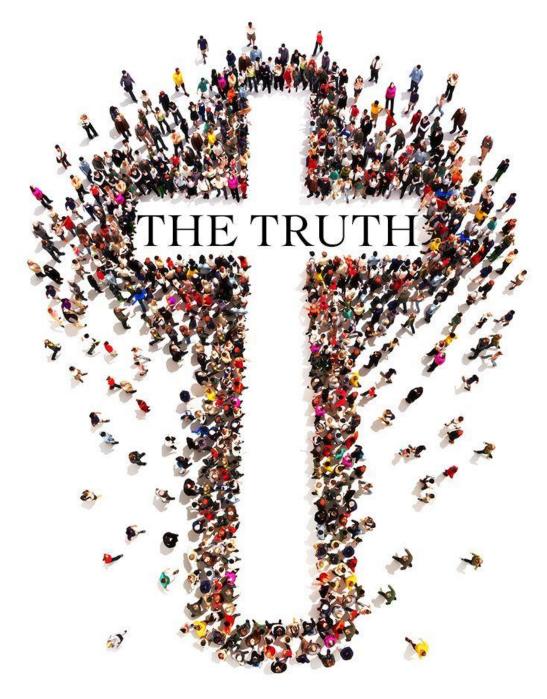


I am the Way



and the Life

Pastoral Pack for the Fifth Week of Easter Sunday 10th - Saturday 16th Way 2020

A Word from Fr. Liam

It's early morning, Friday the 8th May and it seems increasingly likely that the Leaving Certificate will be cancelled. It has been a tough time for our young people. The uncertainty and the speculation of recent weeks has placed a heavy and emotional burden upon our students and their teachers. They are uppermost in our thoughts and prayers. They are to be commended for the courage, grace and fortitude they have shown in the most trying of times. Ability to cope under pressure, maintaining calm in time of adversity, will in time equip them to take on a future where their innate ability and talents will truly shine. Leaders of the future - watch this space!



Keeping with that theme of Leaving Cert and our young people, I am sure many a parent, indeed grandparent, has been praying and keeping lighted candles going for a student in the family. Interestingly, a recent survey on attitudes to faith during the pandemic has found that 24% of Irish 18-24 year olds are praying more than usual, while more than a quarter of the population - 27% - have watched or listened to at least one religious service over the course of the lockdown. That evidence is borne out at the local level. Here in Naas, Sallins and Two-Mile-House the webcam has proven an invaluable connection with our parishioners. Each day we broadcast four services including Mass. The feedback by text, email and cards bears this out. It is gratifying, indeed encouraging, to receive such heartfelt comments. It has proven to be a vital connection.

It seems a cliché now to say 'We are living in strange times'. And, indeed we are. But there are also moments of blessing. It has been a privilege to accompany the seriously ill in our hospital and nursing home settings, to journey and support grieving families, these are moments when both the human and the Divine become one. While NaasPoint, our parish relief agency, reaches out to the homeless and the vulnerable. The pandemic, while challenging, has brought out the best in all of us, we are more mindful and thoughtful of each other. Please God those are the things we can hold onto when Covid 19 is a distant memory. Meantime, keep well, keep safe and, in this month of May, we invoke the maternal and loving protection of Our Blessed Lady, in particular, Our Lady of Fatima, whom we will celebrate on May 13th. Our Lady of Fatima - pray for us.

Fr. Liam also has some words for our younger parishioners who are currently preparing for First Holy Communion on our parish YouTube channel. You can visit it at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ct_jYucjFdo.





Daily Liturgical Life in Naas Parish

Since the of 13th March, the parish population of Naas, Sallins and Two-Mile-House has been asked to refrain from gathering in our beloved churches until the spectre of infection has passed by. This has left us living and praying in a very different world, one bereft of physical connectivity yet strangely strenghtened through virtual spiritual communion. Parishes have in their own unique creative ways built spokes of connection to the faithful from the what was, and what will be again, the familiar hub of activity - the local church or oratory.

The parish of Naas has not been lacking in this vew venture offering four liturgical celebrations daily through local radio and through the parish webcam. Sunday Mass and special events are not only broadcast through radio and the webcam, but are also recorded and offered to the wider global faith community through our new YouTube channel which can be visited at www.youtube.com/naasparishtv. As well as offering the various different liturgical services, the faithful are invited to follow these events through the parish pastoral pack that carries the Mass readings of the day and the words to daily morning, evening and night prayer. Further resources are offered on the parish website to families, inviting them to prepare for the Sunday Mass through song and animation.

Whilst we welcome the phased, yet still constrained, opening of our churches to allow the faithful make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, we enthusiastically await the day, which will come, when we will, in physical and spiritual communion, once again gather around the Altar of God in thanksgiving and in praise at Holy Mass. In the meantime we are being given every opportunity to deepen, or perhaps even forge again, our bonds of love with God and yet our separation from the sacred familiar might have us asking the same question as St. Paul in his letter to the Romans 8:36,37-39. Listen carefully to the question posed and reflect on his conclusion:

'35 Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword separate us from the love of Christ? ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.'

In these days of social distance we are being called to celebrate this victory in Christ through setting aside time for personal and familial prayer, through tuning in for Mass at 10am each morning, though following the flow of the liturgical day by joining with the morning, evening and night prayer that is led by our priests and broadcast from the church of Our Lady and St. David. The following timetable is in force at this time: **0730 Morning Prayer**, **1000 Daily Mass**, **1730 Evening Prayer**, **2030 Night Prayer**.

Papal Catechesis on Prayer

Given at the General Audience with Pope Francis – 6th May 2020



1. The mystery of prayer

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today we begin a new cycle of catechesis on the theme of *prayer*. Prayer is the breath of faith, it is its most proper expression. Like *a cry* that comes from the heart of those who believe and trust in God.

Let's think of the story of Bartimeo, a character of the Gospel (cf. *Mk* 10: 46-52 and

par.) And, I confess, for me the cutest of all. He was blind, sat begging on the side of the road on the outskirts of his city, Jericho. He is not an anonymous character, he has a face, a name: Bartimeo, that is "son of Timaeus". One day he hears that Jesus would pass by. In fact, Jericho was a crossroads of people, continuously crossed by pilgrims and merchants. Then Bartimeo lurks: he would have done everything possible to meet Jesus. Many people did the same: remember Zacchaeus, who climbed the tree. Many wanted to see Jesus, too.

So this man enters the Gospels like a voice crying out loud. He does not see us; he does not know if Jesus is near or far, but he hears him, understands him from the crowd, which at a certain point increases and approaches ... But he is completely alone, and nobody cares about it. And what does Bartimeo do? Shout. And screams, and continues to scream. He uses the only weapon in his possession: the voice. Start shouting: "Son of David, Jesus, have mercy on me!" (v. 47). And so he continues, shouting.

His repeated screams annoy, do not seem polite, and many scold him, tell him to keep quiet: "But be polite, do not do this!". But Bartimaeus is not silent, on the contrary, he shouts even louder: «Son of David, Jesus, have mercy on me!» (v. 47). That stubborn stubbornness of those who seek grace and knock on the door of the heart of God. He shouts, knocks. That expression: "Son of David" is very important; it means "the Messiah" - confesses the Messiah - it is a profession of faith that comes out of the mouth of that man despised by all.

And Jesus listens to his cry. Bartimaeus' prayer touches his heart, the heart of God, and the doors of salvation are opened for him. Jesus calls him. He leaps to his feet and those who previously told him to keep quiet now lead him to the Master. Jesus speaks to him, asks him to express his desire - this is important - and then the cry becomes a question: "May I see again, Lord!" (see v. 51).

Jesus says to him: "Go, your faith has saved you" (v. 52). He recognizes that poor, helpless, despised man, all the power of his faith, which attracts the mercy and power of God. Faith is having two hands raised, a voice that cries out to implore the gift of salvation. The Catechism states that "humility is the foundation of prayer" (<u>Catechism of the Catholic Church</u>, 2559). Prayer comes from the earth, from humus - from which derives "humble", "humility" -; it comes from our precarious state, from our continuous thirst for God (cf. ibid., 2560-2561).

Faith, we have seen it in Bartimeo, is a cry; non-faith is stifling that cry. That attitude that people had, in silencing him: they were not people of faith, but he



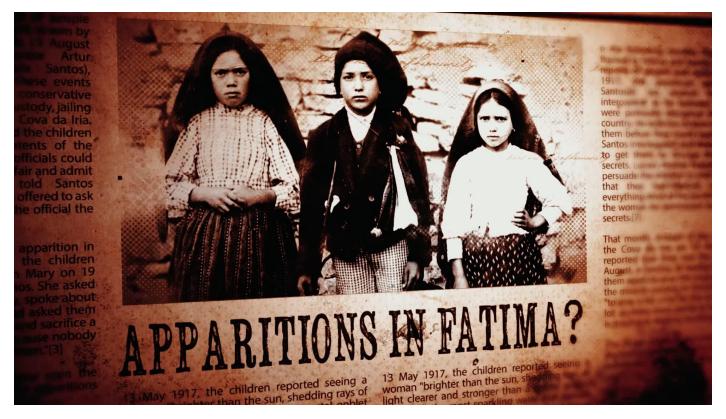
was. Suffocating that cry is a kind of "silence". Faith is a protest against a painful condition for which we do not understand why; non-faith is limited to suffering a situation to which we have adapted. Faith is hope of being saved; non-faith is to get used to the evil that oppresses us and to continue like this.

Dear brothers and sisters, let's begin this series of catecheses with the cry of Bartimeo, because perhaps everything has already been written in a figure like his. Bartimeo is a persevering man. Around him there were people who explained that begging was useless, that it was an unanswered shouting, that it was a noise that only disturbed, that please stop shouting: but he did not remain silent. And in the end he got what he wanted.

Stronger than any contrary argument, in the heart of man there is a voice that invokes. We all have this voice inside. A voice that comes out spontaneously, without anyone commanding it, a voice that questions the meaning of our journey down here, especially when we are in the dark: "Jesus, have mercy on me! Jesus, have mercy on me! ". Beautiful prayer, this.

But perhaps these words are not carved in the whole of creation? Everything invokes and pleads for the mystery of mercy to find its definitive fulfilment. Not only do Christians pray: they share the cry of prayer with all men and women. But the horizon can still be widened: Paul says that the whole creation "groans and suffers the pains of childbirth" (*Rom 8:22*). Artists often make themselves interpreters of this silent cry of creation, which presses in every creature and emerges above all in the heart of man, because man is a "beggar of God" (cf *CCC*, 2559). Beautiful definition of man: "beggar of God". Amen.





The Fatima Story

First Apparition of the Angel of Portugal

We went on that occasion to my parents' property, which is at the bottom of the Cabeco, facing east. It is called Chousa Velha.

About the middle of the morning it began to drizzle and we climbed up the hill, followed by our sheep, in search of a rock that would shelter us. And so it was that we entered for the first time into that blessed place. It is in the middle of an olive grove that belongs to my godfather, Anastacio. From there one can see the village where I was born, my father's house, and also Casa Velha and Eira da Pedra. The olive grove, which really belongs to several people, extends as far as these places.

We spent the day there, in spite of the fact that the rain had stopped and the sun was shining in a clear sky. We ate our lunch and began to say the Rosary. After that we began to play a game with pebbles. We had only been at it a few moments when a strong wind began to shake the trees and we looked up to see what was happening, since it was such a calm day. And then we began to see, in the distance, above the trees that stretched to the east, a light whiter than snow in the form of a young man, quite transparent, and as brilliant as crystal in the rays of the sun. As he came near we were able to see his features. We were astonished and absorbed and we said nothing to one another. And then he said:

Do not be afraid. I am the angel of peace. Pray with me.

He knelt, bending his forehead to the ground. With a supernatural impulse we did the same, repeating the words we heard him say:

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You.

After repeating this prayer three times the angel rose and said to us:

Pray in this way. The hearts of Jesus and Mary are ready to listen to you.

And he disappeared. He left us in an atmosphere of the supernatural that was so intense we were for a long time unaware of our own existence. The presence of God was so powerful and intimate that even among ourselves we could not speak. On the next day, too, this same atmosphere held us bound, and it lessened and disappeared only gradually. None of us thought of talking about this apparition or any pledge of secrecy. We were locked in silence without having willed it.

The intense effect that the apparition of the Angel had on the children, quite different from the more serene experience of the Virgin the following year. Lucia states, I don't know why, but the apparitions of our Lady produced in us effects quite different from the angel's visitations We felt in both instances the same intimate happiness, peace and joy, but instead of the physical prostration the angel imposed, our Lady brought a feeling of expansion and freedom; and instead of this annihilation in the divine presence, we wished only to exult in our joy. There was no difficulty of speech when our Lady appeared; there was rather on my part a desire to communicate.

This difference can perhaps be explained in this way. The angels of whatever choir share in common with God a spiritual nature, unmixed with matter. The goodness of their being, filled with the divine justice according to the degree of glory granted to each, radiates that holiness unmediated, though proportioned to the capacity of human beings to experience it. Not without reason Scripture shows how easily an angel appearing to men can be confused with God Himself (Rev 19:10, 22:9). When our Lady appears, however, although her glory is greater than that of the highest seraphim her human nature cloaks that glory in the familiar, just as did Our Lord's human nature, even after the Resurrection.

Although the angels, too, can appear in more mundane fashion, it must have suited the divine purposes to reveal to the children something of the holiness of God. Lucia tells us of the lingering effect it had on them.

His words sank so deeply into our minds that we never forgot them, and ever after we used to spend long periods on our knees repeating them, sometimes until we fell down exhausted.

Second Apparition of the Angel of Portugal

Suddenly we saw the same angel near us.

What are you doing? You must pray! Pray! The hearts of Jesus and Mary have merciful designs for you. You must offer your prayers and sacrifices to God, the Most High.

"But how are we to sacrifice?" I asked.

In every way you can offer sacrifice to God in reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and in supplication for sinners. In this way you will bring peace to our country, for I am its guardian angel, the Angel of Portugal. Above all, bear and accept with patience the sufferings God will send you.

This apparition renewed the same profound effect which the first one had on them. Francisco, who throughout the appearances of the angel and Our Lady would see but not hear, was unsuccessful in prying from the girls the words which the angel had spoken until the following day. Lucia tells us,

The Angels' words sank deeply into our souls like a gleaming torch, showing us Who God is, what is His love for us, and how he wants us to love Him too; the value of sacrifice and how it pleases Him; how He receives it for the conversion of sinners. That is why from that moment we began to offer Him whatever mortified us.

Third Apparition of the Angel of Portugal

After we had repeated this prayer I don't know how many times, we saw shining over us a strange light. We lifted our heads to see what was happening. the Angel was holding in his left hand a chalice and over it, in the air, was a host from which drops of blood fell into the chalice. The Angel leaves the chalice in the air, kneels near us and tells us to repeat three times:

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly, and I offer You the Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. And by the infinite merits of His most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners.

After that he rose, took again in his hand the chalice and the host. The host he gave to me and the contents of the chalice he gave to Jacinta and Francisco, saying at the same time,

Eat and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ terribly outraged by the ingratitude of men. Offer reparation for their sakes and console God.

Once more he bowed to the ground repeating with us the same prayer thrice and disappeared. Overwhelmed by the supernatural atmosphere that involved us, we imitated the Angel in everything, kneeling prostrate as he did and repeating the prayers he said. It was in this way that catechized in prayer, reparative suffering, and the doctrine of the Holy Eucharist, and strengthened by the Bread of Angels, that the children of Fátima were prepared for the visitation of the Queen of Portugal, the Immaculate Virgin Mary.

Almost eight months had passed since the last apparition of the Angel. Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta continued to practice what the Angel had taught them, praying and offering sacrifices to the Lord. Lucia was now ten years old, Francisco would be nine in June and Jacinta had just turned seven in March, when on May 13th, 1917, they chose to pasture their sheep in a hilly depression owned by Lucia's father and known as the Cova da Iria, or Cove of Irene. It was there, with one exception, that the Blessed Virgin under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary appeared on six occasions in 1917, and a seventh time in 1920 (to Lucia alone).

As important as the place and the time is the situation of the world. At that moment the First World War raged in Europe, introducing mankind to the most savage forms of warfare seen to that date. In far off Moscow Lenin prepared the revolution that would overturn the Russian social order in November 1917 and eventually engulf almost half the peoples of the earth. It was in that context that heaven condescending to earth to provide the antidote to the moral and social evils of the world - the message of Fatima.

13th May 1917

Leading their flock out from Aljustrel on the morning of the 13th of May, the feast of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, the three children passed Fátima, where the parish church and cemetery could be found, and proceeded a kilometer or so north to the slopes of the

Cova. Here they allowed their sheep to graze as they played in the pasture land sprinkled with the occasional oak tree. After having had their lunch about noon they decided to pray a rosary, although in a somewhat truncated fashion, saying only the first words of each prayer. Shortly, they were startled by what they later described as "lightning in a clear sky." Thinking that a storm might be approaching they debated whether they should take the sheep and go home. Preparing to do so they were again surprised by a strange light.

And we began to go down the slope driving the sheep towards the road. When we were half-way down, near a holm oak there [the large tree which today is encircled with an iron fence], we saw another flash of lightning, and after a few steps we saw on a holm oak [a small one lower on the hillside] a lady dressed in white, shining brighter than the sun, giving out rays of clear and intense light, just like a crystal goblet full of pure water when the fiery sun passes through it. We stopped astounded by the Apparition. We were so near that we were in the light that encircled her, or which she radiated, perhaps a meter and a half away [4-5 feet].

Please don't be afraid of me, I'm not going to harm you.

Lucia responded for all three, as she would throughout the apparitions.

"Where are you from?"

I come from heaven.

The Lady wore a pure white mantle, edged with gold and which fell to her feet. In her hands the beads of a rosary shone like stars, with its crucifix the most radiant gem of all. Still, Lucia felt no fear. The Lady's presence produced in her only gladness and confident joy.

"And what do you want of me?"

I want you to return here on the thirteenth of each month for the next six months, and at the very same hour. Later I shall tell you who I am, and what it is that I most desire. And I shall return here yet a seventh time.

"And shall I go to heaven?"

Yes, you will.

"And Jacinta?"

She will go too.

"And Francisco?"

Francisco, too, my dear, but he will first have many Rosaries to say.

For a few moments the Lady looked at Francisco with compassion, tinged with a little sadness. Lucia then remembered some friends who had died.

"Is Maria Neves in heaven?"

Yes, she is.

"And Amelia?"

She is in purgatory.

Will you offer yourselves to God, and bear all the sufferings He sends you? In atonement for all the sins that offend Him? And for the conversion of sinners?

"Oh, we will, we will!"

Then you will have a great deal to suffer, but the grace of God will be with you and will strengthen you.

Lucia relates that as the Lady pronounced these words, she opened her hands, and we were bathed in a heavenly light that appeared to come directly from her hands. The light's reality cut into our hearts and our souls, and we knew somehow that this light was God, and we could see ourselves embraced in it. By an interior impulse of grace we fell to our knees, repeating in our hearts: "Oh, Holy Trinity, we adore You. My God, my God, I love You in the Blessed Sacrament."

