

*A Liturgy of the Hours
for
Holy Week*

*Morning Prayer (Lauds)
Noon Prayer (Sext)
Night Prayer (Compline)*

Starting with Palm Sunday Compline

Introduction

In the early church, Christians prayed the Psalms every three hours through-out the day and night. This became known as the Liturgy of the Hours, or Divine Office. Each time of prayer was named in Latin: Matins, Lauds, Prime, Terce, Sext, None, Vespers, and Compline. Lauds was prayed at dawn, Sext was the “6th” hour after sunrise (Noon), and Compline was the last prayer of the night. (It was the shortest prayer, with little variation, so it could be memorized).

The complete Office, all eight Hours for the entire church year, is published in four volumes. Monasteries through-out the world and increasing numbers of laypeople use this structure for daily prayer. Some monasteries still rise at 3am and do the full cycle of eight Hours—but most only gather for morning, noon, and evening prayer.

This Liturgy of the Hours is a shortened form of the traditional prayers, with many original additions and scripture choices. The first part of the week focuses on God seeking us, the second part of the week moves into lamentation: our seeking mercy in suffering. The week ends considering the gift Christ gave us through the Cross and looks toward the resurrection. Holy Saturday is the observance of Jesus in the tomb—a quiet day of preparation for Easter.

Here are some suggestions for praying:

- The symbol ✠ is the traditional place people cross themselves as a request for God’s blessing.
- Compline includes some beautiful traditional chants, but feel free to replace them with familiar hymns.
- The Hours are often prayed communally, so some of the prayers have **Leader** and **All** parts. It can be a very prayerful experience to slowly pray aloud the Office with others.
- Traditionally, one person takes the role of “Leader” and begins each of the psalms, prays the concluding prayer, and gives the blessing; another person reads the scripture verse.
- When reading the Psalms together, take turns reading the verses. This is called “reading in choir” or reading antiphonally.

The Divine Office is only a structure for prayer—the real prayer happens in the spaces, the silences, and as the words of Psalm or scripture sink deep into our hearts. Pray slowly. Drink deeply.

Palm Sunday

Night Prayer (Compline)

God, ✠ come to my assistance.

Lord, make haste to help me.

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Examen

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All: Lord have mercy.

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

All: Amen.

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Psalm 91

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High
and abide in the shade of the Almighty
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my stronghold,
my God in whom I trust!"

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.
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.
A thousand may fall at your side,
Ten thousand fall at your right;
You, it will never approach
God's faithfulness is buckler and shield.
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.
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.
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.
You set your love on me, so I will save you;
Protect you, for you know my name.
When you call I shall answer;
"I am with you."

I will save you in distress and give you glory.
With length of days I will content you;
I shall let you see my saving power.

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.

Scripture Reading : Deuteronomy 6:4-7

⁴Attention, Israel! GOD, our God! GOD the one and only! ⁵Love GOD, your God, with your whole heart: love him with all that's in you, love him with all you've got! ⁶Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you ⁷and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night.

Response to Scripture

Leader: Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

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Leader: For thou hast redeemed me, O God of Truth.

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven

Hallowed be 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and glory forever and ever.

Amen.

Closing Prayer

Loving God, give our bodies restful sleep and let the work we have done today bear fruit in eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

May the Lord bless us, grant us a quiet night, and a peaceful end.

Amen.

Monday of Holy Week

Morning Prayer (Lauds)

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Hymn or Praise Chorus

Psalm 93

1 The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.
He has established the world; it shall never be moved;
2 your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.
3 The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.
4 More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,
more majestic than the waves of the sea,
majestic on high is the Lord!
5 Your decrees are very sure;
holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

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³Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

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Canticle—Luke 1:68-79 *Benedictus*

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God 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,
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He promised to show mercy to our forbearers
And to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to Abraham and Sarah:
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 the way,
To give God's people knowledge of salvation
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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.

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Examen

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What is your intention for the rest of the day, with God's help?

