

An Order for Evening Prayer

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Call to Worship

Officiant:

People:

O God, make speed to save us. * O Lord, make

All:

haste to help us. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,

is now and ev-er shall be, world without end. Amen.

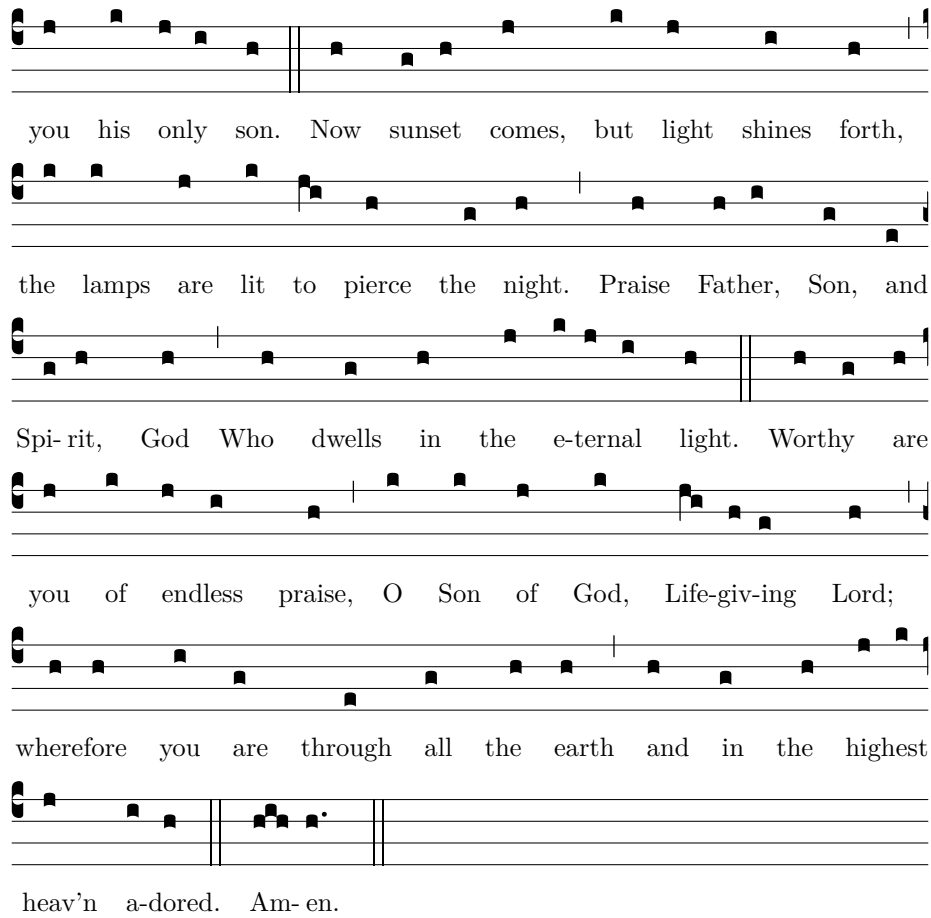
Except in lent:

Al-le-lu-ia.

Evening Hymn — *Phos Hilaron*

O gracious Light, Lord Je-sus Christ, in you the Fa-

ther's glo-ry shone. Immortal, ho-ly, blest is he and blest are



you his only son. Now sunset comes, but light shines forth,
the lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Father, Son, and
Spi-rit, God Who dwells in the e-ternal light. Worthy are
you of endless praise, O Son of God, Life-giv-ing Lord;
wherefore you are through all the earth and in the highest
heav'n a-dored. Am-en.

Psalmody

See appendix for weekly antiphon and tone.

Psalm 1 — *Beatus vir*

Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, †
nor stood in the wáy of sínners *
and hath not sat in the séat of the scórnfúlf.

But his delight is in the lów of the Lórd *
and in his law will he exercise himself dáy and night.

And he shall be like a tree plánted by the wáter-side *
that will bring forth his frúit in due séason.

His leaf also shall not wither *
and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not só with thém *
but they are like the chaff,
which the wind scattereth away from the fáce of the éarth.

Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stánd in the júdgement *
neither the sinners in the congregátion of the ríghteous.

But the Lord knoweth the wáy of the ríghteous *
and the way of the ungódly shall pérish.

Glory be to the Father, and tó the Són, *
and to the Hóly Spírit:

as it was in the beginning, is now and éver shall bé; *
world without énd. Amén.

Psalm 82 — *Deus stetit*

God standeth in the congregátion of prínces; *
he is a Júdge among góds.

How long will ye gíve wrong júdgment, *
and accept the pérsons of the ungódly?

Defend the póor and fátherless; *
see that such as are in need and necéssity have ríght.

Deliver the óutcast and póor; *
save them from the hánd of the ungódly.

They know not, neither do they understand, †
but walk on stíll in dárkness: *
all the foundations of the earth are óut of cóurse.

I have said, Yé are góds, *
and ye are all the children óf the Most Híghest.

But ye shall díe like mén, *
and fall like óne of the prínces.