The children remained kneeling in the flood of this wondrous light, until the Lady spoke again, mentioning the war in Europe, of which they had little or no knowledge.

Say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war.

After that she began to rise slowly in the direction of the east, until she disappeared in the immense distance. The light that encircles Her seemed to make a way amidst the stars, and that is why we sometimes said we had seen the heavens open.

The days that followed were filled with excitement, though they had not intended it that way. Lucia had cautioned the others to keep their visitor a secret, correctly perceiving the difficulties they would experience if the events became known. However, the joy of seven year old Jacinta could not be contained, and she rather promptly forgot her promise and revealed all to her mother, who patiently listened but gave it little credence. Her brothers and sisters piped in with their questions and jokes. Among the interrogators only her father, "Ti" Marto, was inclined immediately to accept the tale as true. He believed in the honesty of his children, and had a simple appreciation of the workings of God, such that he became the first believer in the apparitions of Fátima.

Lucia's mother, on the other hand, when at last she heard what had transpired, believed her own daughter to be the instigator of a fraud, if not a blasphemy. Lucia would quickly learn what the Lady meant when she said they would suffer a great deal. Maria Rosa was unable to get Lucia to recant, event under threats. Finally she hauled her before the parish priest, Fr. Ferreira, with no better success. On the other hand, Lucia's father, who was not especially religious, was practically indifferent, attributing all of it to the fancies of women. The next few weeks, as the children awaited their scheduled appointment with the lady in June, would reveal that they had few believers, and many detractors, in Aljustrel and Fátima.

13th June 1917

In Portugal, the 13th of June is a great feast, the feast of St. Anthony of Lisbon, known to most Catholics as St. Anthony of Padua. This Franciscan miracle-worker was born in Lisbon and had entered religious life as a Canon Regular of the Holy Cross, residing first in Lisbon and then Coimbra, before leaving the Portuguese order for the new Order of Friars Minor and a hope of martyrdom. It was, and is, THE children's feast in Portugal, so the parents of Lucia naturally thought that the festivities at the parish church in Fátima would distract her from the appointment at the Cova. However, undismayed by this tactic Lucia and the Marto children proceeded to the apparition site to keep their noon day rendezvous. When they arrived they found a small crowd awaiting them.

After having said the rosary with Jacinta and Francisco and other people who were present, we saw again the reflection of light nearing us, (we used to say it was lightening), and following, Our Lady on the holm oak as in May.

"Please tell me, Madam, what it is that you want of me?"

I want you to come here on the thirteenth of next month. I want you to continue saying the Rosary every day. And after each one of the mysteries, my children, I want you to pray in this way: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell. Take all souls to heaven, especially those who are most in need. I want you to learn to read and write, and later I will tell you what else I want of you.

"Will you take us to heaven?"

Yes, I shall take Jacinta and Francisco soon, but you will remain a little longer, since Jesus wishes you to make me known and loved on earth. He wishes also for you to establish devotion in the world to my Immaculate Heart.

"Must I remain in the world alone?"

Not alone, my child, and you must not be sad. I will be with you always, and my Immaculate Heart will be your comfort and the way which will lead you to God.

The moment she said the last words, opening her hands, She transmitted to us, for the second time, the reflection of that intense light. In it we felt we were submerged in God. Jacinta and Francisco seemed to be in that part of the light which was rising to Heaven, and I in the part spreading over the earth. In front of the palm of Our Lady's right hand was a heart encircled with thorns which appeared to pierce it. We understood it was the Immaculate Heart of Mary offended by the sins of mankind, craving reparation.

The apparition then concluded as on the first occasion, with the Lady going off toward the east and disappearing in the "immensity of heaven."

Despite the joy of those precious moments the sorrows of the children continued in the following weeks, moderated by the belief of very many at the Cova that day. They knew that something unusual had occurred - they saw the "lightening," some perceived a certain dimming of the sun, others a little grey cloud that came and went as the apparition did and they believed. However, the difficulties with their families did not abate, especially with their mothers, who became genuinely alarmed that the events were not just continuing but expanding. To this was added the painful caution of the parish priest, that after all it might be real but of demonic origin.

13th July 1917

As the July date approached Lucia continued to be troubled by the words of her pastor that the devil might be behind the apparitions. Finally, she confided to Jacinta that she intended not to go. When the day finally dawned, however, her fears and anxieties disappeared, so that the noon hour found her in the Cova with Jacinta and Francisco, awaiting the arrival of the beautiful Lady.

The apparition of July 13th would prove to be in many ways the most controversial aspect of the message of Fátima, providing a secret in three parts which the children guarded zealously. The first two parts, the vision of hell and the prophecy of the future role of Russia and how to prevent it, would not be revealed until Sr. Lucia wrote them down in her third memoir, at the request of the bishop, in 1941. The third part, usually called the Third Secret, was only later communicated to the bishop, who sent it unread to Pope Pius XII.

A few moments after arriving at the Cova da Iria, near the holmoak, where a large number of people were praying the Rosary, we saw the flash of light once more, and a moment later Our Lady appeared on the holmoak.

"Lucia," Jacinta said, "speak. Our Lady is talking to you."

"Yes?" said Lucia. She spoke humbly, asking pardon for her doubts with every gesture, and to the Lady: "What do you want of me?"

I want you to come back here on the thirteenth of next month. Continue to say the Rosary every day in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary, to obtain the peace of the world and the end of the war, because only she can obtain it.

"Yes, yes."

"I would like to ask who you are, and if you will do a miracle so that everyone will know for certain that you have appeared to us."

You must come here every month, and in October I will tell you who I am and what I want. I will then perform a miracle so that all may believe.

Thus assured, Lucia began to place before the Lady the petitions for help that so many had entrusted to her. The Lady said gently that she would cure some, but others she would not cure.

"And the crippled son of Maria da Capelinha?"

No, neither of his infirmity nor of his poverty would he be cured, and he must be certain to say the Rosary with his family every day.

Another case recommended by Lucia to the Lady's assistance was a sick woman from Atougia who asked to be taken to heaven.

Tell her not to be in a hurry. Tell her I know very well when I shall come to fetch her.

Make sacrifices for sinners, and say often, especially while making a sacrifice: O Jesus, this is for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for offences committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

[First Part of the Secret – The Vision of Hell]

As Our Lady spoke these words she opened her hands once more, as had during the two previous months. The rays of light seemed to penetrate the earth, and we saw as it were a sea of fire. Plunged in this fire were demons and souls in human form, like transparent burning embers, all blackened or burnished bronze, floating about in the conflagration, now raised into the air by the flames that issued from within themselves together with great clouds of smoke, now following back on every side like sparks in huge fires, without weight or equilibrium, amid shrieks and groans of pain and despair, which horrified us and made us tremble with fear. (it must have been this sight which caused me to cry out, as people say they heard me do). The demons could be distinguished by their terrifying and repellent likeness to frightful and unknown animals, black and transparent like burning coals. terrified and as if to plead for succour, we looked up at Our Lady, who said to us, so kindly and so sadly:

[Second Part of the Secret]

You have seen hell, where the souls of poor sinners go. It is to save them that God wants to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If you do what I tell you, many souls will be saved, and there will be peace.

This war will end, but if men do not refrain from offending God, another and more terrible war will begin during the pontificate of Pius XI. When you see a night that is lit by a strange and unknown light [this occurred on January 28, 1938], you will know it is the sign God

gives you that He is about to punish the world with war and with hunger, and by the persecution of the Church and the Holy Father.

To prevent this, I shall come to the world to ask that Russia be consecrated to my Immaculate Heart, and I shall ask that on the First Saturday of every month Communions of reparation be made in atonement for the sins-of the world. If my wishes are fulfilled, Russia will be converted and there will be peace; if not, then Russia will spread her errors throughout the world, bringing new wars and persecution of the Church; the good will be martyred and the Holy Father will have much to suffer; certain nations will be annihilated. But in the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, and she will be converted, and the world will enjoy a period of peace. In Portugal the faith will always be preserved...

[Third Part of the Secret – Congregation for Doctrine of the Faith, "The Message of Fátima"]

{After the two parts which I have already explained, at the left of Our Lady and a little above, we saw an Angel with a flaming sword in his left hand; flashing, it gave out flames that looked as though they would set the world on fire; but they died out in contact with the splendour that Our Lady radiated towards him from her right hand: pointing to the earth with his right hand, the Angel cried out in a loud voice: 'Penance, Penance, Penance!'.

And we saw in an immense light that is God: 'something similar to how people appear in a mirror when they pass in front of it' a Bishop dressed in white; 'we had the impression that it was the Holy Father'. Other Bishops, Priests, men and women Religious going up a steep mountain, at the top of which there was a big Cross of rough-hewn trunks as of a cork-tree with the bark; before reaching there the Holy Father passed through a big city half in ruins and half trembling with halting step, afflicted with pain and sorrow, he prayed for the souls of the corpses he met on his way; having reached the top of the mountain, on his knees at the foot of the big Cross, he was killed by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows at him, and in the same way there died one after another the other Bishops, Priests, men and women Religious, and various lay people of different ranks and positions. Beneath the two arms of the Cross there were two Angels each with a crystal aspersorium in his hand, in which they gathered up the blood of the Martyrs and with it sprinkled the souls that were making their way to God.

Remember, you must not tell this to anyone except Francisco.

When you pray the Rosary, say after each mystery: O my Jesus, forgive us, save us from the fire of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are most in need.

"Is there anything more that you want of me?"

No, I do not want anything more of you today.

Then as before Our Lady began to ascend towards the east, until she finally disappeared in the immense darkness of the firmament.

The possession of the Secret proved to be very great trial for the three young ones. Family, neighbours, followers of the apparitions, even the clergy, tried unsuccessfully to get them to reveal it. Finally, as the day of the August apparition approached even the civil government, which was secular and virulently anti-clerical, alarmed by the numbers of people taking an interest in the Fátima events, attempted to wrest it from them and in the process expose the Church as a collaborator in a fraud.

19th August 1917

Under the pretext of providing his personal automobile, so that the children could travel safely through the crowds pressing around their homes, the civil Administrator or Mayor of the district in which Fátima was located, arrived in Aljustrel on the morning of August 13th. A previous attempt on August 11th to obtain the "truth" from the children having been unsuccessful, Artur Santos, an apostate Catholic and high Mason, had devised a scheme by which he would take them into custody and force them to reveal all. With a show of good will he now offered to take the three and their parents to see the parish priest, whom he claimed wished to see them, and then to the Cova. At the parish house he abandoned this ruse, and the parents, taking the children alone from there to the district headquarters in Vila Nova de Ourem, some 9 miles away. Here he tried bribes, threats of death and locking them in a cell with other "criminals" in order to get them to recant their story. It was to no avail. Despite their ages, their belief in the Lady and their courage was unshakeable.

Meanwhile, in the Cova at noon on the 13th the characteristic external signs of the Apparition appeared for the benefit of the crowd, the greatest crowd to that time. After they ended the crowd dispersed, as yet unaware of the trickery of the government.

The "trial" of the children, however, continued for two days, to the consternation of their families. Finally, on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15, the Administrator had them driven back to Fátima and deposited on the steps of the rectory. Here they were seen as the people, who had just come from Mass, were trying to determined from Ti Marto where the children were. Their anger was poured out on the driver, and on the Mayor when he arrived a little later, both of whom were no doubt glad to be rid of their little charges and to escape

unscathed. It would effectively be the only serious effort of the civil authorities to interfere with the Lady of Fátima.

As it was the Lady's plans were delayed slightly. On Sunday the 19th Lucia, her brother John, and Francisco, were grazing the sheep at a place known as Valinhos. It was located on the side of the same hillock opposite Aljustrel where the angel appeared twice, though a little farther north. At about 4 o'clock, sensing that Our Lady was about to appear, Lucia tried unsuccessfully to get John to fetch Jacinta, until she offered him a couple pennies for the errand. As she and Francisco waited they saw the characteristic light. The moment Jacinta arrived the Lady appeared.

"What do you want of me?"

Come again to the Cova da Iria on the thirteenth of next month, my child, and continue to say the Rosary every day. In the last month I will perform a miracle so that all may believe.

"What are we to do with the offerings of money that people leave at the Cova da Iria?"

I want you to have two ardors [litters to carry statues] made, for the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. I want you and Jacinta to carry one of them with two other girls. You will both

dress in white. And then I want Francisco, with three boys helping him, to carry the other one. The boys, too, will be dressed in white. What is left over will help towards the construction of a chapel that is to be built here.

Lucia then asked for the cure of some sick people.

Some I will cure during the year.

(looking sadly at them) Pray, pray very much. Make sacrifices for sinners. Many souls go to hell, because no one is willing to help them with sacrifice.

Having said that she departed as she had on the other occasions.



13th September 1917

Despite the ridicule and jokes of the secular, atheistic press, more than 30,000 people gathered in the Cova for the September apparition. Whether drawn by devotion or curiosity, they prayed the rosary while awaiting the arrival of the visionaries and their vision. When at least the time came they could hear Lucia say,

"What do you want of me?"

Continue the Rosary, my children. Say it every day that the war may end. In October Our Lord will come, as well as Our Lady of Sorrows and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Saint Joseph will appear with the Child Jesus to bless the world.

God is pleased with your sacrifices, but He does not want you to wear the cords to bed. Keep them on during the day.

"I have the petitions of many for your help. Will you assist a little girl who is deaf and dumb?"

She will improve within the year.

"And the conversions that some have asked to have brought about? The cures of the sick ones?"

Some I will cure, and some I will not. In October I will perform a miracle so that all may believe.

With these last words still ringing in their ears, the Lady rose and disappeared in the heavens, as Lucia called to the crowd, "If you wish to see her --- look! Look!"

13th October 1917

During the night of 12-13 October it had rained throughout, soaking the ground and the pilgrims who make their way to Fátima from all directions by the thousands. By foot, by cart and even by car they came, entering the bowl of the Cova from the Fátima-Leiria road, which today still passes in front of the large square of the Basilica. From there they made their way down the gently slope to the place where a trestle had been erected over the little holm oak of the apparitions. Today on the site is the modern glass and steel Capelhina (little chapel), enclosing the first chapel built there and the statue of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fátima where the holm oak had stood.

As for the children, they made their way to the Cova amid the adulation and scepticism which had followed them since May. When they arrived they found critics who questioned their veracity and the punctuality of the Lady, who had promised to arrive at noon. It was well passed noon by the official time of the country. However, when the sun arrived at its zenith the Lady appeared as she had said she would.

"What do you want of me?"

I want a chapel built here in my honour. I want you to continue saying the Rosary every day. The war will end soon, and the soldiers will return to their homes.

"Yes. Yes."

"Will you tell me your name?"

I am the Lady of the Rosary.

"I have many petitions from many people. Will you grant them?"

Some I shall grant, and others I must deny. People must amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend our Lord any more, for He is already too much offended!

"And is that all you have to ask?"

There is nothing more.

As the Lady of the Rosary rises toward the east she turns the palms of her hands toward the dark sky. While the rain had stopped, dark clouds continued to obscure the sun, which suddenly bursts through them and is seen to be a soft spinning disk of silver.

"Look at the sun!"

From this point two distinct apparitions were seen, that of the phenomenon of the sun seen by the 70,000 or so spectators and that beheld by the children alone. Lucia describes the latter in her memoirs.

After our Lady had disappeared into the immense distance of the firmament, we beheld St. Joseph with the Child Jesus and Our Lady robed in white with a blue mantle, beside the sun. St. Joseph and the Child Jesus seemed to bless the world, for they traced the Sign of the Cross with their hands. When, a little later, this apparition disappeared, I saw Our Lord and Our lady; it seemed to me to that it was Our Lady of Sorrows (Dolors). Our Lord appeared to bless the world in the same manner as St. Joseph had done. This apparition also vanished, and I saw Our Lady once more, this time resembling Our Lady of Carmel. [Only Lucia would see the later, presaging her entrance into Carmel some years later.]

This would be the last of the apparitions of Fátima for Jacinta and Francisco. However, for Lucia Our Lady would return a seventh time, in 1920, as she had promised the previous May. At that time Lucia would be praying in the Cova before leaving Fátima for a girls boarding school. The Lady would come to urge her to dedicate herself wholly to God.

As the children viewed the various apparitions of Jesus, Mary and Joseph the crowd witnessed a different prodigy, the now famous miracle of the sun. Among the witnesses there were the following:

Eye Witness Accounts of the Miracle of the Sun

From the road, where the vehicles were parked and where hundreds of people who had not dared to brave the mud were congregated, one could see the immense multitude turn toward the sun, which appeared free from clouds and in its zenith. It looked like a plaque of dull silver, and it was possible to look at it without the least discomfort. It might have been an eclipse which was taking place. But at that moment a great shout went up, and one could hear the spectators nearest at hand shouting: "A miracle! A miracle!"

Before the astonished eyes of the crowd, whose aspect was biblical as they stood bareheaded, eagerly searching the sky, the sun trembled, made sudden incredible movements outside all cosmic laws---the sun "danced" according to the typical expression of the people.

Standing at the step of an omnibus was an old man. With his face turned to the sun, he recited the Credo in a loud voice. I asked who he was and was told Senhor Joao da Cunha Vasconcelos. I saw him afterwards going up to those around him who still had their hats on, and vehemently imploring them to uncover before such an extraordinary demonstration of the existence of God.

Identical scenes were repeated elsewhere, and in one place a woman cried out: "How terrible! There are even men who do not uncover before such a stupendous miracle!"

People then began to ask each other what they had seen. The great majority admitted to having seen the trembling and the dancing of the sun; others affirmed that they saw the face of the Blessed Virgin; others, again, swore that the sun whirled on itself like a giant Catherine wheel and that it lowered itself to the earth as if to burn it in its rays. Some said they saw it change colors successively....

O Seculo (a pro-government, anti-clerical, Lisbon paper)

"At one o'clock in the afternoon, midday by the sun, the rain stopped. The sky, pearly grey in colour, illuminated the vast arid landscape with a strange light. The sun had a transparent gauzy veil so that the eyes could easily be fixed upon it. The grey mother-of-pearl tone turned into a sheet of silver which broke up as the clouds were torn apart and the silver sun, enveloped in the same gauzy grey light, was seen to whirl and turn in the circle of broken clouds. A cry went up from every mouth and people fell on their knees on the muddy ground....

The light turned a beautiful blue, as if it had come through the stained-glass windows of a cathedral, and spread itself over the people who knelt with outstretched hands. The blue faded slowly, and then the light seemed to pass through yellow glass. Yellow stains fell against white handkerchiefs, against the dark skirts of the women. They were repeated on the trees, on the stones and on the serra. People wept and prayed with uncovered heads, in the presence of a miracle they had awaited. The seconds seemed like hours, so vivid were they.

O Dia (another Lisbon daily, edition of 17 October 1917)

We looked easily at the sun, which for some reason did not blind us. It seemed to flicker on and off, first one way, then another. It cast its rays in many directions and painted everything in different colours--- the trees, the people, the air and the ground. But what was most extraordinary, I thought, was that the sun did not hurt our eyes. Everything was still and quiet, and everyone was looking up. Then at a certain moment, the sun appeared to stop spinning. It then began to move and to dance in the sky until it seemed to detach itself from its place and fall upon us. It was a terrible moment.