Psalm 84

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² My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.

³ Even the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young-
a place near your altar,
O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you.

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who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.

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Scripture Reading Romans 12:1-2

¹So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life--your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life--and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. ²Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

Pray for your family

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

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Psalm 4

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

O people, how long will your hearts be closed, will love what is
futile and seek what is false?

It is the Lord who grants favors to those whom he loves; the Lord
hears me whenever I call.

Tremble, do not sin; ponder on your bed and be still; make justice
your sacrifice and trust in the Lord.

What can bring us happiness? many say. Lift up the light of your
face on us, O Lord.

You have put into my heart a greater joy than they have from
abundance of corn and new wine.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone,
Lord, make me dwell in safety.

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

Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10

⁹God didn't set us up for an angry rejection but for salvation by our
Master, Jesus Christ. ¹⁰He died for us, a death that triggered life.
Whether we're awake with the living or asleep with the dead,
we're alive with him!

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Scripture Reading Romans 8:3-6

³God went for the jugular when he sent his own Son. He didn't deal with the problem as something remote and unimportant. In his Son, Jesus, he personally took on the human condition, entered the disordered mess of struggling humanity in order to set it right once and for all. The law code, weakened as it always was by fractured human nature, could never have done that. The law always ended up being used as a Band-Aid on sin instead of a deep healing of it. ⁴And now what the law code asked for but we couldn't deliver is accomplished as we, instead of redoubling our own efforts, simply embrace what the Spirit is doing in us. ⁵Those who think they can do it on their own end up obsessed with measuring their own moral muscle but never get around to exercising it in real life. Those who trust God's action in them find

that God's Spirit is in them--living and breathing God! ⁶Obsession with self in these matters is a dead end; attention to God leads us out into the open, into a spacious, free life.

Pray for the church.

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Psalm 134

O come, bless the Lord,
All you who serve the Lord,
Who stand in the house of the Lord,
In the courts of the house of our God.
Lift up your hands to the holy place
And bless the Lord through the night.
May the Lord bless you from Zion,
He who made both heaven and earth.
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.

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 5:8-9a

Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith.

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Scripture Reading Luke 15:8-10

[Then Jesus told them this parable:] 8 "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? 9 When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Response to Scripture

Leader: Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us.

All: Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us.

Leader: We want to see!

All: Have mercy on us! 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.

Canticle—Luke 1:68-79 *Benedictus*

Blessed ✠ be the Lord, the God of Israel;
He has come to his people and set them free.
God 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 forbearers
And to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to Abraham and Sarah:
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 the way,
To give God's 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.

Prayers of praise, thanksgiving, and intercession as the Spirit leads.

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

May the Lord bless us and keep us from all harm; and may God lead us to eternal life.
Amen.

Noon Prayer (Sext)

God, ✠ come to my assistance.
Lord, make haste to help me.
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.

Examen

Where do you see God in your life?
Where do you need to see God?
What is your intention for the rest of the day, with God's help?

Psalm 84

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD Almighty!
² My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.
³ Even the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young—
a place near your altar,
O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you.
⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.
⁶ As they pass through the Valley of Baca,
they make it a place of springs;
the autumn rains also cover it with pools.
⁷ They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in Zion.
⁸ Hear my prayer, O LORD God Almighty;
listen to me, O God of Jacob.
⁹ Look upon our shield, O God;
look with favor on your anointed one.
¹⁰ Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and honor;
no good thing does he withhold
from those whose walk is blameless.
O LORD Almighty,
blessed is the man and woman who trusts in you.
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.

Scripture Reading Romans 12:9-19

⁹Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. ¹⁰Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle. ¹¹Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, ¹²cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder. ¹³Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality. ¹⁴Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. ¹⁵Laugh with your happy friends when they're happy; share tears when they're down. ¹⁶Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody. ¹⁷Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. ¹⁸If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. ¹⁹Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it."

Pray for the people you have seen or will see today.