Arise, O God, and júdge thou the éarth; *
for thou shalt take all nations to thíne inhéritance.

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Psalm 148 — *Laudate Dominum*

O Praise the Lórd from the héavens: *
praise him ín the héights.

Praise him, all ye ángels of hís: *
praise him, áll his hóst.

Praise him, sún and móon: *
praise him, all ye stárs and líght.

Praise him, áll ye héavens, *
and ye waters that are abóve the héavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord: †
for he spake the word, and théy were máde; *
he commanded, and théy were créated.

He hath made them fast for éver and éver: *
he hath given them a law which sháll not be bróken.

Praise the Lórd from the éarth, *
ye drágons and all déeps;

Fire and hail, snów and vápours, *
wind and storm, fulfilling his wórd;

Mountains and áll hílls; *
fruitful trees and áll céders;

Beasts and áll cáttle; *
creeping things and flýing fówls;

Kings of the earth, and áll péoples; *
princes, and all júdges of the wórld;

Young men and maidens, óld men and chíldren, *
praise the Náme of the Lórd:

for his Name ónly is éxcellent, *
and his praise above héaven and éarth.

He shall exalt the horn of his people: †
all his sáints shall práise him; *
even the children of Israel, even the péople that sérveth him.

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and to the Hóly Spírit:

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Lesson

One of the following is read or sung.

Workshop 0 — Romans 12:1-2

My brothers, I implore you by God's mercy to offer your very selves to him: a living sacrifice, dedicated and fit for his acceptance, the worship offered by mind and heart. Adapt yourselves no longer to the pattern of this present world, but let your minds be remade and your whole nature thus transformed. Then you will be able to discern the will of God, and to know what is good, acceptable, and perfect.

Workshop 1 — James 2:14-20

Of what use is it, my brethren, if a man claims to have faith, and has no deeds to shew for it? Can faith save him then? Here is a brother, here is a sister, going naked, left without the means to secure their daily food; if one of you says to them, Go in peace, warm yourselves and take your fill, without providing for their bodily needs, of what use is it? Thus faith, if it has no deeds to shew for itself, has lost its own principle of life. Thou believest that there is only one God; that is well enough, but then, so do the devils, and the devils shrink from him in terror. Rash soul, wouldst thou be assured that faith without deeds to shew has no life in it? Body separated from spirit is a dead body; faith separated from good works is a dead faith.

Workshop 2 — 1 Peter 2:18-25

Slaves must be respectful and obedient to their masters, not only when they are kind and gentle but also when they are unfair. You see, there is some merit in putting up with the pains of unearned punishment if it is done for the sake of God but there is nothing meritorious in taking a beating patiently if you have done something wrong to deserve it. The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing it patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

Workshop 3 — James 1:19-22

You know this, my beloved brethren, well enough. It is for us men to be ready listeners, slow to speak our minds, slow to take offence; man's anger does not bear the fruit that is acceptable to God. Rid yourselves, then, of all defilement, of all the ill-will that remains in you; be patient, and cherish that word implanted in you which can bring salvation to your souls.

Workshop 4 — John 15:11-12, 16

All this I have told you so that my joy may be yours and the measure of your joy may be filled up. This is my commandment, that you should love one another as I have loved you.

It was not you that chose me, it was I that chose you. The task I have appointed you is to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will endure; so that every request that you make of the Father in my name may be granted you.

Workshop 5 — from “*Explanation of Ecclesiastes*,” St. Gregory of Agrigentum

Now it is our supreme delight to behold him and contemplate his divine splendor with the eyes of our spirit. When we participate in and associate with that beauty, we are filled with a joy that comes from God and endures through all the days of our earthly life.

In the wise words of Ecclesiastes: A man may live for many years, but he will experience happiness throughout his days. For all who gaze upon the Sun of Justice, he is their supreme delight.

Workshop 6 — 2 Maccabees 12:43-46

Then he would have contribution made; a sum of twelve thousand silver pieces he levied, and sent it to Jerusalem, to have sacrifice made there for the guilt of their dead companions. Was not this well done and piously? Here was a man kept the resurrection ever in mind; he had done fondly and foolishly indeed, to pray for the dead, if these might rise no more, that once were fallen! And these had made a godly end; could he doubt, a rich recompense awaited them? A holy and wholesome thought it is to pray for the dead, for their guilt’s undoing.

Workshop 7 — 1 Peter 1:5-9

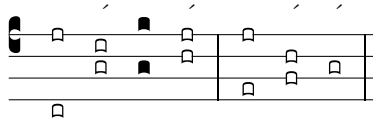
Through your faith, God’s power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Workshop 8 — John 15:7-11

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will and it shall be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me so I have loved you; continue in my love. If you keep my commandments you shall abide in my love. Even as I have kept the Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

Evening Canticle — *Magnificat Anima Mea*

Melody & Bass



Soprano & Alto



My soul doth mágnify the Lórd, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in Gód my Sáviór.

For he hath regarded the lówliness of his hándmaiden. *
For behold from henceforth all generations shall cáll me bléssed.