Ti Marto (father of Jacinta and Francisco)

The sun turned everything to different colours---yellow, blue and white. Then it shook and trembled. It looked like a wheel of fire that was going to fall on the people. They began to cry out, "We shall all be killed!" Others called to our Lady to save them. They recited acts of

contrition. One woman began to confess her sins aloud, advertising that she had done this and that.... When at last the sun stopped leaping and moving, we all breathed our relief. We were still alive, and the miracle which the children had foretold, had been seen by everyone.

Maria de Capelinha (one of the earliest believers)

I was looking at the place of the apparitions, in a serene, if cold, expectation of something happening, and with diminishing curiosity, because a long time had passed without anything to excite my attention. Then I heard a shout from thousands of voices and saw the multitude suddenly turn its back and shoulders away from the point toward which up to now it had directed its attention, and turn to look at the sky on the opposite side.

It must have been nearly two o'clock by the legal time, and about midday by the sun. The sun, a few moments before, had broken through the thick layer of clouds which hid it, and shone clearly and intensely. I veered to the magnet which seemed to be drawing all eyes, and saw it as a disc with a clean-cut rim, luminous and shining, but which did not hurt the eyes. I do not agree with the comparison which I have heard made in Fátima---that of a dull silver disc. It was a clearer, richer, brighter colour, having something of the lustre of a pearl. It did not in the least resemble the moon on a clear night because one saw it and felt it to be a living body. It was not spherical like the moon, nor did it have the same colour, tone, or shading. It looked like a glazed wheel made of mother-of-pearl. It could not be confused, either, with the sun seen through fog (for there was no fog at the time), because it was not opaque, diffused or veiled. In Fátima it gave light and heat and appeared clear-cut with a well-defined rim.

The sky was mottled with light cirrus clouds with the blue coming through here and there, but sometimes the sun stood out in patches of clear sky. The clouds passed from west to east and did not obscure the light of the sun, giving the impression of passing behind it, though sometimes these flecks of white took on tones of pink or diaphanous blue as they passed before the sun.

It was a remarkable fact that one could fix one's eyes on this brazier of heat and light without any pain in the eyes or blinding of the retina. The phenomenon, except for two interruptions when the sun seemed to send out rays of refulgent heat which obliged us to look away, must have lasted about ten minutes.

The sun's disc did not remain immobile. This was not the sparkling of a, heavenly body, for it spun round on itself in a mad whirl. Then, suddenly, one heard a clamour, a cry of anguish breaking from all the people. The sun, whirling wildly, seemed to loosen itself from the

firmament and advance threateningly upon the earth as if to crush us with its huge and fiery weight. The sensation during those moments was terrible.

During the solar phenomenon, which I have just described in detail, there were changes of colour in the atmosphere. Looking at the sun, I noticed that everything around was becoming darkened. I looked first at the nearest objects and then extended my glance further afield as far as the horizon. I saw everything an amethyst colour. Objects around me, the sky and the atmosphere, were of the same colour. An oak tree nearby threw a shadow of this colour on the ground.

Fearing that I was suffering from an affection of the retina, an improbable explanation because in that case one could not see things purple-coloured, I turned away and shut my eyes, keeping my hands before them to intercept the light. With my back still turned, I opened my eyes and saw that the landscape was the same purple colour as before.

The impression was not that of an eclipse, and while looking at the sun I noticed that the atmosphere had cleared. Soon after I heard a peasant who was near me shout out in tones of astonishment: "Look, that lady is all yellow!"

And in fact everything, both near and far, had changed, taking on the colour of old yellow damask. People looked as if they were suffering from jaundice, and I recall a sensation of amusement at seeing them look so ugly and unattractive. My own hand was the same colour. All the phenomena which I have described were observed by me in a calm and serene state of mind, and without any emotional disturbance. It is for others to interpret and explain them.

Dr. Almeida Garrett, PhD (Coimbra University)

The sun, at one moment surrounded with scarlet flame, at another aureoled in yellow and deep purple, seemed to be in an exceedingly fast and whirling movement, at times appearing to be loosened from the sky and to be approaching the earth, strongly radiating heat.

Dr. Domingos Coelho (reported in the newspaper Ordem)

The sun appeared with its circumference well defined. It came down as if to the height of the clouds and began to whirl giddily upon itself like a captive ball of fire. With some interruptions, this lasted about eight minutes. The atmosphere darkened and the features of each became yellow. Everyone knelt even in the mud....

Fr. Manuel Pereira da Silva (in a letter to a friend)

We made our arrangements, and went in three motor cars on the early morning of the 13th. There was a thick mist, and the car which went in front mistook the way so that we were all lost for a time and only arrived at the Cova da Iria at midday by the sun. It was absolutely full of people, but for my part I felt devoid of any religious feeling. When Lucia called out: "Look at the sun!" the whole multitude repeated: "Attention to the sun!" It was a day of incessant drizzle but a few moments before the miracle it stopped raining. I can hardly find words to describe what followed. The sun began to move, and at a certain moment appeared to be detached from the sky and about to hurtle upon us like a wheel of flame. My wife---we had been married only a short time- -- fainted, and I was too upset to attend to her, and my brother-in- law, Joao Vassalo, supported her on his arm. I fell on my knees, oblivious of everything, and when I got up I don't know what I said. I think I began to cry out like the others. An old man with a white beard began to attack the atheists aloud and challenged them to say whether or not something supernatural had occurred.

Senhor Alfredo da Silva Santos (Lisbon)

There may have been many former atheists in Fátima that day, but there were plenty in Portugal, nonetheless, to charge hallucination. For those the Lady provided witnesses who were not at the scene and could not have been subject to collective suggestion.

On that day of October 13, 1917, without remembering the predictions of the children, I was enchanted by a remarkable spectacle in the sky of a kind I had never seen before. I saw it from this veranda....

Alfonso Lopes Vieira (observed from a distance of nearly 25 miles away):

I was only nine years old at this time, and I went to the local village school. At about midday we were surprised by the shouts and cries of some men and women who were passing in the street in front of the school. The teacher, a good, pious woman, though nervous and impressionable, was the first to run into the road, with the children after her.

Outside, the people were shouting and weeping and pointing to the sun, ignoring the agitated questions of the schoolmistress. It was the great Miracle, which one could see quite distinctly from the top of the hill where my village was situated---the Miracle of the sun, accompanied by all its extraordinary phenomena.

I feel incapable of describing what I saw and felt. I looked fixedly at the sun, which seemed pale and did not hurt the eyes. Looking like a ball of snow revolving on itself, it suddenly seemed to come down in a zigzag, menacing the earth. Terrified, I ran and hid myself among the people, who were weeping and expecting the end of the world at any moment.

Near us was an unbeliever who had spent the morning mocking at the simpletons who had gone off to Fátima just to see an ordinary girl. He now seemed to be paralyzed, his eyes fixed on the sun. Afterwards he trembled from head to foot and lifting up his arms fell on his knees in the mud, crying out to our Lady.

Meanwhile the people continued to cry out and to weep, asking God to pardon their sins. We all ran to the two chapels in the village, which were soon filled to overflowing. During those long moments of the solar prodigy, objects around us turned all the colours of the rainbow. We saw ourselves blue, yellow, red, etc. All these strange phenomena increased the fears of the people. After about ten minutes the sun, now dull and pallid, returned to its place. When the people realized that the danger was over, there was an explosion of joy, and everyone joined in thanksgiving and praise to our Lady.



Novena Prayer:

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless me and grant me the grace of loving Holy Church as I should, above every earthly thing, and of ever showing my love by deeds.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless me and grant me the grace of openly professing as I should, with courage and without human respect, the faith that I received as your gift in holy Baptism. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless me and grant me the grace of sharing as I should in the defence and propagation of the Faith when duty calls, whether by word or by the sacrifice of my possessions and my life.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless me and grant me the grace of loving my family and others in mutual charity as I should, and establish us in perfect harmony of thought, will, and action, under the rule and guidance of the shepherds of the Church.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless me and grant me the grace of conforming my life fully as I should to the commandments of God's law and those of His Holy Church, so as to live always in that charity which they set forth.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I ask in particular this special favour:

(Mention your favour).

Dedication of One's Family:

Most loving Jesus, by Your sublime and beautiful virtues of humility, obedience, poverty, modesty, charity, patience, and gentleness, You blessed with peace and happiness the family which You chose on earth. In Your mercy look upon my family. We belong to You, for we have received Your many blessings over many years and we entrust ourselves to Your loving care. Look upon my family in Your loving kindness, preserve us from danger, give us help in time of need, and grant us the grace to persevere to the end in imitation of Your holy Family, so that having revered You and loved You faithfully on earth, we may praise You eternally in heaven.

Mary, dearest Mother, to your intercession we have recourse, knowing that your Divine Son will hear your prayers. Glorious patriarch, Saint Joseph, help us by your powerful prayers and offer our prayers to Jesus through Mary's hands. Amen.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, being subject to Mary and Joseph, You sanctified family life by Your beautiful virtues. Grant that we, with the help of Mary and Joseph, may be taught by the example of Your holy Family, and may after death enjoy its everlasting companionship. Lord Jesus, help us ever to follow the example of Your holy Family, that in the hour of our death Your glorious Virgin Mother together with Saint Joseph may come to meet us, and we may be worthy to be received by You into the everlasting joys of heaven. You live and reign forever. Amen.



Did you Set up a May Altar at Home?

Two weeks ago we gave you some pointers on how and why we should maintain the tradition of building a May altar in your home. This week we are asking you to take a photograph of your efforts that are always so pleasing to the Blessed Virgin and send them to us at naasparish@gmail.com. We will, with your permission, publish all photos received on our parish website and in next week's parish pastoral pack. We have received some beautiful pictures already and we know that Our Lady smiles down on each and every one of these acts of devotion and love towards her. We would love to see your home may Altar, so why not take a photo of it and send it into us at naasparish@gmail.com.



Your May Altars













































Children's Pages

Saint of the Week: Saint Matthias - May 14th



A child friendly video on the life of Saint Matthias for our younger parishioners. You can view it at this address:

https://youtu.be/w_rOa9ya-Jq

If you were running for election, what qualifications would you have to offer to voters? Why should they elect you?

The Apostles faced the same questions. After Jesus returned to his Father in heaven, St. Peter

spoke to a gathering of about 120 of Jesus' disciples. He said they needed to elect an Apostle to replace Judas, who had betrayed the Lord.

Peter pointed out two qualifications that were necessary. First, the new Apostle must be someone who had been a follower of Jesus from his Baptism to his Ascension. Second, it had to be someone who had witnessed Christ's Resurrection. The choice came down to two men: Joseph, who was sometimes called "Joseph the Just," and Matthias. Both men were qualified, so the disciples drew lots. This means that they made their decision by drawing or pulling a marked piece of straw or cloth from a bundle. Matthias was the winner.

It was important for there to be 12 Apostles because Jesus had called 12 men to this special ministry. The Apostles wanted to show their respect for the Lord's choice of 12 special followers.

We believe that Matthias immediately joined in the work of the Apostles—spreading the Good News about Jesus' life, Death, and Resurrection and baptizing converts in his name. However, we do not know for certain where he preached or how he died. Tradition tells us that he became a missionary in foreign lands and that, like so many of the other Apostles, he died as martyr for his love of the Lord.

We honour Matthias as a saint and celebrate his feast day on May 14. Matthias was an eyewitness to all that Jesus did. He followed the Lord from the Jordan River, where he was baptized, to Calvary, to the empty tomb, and to the mountain top in Galilee where Jesus was taken up into the heavens. He cast his lot with Jesus from the very beginning. Like Matthias, we can choose to follow Jesus everyday.

Quiz of the Week - On Scripture

- 1. The baptized have become "s_____ s____" to be "built into a spiritual house."
- 2. How many assistants were chosen to help the apostles distribute food?
- 3. Jesus assured his disciples that if they believed in him, they would be able to perform even greater works than he. True or False?
- 4. Who among the apostles' assistants was filled with special grace and power?
- 5. According to Psalm 33, what is the proper disposition before God?
- 6. In John's Gospel, when Jesus said that he was going away to prepare a place for us, which disciple asked him, "How can we know the way?
- 7. What did 1 Peter call the followers of Jesus?
- 8. What was the name of the mountain on which Jesus was transfigured?
- 9. How many fish did the disciples catch when the Risen Jesus told them to throw out their nets on the right side of the boat?
- 10. Who was High Priest the year that Jesus was put to death?

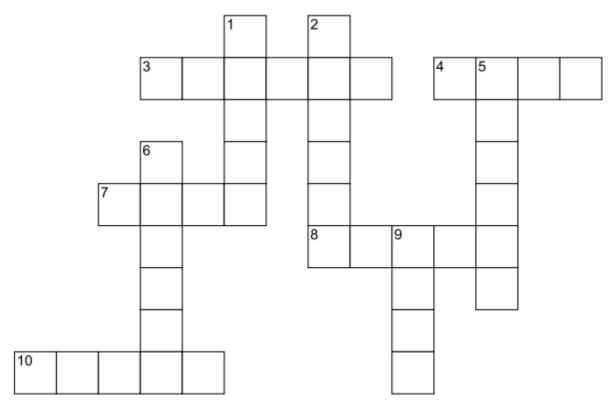
Crossword Puzzle of the Week

Last Week's Winner is Mary Richardson. Congratulations and thanks!

This week we are sticking with the prevailing liturgical theme of Easter! Did you know Easter lasts for 50 days? If you successfully finish the crossword, why not take a photo of it and send it to us at naasparish@gmail.com with your name and address. We will draw out one winner and send you on a prize!

THE

RESURRECTION OF CHRIST



ACROSS

- 3 St. ___ wanted to see proof of Our Lord's Resurrection before he believed.
- 4 The guards __ after seeing the stone rolled away.
- 7 The name of the two women who went to the tomb.
- 8 "He is not here, He is ___, as he said."
- 10 Our Lord rose from the dead on the ____ day.

DOWN

- Our Lord remained with his disciples for __ days after his Resurrection.
- 2 The day we celebrated Our Lord's Resurrection is called
- 5 "Why seek you the __ with the dead."
- 6 "Do not touch me, for I have not yet ascended to my
- 9 The angels at the tomb were dressed in garments as white as ___.

Prayer of the Week

Keep us, O God, from all pettiness.

Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off all self-seeking.

May we put away all pretence and meet each other face to face, without self pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment, and always be generous.

Let us always take time for all things, and make us to grow calm, serene and gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, to be straight forward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize that it is the little things of life that create differences, that in the big things of life, we are as one.

And, O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind! Amen.



Maas Parish Media

Our parish now has several platforms on which you can keep up with all parish and many town events along with the daily parish liturgies.



Morning Prayer, Daily Mass, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer along with all other parish liturgies can be viewed live on our parish webcam stream: https://www.naasparish.ie/our-parish/naas-webcam/



Parish News and items of Catholic interest are frequently added to our parish Twitter stream:

https://twitter.com/naasparish or simply @naasparish



Our parish Facebook site offers a wider view of the activities of many of parish based and other Naas based groups:

https://www.facebook.com/naasparish/



If you wish to revisit any of the Easter or regular Sunday Parish Masses that were live streamed, you can view them on our YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ-MEFmcFzOsvSPm137Rjpw

The following section of this pastoral pack contains Morning Prayer, Mass Readings, Evening Prayer, Night Prayer and a Lectio Divina exercise for each day of the coming week.

It is hoped that it will bring you into a deeper participation of our daily prayer life here at Naas Parish during the time that we are separated out of care for one another.

Our daily prayers are offered for all our parishioners and their loved ones. We think of those who are sick and those who are caring for them. We pray for those worried anxious or afraid at this time that the peace of the Risen Lord will be theirs in abundance.

In our hearts and minds also are all those who are working on the front lines of care and defence to keep us safe and protected. We pray the Lord's care and protection over them all.



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Sunday 10 May 2020

5th Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Colour: White.

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Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 97: 1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First reading Acts 6:1-7

They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full

meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. or

Alleluia!

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

or

Alleluia!

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. or

Alleluia!

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

or

Alleluia!

Second reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

Christ is the living stone, chosen by God and precious to him

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.'

Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:1-12

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am
you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me

will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

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5th Sunday of Easter

Invitatory Psalm

Lord, open our lips.

And we shall praise your name.

Invitatory Psalm

Psalm 99 (100)

"The Lord calls all those he has redeemed to sing a hymn of victory" (St Athanasius).

The Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Go within his gates, giving thanks.

Enter his courts with songs of praise.

Give thanks to him and bless his name.

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

The Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

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5th Sunday of Easter

Morning Prayer (Lauds)

If this is the first Hour that you are reciting today, you should precede it with the Invitatory Psalm and omit the Introduction.

INTRODUCTION

O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make 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 ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky, Heav'n thunders forth its victor cry: The glad earth shouts her triumph high, And groaning hell makes wild reply.

While he, the King of sovereign might, Treads down death's strength in death's despite, And trampling hell by victor's right, Brings forth his sleeping saints to light.

Fast barred beneath the stone of late, In watch and ward where soldiers wait, Now shining in triumphant state, He rises victor from death's gate.

Hell's pains are loosed and tears are fled: Captivity is captive led: The angel, crowned with light, hath said: 'The Lord is risen from the dead.'

Author of all, be thou our guide In this our joy of Eastertide; Whene'er assaults of death impend, Thy people strengthen and defend.

To thee who, dead, again dost live, All glory, Lord, thy people give: All glory, as is ever meet, To Father and to Paraclete.

Psalm 62 (63) Thirsting for God

"Let the man who has put away the deeds of the night watch for God."

Let anyone who is thirsty come and drink the water of life, a free gift for those who desire it. Alleluia.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Let anyone who is thirsty come and drink the water of life, a free gift for those who desire it. Alleluia.

Psalm-prayer

Father, creator of unfailing light, give that same light to those who call to you. May our lips praise you; our lives proclaim your goodness; our work give you honour, and our voices celebrate you for ever.

Or:

This morning, Lord, we lift up our hands to praise you. We thirst for you; we long for you. Help us to love you more than life itself and fill us with good gifts from your banquet table.

Canticle

Daniel 3:57-88,56

All creatures, bless the Lord

"Praise our God, all you his servants" (Rev 19:5).

Worship the maker of heaven and earth and the sea and every spring of water. Alleluia.

- O all you works of the Lord, O bless the Lord. To him be highest glory and praise for ever.
- And you, angels of the Lord, O bless the Lord. To him be highest glory and praise for ever.
- And you, the heavens of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
 And you, clouds of the sky, O bless the Lord.
- And you, all armies of the Lord, O bless the Lord. To him be highest glory and praise for ever.
- And you, sun and moon, O bless the Lord.

 And you, the stars of the heavens, O bless the Lord.
- And you, showers and rain, O bless the Lord.

 To him be highest glory and praise for ever.
- And you, all you breezes and winds, O bless the Lord.
 And you, fire and heat, O bless the Lord.
- And you, cold and heat, O bless the Lord.