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

May God bless us and keep us, may he make his face to shine upon us and grant us peace. Amen

Night Prayer (Compline)

God, ✠ come to my assistance.

Lord, make haste to help me.

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.

Examen

Reflect silently upon your day.

When did you experience the love of God?

When did you turn away from God's love?

Leader: You raise the dead to life in the Spirit. Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Leader: You bring pardon and peace. Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

Leader: You bring light into the darkness. Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

All: Amen.

Hymn, "To You before the close of day" (or another hymn)

1. To you be-fore the close of day, Cre-a-tor of all things, we pray that in your con-stant
2. Save us from trou-bled, rest-less sleep, from all ill
3. A health-y life we ask of you, the fire of
4. Al-might-y Fa-ther, hear our cry through Je-sus

of dreams your things, we pray that in your con-stant
love in us re-new, and when the dawn new
Christ, our Lord Most High, whom with the Spi-rit

clem-en-cy our guard and keep-er you would be.
fears may cease and rest-ed bo-dies wake in peace.
light will bring your praise and glo-ry we shall sing.
we a-dore for ev-er and for ev-er more.

A - men.

Psalm 91

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High and abide in the shade of the Almighty say to the Lord: "My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!"

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.
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.
A thousand may fall at your side,
Ten thousand fall at your right;
You, it will never approach
God's faithfulness is buckler and shield.
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.

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.

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.

You set your love on me, so I will save you;
Protect you, for you know my name.

When you call I shall answer;

"I am with you."

I will save you in distress and give you glory.

With length of days I will content you;

I shall let you see my saving power.

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

Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:26-27

Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun set on your anger, and do not leave room for the devil.

Response to Scripture

Leader: Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

All: Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

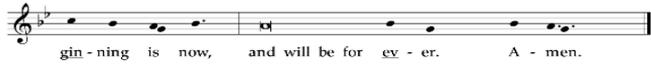
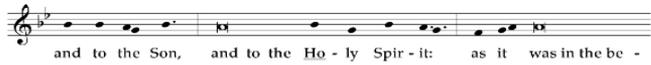
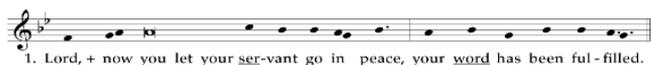
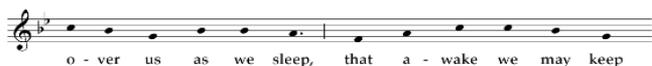
Leader: For thou hast redeemed me, O God of Truth.

All: I commend my spirit.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

All: Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Gospel Canticle *Luke 2:29-32*



The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Loving God, give our bodies restful sleep and let the work we have done today bear fruit in eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction May the Lord bless us, grant us a quiet night, and a peaceful end.

Amen.

Maundy Thursday

Morning Prayer (Lauds)

God, ✠ come to my assistance.

Lord, make haste to help me.

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.

Hymn or Praise Chorus

Psalm 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? **2** My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. **3** He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

4 He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. **5** The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. **6** The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. **7** The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

8 The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

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.

Scripture Reading Luke 15:11-24

11 Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. **12** The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. **13** A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. **14** When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. **15** So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.

16 He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17 But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' 20 So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21 Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24 for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

Response to Scripture

Leader: By your own blood, Lord, you brought us back to God.

All: By your own blood, Lord, you brought us back to God.

Leader: From every tribe, and tongue, and people and nation,

All: You brought us back to God! 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.

Canticle—Luke 1:68-79 *Benedictus*

Blessed ✠ be the Lord, the God of Israel;
He has come to his people and set them free.
God 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 forbearers
And to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to Abraham and Sarah:
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 the way,
To give God's 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.

All: 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.

**Prayers of praise, thanksgiving, and intercession as the Spirit
leads.**

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Leader: May the Lord bless us and keep us from all harm; and may
God lead us to eternal life.

All: Amen.

Noon Prayer (Sext)

God, ✠ come to my assistance.

Lord, make haste to help me.

