

Night Prayer for Holy Thursday

Priest: God, come to my assistance.

All: Lord, make haste to help me.

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

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

Examination of conscience: Kýrie

HYMN

O salutaris Hostia,

Quae caeli pandis ostium:

Bella premunt hostilia,

Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino

Sit sempiterna gloria,

Qui vitam sine termino

Nobis donet in patria.

Amen.

O saving Victim, opening wide

The gate of Heaven to us below;

Our foes press hard on every side;

Your aid supply; Your strength bestow.

To your great name be endless praise,

Immortal Godhead, One in Three.

O grant us endless length of days,

In our true native land with thee.

Amen.

PSALMODY

Antiphon: (Priest/All) Night holds no terrors for **me** sleeping under God's **wings**.

Psalm 91

Safe in God's sheltering care

(Right)

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most **High**

and abides in the shade of the Almighty

says to the Lord: "My **refuge**,

my stronghold, my God in whom I **trust!**"

(Left)

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**;
his 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**.

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**.

With length of life I will content **him**;
I shall let him see my saving **power**.

(Together)

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

Ant. (Together) Night holds no terrors for **me** sleeping under God's **wings**.

READING | Revelation 22:4-5

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Ant. (Priest/All) For our sake Christ was **obedient**, accepting even **death**.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Ant. (Priest) 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

(Together)

Lord, now you let your servant go in **peace**;
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**,
and to the Holy **Spirit**:
as it was in the beginning, is **now**,
and will be for ever. **Amen**.

Ant. (Together) 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**.

Concluding Prayer

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.
– Amen.

Blessing

May the all-powerful Lord grant us a restful night and a peaceful death.
– Amen.

Song in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly,
Virgin mother undefiled,
Sing of God's own Son most holy,
Who became her little child.
Fairest child of fairest mother,
God the Lord who came to earth,
Word made flesh, our very brother,
Takes our nature by his birth.

Sing of Jesus, son of Mary,
In the home at Nazareth.
Toil and labour cannot weary
Love enduring unto death.
Constant was the love he gave her,
Though he went forth from her side,
Forth to preach, and heal, and suffer,
Till on Calvary he died.