AD COMPLETORIUM.

ORATIO ANTE DIVINUM OFFICIUM.

The following are said silently while kneeling:

Aperi Dómine, os meum ad benedicéndum nomen sanctum tuum: munda quoque cor meum ab ómnibus vanis, pervérsis et aliénis cogitatiónibus; intelléctum illúmina, afféctum inflámma, ut digne, atténte ac devóte hoc Offícium recitáre váleam, et exaudíri mérear ante conspéctum divínæ Majestátis túæ. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. R. Amen.

Dómine, in unióne illíus divínæ intentiónis, qua ipse in terris laudes Deo persolvísti, hanc tibi Horam persólvo.

O Lord, open thou my mouth that I may bless thy Holy Name. Cleanse my heart from all vain, evil, and wandering thoughts; enlighten my understanding kindle my affections, that I may pray to, and praise thee with attention and devotion; and may worthily be heard before the presence of thy Divine Majesty. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Lord, in union with that Divine Intention wherewith thou didst thyself praise God, whilst thou wast on earth, I offer this Hour unto thee.

INCIPIT.

℣. Jube, Dómine, benedícere.

Benedictio. Noctem quiétam et finem perféctum concédat nobis Dóminus omnípotens. R. Amen.

V. Grant, Lord, a blessing.

Benediction. May almighty God grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

R. Amen.

LECTIO BREVIS. 1 PET. 5:8-9.

Fratres: Sóbrii estóte, et vigiláte: quia adversárius vester diábolus tamquam leo rúgiens círcuit, quærens quem dévoret: cui resístite fortes in fide. Tu autem, Dómine, miserére nobis.

R. Deo grátias.

⅓. Adjutórium nóstrum + in nómine Dómini.

R. Qui fecit cælum et terram.

Pater noster secreto.

Brothers: Be sober and watch: because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, goeth about seeking whom he may devour. Whom resist ye, strong in faith. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Our help is + in the name of the Lord.

R). Who made heaven and earth.

Our Father silently.

Confíteor Deo omnipoténti, beátæ Maríæ semper Vírgini, beáto Michaéli Archángelo, beáto Joánni Baptístæ, sanctis Apóstolis Petro et Paulo, et ómnibus Sanctis, quia peccávi nimis, cogitatióne, verbo et ópere: mea culpa, mea culpa, mea máxima culpa. Ídeo precor beátam Maríam semper Vírginem, beátum Michaélem Archángelum, beátum Joánnem Baptístam, sanctos Apóstolos Petrum et Paulum, et omnes Sanctos, oráre pro me ad Dóminum Deum nostrum.

Misereátur nostri omnípotens Deus, et dimíssis peccátis nostris, perdúcat nos ad vitam ætérnam. R. Amen.

Indulgéntiam, + absolutiónem et remissiónem peccatórum nostrórum tríbuat nobis omnípotens et miséricors Dóminus. R. Amen.

⅓. Convérte nos + Deus, salutáris noster.

R. Et avérte iram tuam a nobis.

☼ Deus + in adjutórium meum inténde.

R. Dómine, ad adjuvándum me festína.

Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui Sancto. Sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in scula sæculórum. Amen. Allelúja.

Vel: Laus tibi, Dómine, Rex ætérnæ glóriæ.

Aña. Miserére. Vel: Allelúja.

I confess to almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the Saints, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed: through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. R. Amen.

May the almighty + and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution and remission of our sins. \mathbb{R} . Amen.

R. And let thy anger cease from us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia. *Or:* Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory.

Ant. Have mercy. Or: Alleluia.

PSALMUS 4.

Cum invocárem exaudívit me Deus justítiæ **me**æ: * in tribulatióne dila*tásti* **mi**hi.

Miserére **me**i, * et exáudi oratiónem **me**am. Fílii hóminum, úsquequo gravi **cor**de? * ut quid dilígitis vanitátem et quæritis mendácium?

Et scitóte quóniam mirificávit Dóminus sanctum suum: * Dóminus exáudiet me cum clamávero ad eum.

Irascímini, et nolíte peccáre: † quæ dícitis in córdibus **ves**tris, * in cubílibus vestris *compun***gí**mini.