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.

Examen

Where do you see God in your life?

Where do you need to see God?

What is your intention for the rest of the day, with God's help?

Psalm 84

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place,

O LORD Almighty!

² My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.

³ Even the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young-
a place near your altar,
O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you.

⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.

⁶ As they pass through the Valley of Baca,
they make it a place of springs;
the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

⁷ They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in Zion.

⁸ Hear my prayer, O LORD God Almighty;
listen to me, O God of Jacob.

⁹ Look upon our shield, O God;
look with favor on your anointed one.

¹⁰ Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and honor;
no good thing does he withhold
from those whose walk is blameless.

O LORD Almighty,
blessed is the man and woman who trusts in you.

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.

Scripture Reading Lamentations 2:10-13

10 The elders of daughter Zion sit on the ground in silence; they
have thrown dust on their heads and put on sackcloth; the young
girls of Jerusalem have bowed their heads to the ground. **11** My eyes
are spent with weeping; my stomach churns; my bile is poured out
on the ground because of the destruction of my people, because

infants and babes faint in the streets of the city. **12** They cry to their mothers, "Where is bread and wine?" as they faint like the wounded in the streets of the city, as their life is poured out on their mothers' bosom. **13** What can I say for you, to what compare you, O daughter Jerusalem? To what can I liken you, that I may comfort you, O virgin daughter Zion? For vast as the sea is your ruin; who can heal you?

Pray for the places of the world and creation torn apart by violence.

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

May God bless us and keep us, may he make his face to shine upon us and grant us peace. Amen

Night Prayer (Compline)

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Lord, make haste to help me.

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Examen

Reflect silently upon your day.

When did you experience the love of God?

When did you turn away from God's love?

Leader: You raise the dead to life in the Spirit. Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Leader: You bring pardon and peace. Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

Leader: You bring light into the darkness. Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

All: Amen.

Hymn, "To You before the close of day"
(or another hymn or chorus)

1. To you be - fore the close of day, Cre - a - tor
 2. Save us from trou - bled, rest - less sleep, from all ill
 3. A health - y life we ask of you, the fire of
 4. Al - might - y Fa - ther, hear our cry through Je - sus

of all things, we pray that in your con - stant
 dreams your child - ren keep; so calm our minds that
 love in us re - new, and when the dawn new
 Christ, our Lord Most High, whom with the Spi - rit

clem - en - cy our guard and keep - er you would be.
 fears may cease and rest - ed bo - dies wake in peace.
 light will bring your praise and glo - ry we shall sing.
 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

A - men.

Psalm 86

1 Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. 2 Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God; 3 be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long. 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. 6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. 7 In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

8 There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. 9 All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. 10 For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

11 Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name. 12 I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

13 For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol. 14 O God, the insolent rise up against me; a band of ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.

15 But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. 16 Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving girl.

17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Glory be 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.

Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:23

²³May God himself, the God who makes everything holy and whole, make you holy and whole, put you together--spirit, soul, and body--and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ.

Response to Scripture

Leader: Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

All: Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Leader: For thou hast redeemed me, O God of Truth.

All: I commend my spirit.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Gospel Canticle *Luke 2:29-32*

Pro - tect us, Lord, as we stay a - wake; watch
o - ver us as we sleep, that a - wake we may keep
watch with Christ, and a - sleep rest in his peace.

1. Lord, + now you let your ser-vant go in peace, your word has been ful-filled.

2. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have prepared
in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple. 3. A light to reveal you to the na-tions
and the glory of your peo-ple Is - ra - el. 4. Glo - ry to the Fa-ther,
and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it: as it was in the be -
gin - ning is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Loving God, give our bodies restful sleep and let the work we have done today bear fruit in eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

May the Lord bless us, grant us a quiet night, and a peaceful end. Amen.

Good Friday

Morning Prayer (Lauds)

God, ✠ come to my assistance.

Lord, make haste to help me.

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.