 To him be highest glory and praise for ever.
- And you, showers and dew, O bless the Lord. And you, frosts and cold, O bless the Lord.
- And you, frost and snow, O bless the Lord.

 To him be highest glory and praise for ever.
- And you, night-time and day, O bless the Lord.

 And you, darkness and light, O bless the Lord.
- And you, lightning and clouds, O bless the Lord. To him be highest glory and praise for ever.
- O let the earth bless the Lord.

 To him be highest glory and praise for ever.
- And you, mountains and hills, O bless the Lord.

 And you, all plants of the earth, O bless the Lord.
- And you, fountains and springs, O bless the Lord.
 To him be highest glory and praise for ever.
- And you, rivers and seas, O bless the Lord.

And you, creatures of the sea, O bless the Lord. And you, every bird in the sky, O bless the Lord. And you, wild beasts and tame, O bless the Lord. To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, children of men, O bless the Lord.

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

O Israel, bless the Lord, O bless the Lord.
And you, priests of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
And you, servants of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, spirits and souls of the just, O bless the Lord.
And you, holy and humble of heart, O bless the Lord.
Ananias, Azarias, Mizael, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

Let us praise the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit:
To you be highest glory and praise for ever.
May you be blessed, O Lord, in the heavens:
To you be highest glory and praise for ever.

Worship the maker of heaven and earth and the sea and every spring of water. Alleluia.

Psalm 149 The saints rejoice

"The members of the Church, God's new people, will rejoice in their king, who is Christ" (Hesychius).

Let the saints rejoice in glory. Alleluia.

Sing a new song to the Lord, his praise in the assembly of the faithful. Let Israel rejoice in its Maker, let Sion's sons exult in their king. Let them praise his name with dancing and make music with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes delight in his people.

He crowns the poor with salvation.

Let the faithful rejoice in their glory,
shout for joy and take their rest.

Let the praise of God be on their lips
and a two-edged sword in their hand,

to deal out vengeance to the nations and punishment on all the peoples; to bind their kings in chains and their nobles in fetters of iron; to carry out the sentence pre-ordained: this honour is for all his faithful.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Let the saints rejoice in glory. Alleluia.

Psalm-prayer

Let Israel rejoice in you, Lord, and acknowledge you as creator and redeemer. We put our trust in your faithfulness and proclaim the wonderful truths of salvation. May your loving kindness embrace us now and for ever.

Or:

Lord Jesus, you came to your own people and gave to all who welcomed you power to become children of God. In your merciful love watch over the Church and through her ministry bring salvation to the meek and lowly. May we avoid the snares of the impious, and come to rejoice in glory with your saints.

Short Reading Acts 10:40-43

God raised Jesus to life on the third day and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.

Short Responsory

Have mercy on us, Christ, Son of the living God, alleluia, alleluia.

- Have mercy on us, Christ, Son of the living God, alleluia, alleluia. You have risen from the dead.
- Have mercy on us, Christ, Son of the living God, alleluia, alleluia. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- Have mercy on us, Christ, Son of the living God, alleluia, alleluia.

Canticle Benedictus

The Messiah and the one who was sent before him

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia. (Year A)

Or: Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, says the Lord. Alleluia.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!

He has visited his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty saviour in the house of David his servant, as he promised by the lips of holy men, those who were his prophets from of old.

A saviour who would free us from our foes,

from the hands of all who hate us. So his love for our fathers is fulfilled and his holy covenant remembered.

He swore to Abraham our father to grant us, that free from fear, and saved from the hands of our foes, we might serve him in holiness and justice all the days of our life in his presence.

As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High. You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before him,

To make known to his people their salvation through forgiveness of all their sins, the loving-kindness of the heart of our God who visits us like the dawn from on high.

He will give light to those in darkness, those who dwell in the shadow of death, and guide us into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia. (Year A)

Or: Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, says the Lord. Alleluia.

Prayers and intercessions

Let us pray to Christ, the author of life. God raised him from the dead, and he himself will raise us to life by his own power.

- Christ, our life, save us.

Christ, you are the light that drives out darkness and draws men to holiness; let us make this day a living hymn of praise.

- Christ, our life, save us.

Lord, you followed the way of suffering, even to the cross; grant that we may die with you and come to life with you.

- Christ, our life, save us.

Our master and our brother, you have made us a kingdom of priests to serve God our Father;

let us offer you with joy the sacrifice of praise.

- Christ, our life, save us.

King of glory, we look forward to the day of your coming, then we shall see your face and share in your splendour.

- Christ, our life, save us.

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.

Since it is from you, God our Father,

that redemption comes to us, your adopted children,

look with favour on the family you love,

give true freedom to us and to all who believe in Christ, and bring us all alike to our eternal heritage.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

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

Amen.

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

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5th Sunday of Easter

Vespers (Evening Prayer)

INTRODUCTION

O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make 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 ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn

The Lamb's high banquet we await, In snow-white robes of royal state; And now, the Red Sea's channel past, To Christ our Prince we sing at last.

Upon the altar of the Cross His body hath redeemed our loss; And tasting of his scarlet blood, Our life is hid with him in God.

Now Christ our paschal Lamb is slain, The Lamb of God that knows no stain, The true oblation offered here, Our own unleavened bread sincere. O thou, from whom hell's monarch flies, O great, O very Sacrifice, Thy captive people are set free, And endless life restored in thee.

To thee who, dead, again dost live, All glory, Lord, thy people give: All glory, as is ever meet, To Father and to Paraclete.

Psalm 109 (110) The Messiah, king and priest

"He must be king so that he may put all his enemies under his feet" (1 Cor 15:25).

The Lord has risen and sits at the right hand of God. Alleluia.

The Lord's revelation to my Master:

'Sit on my right:

your foes I will put beneath your feet.'

The Lord will wield from Sion your sceptre of power: rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. 'You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.'

The Master standing at your right hand will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside

and therefore he shall lift up his head.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

The Lord has risen and sits at the right hand of God. Alleluia.

Psalm-prayer

Father, we ask you to give us victory and peace. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and King, we are already seated at your right hand. We look forward to praise you in the fellowship of all your saints in our heavenly homeland.

Or:

Almighty God, bring the kingdom of Christ, your anointed one, to its fullness. May the perfect offering of your Son, eternal priest of the new Jerusalem, be offered in every place to your name and make all nations a holy people for you.

Psalm 113A (114) Israel set free from Egypt

"You, who have renounced this world, have also been led forth from Egypt" (St Augustine).

He has freed us from the power of darkness and has given us a place in the kingdom of his Son. Alleluia.

When Israel came forth from Egypt, Jacob's sons from an alien people, Judah became the Lord's temple, Israel became his kingdom.

The sea fled at the sight:

the Jordan turned back on its course, the mountains leapt like rams and the hills like yearling sheep.

Why was it, sea, that you fled, that you turned back, Jordan, on your course? Mountains, that you leapt like rams; hills, like yearling sheep?

Tremble, O earth, before the Lord, in the presence of the God of Jacob, who turns the rock into a pool and flint into a spring of water.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

He has freed us from the power of darkness and has given us a place in the kingdom of his Son. Alleluia.

Psalm-prayer

Almighty God, ever-living mystery of unity and Trinity, you gave life to the new Israel by birth from water and the Spirit, and made it a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a people set apart as your eternal possession. May all those you have called to walk in the splendour of the new light render you fitting service and adoration.

Canticle

(Apocalypse 19)

The wedding of the Lamb

Alleluia. The Lord our God is king: let us rejoice and give glory to him. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, his judgements are true and just.

Alleluia.

Alleluia.

Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns, let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Alleluia.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Alleluia. The Lord our God is king: let us rejoice and give glory to him. Alleluia.

Short Reading

Hebrews 10:12-14

Christ has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying.

Short Responsory

The Lord has truly risen, alleluia, alleluia.

- The Lord has truly risen, alleluia, alleluia.

He has appeared to Simon.

- The Lord has truly risen, alleluia, alleluia.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

- The Lord has truly risen, alleluia, alleluia.

Canticle Magnificat

My soul rejoices in the Lord

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her lowliness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud-hearted. He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,

remembering his mercy, the mercy promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his sons for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Prayers and intercessions

Let us pray with joy to Christ the Lord. He rose from the dead and is living now to intercede for us.

- Victorious king, hear us.

Christ, you are the light of the world and the salvation of nations; set us on fire with your Spirit as we proclaim the wonder of your resurrection.

- Victorious king, hear us.

Let Israel recognize in you the Messiah it has longed for; fill all men with the knowledge of your glory.

Victorious king, hear us.

Keep us united in the communion of saints; may we find rest with them, when life's work is done.

- Victorious king, hear us.

You have overcome death, the last enemy of man; destroy everything in us that is at enmity with God.

- Victorious king, hear us.

Christ, our Saviour, you became obedient to death, but God raised you to the heights; receive our brothers into the kingdom of your glory. - Victorious king, hear us. 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. Since it is from you, God our Father, that redemption comes to us, your adopted children, look with favour on the family you love, give true freedom to us and to all who believe in Christ, and bring us all alike to our eternal heritage. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

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Compline (Night Prayer)

INTRODUCTION

O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make 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 ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen. Alleluia.

Examination of Conscience

This is an excellent moment for an examination of conscience. In a communal celebration of Compline, one of the penitential acts given in the Missal may be recited.

Hymn

Jesu, the world's redeeming Lord, The Father's co-eternal Word, Of light invisible true Light, Thine Israel's Keeper day and night.

Our great Creator and our Guide, Who times and seasons dost divide, Refresh at night with quiet rest, Our limbs by daily toil oppressed. We pray thee, while we dwell below, Preserve us from our ghostly foe; Nor let his wiles victorious be O'er them that are redeemed by thee.

That while in this frail house of clay A little longer here we stay, Our flesh in thee may sweetly sleep, Our souls with thee their vigils keep.

All praise be thine, O risen Lord, From death to endless life restored; All praise to God the Father be, And Holy Ghost eternally.

Psalm 90 (91) The protection of the Most High

"Behold, I have given you power to tread under foot both serpents and scorpions" (Lk 10:19).

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

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!'

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.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Psalm-prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, when tempted by the devil, you remained loyal to your Father whose angels watched over you at his command. Guard your Church and keep us safe from the plague of sin so that we may remain loyal to the day we enjoy your salvation and your glory.

Short Reading

Apocalypse 22:4-5

They will see the Lord face to face, and his name will be written on their foreheads. It will never be night again and they will not need lamplight or sunlight, because the Lord God will be shining on them. They will reign for ever and ever.

Short Responsory

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

— Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth, alleluia, alleluia.

— Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

— Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

Canticle Nunc Dimittis

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

Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep; that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace. Alleluia.

At last, all-powerful Master, you give leave to your servant to go in peace, according to your promise.

For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all nations, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep; that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

God our Father,

as we have celebrated today the mystery of the Lord's resurrection, grant our humble prayer:

free us from all harm

that we may sleep in peace and rise in joy to sing your praise.

Through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

The Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

Amen.

Regina Caeli

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia! for he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia! has risen as he said, alleluia! Pray for us to God, alleluia!

Regína cæli, lætare, allelúia, quia quem meruísti portáre, allelúia, resurréxit sicut dixit, allelúia; ora pro nobis Deum, allelúia.

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Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Collect

May your right hand, O Lord, we pray, encompass your family with perpetual help, so that, defended from all wickedness by the Resurrection of your Only Begotten Son, we may make our way by means of your heavenly gifts. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First reading Acts 14:5-18

We have come with good news to turn you to the living God

Eventually with the connivance of the authorities a move was made by pagans as well as Jews to make attacks on the apostles and to stone them. When the apostles came to hear of this, they went off for safety to Lycaonia

where, in the towns of Lystra and Derbe and in the surrounding country, they preached the Good News.

A man sat there who had never walked in his life, because his feet were crippled from birth; and as he listened to Paul preaching, he managed to catch his eye. Seeing that the man had the faith to be cured, Paul said in a loud voice, 'Get to your feet – stand up', and the cripple jumped up and began to walk.

When the crowd saw what Paul had done they shouted in the language of Lycaonia, 'These people are gods who have come down to us disguised as men.' They addressed Barnabas as Zeus, and since Paul was the principal speaker they called him Hermes. The priests of Zeus-outside-the-Gate, proposing that all the people should offer sacrifice with them, brought garlanded oxen to the gates. When the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard what was happening they tore their clothes, and rushed into the crowd, shouting, 'Friends, what do you think you are doing? We are only human beings like you. We have come with good news to make you turn from these empty idols to the living God who made heaven and earth and the sea and all that these hold. In the past he allowed each nation to go its own way: but even then he did not leave you without evidence of himself in the good things he does for you: he sends you rain from heaven, he makes your crops grow when they should, he gives you food and makes you happy.' Even this speech, however, was scarcely enough to stop the crowd offering them sacrifice.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 113B(115):1-4,15-16

Not to us, Lord, but to your name give the glory. **or**

Alleluia!

Not to us, Lord, not to us, but to your name give the glory for the sake of your love and your truth, lest the heathen say: 'Where is their God?'

Not to us, Lord, but to your name give the glory.

or

Alleluia!	
But our God is in the heavens; he does whatever he wills. Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.	
Not to us, Lord, but to your name give the glory. or Alleluia!	
May you be blessed by the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. The heavens belong to the Lord but the earth he has given to men.	
Not to us, Lord, but to your name give the glory. or Alleluia!	
Gospel Acclamation	
Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has risen and shone upon us whom he redeemed with his blood. Alleluia!	
Or:	Jn14:26

Alleluia, alleluia! The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:21-26

The Advocate, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Judas – this was not Judas Iscariot – said to him, 'Lord, what is all this about? Do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?' Jesus replied:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you, says the Lord, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Jn 14: 27

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord.

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Lord, open our lips.

And we shall praise your name.

Invitatory Psalm

Psalm 94 (95)

"Every day, as long as this 'today' lasts, keep encouraging one another" (Heb 3:13).

The Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the God who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

A mighty God is the Lord,
a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his.
To him belongs the sea, for he made it
and the dry land shaped by his hands.

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us: for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.

For forty years I was wearied of these people and I said: "Their hearts are astray, these people do not know my ways."

Then I took an oath in my anger: "Never shall they enter my rest."

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

The Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

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Morning Prayer (Lauds)

If this is the first Hour that you are reciting today, you should precede it with the Invitatory Psalm and omit the Introduction.

INTRODUCTION

O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make 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 ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky, Heav'n thunders forth its victor cry: The glad earth shouts her triumph high, And groaning hell makes wild reply.

While he, the King of sovereign might, Treads down death's strength in death's despite, And trampling hell by victor's right, Brings forth his sleeping saints to light.

Fast barred beneath the stone of late, In watch and ward where soldiers wait, Now shining in triumphant state, He rises victor from death's gate.

Hell's pains are loosed and tears are fled: Captivity is captive led: The angel, crowned with light, hath said: 'The Lord is risen from the dead.'

Author of all, be thou our guide In this our joy of Eastertide; Whene'er assaults of death impend, Thy people strengthen and defend.

To thee who, dead, again dost live, All glory, Lord, thy people give: All glory, as is ever meet, To Father and to Paraclete.

Psalm 5 A morning prayer for help

"Those who have received the Word of God which dwells within will rejoice for ever."

In you they rejoice, those who love your name. Alleluia.

To my words give ear, O Lord, give heed to my groaning.
Attend to the sound of my cries, my King and my God.

It is you whom I invoke, O Lord.
In the morning you hear me;
in the morning I offer you my prayer,
watching and waiting.

You are no God who loves evil; no sinner is your guest. The boastful shall not stand their ground before your face.

You hate all who do evil; you destroy all who lie. The deceitful and bloodthirsty man the Lord detests.

But I through the greatness of your love have access to your house.

I bow down before your holy temple, filled with awe.

Lead me, Lord, in your justice, because of those who lie in wait; make clear your way before me.

No truth can be found in their mouths, their heart is all mischief, their throat a wide-open grave, all honey their speech.

All those you protect shall be glad and ring out their joy. You shelter them; in you they rejoice, those who love your name.

It is you who bless the just man, Lord: you surround him with favour as with a shield.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

In you they rejoice, those who love your name. Alleluia.

Psalm-prayer

Lord, all justice and all goodness come from you; you hate evil and abhor lies. Lead us, your servants, in the path of your justice, so that all who hope in you may rejoice with the Church and in Christ.

Canticle 1 Chronicles 29

To God alone be honour and glory

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph 1:3).

Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all, alleluia.

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, for ever and ever.

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.

Both riches and honour come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all, alleluia.

Psalm 28 (29) Praise the word of the Lord

"A voice was heard from heaven, saying, 'This is my beloved Son" (Mt 3:17).

The Lord is enthroned as king for ever. Alleluia.

O give the Lord, you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name.

Adore the Lord in his holy court.

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.

The Lord's voice shattering the cedars, the Lord shatters the cedars of Lebanon; he makes Lebanon leap like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The Lord's voice flashes flames of fire.

The Lord's voice shaking the wilderness, the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh; the Lord's voice rending the oak tree and stripping the forest bare.

The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever.

The Lord will give strength to his people,

the Lord will bless his people with peace.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

The Lord is enthroned as king for ever. Alleluia.

Psalm-prayer

You live for ever, Lord and King. All things of the earth justly sing your glory and honour. Strengthen your people against evil that we may rejoice in your peace and trust in your eternal promise.

Or:

Your voice sounds over the waters, Lord, as you reign above the flood. May we, who are born again in Christ by the new gift of water, praise your wonderful deeds with him in your holy temple.

Short Reading Romans 10:8-10

The word is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart: the word, that is, of the faith we proclaim. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved.

Short Responsory

The Lord has risen from the dead, alleluia, alleluia.

- The Lord has risen from the dead, alleluia, alleluia.

For our sake he died on the cross, alleluia, alleluia.

- The Lord has risen from the dead, alleluia, alleluia.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- The Lord has risen from the dead, alleluia, alleluia.

Canticle Benedictus

The Messiah and the one who was sent before him

Anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him. Alleluia.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!

He has visited his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty saviour in the house of David his servant, as he promised by the lips of holy men, those who were his prophets from of old.

A saviour who would free us from our foes, from the hands of all who hate us. So his love for our fathers is fulfilled and his holy covenant remembered.

He swore to Abraham our father to grant us, that free from fear, and saved from the hands of our foes, we might serve him in holiness and justice all the days of our life in his presence.

As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High. You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before him,

To make known to his people their salvation through forgiveness of all their sins, the loving-kindness of the heart of our God who visits us like the dawn from on high.

He will give light to those in darkness, those who dwell in the shadow of death, and guide us into the way of peace. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him. Alleluia.

Prayers and intercessions

The Father has glorified Jesus and handed over to him the whole of creation. Let us praise him in our morning prayer.

- Lord, save us through your victory.

Lord Jesus, you have broken the power of hell, destroying sin and death; do not let us be defeated in our struggle with temptation.

- Lord, save us through your victory.

You have ended death for ever and given us new life; guide our steps today along the path that leads to God.

- Lord, save us through your victory.

You rose from the dead to renew all men; grant eternal life to everyone we meet.