Sacrificate sacrifícium justítiæ, † et sperate in **Dó**mino. * Multi dicunt: quis osténdit *nobis* **bo**na?

When I called upon him, the God of my justice heard me: * when I was in distress, thou hast enlarged me.

Have mercy on me: * and hear my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will you be dull of heart? * Why do you love vanity, and seek after lying?

Know ye also that the Lord hath made his holy one wonderful: * the Lord will hear me when I shall cry unto him.

Be ye angry, and sin not: * the things you say in your hearts, be sorry for them upon your beds.

Offer up the sacrifice of justice, and trust in the Lord: * many say, Who sheweth us good things?

Signátum est super nos lumen vultus tui, **Dó**mine: * dedísti lætítiam in *corde* **me**o.

A fructu fruménti, vini et ólei **su**i * mul*tiplic***á**ti sunt.

In pace in idípsum * dórmiam et requiéscam;

Quóniam tu, Dómine, singuláriter **in** spe * constitu**ís**ti me.

Glória Patri, et Fílio, * et Spirítui Sancto.

Sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et **sem**per, * et in sæcula sæculórum. **A**men.

The light of thy countenance, O Lord, is signed upon us: * thou hast given gladness in my heart. By the fruit of their corn, their wine, and oil, * they are multiplied.

In peace in the selfsame * I will sleep, and I will rest:

For thou, O Lord, singularly * hast settled me in hope.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, * and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PSALMUS 30.

In te, Dómine, sperávi non confúndar in æ**tér**num: * in justítia tua *líbe***ra** me.

Inclína ad me aurem tuam, * accélera ut éruas me.

Esto mihi in Deum protectórem, et in domum re**fú**gii: * ut sal*vum me* **fá**cias.

Quóniam fortitúdo mea, et refúgium meum **es** tu: * et propter nomen tuum dedúces me, et enútri**es** me.

Edúces me de láqueo hoc, quem abscondérunt **mi**hi: * quóniam tu es protéctor **me**us.

In manus tuas comméndo spíritum **me**um: * redemísti me, Dómine, Deus *verit*átis.

Glória Patri, et Fílio, * et Spirítui Sancto.

Sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et **sem**per, * et in sæcula sæculórum. **A**men.

In thee, O Lord, have I hoped, let me never be confounded: * deliver me in thy justice.

Bow down thy ear to me: * make haste to deliver me.

Be thou unto me a God, a protector, and a house of refuge, * to save me.

For thou art my strength and my refuge; * and for thy nameâs sake thou wilt lead me, and nourish me.

Thou wilt bring me out of this snare, which they have hidden for me: * for thou art my protector.

Into thy hands I commend my spirit: * thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, the God of truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, * and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PSALMUS 90.

Qui hábitat in adjutório Al**tís**simi, * in protectióne Dei cæli *commor***á**bitur.

Dicet Dómino: Suscéptor meus es tu, et refúgium meum: * Deus meus sperábo in eum.

Quóniam ipse liberávit me de láqueo ve**nán**tium, * et a *verbo* **ás**pero.

Scápulis suis obumbrábit **ti**bi: * et sub pennis e*jus* spe**rá**bis.

Scuto circúmdabit te véritas **e**jus: * non timébis a timó*re noc***túr**no.

He that dwelleth in the aid of the most High, * shall abide under the protection of the God of Jacob.

He shall say to the Lord: Thou art my protector, and my refuge: * my God, in him will I trust.

For he hath delivered me from the snare of the hunters: * and from the sharp word.

He will overshadow thee with his shoulders: * and under his wings thou shalt trust.

His truth shall compass thee with a shield: * thou shalt not be afraid of the terror of the night.

A sagítta volánte in die, † a negótio perambulánte in **té**nebris: * ab incúrsu et dæmónio me*ridiá*no.

Cadent a látere tuo mille, † et decem míllia a dextris **tu**is: * ad te autem non ap*propin***quá**bit.

Verúmtamen óculis tuis conside**rá**bis: * et retributiónem peccató*rum vi***dé**bis.

Quóniam tu es, Dómine, spes **me**a: * Altíssimum posuísti refúgium **tu**um.

Non accédet ad te **ma**lum: * et flagéllum non appropinquábit tabernáculo **tu**o.

Quóniam Angelis suis mandávit **de** te: * ut custódiant te in ómnibus *viis* **tu**is.