Hymn or Praise Chorus

Psalm 88

1 O Lord, God of my salvation, when, at night, I cry out in your presence, **2** let my prayer come before you; incline your ear to my cry. **3** For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol.

4 I am counted among those who go down to the Pit; I am like those who have no help, **5** like those forsaken among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, like those whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand. **6** You have put me in the depths of the Pit, in the regions dark and deep. **7** Your wrath lies heavy upon me, and you overwhelm me with all your waves. (Selah)

8 You have caused my companions to shun me; you have made me a thing of horror to them. I am shut in so that I cannot escape; **9** my eye grows dim through sorrow. Every day I call on you, O Lord; I spread out my hands to you. **10** Do you work wonders for the dead? Do the shades rise up to praise you? (Selah)

11 Is your steadfast love declared in the grave, or your faithfulness in Abaddon? **12** Are your wonders known in the darkness, or your saving help in the land of forgetfulness? **13** But I, O Lord, cry out to you; in the morning my prayer comes before you.

14 O Lord, why do you cast me off? Why do you hide your face from me? **15** Wretched and close to death from my youth up, I suffer your terrors; I am desperate. **16** Your wrath has swept over me; your dread assaults destroy me.

17 They surround me like a flood all day long; from all sides they close in on me. **18** You have caused friend and neighbor to shun me; my companions are in darkness.

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

Scripture Reading Lamentations 3:18-19

18 Cry aloud to the Lord! O wall of daughter Zion! Let tears stream down like a torrent day and night! Give yourself no rest, your eyes

no respite! **19** Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the watches! Pour out your heart like water before the presence of the Lord!

Response to Scripture

Leader: He was led like a lamb to the slaughter; no complaint from his lips against the evil done to him. He was given up to death. . .

All: to give his people Life.

Leader: He surrendered himself to death. . .

All: to give his people Life—Life abundant! 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.

Canticle—Luke 1:68-79 *Benedictus*

Blessed ✕ be the Lord, the God of Israel;
He has come to his people and set them free.
God 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 forbearers
And to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to Abraham and Sarah:
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 the way,
To give God's 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.

All: 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.

Prayers of praise, thanksgiving, and intercession as the Spirit leads.

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Leader: On this day, as we ponder the depth of sin which crucified our Savior, may we see the love of God—deeper still—redeeming Jesus' death on the cross for our salvation. May the Lord bless us with eyes to see and ears to hear, and may God lead us to eternal life.

All: Amen.

Noon Prayer (Sext)

God, ✠ come to my assistance.

Lord, make haste to help me.

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.

Examen

Where do you see God in your life?

Where do you need to see God?

What is your intention for the rest of the day, with God's help?

Psalm 22

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? **2** O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. **3** Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. **4** In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. **5** To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

6 But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people. **7** All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; **8** "Commit your cause to the

Lord; let him deliver— let him rescue the one in whom he delights!" **9** Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast. **10** On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

11 Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. **12** Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me; **13** they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. **14** I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; **15** my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

16 For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled; **17** I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; **18** they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots. **19** But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! **20** Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! **21** Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

22 I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: **23** You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! **24** For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. **26** The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever! **27** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

28 For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations. **29** To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. **30** Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, **31** and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

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.

Scripture Reading Lamentations 2:17-26

17 My soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is; **18** so I say, "Gone is my glory, and all that I had hoped for from the Lord." **19** The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! **20** My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. **21** But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: **22** The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; **23** they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. **24** "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." **25** The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. **26** It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Pray for people in your life who do not know Jesus Christ.

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

May God bless us and keep us, may he make his face to shine upon us and grant us peace. Amen

Night Prayer (Compline)

God, ✠ come to my assistance.

Lord, make haste to help me.

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.

Examen

Reflect silently upon your day.

When did you experience the love of God?

When did you turn away from God's love?

Leader: You raise the dead to life in the Spirit. Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Leader: You bring pardon and peace. Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

Leader: You bring light into the darkness. Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

All: Amen.