- Lord, save us through your victory.

The disciples rejoiced when you came back from the grave; fill the hearts of your servants with overflowing joy.

- Lord, save us through your victory.

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.

Lord, by your grace we are made one in mind and heart.

Give us a love for what you command and a longing for what you promise, so that, amid this world's changes, our hearts may be set on the world of lasting joy.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

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Vespers (Evening Prayer)

INTRODUCTION

O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make 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 ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn

O Christ, the heavens' eternal King, Creator, unto thee we sing, With God the Father ever One, Co-equal, co-eternal Son.

Thy hand, when first the world began, Made in thine own pure image man, And linked to fleshly form of earth A living soul of heavenly birth.

And when the envious crafty foe Had marred thy noblest work below, Thou didst our ruined state repair By deigning flesh thyself to wear. Once of a virgin born to save, And now new born from death's dark grave, O Christ, thou bidd'st us rise with thee From death to immortality.

Eternal Shepherd, thou art wont To cleanse Thy sheep within the font, That mystic bath, that grave of sin, Where ransomed souls new life begin.

Divine Redeemer, thou didst deign To bear for us the cross of pain, And freely pay the precious price Of all thy blood in sacrifice.

Jesu, do thou to every heart Unceasing Paschal joy impart; From death of sin and guilty strife Set free the new born sons of life.

All praise be thine, O risen Lord, From death to endless life restored; All praise to God the Father be And Holy Ghost eternally.

Psalm 10 (11) The Lord, support of the just

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied" (Mt 5:6).

Courage! The victory is mine: I have conquered the world. Alleluia.

In the Lord I have taken my refuge.

How can you say to my soul:

'Fly like a bird to its mountain.

See the wicked bracing their bow;

they are fixing their arrows on the string to shoot upright men in the dark.

Foundations once destroyed, what can the just do?'

The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord, whose throne is in heaven. His eyes look down on the world; his gaze tests mortal men.

The Lord tests the just and the wicked; the lover of violence he hates.

He sends fire and brimstone on the wicked; he sends a scorching wind as their lot.

The Lord is just and loves justice; the upright shall see his face.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Amen.

Courage! The victory is mine: I have conquered the world. Alleluia.

Psalm-prayer

Lord God, you search the hearts of all, both the good and the wicked. May those who are in danger for love of you, find security in you now, and, in the day of judgement, may they rejoice in seeing you face to face.

Psalm 14 (15) Who is worthy to face the Lord?

"You have come to Mount Sion, to the city of the living God" (Heb 12:22).

He shall live in your tabernacle; he shall dwell on your holy mountain.

Alleluia.

Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent and dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue;

he who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord;

he who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

He shall live in your tabernacle; he shall dwell on your holy mountain.

Alleluia.

Psalm-prayer

Make our lives blameless, Lord. Help us to do what is right and to speak what is true, that we may dwell in your tent and find rest on your holy mountain.

Or:

You first chose to live among men, Lord Jesus, and in returning to your Father you made an eternal home for us. Help us walk blamelessly in your ways, that we may come at last to your holy mountain.

Canticle Ephesians 1

God the Saviour

When I am lifted up above the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.
Alleluia.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

He chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

He destined us in love
to be his sons through Jesus Christ,
according to the purpose of his will,
to the praise of his glorious grace
which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace which he lavished upon us.

He has made known to us in all wisdom and insight the mystery of his will, according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ. His purpose he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

When I am lifted up above the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.
Alleluia.

Short Reading

Hebrews 8:1-3

Our High Priest has his place at the right of the throne of divine Majesty in the heavens, and he is the minister of the sanctuary and of the true Tent of Meeting which the Lord, and not any man, set up. It is the duty of every high priest to offer gifts and sacrifices.

Short Responsory

The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

- The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

They saw the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

- The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

- The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

Canticle Magnificat

My soul rejoices in the Lord

The Holy Spirit, the Advocate, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Alleluia.

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her lowliness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud-hearted. He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy, the mercy promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his sons for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

The Holy Spirit, the Advocate, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Alleluia.

Prayers and intercessions

Let us pray to Christ, who was raised up by the Holy Spirit in his living and life-giving body.

- Lord, renew the whole of your creation.

Christ, Saviour of the world, king of the new creation, you are enthroned at God's right hand;

set our hearts on the things that are of heaven.

- Lord, renew the whole of your creation.

Lord, you are living always in your Church:

lead her through the Holy Spirit into the fullness of your truth.

- Lord, renew the whole of your creation.

Have pity on the sick, the distressed and the dying; strengthen, comfort and sustain them.

- Lord, renew the whole of your creation.

Christ, unfailing light, accept our devotion at the close of this day; shed the radiance of your glory on the faithful departed.

- Lord, renew the whole of your creation.

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.

Lord, by your grace we are made one in mind and heart.

Give us a love for what you command

and a longing for what you promise,

so that, amid this world's changes,

our hearts may be set on the world of lasting joy.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one (God, for ever and ever.	
Amen.		

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

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Compline (Night Prayer)

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O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make 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 ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Alleluia.

Examination of Conscience

This is an excellent moment for an examination of conscience. In a communal celebration of Compline, one of the penitential acts given in the Missal may be recited.

Hymn

Jesu, the world's redeeming Lord, The Father's co-eternal Word, Of light invisible true Light, Thine Israel's Keeper day and night.

Our great Creator and our Guide, Who times and seasons dost divide, Refresh at night with quiet rest, Our limbs by daily toil oppressed. We pray thee, while we dwell below, Preserve us from our ghostly foe; Nor let his wiles victorious be O'er them that are redeemed by thee.

That while in this frail house of clay A little longer here we stay, Our flesh in thee may sweetly sleep, Our souls with thee their vigils keep.

All praise be thine, O risen Lord, From death to endless life restored; All praise to God the Father be, And Holy Ghost eternally.

Psalm 85 (86) A poor man's prayer in time of trouble

"Blessed be God, who comforts us in all our sorrows" (2 Cor 1:3-4).

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

Turn your ear, O Lord, and give answer for I am poor and needy.Preserve my life, for I am faithful; save the servant who trusts in you.

You are my God, have mercy on me, Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. Give joy to your servant, O Lord, for to you I lift up my soul.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice.

In the day of distress I will call

and surely you will reply.

Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord; nor work to compare with yours.

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God.

Show me, Lord, your way so that I may walk in your truth. Guide my heart to fear your name.

I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart and glorify your name for ever; for your love to me has been great: you have saved me from the depths of the grave.

The proud have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life; to you they pay no heed.

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me.

O give your strength to your servant and save your handmaid's son.

Show me a sign of your favour that my foes may see to their shame that you console me and give me your help.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

Psalm-prayer

God of mercy and goodness, when Christ called out to you in torment, you heard him and gave him victory over death because of his love for you. We already know the affection you have for us; fill us with a greater love of your name and we will proclaim you more boldly before men and happily lead them to celebrate your glory.

Short Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:9-10

God chose us to possess salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us in order that we might live together with him, whether we are alive or dead when he comes.

Short Responsory

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

- Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia. You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth, alleluia, alleluia.

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Canticle Nunc Dimittis

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

Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep; that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace. Alleluia.

At last, all-powerful Master, you give leave to your servant to go in peace, according to your promise.

For my eyes have seen your salvation

which you have prepared for all nations, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep; that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

Lord, give our bodies restful sleep; and let the work we have done today be sown for an eternal harvest. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

Amen.

Regina Caeli

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia! for he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia! has risen as he said, alleluia! Pray for us to God, alleluia!

Regína cæli, lætare, allelúia, quia quem meruísti portáre, allelúia, resurréxit sicut dixit, allelúia; ora pro nobis Deum, allelúia.

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Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Rv 19: 5; 12: 10

Sing praise to our God, all you who fear God, both small and great, for now salvation and strength have come, and the power of his Christ, alleluia.

Collect

O God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, grant your people constancy in faith and hope, that we may never doubt the promises of which we have learned from you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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Psalm 144(145):10-13a,21

Your friends, O Lord, shall make known the glorious splendour of your reign.

or

Alleluia!

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Your friends, O Lord, shall make known the glorious splendour of your reign.

Alleluia!

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age.

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Gospel Acclamation

cf.Lk24:46,26

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Gospel John 14:27-31

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Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Rm 6: 8

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Christ, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

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Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Mt 25: 34

Come, you blessed of my Father; receive the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, alleluia.

Or: Cf. Rv 7:13-14

These who are clothed in white robes are they who survived the time of great distress and have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb, alleluia.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who know the great courage of the glorious Martyrs Nereus and Achilleus in confessing you, may experience their loving intercession for us in your presence. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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First reading

Apocalypse 7:9-17

These martyrs have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 123(124):2-5,7-8

Our life, like a bird, has escaped from the snare of the fowler.

If the Lord had not been on our side when men rose up against us, then would they have swallowed us alive when their anger was kindled.

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Then would the waters have engulfed us, the torrent gone over us; over our head would have swept the raging waters.

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Indeed the snare has been broken and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

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Gospel Acclamation

Mt5:10

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 10:17-22

The Spirit of your Father will be speaking in you

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Beware of men: they will hand you over to sanhedrins and scourge you in their synagogues. You will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the pagans. But when they hand you over, do not worry about how to speak or what to say; what you are to say will be given to you when the time comes; because it is not you who will be speaking; the Spirit of your Father will be speaking in you.

'Brother will betray brother to death, and the father his child; children will rise against their parents and have them put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name; but the man who stands firm to the end will be saved.'

Continue

Prayer over the Offerings

In honour of the precious death of your just ones, O Lord, we come to offer that sacrifice from which all martyrdom draws its origin.

Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Rv 2: 7

To the victor I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of my God, alleluia.

Or: Cf. Ps 32: 1

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just, for praise is fitting for the upright, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

As we celebrate by this divine banquet the heavenly victory of the blessed Martyrs N. and N., we beseech you, Lord, to bestow victory on those who eat here below of the Bread of life and to allow them to eat as victors from the tree of life in paradise. Through Christ our Lord.

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This holy man fought to the death for the law of his God and did not fear the words of the godless, for he was built on solid rock.

Or: Cf. Wis 10: 12

The Lord granted him a stern struggle, that he might know that wisdom is mightier than all else.

Collect

May your Church rejoice, O God, confident in the intercession of the Martyr Saint Pancras, and by his glorious prayers may she persevere in devotion to you and stand ever firm.

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First reading

Apocalypse 19:1,5-9

Let us give praise to God, because this is the time for the marriage of the Lamb.

I, John, seemed to hear the great sound of a huge crowd in heaven, singing, 'Alleluia! Victory and glory and power to our God!'

Then a voice came from the throne; it said, 'Praise our God, you servants of his and all who, great or small, revere him'. And I seemed

to hear the voices of a huge crowd, like the sound of the ocean or the great roar of thunder, answering, 'Alleluia! The reign of the Lord our God Almighty has begun; let us be glad and joyful and give praise to God, because this is the time for the marriage of the Lamb. His bride is ready, and she has been able to dress herself in dazzling white linen, because her linen is made of the good deeds of the saints.'

The angel said, 'Write this: Happy are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102(103):1-4,8-9,13-14,17-18

My soul, give thanks to the Lord.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord.

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord.

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord.

As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him; for he knows of what we are made, he remembers that we are dust. My soul, give thanks to the Lord.

But the love of the Lord is everlasting upon those who hold him in fear; his justice reaches out to children's children when they keep his covenant in truth, when they keep his will in their mind.

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Gospel Acclamation

Mt11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

You have hidden these things from the wise and revealed them to little children

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

Continue

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, we pray, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise which we offer to your majesty in commemoration of the blessed Martyr N., that it may lead us to obtain pardon and confirm us in perpetual thanksgiving. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 12: 24

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit, alleluia.

Or: Ps 115: 15

How precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his holy ones, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

We have received your heavenly gifts, rejoicing at this feast day, O Lord; grant, we pray, that we, who in this divine banquet proclaim the Death of your Son, may merit to be partakers with the holy Martyrs in his Resurrection and his glory.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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The Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.

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The earth has yielded its fruit

for God, our God, has blessed us.

May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

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Morning Prayer (Lauds)

If this is the first Hour that you are reciting today, you should precede it with the Invitatory Psalm and omit the Introduction.

INTRODUCTION

O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make 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 ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky, Heav'n thunders forth its victor cry: The glad earth shouts her triumph high, And groaning hell makes wild reply.

While he, the King of sovereign might, Treads down death's strength in death's despite, And trampling hell by victor's right, Brings forth his sleeping saints to light.

Fast barred beneath the stone of late,

In watch and ward where soldiers wait, Now shining in triumphant state, He rises victor from death's gate.

Hell's pains are loosed and tears are fled: Captivity is captive led: The angel, crowned with light, hath said: 'The Lord is risen from the dead.'

Author of all, be thou our guide In this our joy of Eastertide; Whene'er assaults of death impend, Thy people strengthen and defend.

To thee who, dead, again dost live, All glory, Lord, thy people give: All glory, as is ever meet, To Father and to Paraclete.

Psalm 23 (24) The Lord comes to his temple

"The gates of heaven were opened to Christ because he was lifted up in the flesh" (St Irenaeus).

He who came down is he who has now risen higher than all the heavens.

Alleluia.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things,
who has not sworn so as to deceive his neighbour.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is the king of glory?

The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory.

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Amen.

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Psalm-prayer

King of glory, Lord of power and might, cleanse our hearts from all sin, preserve the innocence of our hands, and keep our minds from vanity, so that we may deserve your blessing in your holy place.

Or:

Lord God, ruler and guide of heaven and earth, you gave Christ a share in our human race, made him a priest, and brought him into the temple of your glory. Make our intentions pure and selfless and give virtue to our thoughts, that the King of glory may enter our hearts and bring us rejoicing to your holy mountain.

Canticle Tobit 13

God punishes and God saves

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Because of his great love we have been born anew" (1 Peter 1:3).

Keep these days with joy, and give glory to the Lord. Alleluia.

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Short Reading Acts 13:30-33

God raised Jesus from the dead, and for many days he appeared to those who had accompanied him from Galilee to Jerusalem: and it is these same companions of his who are now his witnesses before our people. We have come here to tell you the Good News. It was to our ancestors that God made the promise but it is to us, their children, that he has fulfilled it, by raising Jesus from the dead. As scripture says in the second psalm: *You are my son: today I have become your father.*

Short Responsory

The Lord has risen from the dead, alleluia, alleluia.

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For our sake he died on the cross, alleluia, alleluia.

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Canticle Benedictus

The Messiah and the one who was sent before him

'Peace I leave you,' alleluia; 'it is my own peace I give you,' alleluia.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!

He has visited his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty saviour in the house of David his servant, as he promised by the lips of holy men, those who were his prophets from of old.

A saviour who would free us from our foes, from the hands of all who hate us. So his love for our fathers is fulfilled and his holy covenant remembered.

He swore to Abraham our father to grant us, that free from fear, and saved from the hands of our foes, we might serve him in holiness and justice all the days of our life in his presence.

As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High. You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before him,

To make known to his people their salvation through forgiveness of all their sins, the loving-kindness of the heart of our God who visits us like the dawn from on high. He will give light to those in darkness, those who dwell in the shadow of death, and guide us into the way of peace.

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Amen.

'Peace I leave you, 'alleluia; 'it is my own peace I give you, 'alleluia.

Prayers and intercessions

By his own power Christ rebuilt the temple of his body, when it was torn down by death. Let us pray to him with joy.

- Lord, grant us the blessings of your resurrection.

Lord Jesus, in your risen body you brought the good news of salvation to the women and the apostles;

let us be your witnesses in this present age.

- Lord, grant us the blessings of your resurrection.

You gave all men the promise of rising from the dead; make us heralds of your gospel, bringing men new hope.

- Lord, grant us the blessings of your resurrection.

You appeared to the apostles and breathed the Holy Spirit upon them; pour out on us the Spirit who creates and renews.

- Lord, grant us the blessings of your resurrection.

You promised to be with your disciples to the end of time; stay with us throughout this day and remain with us for ever.

- Lord, grant us the blessings of your resurrection.

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.

Lord our God,

in the resurrection of Christ you create us anew for eternal life.

Grant your people firmness in faith and constancy in hope:

let us never doubt that you will fulfil what we know you have promised.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

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Tuesday 12 May 2020

Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs

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Morning Prayer (Lauds)

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Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn

All hail the power of Jesus' name; Let Angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem To crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye Martyrs of your God, Who from his altar call; Praise him whose way of pain ye trod, And crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,

Whom David Lord did call; The God Incarnate, Man Divine, And crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue To him their hearts enthral, Lift high the universal song, And crown him Lord of all.

Psalm 23 (24) The Lord comes to his temple

"The gates of heaven were opened to Christ because he was lifted up in the flesh" (St Irenaeus).

He who came down is he who has now risen higher than all the heavens.

Alleluia.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things,
who has not sworn so as to deceive his neighbour.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is the king of glory?

The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war.

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Amen.

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Psalm-prayer

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God punishes and God saves

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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.

Almighty God, let your Church rejoice,

relying as she does on the prayers of the blessed martyr Pancras.

Helped by his intercession from heaven,

may she stand firmly secure and persevere in your service.

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Vespers (Evening Prayer)

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Hymn

O Christ, the heavens' eternal King, Creator, unto thee we sing, With God the Father ever One, Co-equal, co-eternal Son.

Thy hand, when first the world began, Made in thine own pure image man, And linked to fleshly form of earth A living soul of heavenly birth.

And when the envious crafty foe Had marred thy noblest work below, Thou didst our ruined state repair By deigning flesh thyself to wear.

Once of a virgin born to save, And now new born from death's dark grave, O Christ, thou bidd'st us rise with thee From death to immortality.

Eternal Shepherd, thou art wont To cleanse Thy sheep within the font, That mystic bath, that grave of sin, Where ransomed souls new life begin.

Divine Redeemer, thou didst deign To bear for us the cross of pain, And freely pay the precious price Of all thy blood in sacrifice.

Jesu, do thou to every heart Unceasing Paschal joy impart; From death of sin and guilty strife Set free the new born sons of life.

All praise be thine, O risen Lord, From death to endless life restored; All praise to God the Father be And Holy Ghost eternally.

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May the Lord answer in time of trial; may the name of Jacob's God protect you.

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May he remember all your offerings and receive your sacrifice with favour.

May he give you your heart's desire and fulfil every one of your plans.

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May the Lord grant all your prayers.

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Give victory to the king, O Lord, give answer on the day we call.

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Amen.

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Your saving help has given him glory.
You have laid upon him majesty and splendour,
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You have made him rejoice with the joy of your presence.

The king has put his trust in the Lord:
through the mercy of the Most High he shall stand firm.
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Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

Worthy are you, O Lord, to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed men for God from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

You have made us a kingdom and priests to our God, and we shall reign on earth.

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May your whole creation serve you, for you spoke and they came into being. Alleluia.

Short Reading 1 Peter 2:4-5

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house.

Short Responsory

The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

- The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

They saw the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

- The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

- The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

Canticle Magnificat

My soul rejoices in the Lord

If you loved me you would have been glad that I am going to the Father.