In mánibus por**tá**bunt te: * ne forte offéndas ad lápidem *pedem* **tu**um.

Super áspidem et basilíscum ambu**lá**bis: * et conculcábis leónem et dracónem.

Quóniam in me sperávit, liberábo **e**um: * prótegam eum quóniam cognóvit *nomen* **me**um. Clamábit ad me, et ego exáudiam eum: † cum ipso sum in tribulati**ó**ne: * erípiam eum et glorificábo

Longitúdine diérum replébo **e**um: * et osténdam illi salu*táre* **me**um.

Glória Patri, et Fílio, * et Spirítui Sancto.

Sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et **sem**per, * et in sæcula sæculórum. **A**men.

Of the arrow that flieth in the day, of the business that walketh about in the dark: * of invasion, or of the noonday devil.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand: * but it shall not come nigh thee. But thou shalt consider with thy eyes: * and shalt see the reward of the wicked.

Because thou, O Lord, art my hope: * thou hast made the most High thy refuge.

There shall no evil come to thee: * nor shall the scourge come near thy dwelling.

For he hath given his angels charge over thee; * to keep thee in all thy ways.

In their hands they shall bear thee up: * lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt walk upon the asp and the basilisk: * and thou shalt trample under foot the lion and the dragon.

Because he hoped in me I will deliver him: * I will protect him because he hath known my name.

He shall cry to me, and I will hear him: * I am with him in tribulation, I will deliver him, and I will glorify him.

I will fill him with length of days; * and I will shew him my salvation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, * and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PSALMUS 133.

Ecce nunc benedícite **Dó**minum, * omnes *servi* **Dó**mini:

Qui statis in domo **Dó**mini, * in átriis domus *Dei* **nos**tri.

In nóctibus extóllite manus vestras in **sanc**ta, * et benedícite **Dó**minum.

Benedícat te Dóminus ex **Si**on, * qui fecit cælum et **ter**ram.

Glória Patri, et Fílio, * et Spirítui Sancto.

Sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et **sem**per, * et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

Behold now bless ye the Lord, * all ye servants of the Lord:

Who stand in the house of the Lord, * in the courts of the house of our God.

In the nights lift up your hands to the holy places, * and bless ye the Lord.

May the Lord out of Sion bless thee, * he that made heaven and earth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, * and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Aña. Miserére mihi, Dómine, et exáudi oratiónem meam.

Vel: Allelúja, allelúja, allelúja.

Ant. Have mercy on me O Lord, and hearken to my prayer.

Or: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HYMNUS.

Te lucis ante términum, Rerum Creátor, póscimus, Ut sólita cleméntia Sis præsul ad custódiam.

Procul recédant sómnia, Et nóctium phantásmata; Hostémque nóstrum cómprime, Ne polluántur córpora.

Præsta, Pater omnípotens, Per Jesum Christum Dóminum, Qui tecum in perpétuum Regnat cum Sancto Spíritu. Amen. Before the ending of the day, Creator of the world, we pray That with thy wonted favor thou Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes, From nightly fears and fantasies; Tread under foot our ghostly foe, That no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done, Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son; Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee, Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

CAPITULUM. JER. 14:9.

Tu autem in nobis es, Dómine, et nomen sanctum tuum invocátum est super nos: ne derelínquas nos, Dómine, Deus noster.

R. Deo grátias.

But thou, O Lord, art among us, and thy name is called upon by us: forsake us not, O Lord our God.

R). Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIUM.

R. In manus tuas, Dómine, * Comméndo spíritum meum.

In manus tuas, Dómine, * Comméndo spíritum meum.

V. Redemísti nos, Dómine, Deus veritátis.

R. Comméndo spíritum meum.

V. Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui Sancto.

R. In manus tuas, Dómine, * Comméndo spíritum meum.

V. Custódi nos, Dómine, ut pupíllam óculi.

R. Sub umbra alárum tuárum prótege nos.

R. Into thy hands, O Lord, * I commend my spirit.

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R. I commend my spirit.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. Into thy hands, O Lord, * I commend my spirit.

). Keep us, Lord, as the apple of thine eye.

R. Protect us under the shadow of thy wings.

CANTICUM SIMEONIS. LUC. 2:29-32.