For he that is mighty hath mágnified mé, *
and hóly is his Náme.

And his mercy is on thém that féar him *
throughóut all generátions.

He hath showed stréngth with his árm; *
he hath scattered the proud in the imaginátion of their héarts.

He hath put down the míghty from their séat, *
and hath exalted the húmble and méek.

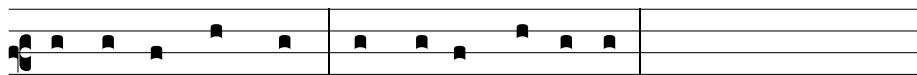
He hath filled the húngry with good thínghs, *
and the rich he hath sent émpy awáy.

He remembering his mercy hath helped his sérvant Ísrael, *
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his séed for éver.

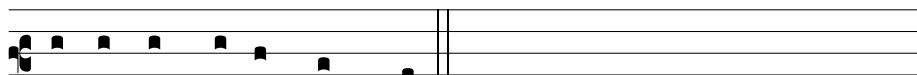
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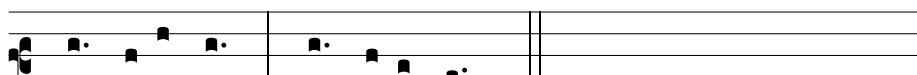
Apostles' Creed



I bel-ieve in God, the Fathér almighty,



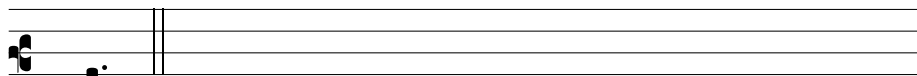
* maker of heavén and earth;



And in Jesus Christ his only Són our Lord;
who was conceived by the Hóly Ghost,
born of the Vírgin Mary,
suffered under Póntius Pilate,
* was crucified, déad, and buried.

He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
* From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Hóly Ghost,
the holy cátholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgivenéss of sins,
the resurrection óf the body,
* and the life éverlasting.



Amen

The Prayers

Greeting

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Kyrie

All:



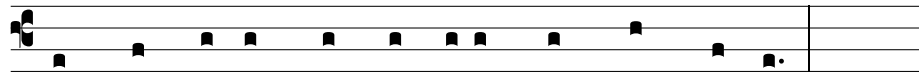
Lord have mercy Christ have mercy Lord have mercy

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

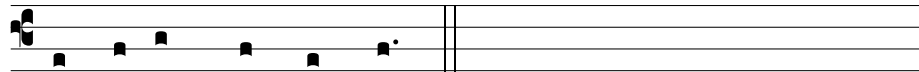
The Suffrages

Cantor or Officiant:



That this evening may be holy, good, and péaceful,

People:



We entreat thee, O Lord.

That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole world,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear,
and not be condemned before the great judgment séat of Christ,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit
in the communion of all thy saints,
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

The Collects

The collects are sung by the Officiant or another person. All others join the prayers with gentle hum, and respond to each prayer with “Amen.”

of the Vision

One of the listed petitions is included for each weekly workshop.

Oh God, who art our only help and redeemer:
be in our thoughts, words, and deeds;
send thy Holy Spirit to guide us,
that we may ever do thy will;
grant us grace that we may respond to thy grace;

- 0 — Help us to discern and follow thy vision for us;
- 1 — Grant us also the wisdom and honesty to know ourselves as the source of any unhappiness we feel;
- 2 — Grant us also the diligence to follow our ideal of daily prayer, reflection, and works of charity;
- 3 — Grant us also the courage to accept the truth as we examine our resentments and fears;
- 4 — Grant us also the willingness to make amends to those we have harmed;
- 5 — Grant us also the humility to follow thy prompting and the clarity to see thy vision for us;
- 6 — Grant us also the fortitude to pray to thee daily; grant our requests only as they are for best for us and for all;
- 7 — May our daily meditation draw us closer to thee and help us further to respond humbly to the prompting of thy Holy Spirit;
- 8 — Help us as we strive to be of service to thee and to others, so that all we do may be good and moral;

and may the beauty of our lives inspire all those who see us
to love as Christ loved,

that through praise of thee and charity to others
all may know His peace and joy.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord,
Amen.

for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord,
in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life,
whose service is perfect freedom:
Defend us, thy humble servants,
in all assaults of our enemies;
that we, surely trusting in thy defense,
may not fear the power of any adversaries;
through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

for this Night

Keep watch, dear Lord,
with those who work, or watch, or weep this night,
and give thine angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend the sick, Lord Christ;
give rest to the weary,
bless the dying,
soothe the suffering,
pity the afflicted,
shield the joyous;
and all for thy love's sake.
Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

Sung or read by all.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all people.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, world without end.
Amen.

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Sung or read by the Officiant, or another person.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time, with one accord,
to make our common supplication unto thee;
and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son
that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the
midst of them:

Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants
as may be best for us;
granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth,
and in the world to come life everlasting.
Amen.

The Dismissal

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.
All Amen.

Seasonal Marian Hymn