Hymn, "To You before the close of day"
(or another hymn or chorus)

1. To you be - fore the close of day, Cre - a - tor
2. Save us from trou - bled, rest - less sleep, from all ill
3. A health - y life we ask of you, the fire of
4. Al - might - y Fa - ther, hear our cry through Je - sus

of all things, we pray that in your con - stant
dreams your child - ren keep; so calm our minds that
love in us re - new, and when the dawn new
Christ, our Lord Most High, whom with the Spi - rit

clem - en - cy our guard and keep - er you would be.
fears may cease and rest - ed bo - dies wake in peace.
light will bring your praise and glo - ry we shall sing.
we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

A - men.

Psalm 16

1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. **2** I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." **3** As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight. **4** Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; they drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. **5** The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. **7** I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. **8** I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. **9** Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

10 For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit. **11** You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore. 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.

Scripture Reading Good Friday: Romans 12:38-39

³⁸I'm absolutely convinced that nothing--nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, ³⁹high or low, thinkable or unthinkable--absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us.

Response to Scripture

Leader: Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

All: Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Leader: For thou hast redeemed me, O God of Truth.

All: I commend my spirit.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

All: Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Gospel Canticle Luke 2:29-32


Pro - tect us, Lord, as we stay a - wake; watch


o - ver us as we sleep, that a - wake we may keep


watch with Christ, and a - sleep rest in his peace.


1. Lord, + now you let your ser-vant go in peace, your word has been ful-filled.


2. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have prepared


in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple. 3. A light to reveal you to the na-tions


and the glory of your peo-ple Is - ra - el. 4. Glo - ry to the Fa-ther,


and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it: as it was in the be -


gin - ning is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Loving God, keep us united with your Son in his death and burial so that we may rise to new life in him. Come Lord, Jesus! Amen.

Benediction

May the Lord bless us, grant us a quiet night, and a peaceful end. Amen.

Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer (Lauds)

God, ✠ come to my assistance.

Lord, make haste to help me.

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.

Hymn or Praise Chorus

Psalm 102

1 Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to you. **2** Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress. Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call. **3** For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like a furnace.

4 My heart is stricken and withered like grass; I am too wasted to eat my bread. **5** Because of my loud groaning my bones cling to my skin. **6** I am like an owl of the wilderness, like a little owl of the waste places. **7** I lie awake; I am like a lonely bird on the housetop.

8 All day long my enemies taunt me; those who deride me use my name for a curse. **9** For I eat ashes like bread, and mingle tears with my drink, **10** because of your indignation and anger; for you have lifted me up and thrown me aside. **11** My days are like an evening shadow; I wither away like grass.

12 But you, O Lord, are enthroned forever; your name endures to all generations. **13** You will rise up and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to favor it; the appointed time has come. **14** For your servants hold its stones dear, and have pity on its dust. **15** The nations will fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth your glory.

16 For the Lord will build up Zion; he will appear in his glory. **17** He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and will not despise their prayer. **18** Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet unborn may praise the Lord: **19** that he looked down from his holy height, from heaven the Lord looked at the earth, **20** to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die; **21** so that the name of the Lord may be declared in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem, **22** when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the Lord.

23 He has broken my strength in midcourse; he has shortened my days. **24** "O my God," I say, "do not take me away at the midpoint of my life, you whose years endure throughout all generations."

25 Long ago you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. **26** They will perish, but you endure; they will all wear out like a garment. You change them like clothing, and they pass away; **27** but you are the same, and your years have no end. **28** The children of your servants shall live secure; their offspring shall be established in your presence.

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.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 61:1-3

1 The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; **2** to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; **3** to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

Response to Scripture

Leader: Christ, son of the Living God, you opened the gates of paradise to the repentant thief,

All: Remember us when you come into your Kingdom!

Leader: You have conquered death and freed us from fear.

All: Remember us when you come into your Kingdom! 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.