Alleluia.

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her lowliness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!

His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud-hearted. He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy, the mercy promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his sons for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

If you loved me you would have been glad that I am going to the Father.

Alleluia.

Prayers and intercessions

Rejoicing, let us pray to Christ who was buried in the heart of the earth to awake in the light of glory.

- King of glory, hear us.

We pray for bishops, priests and deacons: may they be dedicated to their ministry;

grant that they may present to you a people ready for every kind of good work.

- King of glory, hear us.

We pray for those who serve the Church as teachers of the faith:

may they always seek your truth with sincerity of heart.

- King of glory, hear us.

We pray for all the faithful: may they run the great race, finish the course; let them receive the crown of victory in the kingdom of heaven.

- King of glory, hear us.

Lord, you cancelled on the cross our sentence of damnation; free us from the darkness of our sins.

- King of glory, hear us.

You descended into hell and opened wide its gates; receive the faithful departed into your Father's house.

- King of glory, hear us.

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.

Lord our God,

in the resurrection of Christ vou create us anew for eternal life.

Grant your people firmness in faith and constancy in hope:

let us never doubt that you will fulfil what we know you have promised.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

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Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs

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Vespers (Evening Prayer)

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Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn

All hail the power of Jesus' name; Let Angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem To crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye Martyrs of your God, Who from his altar call; Praise him whose way of pain ye trod, And crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call; The God Incarnate, Man Divine, And crown him Lord of all.

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Short Responsory

The virtuous will shine before God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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The Almighty works marvels for me.
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Almighty God, we have seen that the holy martyrs Nereus and Achilleus proved themselves strong in their hour of trial.

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Short Responsory

You have tested us, God, and you have brought us out into freedom again. Alleluia, alleluia.

You have tested us, God, and you have brought us out into freedom again.
 Alleluia, alleluia.

You have refined us like silver.

You have tested us, God, and you have brought us out into freedom again.
 Alleluia, alleluia.

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Canticle Magnificat

My soul rejoices in the Lord

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as we forgive those who trespass against us,
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but deliver us from evil.

Almighty God, let your Church rejoice,

relying as she does on the prayers of the blessed martyr Pancras.

Helped by his intercession from heaven,

may she stand firmly secure and persevere in your service.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

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Tuesday 12 May 2020

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Compline (Night Prayer)

INTRODUCTION

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O Lord, make haste to help us.

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Amen. Alleluia.

Examination of Conscience

This is an excellent moment for an examination of conscience. In a communal celebration of Compline, one of the penitential acts given in the Missal may be recited.

Hymn

Jesu, the world's redeeming Lord, The Father's co-eternal Word, Of light invisible true Light, Thine Israel's Keeper day and night.

Our great Creator and our Guide, Who times and seasons dost divide, Refresh at night with quiet rest, Our limbs by daily toil oppressed.

We pray thee, while we dwell below, Preserve us from our ghostly foe; Nor let his wiles victorious be O'er them that are redeemed by thee.

That while in this frail house of clay A little longer here we stay, Our flesh in thee may sweetly sleep, Our souls with thee their vigils keep.

All praise be thine, O risen Lord, From death to endless life restored; All praise to God the Father be, And Holy Ghost eternally.

Psalm 142 (143) A prayer in time of trouble

"A man is made righteous not by obedience to the Law, but by faith in Jesus Christ" (Gal 2:16).

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

Lord, listen to my prayer:

turn your ear to my appeal.

You are faithful, you are just; give answer.

Do not call your servant to judgement for no one is just in your sight.

The enemy pursues my soul;

he has crushed my life to the ground;

he has made me dwell in darkness

like the dead, long forgotten.

Therefore my spirit fails;

my heart is numb within me.

I remember the days that are past:
 I ponder all your works.

I muse on what your hand has wrought and to you I stretch out my hands.
 Like a parched land my soul thirsts for you.

Lord, make haste and answer; for my spirit fails within me.

Do not hide your face lest I become like those in the grave.

In the morning let me know your love for I put my trust in you.

Make me know the way I should walk: to you I lift up my soul.

Rescue me, Lord, from my enemies;
I have fled to you for refuge.

Teach me to do your will
for you, O Lord, are my God.

Let your good spirit guide me
in ways that are level and smooth.

For your name's sake, Lord, save my life; in your justice save my soul from distress.

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Amen.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Psalm-prayer

Lord Jesus, early in the morning of your resurrection, you made your love known and brought the first light of dawn to those who dwell in darkness.

Your death has opened a path for us. Do not enter into judgement with your servants; let your Holy Spirit guide us together into the land of justice.

Short Reading 1 Peter 5:8-9

Be calm but vigilant, because your enemy the devil is prowling round like a roaring lion, looking for someone to eat. Stand up to him, strong in faith.

Short Responsory

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

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You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth, alleluia, alleluia.

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Canticle Nunc Dimittis

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

Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep; that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace. Alleluia.

At last, all-powerful Master, you give leave to your servant to go in peace, according to your promise.

For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all nations, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people.

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Amen.

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Let us pray.

In your mercy, Lord,
dispel the darkness of this night.
Let your household so sleep in peace
that at the dawn of a new day
they may, with joy, waken in your name.
Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

The Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

Amen.

Regina Caeli

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia! for he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia! has risen as he said, alleluia! Pray for us to God, alleluia!

Regína cæli, lætare, allelúia, quia quem meruísti portáre, allelúia, resurréxit sicut dixit, allelúia; ora pro nobis Deum, allelúia.

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Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 70: 8, 23

Let my mouth be filled with your praise, that I may sing aloud; my lips shall shout for joy, when I sing to you, alleluia.

Collect

O God, restorer and lover of innocence, direct the hearts of your servants towards yourself, that those you have set free from the darkness of unbelief may never stray from the light of your truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First reading Acts 15:1-6

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But certain members of the Pharisees' party who had become believers objected, insisting that the pagans should be circumcised and instructed to keep the Law of Moses. The apostles and elders met to look into the matter.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 121(122):1-5

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

or

Alleluia!

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

or

Alleluia!

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

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Alleluia!

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David.

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Alleluia!

Gospel Acclamation

Jn10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia!

Or: Jn15:4,5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you, says the Lord;
whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 15:1-8

I am the vine, you are the branches

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy.

Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord has risen and shone his light upon us, whom he has redeemed by his Blood, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Hear, O Lord, our prayers, that this most holy exchange,

by which you have redeemed us, may bring your help in this present life and ensure for us eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord.

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Cf. Ps 29: 12

You have changed my mourning into dancing, O Lord, and have girded me with joy, alleluia.

Collect

O God, who chose the Mother of your Son to be our Mother also, grant us that, persevering in penance and prayer for the salvation of the world, we may further more effectively each day the reign of Christ. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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First reading

Isaiah 61:9-11

I exult for joy in the Lord

Their race will be famous throughout the nations, their descendants throughout the peoples.
All who see them will admit

that they are a race whom the Lord has blessed.

'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels.

'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 44(45):11-12,14-17

Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words.

Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:
forget your own people and your father's house.
So will the king desire your beauty:
He is your lord, pay homage to him.

Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words.

The daughter of the king is clothed with splendour, her robes embroidered with pearls set in gold. She is led to the king with her maiden companions.

Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words.

They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king. Sons shall be yours in place of your fathers: you will make them princes over all the earth.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are you, holy Virgin Mary, and most worthy of all praise, for from you arose the sun of justice, Christ our God. Alleluia!

Luke 11:27-28

'Happy the womb that bore you and the breasts you sucked!'

As Jesus was speaking, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said, 'Happy the womb that bore you and the breasts you sucked!' But he replied, 'Still happier those who hear the word of God and keep it!'

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Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, holy Father, this offering of our humility, which we bring you with joy as we commemorate the Blessed Virgin Mary, and grant, we pray, that it may be for us, who are joined to the sacrifice of Christ, our consolation on earth and our eternal salvation. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Communion Antiphon

Rejoice, O Virgin Mother, for Christ has risen from the tomb, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed by this paschal Sacrament,

we pray, O Lord, that we, who honour the memory of the Mother of your Son, may show forth in our mortal flesh the life of Jesus. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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The Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things,
who has not sworn so as to deceive his neighbour.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is the king of glory?

The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

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Morning Prayer (Lauds)

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O Lord, make haste to help us.

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world without end.

Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky, Heav'n thunders forth its victor cry: The glad earth shouts her triumph high, And groaning hell makes wild reply.

While he, the King of sovereign might, Treads down death's strength in death's despite, And trampling hell by victor's right, Brings forth his sleeping saints to light.

Fast barred beneath the stone of late, In watch and ward where soldiers wait, Now shining in triumphant state, He rises victor from death's gate.

Hell's pains are loosed and tears are fled: Captivity is captive led: The angel, crowned with light, hath said: 'The Lord is risen from the dead.'

Author of all, be thou our guide In this our joy of Eastertide; Whene'er assaults of death impend, Thy people strengthen and defend.

To thee who, dead, again dost live, All glory, Lord, thy people give: All glory, as is ever meet, To Father and to Paraclete.

Psalm 35 (36) The sinner's wickedness; God's goodness

"The man who follows me will not walk in darkness, but he will have the light of life for his guide" (Jn 8:12).

In you, Lord, is the source of life. Alleluia.

Sin speaks to the sinner in the depths of his heart. There is no fear of God before his eyes.

He so flatters himself in his mind that he knows not his guilt.
In his mouth are mischief and deceit.
All wisdom is gone.

He plots the defeat of goodness as he lies on his bed.

He has set his foot on evil ways, he clings to what is evil.

Your love, Lord, reaches to heaven; your truth to the skies.
Your justice is like God's mountain, your judgements like the deep.

To both man and beast you give protection.

O Lord, how precious is your love.

My God, the sons of men
find refuge in the shelter of your wings.

They feast on the riches of your house; they drink from the stream of your delight. In you is the source of life and in your light we see light.

Keep on loving those who know you, doing justice for upright hearts. Let the foot of the proud not crush me nor the hand of the wicked cast me out.

See how the evil-doers fall! Flung down, they shall never arise.

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Canticle Judith 16

The Lord, creator of the world, protects his people

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You sent forth your Spirit, and they were created. Alleluia.

Begin a song to my God with tambourines, sing to my Lord with cymbals.

Raise to him a new psalm;
exalt him and call upon his name.
For God is the Lord who crushes wars.

I will sing to my God a new song: O Lord, you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.

Let all your creatures serve you, for you spoke, and they were made. You sent forth your Spirit, and it formed them; there is none that can resist your voice.

For the mountains shall be shaken to their foundations with the waters; at your presence the rocks shall melt like wax, but to those who fear you you will continue to show mercy.

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Amen.

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Psalm 46 (47) The Lord is King

"He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and his kingdom will have no end."

God is king of all the earth: sing praise with all your skill. Alleluia.

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth.

He subdues peoples under us and nations under our feet.
Our inheritance, our glory, is from him, given to Jacob out of love.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth, sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne.

The princes of the peoples are assembled with the people of Abraham's God.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, to God who reigns over all.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

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Psalm-prayer

God, King of all peoples and all ages, it is your victory we celebrate as we sing with all the skill at our command. Help us always to overcome evil by good, that we may rejoice in your triumph for ever.

Or:

Lord Jesus, to you belongs the dominion of heaven, earth, and all things under the earth, for you have ascended on high and are seated on the throne prepared for you by the Father. May all peoples be gathered into your Church to form a holy nation, a kingly priesthood, your own chosen heritage, to praise and adore your divine majesty, now and for ever.

Short Reading Romans 6:8-11

We believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Short Responsory

The Lord has risen from the dead, alleluia, alleluia.

- The Lord has risen from the dead, alleluia, alleluia. For our sake he died on the cross, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord has risen from the dead, alleluia, alleluia.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

- The Lord has risen from the dead, alleluia, alleluia.

Canticle Benedictus

The Messiah and the one who was sent before him

'I am the true vine,' alleluia, 'and you are the branches,' alleluia.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!

He has visited his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty saviour in the house of David his servant, as he promised by the lips of holy men, those who were his prophets from of old.

A saviour who would free us from our foes, from the hands of all who hate us. So his love for our fathers is fulfilled and his holy covenant remembered.

He swore to Abraham our father to grant us, that free from fear, and saved from the hands of our foes, we might serve him in holiness and justice all the days of our life in his presence.

As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High. You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before him,

To make known to his people their salvation through forgiveness of all their sins, the loving-kindness of the heart of our God who visits us like the dawn from on high.

He will give light to those in darkness, those who dwell in the shadow of death, and guide us into the way of peace. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

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Prayers and intercessions

Let us pray to Christ, who was put to death for our sins and rose to life for our justification.

- Lord, save us by your victory.

Christ our Saviour, you have overcome death to give us joy and have risen to lift us to the heights;

awaken our hearts and make us holy this day by the gift of the Spirit.

- Lord, save us by your victory.

Angels in heaven praise you, men on earth adore you; in this Easter season let us worship you in spirit and in truth.

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Lord Jesus, look with kindness on your people who hope for the resurrection;

have mercy on us today and keep us from all evil.

- Lord, save us by your victory.

Christ, our life, we look forward to the day of your coming; let us appear with you and share in your glory.

- Lord, save us by your victory.

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.

Lord God,

you love innocence of heart, and when it is lost you alone can restore it.

Turn then our hearts to you, and kindle in them the fire of your Spirit, so that we may be steadfast in faith and unwearied in good works.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

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Hymn

Mary Immaculate, star of the morning, Chosen before the creation began, Chosen to bring in the light of thy dawning, Woe to the serpent and rescue to man.

Here, in this world of both shadow and sadness
Veiling thy splendour, thy course hast thou run:
Now thou art throned in all glory and gladness,
Crowned by the hand of thy Saviour and Son.

Sinners, we worship thy sinless perfection; Fallen and weak, for thy pity we plead: Grant us the shield of thy sov'reign protection, Measure thine aid by the depth of our need.

Bend from thy throne at the voice of our crying,
Bend to this earth which thy footsteps have trod:
Stretch out thine arms to us, living and dying,
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Lord Jesus, to you belongs the dominion of heaven, earth, and all things under the earth, for you have ascended on high and are seated on the throne prepared for you by the Father. May all peoples be gathered into your Church to form a holy nation, a kingly priesthood, your own chosen heritage, to praise and adore your divine majesty, now and for ever.

Short Reading (Isaiah 61:10)

I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bride adorned in her jewels.

Short Responsory

The Lord chose her. He chose her before she was born. Alleluia, alleluia.

- The Lord chose her. He chose her before she was born. Alleluia, alleluia. He made her live in his own dwelling-place.
- The Lord chose her. He chose her before she was born. Alleluia, alleluia. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- The Lord chose her. He chose her before she was born. Alleluia, alleluia.

Canticle Benedictus

The Messiah and the one who was sent before him

The door of Paradise was closed to all men because of the sin of Eve; it has been opened again by the Virgin Mary, alleluia.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!

He has visited his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty saviour in the house of David his servant, as he promised by the lips of holy men, those who were his prophets from of old.

A saviour who would free us from our foes, from the hands of all who hate us. So his love for our fathers is fulfilled and his holy covenant remembered.

He swore to Abraham our father to grant us, that free from fear, and saved from the hands of our foes, we might serve him in holiness and justice all the days of our life in his presence.

As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High. You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before him,

To make known to his people their salvation through forgiveness of all their sins, the loving-kindness of the heart of our God who visits us like the dawn from on high.

He will give light to those in darkness, those who dwell in the shadow of death, and guide us into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

The door of Paradise was closed to all men because of the sin of Eve; it has been opened again by the Virgin Mary, alleluia.

1. Mary, the mother

2. Mary, the holy

Prayers and intercessions

Let us proclaim the greatness of our Saviour who chose to be born of the Virgin Mary. Confident that he will hear us, we ask:

- Lord, may your mother pray for us.

Sun of justice, you showed your day was dawning in the immaculate Virgin Mary;

help us to walk in the daylight of your presence.

- Lord, may your mother pray for us.

Eternal Word, in the living flesh of Mary you found a dwelling place on earth;

remain with us for ever in hearts free from sin.

- Lord, may your mother pray for us.

Christ, our Saviour, you willed that your mother should be there when you died;

through her intercession may we rejoice to share your suffering.

- Lord, may your mother pray for us.

Loving Saviour, while hanging on the cross, you gave your mother Mary to be the mother of John;

let us be known as her children by our way of living.

- Lord, may your mother pray for us.

Continue

Prayers and intercessions

Let us proclaim the greatness of our Saviour who chose to be born of the Virgin Mary. Confident that he will hear us, we ask:

- Lord, may your mother pray for us.
- Saviour of the world, by your redemptive power you preserved your mother Mary from every stain of sin;

deliver us from the evil that lies hidden in our hearts.

- Lord, may your mother pray for us.
- Christ, our Redeemer, you made the Virgin Mary the sanctuary of your presence and the temple of the Spirit;

make us bearers of your Spirit, in mind, heart and body.

- Lord, may your mother pray for us.
- Eternal Word, you taught your mother Mary to choose the part that was best;

let us follow her example and hunger for the food of everlasting life.

- Lord, may your mother pray for us.
- King of kings, you assumed Mary into heaven to be with you completely in body and soul;
 - may we seek the things that are above and keep our lives fixed on you.
- Lord, may your mother pray for us.
- King of heaven and earth, you placed Mary at your side to reign as queen for ever;

grant us the joy of sharing in your glory.

- Lord, may your mother pray for us.

Continue

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.

Lord God, give to your people
the joy of continual health in mind and body.
With the prayers of the Virgin Mary to help us,
guide us through the sorrows of this life
to eternal happiness in the life to come.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

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Wednesday 13 May 2020

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Vespers (Evening Prayer)

INTRODUCTION

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O Lord, make haste to help us.

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is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn

O Christ, the heavens' eternal King, Creator, unto thee we sing, With God the Father ever One, Co-equal, co-eternal Son.

Thy hand, when first the world began, Made in thine own pure image man, And linked to fleshly form of earth A living soul of heavenly birth.

And when the envious crafty foe Had marred thy noblest work below, Thou didst our ruined state repair By deigning flesh thyself to wear. Once of a virgin born to save, And now new born from death's dark grave, O Christ, thou bidd'st us rise with thee From death to immortality.

Eternal Shepherd, thou art wont To cleanse Thy sheep within the font, That mystic bath, that grave of sin, Where ransomed souls new life begin.

Divine Redeemer, thou didst deign To bear for us the cross of pain, And freely pay the precious price Of all thy blood in sacrifice.

Jesu, do thou to every heart Unceasing Paschal joy impart; From death of sin and guilty strife Set free the new born sons of life.

All praise be thine, O risen Lord, From death to endless life restored; All praise to God the Father be And Holy Ghost eternally.

Psalm 26 (27) Keeping faith in time of peril

"Behold, the place where God dwells among men" (Rev 21:3).

God has exalted him at his own right hand as leader and Saviour. Alleluia.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?

When evil-doers draw near

to devour my flesh, it is they, my enemies and foes, who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me my heart would not fear.

Though war break out against me even then would I trust.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple.

