bride,
the Church.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, you remembered those who did not remember your promise of resurrection,
– remember those without hope, who do not know that you have risen.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you were offered for all as our paschal sacrifice,
– draw all mankind to yourself.

Lord, have mercy on us.

God of all the world, you encompass the universe but were pleased to be laid in a tomb,
– free the human race from the powers of darkness, and grant it the gift of immortal glory.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, Son of the living God, you opened the gates of paradise to the repentant thief,
– gather all who have shared your death and burial into the glory of your resurrection.

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TIMEPIECE OF THE PASSION. LAST DAY IN OUR LORD'S LIFE