Canticle—Luke 1:68-79 *Benedictus*

Blessed ☩ be the Lord, the God of Israel;
He has come to his people and set them free.
God 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 forbearers
And to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to Abraham and Sarah:
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 the way,
To give God's 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.

All: 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.

Prayers of praise, thanksgiving, and intercession as the Spirit leads.

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Leader: In your goodness, God, raise up your faithful people, buried with Christ in baptism, to be one with him in Life.

All: Amen.

Noon Prayer (Sext)

God, ✠ come to my assistance.

Lord, make haste to help me.

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.

Examen

Where do you see God in your life?

Where do you need to see God?

What is your intention for the rest of the day, with God's help?

Psalm 143

1 Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness; answer me in your righteousness. **2** Do not enter into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you. **3** For the enemy has pursued me, crushing my life to the ground, making me sit in darkness like those long dead.

4 Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled. **5** I remember the days of old, I think about all your deeds, I meditate on the works of your hands. **6** I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. (Selah)

7 Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit. **8** Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

9 Save me, O Lord, from my enemies; I have fled to you for refuge.

10 Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Let your good

spirit lead me on a level path. **11** For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life. In your righteousness bring me out of trouble. **12** In your steadfast love cut off my enemies, and destroy all my adversaries, for I am your servant.

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.

Scripture Reading Hebrews 2:14-18

14 Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, **15** and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. **16** For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. **17** Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. **18** Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Pray for the areas of life where do you yearn to see resurrection.

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

May God bless us and keep us, may he make his face to shine upon us and grant us peace. Amen

Night Prayer (Compline)

God, ✠ come to my assistance.

Lord, make haste to help me.

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.

Examen

Reflect silently upon your day.

When did you experience the love of God?

When did you turn away from God's love?

Leader: You raise the dead to life in the Spirit. Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Leader: You bring pardon and peace. Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

Leader: You bring light into the darkness. Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

All: Amen.

**Hymn, "To You before the close of day"
(or another hymn or chorus)**

1. To you be - fore the close of day, Cre - a - tor
2. Save us from trou - bled, rest - less sleep, from all ill
3. A health - y life we ask of you, the fire of
4. Al - might - y Fa - ther, hear our cry through Je - sus
of all things, we pray that in your con - stant
dreams your child - ren keep; so calm our minds that
love in us re - new, and when the dawn new
Christ, our Lord Most High, whom with the Spi - rit
clem - en - cy our guard and keep - er you would be.
fears may cease and rest - ed bo - dies wake in peace.
light will bring your praise and glo - ry we shall sing.
we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.
A - men.

Psalm 24

1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; **2** for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

3 Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

4 Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. **5** They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

6 Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. (Selah)

7 Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

8 Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

10 Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. (Selah)

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.

Scripture Reading Revelation 12:10-11

¹⁰Then I heard a strong voice out of Heaven saying, "Salvation and power are established! Kingdom of our God, authority of his Messiah! The Accuser of our brothers and sisters thrown out, who accused them day and night before God. ¹¹They defeated him through the blood of the Lamb and the bold word of their witness. They weren't in love with themselves; they were willing to die for Christ."

Response to Scripture

Leader: Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

All: Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Leader: For thou hast redeemed me, O God of Truth.

All: I commend my spirit.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Gospel Canticle

Pro - tect us, Lord, as we stay a - wake; watch
o - ver us as we sleep, that a - wake we may keep
watch with Christ, and a - sleep rest in his peace.

1. Lord, + now you let your ser-vant go in peace, your word has been ful-filled.

2. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have prepared
in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple. 3. A light to reveal you to the na-tions
and the glory of your peo-ple Is - ra - el. 4. Glo - ry to the Fa-ther,
and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it: as it was in the be -
gin - ning is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Loving God, give our bodies restful sleep and let the work we have done today bear fruit in eternal life. May God waken us to the glories of Christ's resurrection. Amen

Benediction

May the Lord bless us, grant us a quiet night, and a peaceful end. Amen.

Soli Deo Gloria.