For there he keeps me safe in his tent in the day of evil.

He hides me in the shelter of his tent, on a rock he sets me safe.

And now my head shall be raised above my foes who surround me and I shall offer within his tent a sacrifice of joy.

I will sing and make music for the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

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I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Alleluia.

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Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.'

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help.

Do not abandon or forsake me, O God my help! Though father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.

Instruct me, Lord, in your way; on an even path lead me. When they lie in ambush protect me from my enemy's greed. False witnesses rise against me, breathing out fury.

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Amen.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Alleluia.

Psalm-prayer

Father, you protect and strengthen those who hope in you; you heard the cry of your Son and kept him safe in your tent in the day of evil. Grant that your servants who seek your face in times of trouble may see your goodness in the land of the living.

Canticle (Colossians 1)

Christ, firstborn of all creatures and firstborn from the dead

From him, through him and in him are all things that exist: to him be glory for ever. Alleluia.

Let us give thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.

All things were created through him and for him.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the Church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

From him, through him and in him are all things that exist: to him be glory for ever. Alleluia.

Short Reading

Hebrews 7:24-27

Jesus, because he remains *for ever*, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because Jesus Christ our Lord has done this once and for all by offering himself.

Short Responsory

The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

- The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

They saw the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

- The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

- The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

Canticle Magnificat

My soul rejoices in the Lord

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for what you will and you shall have it. Alleluia.

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her lowliness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud-hearted. He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy, the mercy promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his sons for ever.

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Amen.

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Prayers and intercessions

Let us pray to Christ, who rose from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

- Ever-living Christ, hear us.

Lord, remember those who are consecrated to your service; may they set before your holy people the example of their lives.

- Ever-living Christ, hear us.

Grant to those who rule us your spirit of justice and peace;

May men be united, heart and soul.

- Ever-living Christ, hear us.

Make our daily life a pilgrimage of salvation;

let the earth be rich and plentiful to meet the needs of the poor.

- Ever-living Christ, hear us.

Christ, our Saviour, light of the world, you have called all mortal men to imperishable life;

shed eternal light on our departed brothers.

- Ever-living Christ, hear us.

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.

Lord God,

you love innocence of heart, and when it is lost you alone can restore it.

Turn then our hearts to you,

and kindle in them the fire of your Spirit,

so that we may be steadfast in faith

and unwearied in good works.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,	
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spiri	it,
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Our Lady of Fátima see also Wed 5 Easter

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Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn

Hail, Queen of the heavens, hail Mistress of earth; Hail, Virgin most pure of immaculate birth: Clear star of the morning in beauty enshrined; O Lady, make speed to the help of mankind.

Thee God in the depth of eternity chose, And formed thee all fair as his glorious spouse, And called thee his own Word's true Mother to be By whom he created the earth, sky, and sea.

Hail, Mother most pure, hail, Virgin renowned, Hail, Queen with the stars as a diadem crowned; Above all the angels in glory untold, Set next to the King in a vesture of gold.

These praises and prayers we lay at thy feet, O Virgin of virgins, O Mary most sweet: Be thou our true guide through this pilgrimage here, And stand by our side when our death draweth near.

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For there he keeps me safe in his tent in the day of evil.

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And now my head shall be raised above my foes who surround me and I shall offer within his tent a sacrifice of joy.

I will sing and make music for the Lord.

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Amen.

From him, through him and in him are all things that exist: to him be glory for ever. Alleluia.

Short Reading

Galatians 4:4-5

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons.

Short Responsory

Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with you. Alleluia, alleluia.

– Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with you. Alleluia, alleluia.

You are most blessed of all women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

– Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with you. Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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Canticle Magnificat

My soul rejoices in the Lord

Blessed are you, Mary, because you believed that all those things which were said to you by the Lord would be fulfilled, alleluia.

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her lowliness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud-hearted. He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy, the mercy promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his sons for ever.

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Amen.

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1. The glory and queenship of Mary

2. Mary, Jesus' mother and ours

Prayers and intercessions

Let us praise God the Father who chose Mary as the mother of his Son and wanted all generations to call her blessed. With confidence we pray:

- May the Virgin Mary intercede for us.

Father, you did great things for the Virgin Mary and brought her, body and soul, to the glory of heaven;

fill the hearts of your children with the hope of Christ's glory.

- May the Virgin Mary intercede for us.

Through the prayers of Mary, our mother, heal the sick, comfort the sorrowful, pardon sinners;

grant peace and salvation to all.

- May the Virgin Mary intercede for us.

You favoured Mary with the fullness of grace; bestow on all men your overflowing blessings.

- May the Virgin Mary intercede for us.

May your Church be united heart and soul, held fast by love, and may your faithful be joined in continuous prayer, with Mary the mother of Jesus.

- May the Virgin Mary intercede for us.
- Father, you exalted the Virgin Mary and crowned her queen of heaven; may the dead enter your kingdom and rejoice with your saints for ever.
- May the Virgin Mary intercede for us.

Continue

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- Father, you have looked on the Virgin Mary and made her the mother of mercy:
 - may those who are in danger experience the depth of her love.
- May the Virgin Mary intercede for us.
- You called Mary to be the mother in the house of Jesus and Joseph: through her prayers help all mothers to make their homes places of love and holiness.
- May the Virgin Mary intercede for us.
- You gave Mary the strength to stand beneath the cross and made her radiant with joy in the resurrection:
 - raise up the sorrowful and transform their lives with hope.
- May the Virgin Mary intercede for us.
- Mary was your faithful handmaid who treasured your words in her heart:
 - through her intercession let us become true disciples of your Son, devoted to his service.
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- Father, you exalted the Virgin Mary and crowned her queen of heaven:

may the dead enter your kingdom and rejoice with your saints for ever.

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Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

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Wednesday 13 May 2020

Wednesday of the 5th week of Eastertide or Our Lady of Fátima

Compline (Night Prayer)

INTRODUCTION

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O Lord, make haste to help us.

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Amen. Alleluia.

Examination of Conscience

This is an excellent moment for an examination of conscience. In a communal celebration of Compline, one of the penitential acts given in the Missal may be recited.

Hymn

Jesu, the world's redeeming Lord, The Father's co-eternal Word, Of light invisible true Light, Thine Israel's Keeper day and night.

Our great Creator and our Guide, Who times and seasons dost divide, Refresh at night with quiet rest, Our limbs by daily toil oppressed. We pray thee, while we dwell below, Preserve us from our ghostly foe; Nor let his wiles victorious be O'er them that are redeemed by thee.

That while in this frail house of clay A little longer here we stay, Our flesh in thee may sweetly sleep, Our souls with thee their vigils keep.

All praise be thine, O risen Lord, From death to endless life restored; All praise to God the Father be, And Holy Ghost eternally.

Psalm 30 (31) Trustful prayer in time of adversity

"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit" (Lk 23:46).

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

In you, O Lord, I take refuge.

Let me never be put to shame.

In your justice, set me free,
hear me and speedily rescue me.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a mighty stronghold to save me, for you are my rock, my stronghold. For your name's sake, lead me and guide me.

Release me from the snares they have hidden for you are my refuge, Lord.

Into your hands I commend my spirit.

It is you who will redeem me, Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

> Psalm 129 (130) Out of the depths

"He will save his people from their sins" (Mt 1:21).

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord.
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end.

Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

Psalm-prayer

Listen with compassion to our prayers, Lord. The forgiveness of sins is yours. Do not look on the wrong we have done, but grant us your merciful kindness.

Or:

God of might and compassion, you sent your Word into the world, a watchman to announce to men the dawn of salvation. Do not leave us in the depths of our sins but listen to your Church pleading with you. Respond to her trust, and pour out in her the fullness of your redeeming grace.

Short Reading

Ephesians 4:26-27

Do not let resentment lead you into sin; the sunset must not find you still angry. Do not give the devil his opportunity.

Short Responsory

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

- Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia. You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth, alleluia, alleluia.

- Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

Canticle Nunc Dimittis

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

Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep; that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace. Alleluia.

At last, all-powerful Master, you give leave to your servant to go in peace, according to your promise.

For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all nations, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep; that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ,
meek and humble of heart,
you offer to those who follow you
a yoke that is good to bear,
a burden that is light.

Accept, we beg you, our prayer and work of this day,
and grant us the rest we need
that we may be ever more willing to serve you,
who live and reign for ever and ever.

The Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

Amen.

Regina Caeli

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia! for he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia! has risen as he said, alleluia! Pray for us to God, alleluia!

Regína cæli, lætare, allelúia, quia quem meruísti portáre, allelúia, resurréxit sicut dixit, allelúia; ora pro nobis Deum, allelúia.

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Thursday 14 May 2020

Saint Matthias, Apostle – Feast

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Saint Matthias, Apostle – Feast

Liturgical Colour: Red.

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Jn 15: 16

It was not you who chose me, says the Lord, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, alleluia.

Collect

O God, who assigned Saint Matthias a place in the college of Apostles, grant us, through his intercession, that, rejoicing at how your love has been allotted to us, we may merit to be numbered among the elect. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Acts 1:15-17,20-26

'Let someone else take his office'

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: 'Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through

David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of Psalms it says:

Let his camp be reduced to ruin, Let there be no one to live in it.

And again:

Let someone else take his office.

'We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us — and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.'

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, 'Lord, you can read everyone's heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.' They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 112(113):1-8

The Lord sets him in the company of the princes of his people.

or

Alleluia!

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore!

The Lord sets him in the company of the princes of his people.

or

Alleluia!

From the rising of the sun to its setting

praised be the name of the Lord! High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. The Lord sets him in the company of the princes of his people. Alleluia! Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? The Lord sets him in the company of the princes of his people. or Alleluia! From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. The Lord sets him in the company of the princes of his people. or Alleluia! **Gospel Acclamation** cf.Jn15:16 Alleluia, alleluia!

I chose you from the world to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last

fruit that will last, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:9-17

You are my friends if you do what I command you

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, the offerings of your Church,

reverently presented for the Feast of Saint Matthias, and through them strengthen us by the power of your grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 15: 12

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you, says the Lord, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Never cease, O Lord, we pray, to fill your family with divine gifts, and, through blessed Matthias' intercession for us, graciously admit us to a share in the lot of the Saints in light. Through Christ our Lord.

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Invitatory Psalm

Lord, open our lips.

And we shall praise your name.

Invitatory Psalm

Psalm 99 (100)

"The Lord calls all those he has redeemed to sing a hymn of victory" (St Athanasius).

Alleluia. The Lord is the King of apostles: come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Go within his gates, giving thanks. Enter his courts with songs of praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name.

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Alleluia. The Lord is the King of apostles: come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

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Morning Prayer (Lauds)

If this is the first Hour that you are reciting today, you should precede it with the Invitatory Psalm and omit the Introduction.

INTRODUCTION

O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make 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 ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn

O fathers of our ancient faith, With all the heav'ns we sing your fame Whose sound went forth in all the earth To tell of Christ and bless His name.

You took the gospel to the poor, The word of God alight in you, Which in our day is told again: That timeless word, forever new.

You told of God who died for us And out of death triumphant rose, Who gave the truth that made us free, And changeless through the ages goes.

Like sparks among the straw, you ran To set the universe ablaze, To kindle love of Christ the Lord And take his peace on all your ways.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost Whose gift is faith that never dies: A light in darkness now, until The day-star in our hearts arise.

Stanbrook Abbey Hymnal

Psalm 62 (63) Thirsting for God

"Let the man who has put away the deeds of the night watch for God."

This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you.

On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia.

Psalm-prayer

Father, creator of unfailing light, give that same light to those who call to you. May our lips praise you; our lives proclaim your goodness; our work give you honour, and our voices celebrate you for ever.

Or:

This morning, Lord, we lift up our hands to praise you. We thirst for you; we long for you. Help us to love you more than life itself and fill us with good gifts from your banquet table.

Canticle

Daniel 3:57-88,56

All creatures, bless the Lord

"Praise our God, all you his servants" (Rev 19:5).

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Alleluia.

O all you works of the Lord, O bless the Lord. To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, angels of the Lord, O bless the Lord. To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

- And you, the heavens of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
 And you, clouds of the sky, O bless the Lord.
 And you, all armies of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
 To him be highest glory and praise for ever.
- And you, sun and moon, O bless the Lord.

 And you, the stars of the heavens, O bless the Lord.

 And you, showers and rain, O bless the Lord.

 To him be highest glory and praise for ever.
- And you, all you breezes and winds, O bless the Lord.And you, fire and heat, O bless the Lord.And you, cold and heat, O bless the Lord.To him be highest glory and praise for ever.
- And you, showers and dew, O bless the Lord.
 And you, frosts and cold, O bless the Lord.
 And you, frost and snow, O bless the Lord.
 To him be highest glory and praise for ever.
- And you, night-time and day, O bless the Lord.
 And you, darkness and light, O bless the Lord.
 And you, lightning and clouds, O bless the Lord.
 To him be highest glory and praise for ever.
- O let the earth bless the Lord.

 To him be highest glory and praise for ever.
- And you, mountains and hills, O bless the Lord.
 And you, all plants of the earth, O bless the Lord.
 And you, fountains and springs, O bless the Lord.
 To him be highest glory and praise for ever.
- And you, rivers and seas, O bless the Lord.

 And you, creatures of the sea, O bless the Lord.

 And you, every bird in the sky, O bless the Lord.

 And you, wild beasts and tame, O bless the Lord.

 To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, children of men, O bless the Lord.

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

O Israel, bless the Lord, O bless the Lord.
And you, priests of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
And you, servants of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, spirits and souls of the just, O bless the Lord.
And you, holy and humble of heart, O bless the Lord.
Ananias, Azarias, Mizael, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

Let us praise the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit:
To you be highest glory and praise for ever.
May you be blessed, O Lord, in the heavens:
To you be highest glory and praise for ever.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Alleluia.

Psalm 149 The saints rejoice

"The members of the Church, God's new people, will rejoice in their king, who is Christ" (Hesychius).

You are my friends if you do what I command you, says the Lord. Alleluia.

Sing a new song to the Lord,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in its Maker,
let Sion's sons exult in their king.
Let them praise his name with dancing
and make music with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes delight in his people. He crowns the poor with salvation. Let the faithful rejoice in their glory, shout for joy and take their rest. Let the praise of God be on their lips and a two-edged sword in their hand,

to deal out vengeance to the nations and punishment on all the peoples; to bind their kings in chains and their nobles in fetters of iron; to carry out the sentence pre-ordained: this honour is for all his faithful.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

You are my friends if you do what I command you, says the Lord. Alleluia.

Psalm-prayer

Let Israel rejoice in you, Lord, and acknowledge you as creator and redeemer. We put our trust in your faithfulness and proclaim the wonderful truths of salvation. May your loving kindness embrace us now and for ever.

Or:

Lord Jesus, you came to your own people and gave to all who welcomed you power to become children of God. In your merciful love watch over the Church and through her ministry bring salvation to the meek and lowly. May we avoid the snares of the impious, and come to rejoice in glory with your saints.

Short Reading

Ephesians 2:19-22

You are no longer aliens or foreign visitors: you are citizens like all the saints, and part of God's household. You are part of a building that has the

apostles and prophets for its foundations, and Christ Jesus himself for its main cornerstone. As every structure is aligned on him, all grow into one holy temple in the Lord; and you too, in him, are being built into a house where God lives, in the Spirit.

Short Responsory

You will make them rulers over all the land. Alleluia, alleluia.

- You will make them rulers over all the land. Alleluia, alleluia. Your name, Lord, will be remembered.

You will make them rulers over all the land. Alleluia, alleluia.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

- You will make them rulers over all the land. Alleluia, alleluia.

Canticle Benedictus

The Messiah and the one who was sent before him

One of those who were with us all the time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us must be chosen to act with us as a witness to his resurrection. Alleluia.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!

He has visited his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty saviour in the house of David his servant, as he promised by the lips of holy men, those who were his prophets from of old.

A saviour who would free us from our foes, from the hands of all who hate us. So his love for our fathers is fulfilled and his holy covenant remembered.

He swore to Abraham our father to grant us, that free from fear, and saved from the hands of our foes, we might serve him in holiness and justice all the days of our life in his presence.

As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High. You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before him,

To make known to his people their salvation through forgiveness of all their sins, the loving-kindness of the heart of our God who visits us like the dawn from on high.

He will give light to those in darkness, those who dwell in the shadow of death, and guide us into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

One of those who were with us all the time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us must be chosen to act with us as a witness to his resurrection. Alleluia.

Prayers and intercessions

Since we have received from the apostles our heavenly inheritance, let us thank our Father for all his blessings.

- Lord, the apostles sing your praises.

Praise to you Lord God, for the gift of Christ's body and blood, handed on by the apostles, to give us strength and life;

- Lord, the apostles sing your praises.

For the table of your word, served by the apostles, to bring us light and joy; – *Lord, the apostles sing your praises*.

For your holy Church, built on the apostles, to make us all one body; – *Lord, the apostles sing your praises*.

For the washing of baptism and penance, entrusted to the apostles, to cleanse our hearts from sin;

- Lord, the apostles sing your praises.

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.

Lord God, you chose Saint Matthias by lot to complete the number of the twelve apostles.

By his prayer, include us among your chosen ones, since we rejoice to see that the lot marked out for us is your love.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

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INTRODUCTION

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world without end.

Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn

Now let the heavens with joy resound, And earth the chant re-echo round; Nor heaven nor earth too high can raise The great Apostles' glorious praise.

Theirs was the steadfast faith of saints, The unconquered hope that never faints, The perfect love of Christ to know, That lays the praise of this world low.

In them the Father's glory shone, In them the Spirit's will was done; The Son's glad praise to them is given, With joy resound the courts of heaven. To thee, Redeemer, now we cry, That with this glorious band on high, Through endless ages, by thy grace, Thy servants also may have place.

Psalm 115 (116B) Thanksgiving in the Temple

"Through him [Christ], let us offer God an unending sacrifice of praise" (Heb 13:15).

You are the men who have stood faithfully by me in my trials. Alleluia.

I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted,'
and when I said in my alarm:
'No man can be trusted.'

How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

You are the men who have stood faithfully by me in my trials. Alleluia.

Psalm-prayer

Lord, accept the prayers of your faithful people. Help us always to offer you a sacrifice of praise. Quickly break the bonds that hold your children down, and we will fulfil our vows and praise you every day.

Or:

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

Psalm 125 (126) Gladness and hope in the Lord

"Just as you are sharing in our sufferings, so also will you share our consolations" (2 Cor 1:7).

I am here among you as one who serves. Alleluia.

When the Lord delivered Sion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

I am here among you as one who serves. Alleluia.

Psalm-prayer

Lord, you have raised us from the earth; may you let the seeds of justice, which we have sown in tears, grow and increase in your sight. May we reap in joy the harvest we hope for patiently.

Or:

Lord Jesus, our life and resurrection, the tears you sowed in the sorrow of Good Friday brought the earth to flower on Easter morning. May you renew the wonders of your power in the Church, that after the sorrows of our exile we may come home to you in gladness.

Canticle Ephesians 1

God the Saviour

I shall not call you servants any more, I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I learned from my Father. Alleluia.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

He chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

He destined us in love
to be his sons through Jesus Christ,
according to the purpose of his will,
to the praise of his glorious grace
which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace which he lavished upon us.

He has made known to us in all wisdom and insight the mystery of his will, according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ.

His purpose he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

I shall not call you servants any more, I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I learned from my Father. Alleluia.

Short Reading

Ephesians 4:11-13

To some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

Short Responsory

Tell of the glory of the Lord; announce it among the nations. Alleluia, alleluia.

- Tell of the glory of the Lord; announce it among the nations. Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak of his wonderful deeds to all the peoples.

- Tell of the glory of the Lord; announce it among the nations. Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

- Tell of the glory of the Lord; announce it among the nations. Alleluia, alleluia.

Canticle Magnificat

My soul rejoices in the Lord

You did not choose me: I chose you. I appointed you to go on and bear fruit, fruit that shall last. Alleluia.

My soul glorifies the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her lowliness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud-hearted. He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy, the mercy promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his sons for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

You did not choose me: I chose you. I appointed you to go on and bear fruit, fruit that shall last. Alleluia.

Prayers and intercessions

Since we are part of a building that has the apostles for its foundation, let us pray to the Father for his holy people.

– Lord, remember your Church.

Father, when your Son rose from the dead, you showed him first to the apostles;

let us make him known, near and far.

- Lord, remember your Church.

You sent your Son into the world to proclaim the good news to the poor: grant that we may bring his gospel into the darkness of men's lives.

- Lord, remember your Church.

You sent your Son to plant in men's hearts the seed of imperishable life; may we labour to sow his word and reap a harvest of joy.

- Lord, remember your Church.

You sent your Son to reconcile the world with yourself by the shedding of his blood;

let us become his fellow workers in restoring men to your friendship.

- Lord, remember your Church.

You placed your Son at your own right hand in heaven; receive the dead into the happiness of your kingdom.

- Lord, remember your Church.

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.

Lord God, you chose Saint Matthias by lot to complete the number of the twelve apostles.

By his prayer, include us among your chosen ones, since we rejoice to see

that the lot marked out for us is your love.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns	with you in	the unity of	f the Holy	Spirit,
one God, for ever and	d ever.			

Amen.

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

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Compline (Night Prayer)

INTRODUCTION

O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make 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 ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen. Alleluia.

Examination of Conscience

This is an excellent moment for an examination of conscience. In a communal celebration of Compline, one of the penitential acts given in the Missal may be recited.

Hymn

Jesu, the world's redeeming Lord, The Father's co-eternal Word, Of light invisible true Light, Thine Israel's Keeper day and night.

Our great Creator and our Guide, Who times and seasons dost divide, Refresh at night with quiet rest, Our limbs by daily toil oppressed. We pray thee, while we dwell below, Preserve us from our ghostly foe; Nor let his wiles victorious be O'er them that are redeemed by thee.

That while in this frail house of clay A little longer here we stay, Our flesh in thee may sweetly sleep, Our souls with thee their vigils keep.

All praise be thine, O risen Lord, From death to endless life restored; All praise to God the Father be, And Holy Ghost eternally.

Psalm 15 (16) The Lord, my inheritance

"God raised up Jesus, freeing him from the pains of death" (Acts 2:24).

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. My happiness lies in you alone.'

He has put into my heart a marvellous love for the faithful ones who dwell in his land.

Those who choose other gods increase their sorrows.

Never will I offer their offerings of blood.

Never will I take their name upon my lips.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.

The lot marked out for me is my delight: welcome indeed the heritage that falls to me!

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Psalm-prayer

Lord Jesus, uphold those who hope in you and give us your counsel, so that we may know the joy of your resurrection and deserve to be among the saints at your right hand.

Or:

Father, in the mysterious plan of your love, you offered your Son the bitter cup of death, and yet you would not let your Holy One know decay, but opened to him the way of life. Help us to look for happiness in you alone and to share one day the glory of your Son's resurrection.

Short Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:23

May the God who gives us peace make you completely his, and keep your whole being, spirit, soul, and body, free from all fault, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Short Responsory

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

— Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth, alleluia, alleluia.

— Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

— Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

Canticle Nunc Dimittis

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

Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep; that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace. Alleluia.

At last, all-powerful Master, you give leave to your servant to go in peace, according to your promise.

For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all nations, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

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Let us pray.

Lord our God,
restore us again by the repose of sleep
after the fatigue of our daily work,
so that, continually renewed by your help,
we may serve you in body and soul.
Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

The Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Regina Caeli

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia! for he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia! has risen as he said, alleluia! Pray for us to God, alleluia!

Regína cæli, lætare, allelúia, quia quem meruísti portáre, allelúia, resurréxit sicut dixit, allelúia; ora pro nobis Deum, allelúia.

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Entrance Antiphon

Rv 5: 12

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour, alleluia.

Collect

Grant us, Lord, we pray, that, being rightly conformed to the paschal mysteries, what we celebrate in joy may protect and save us with perpetual power. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 56(57):8-12

I will thank you, Lord, among the peoples. **or**

Alleluia!

My heart is ready, O God,
my heart is ready.
I will sing, I will sing your praise.
Awake, my soul,
awake, lyre and harp,
I will awake the dawn.

I will thank you, Lord, among the peoples.

or

Alleluia!

I will thank you, Lord, among the peoples, among the nations I will praise you

for your love reaches to the heavens and your truth to the skies.

O God, arise above the heavens; may your glory shine on earth!

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or

Alleluia!

Gospel Acclamation

Jn10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!
The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Or: Jn15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
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because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 15:12-17

What I command you is to love one another

Jesus said to his disciples:

'This is my commandment:
love one another,
as I have loved you.
A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.
You are my friends,
if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray, and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice, make of us an eternal offering to you.

Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The Crucified is risen from the dead and has redeemed us, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. Through Christ our Lord.

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Entrance Antiphon

The Lord chose him for himself as high priest, and, opening his treasure house, made him rich in all good things, alleluia.

Or:

Cf. Sir 50: 1; 44: 16, 22

Behold a great priest, who in his days pleased God; therefore, in accordance with his promise, the Lord gave him growth for the good of his people, alleluia.

Collect

Lord God, you drew Saint Carthage to monastic life through the beauty of your Church's worship, and made him content to be a stranger and a pilgrim for the sake of Christ.

Give us, we pray, by his prayers, a share in his gentleness and forbearance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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Continue

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Acts 13:46-49 Since you have rejected the word of God, we must turn to the pagans

Acts 20:17-18,28-32,36 I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, and its power

Acts 26:19-23 I have stood firm to this day, testifying to great and small alike

First reading

Acts 13:46-49

Since you have rejected the word of God, we must turn to the pagans

Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

Continue

First reading

Acts 20:17-18,28-32,36

I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, and its power

From Miletus Paul sent for the elders of the church of Ephesus. When they arrived he addressed these words to them:

'Be on your guard for yourselves and for all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you the overseers, to feed the Church of God which he bought with his own blood. I know quite well that when I have gone fierce wolves will invade you and will have no mercy on the flock. Even from your own ranks there will be men coming forward with a travesty of the truth on their lips to induce the disciples to follow them. So be on your guard, remembering how night and day for three years I never failed to keep you right, shedding tears over each one of you. And now I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace that has power to build you up and to give you your inheritance among all the sanctified.'

When he had finished speaking he knelt down with them all and prayed.

Continue

First reading

Acts 26:19-23

I have stood firm to this day, testifying to great and small alike

Paul said: 'King Agrippa, I could not disobey the heavenly vision. On the contrary I started preaching, first to the people of Damascus, then to those of Jerusalem and all the countryside of Judaea, and also to the pagans, urging them to repent and turn to God, proving their change of heart by their deeds. This was why the Jews laid hands on me in the Temple and tried to do away with me. But I was blessed with God's help, and so I have stood firm to this day, testifying to great and small alike, saying nothing more than what the prophets and Moses himself said would happen: that the Christ was to suffer and that, as the first to rise from the dead, he was to proclaim that light now shone for our people and for the pagans too.'

Continue

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 88(89):2-5,21-22,25,27

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

'I have found David my servant and with my holy oil anointed him. My hand shall always be with him and my arm shall make him strong.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

'My truth and my love shall be with him; by my name his might shall be exalted. He will say to me: "You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me."

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt23:9,10

Alleluia, alleluia! You have only one Father, and he is in heaven;

you have only one Teacher, the Christ.

Alleluia!

Or: Mt28:19,20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all the nations.

I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.

Alleluia!

Or: Mk1:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Follow me, says the Lord,

and I will make you into fishers of men.

Alleluia!

Or: Lk4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives.

Alleluia!

Or: Jn10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia!

Or: Jn15:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the vine,

you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him,

bears fruit in plenty,

says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling and he has entrusted to us the ralleluia!	•
Gospel	Matthew 9:35-37
The harvest is rich	h but the labourers are few
all kinds of diseases and sickned And when he saw the crow	ess. ds he felt sorry for them because they
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May the Sacrament we have received, O Lord our God, stir up in us that fire of charity with which blessed N. burned ardently as he gave himself unceasingly for your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

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Invitatory Psalm

Lord, open our lips.

And we shall praise your name.

Invitatory Psalm

Psalm 94 (95)

"Every day, as long as this 'today' lasts, keep encouraging one another" (Heb 3:13).

The Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the God who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

A mighty God is the Lord,
a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his.
To him belongs the sea, for he made it
and the dry land shaped by his hands.

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us: for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.

For forty years I was wearied of these people and I said: "Their hearts are astray, these people do not know my ways."

Then I took an oath in my anger: "Never shall they enter my rest."

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

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Morning Prayer (Lauds)

If this is the first Hour that you are reciting today, you should precede it with the Invitatory Psalm and omit the Introduction.

INTRODUCTION

O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make 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 ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky, Heav'n thunders forth its victor cry: The glad earth shouts her triumph high, And groaning hell makes wild reply.

While he, the King of sovereign might, Treads down death's strength in death's despite, And trampling hell by victor's right, Brings forth his sleeping saints to light.

Fast barred beneath the stone of late, In watch and ward where soldiers wait, Now shining in triumphant state, He rises victor from death's gate.

Hell's pains are loosed and tears are fled: Captivity is captive led: The angel, crowned with light, hath said: 'The Lord is risen from the dead.'

Author of all, be thou our guide In this our joy of Eastertide; Whene'er assaults of death impend, Thy people strengthen and defend.

To thee who, dead, again dost live, All glory, Lord, thy people give: All glory, as is ever meet, To Father and to Paraclete.

Psalm 50 (51) God, have mercy on me

"You must be made new in mind and spirit, and put on the new nature of God's creating" (Eph 4:23,24).

Remember me, Lord God, when you come into your kingdom. Alleluia.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done.

That you may be justified when you give sentence and be without reproach when you judge,

O see, in guilt I was born, a sinner was I conceived.

Indeed you love truth in the heart; then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom. O purify me, then I shall be clean; O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me hear rejoicing and gladness, that the bones you have crushed may revive. From my sins turn away your face and blot out all my guilt.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you.

O rescue me, God, my helper, and my tongue shall ring out your goodness. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.

For in sacrifice you take no delight, burnt offering from me you would refuse, my sacrifice, a contrite spirit. A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

In your goodness, show favour to Sion: rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice, holocausts offered on your altar.

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

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

Amen.

Remember me, Lord God, when you come into your kingdom. Alleluia.

Psalm-prayer

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

Canticle Isaiah 45

All peoples, turn to the Lord

"Every knee must bow at the name of Jesus" (Phil 2:10).

Truly, God of Israel, the Saviour, you are a God who lies hidden. Alleluia.

Truly, God of Israel, the Saviour,
you are a God who lies hidden.
They will be put to shame and disgraced,
all who resist you.
They will take themselves off in dismay,
the makers of idols.

But Israel is saved by the Lord, saved for evermore.
You will never be ashamed or disgraced through endless ages.

For this is the word of the Lord, the creator of heaven, the God who made earth and shaped it, he who made it firm. He did not create it in vain, he made it to be lived in.

'I am the Lord, there is no other.

I have not spoken in secret, in some dark place,
I have not said to Jacob's sons
"Search for me in vain."

I am the Lord, I speak the truth,
I proclaim what is right.
Assemble, all of you, draw near
you who have escaped from the nations.

They know nothing, who carry around their idols made of wood and keep on praying to a god that cannot save them.

State your case and bring your proofs, consult among yourselves.
Who proclaimed this beforehand, who foretold it long ago?

Was it not I, the Lord?

There is no god but me, a God of justice, a saviour.

There is none but me.

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, there is no other; by myself I swear it.

It is truth that goes forth from my mouth, a word beyond recall.

To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

They will say: "In the Lord alone are victory and power.

And to him will come in dismay all who have resisted.

Through the Lord will come victory and glory for all Israel's sons."

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Truly, God of Israel, the Saviour, you are a God who lies hidden. Alleluia.

Psalm 99 (100) Enter the Temple with joy

"The Lord calls all those he has redeemed to sing a hymn of victory" (St Athanasius).

Serve the Lord with joy. Alleluia.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Go within his gates, giving thanks.

Enter his courts with songs of praise.

Give thanks to him and bless his name.

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Serve the Lord with joy. Alleluia.

Psalm-prayer

With joy and gladness we cry out to you, Lord, and ask you: open our hearts to sing your praises and announce your goodness and truth.

Or:

God, devoted to us as a Father, you created us as a sign of your power and elected us your people to show your goodness. Accept the thanks your children offer that all men may enter your courts praising you in song.

Short Reading Acts 5:30-32

It was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.

Short Responsory

The Lord has risen from the dead, alleluia, alleluia.

- The Lord has risen from the dead, alleluia, alleluia.

For our sake he died on the cross, alleluia, alleluia.

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Canticle Benedictus

The Messiah and the one who was sent before him

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. Alleluia.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel! He has visited his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty saviour in the house of David his servant, as he promised by the lips of holy men, those who were his prophets from of old.

A saviour who would free us from our foes, from the hands of all who hate us. So his love for our fathers is fulfilled and his holy covenant remembered.

He swore to Abraham our father to grant us, that free from fear, and saved from the hands of our foes, we might serve him in holiness and justice all the days of our life in his presence.

As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High. You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before him,

To make known to his people their salvation through forgiveness of all their sins, the loving-kindness of the heart of our God who visits us like the dawn from on high.

He will give light to those in darkness, those who dwell in the shadow of death, and guide us into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. Alleluia.

Prayers and intercessions

Let us pray to God the Father, who has given us new life through the resurrection of Christ.

- Make us radiant with Christ's glory.

Almighty God, creator of the world, you revealed the old covenant by your mighty deeds and were faithful to men down through the ages; loving Father, hear the prayer of your children.

- Make us radiant with Christ's glory.

Cleanse our hearts by your truth and guide our lives by your holiness; may we do what is right and pleasing to you.

- Make us radiant with Christ's glory.

Let the light of your face shine upon us; free us from sin and fill us with your goodness.

- Make us radiant with Christ's glory.

Peace was your Son's parting gift to the apostles; grant your peace to us and to people everywhere.

- Make us radiant with Christ's glory.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

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Friday 15 May 2020

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Morning Prayer (Lauds)

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Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn

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Who are these of dazzling brightness, clothed in God's own righteousness? These, whose robes of purest whiteness, shall their lustre still possess, still untouched by time's rude hand?

Whence came all this glorious band?

These are they who have contended for their Saviour's honour long, wrestling on till life was ended, following not the sinful throng; these who well the fight sustained, triumph through the Lamb have gained.

These are they whose hearts were riven, sore with woe and anguish tried, who in prayer full oft have striven with the God they glorified; now, their painful conflict o'er, God has bid them weep no more.

These, the Almighty contemplating, did as priests before him stand, soul and body always waiting day and night at his command: now in God's most holy place blest they stand before his face.

Psalm 50 (51) God, have mercy on me

"You must be made new in mind and spirit, and put on the new nature of God's creating" (Eph 4:23,24).

Remember me, Lord God, when you come into your kingdom. Alleluia.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done.

That you may be justified when you give sentence and be without reproach when you judge,
O see, in guilt I was born,
a sinner was I conceived.

Indeed you love truth in the heart; then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom. O purify me, then I shall be clean; O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me hear rejoicing and gladness, that the bones you have crushed may revive. From my sins turn away your face and blot out all my guilt.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you.

O rescue me, God, my helper, and my tongue shall ring out your goodness. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.

For in sacrifice you take no delight, burnt offering from me you would refuse, my sacrifice, a contrite spirit. A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

In your goodness, show favour to Sion: rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice, holocausts offered on your altar.

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Amen.

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Psalm-prayer

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

Canticle Isaiah 45

All peoples, turn to the Lord

"Every knee must bow at the name of Jesus" (Phil 2:10).

Truly, God of Israel, the Saviour, you are a God who lies hidden. Alleluia.

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They will be put to shame and disgraced, all who resist you.

They will take themselves off in dismay, the makers of idols.

But Israel is saved by the Lord, saved for evermore.
You will never be ashamed or disgraced through endless ages.

For this is the word of the Lord,
the creator of heaven,
the God who made earth and shaped it,
he who made it firm.
He did not create it in vain,
he made it to be lived in.

'I am the Lord, there is no other.

I have not spoken in secret, in some dark place,
I have not said to Jacob's sons

"Search for me in vain."

I am the Lord, I speak the truth,
I proclaim what is right.
Assemble, all of you, draw near
you who have escaped from the nations.

They know nothing, who carry around their idols made of wood and keep on praying to a god that cannot save them.

State your case and bring your proofs, consult among yourselves.
Who proclaimed this beforehand, who foretold it long ago?

Was it not I, the Lord?

There is no god but me, a God of justice, a saviour.

There is none but me.

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, there is no other; by myself I swear it.

It is truth that goes forth from my mouth, a word beyond recall.

To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

They will say: "In the Lord alone are victory and power.

And to him will come in dismay all who have resisted.

Through the Lord will come victory and glory for all Israel's sons."

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Psalm 99 (100) Enter the Temple with joy

"The Lord calls all those he has redeemed to sing a hymn of victory" (St Athanasius).

Serve the Lord with joy. Alleluia.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Go within his gates, giving thanks. Enter his courts with songs of praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

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Psalm-prayer

With joy and gladness we cry out to you, Lord, and ask you: open our hearts to sing your praises and announce your goodness and truth.

Or:

God, devoted to us as a Father, you created us as a sign of your power and elected us your people to show your goodness. Accept the thanks your children offer that all men may enter your courts praising you in song.

Short Reading Hebrews 13:7-9

Remember your leaders, who preached the word of God to you, and as you reflect on the outcome of their lives, imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same today as he was yesterday and as he will be for ever. Do not let yourselves be led astray by all sorts of strange doctrines.

Short Responsory

I placed watchmen on your towers, Jerusalem. Alleluia, alleluia.

- I placed watchmen on your towers, Jerusalem. Alleluia, alleluia. They will never cease to tell of the name of the Lord, by day and by night.
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Canticle Benedictus

The Messiah and the one who was sent before him

It is not you who speak: the Spirit of your Father speaks in you. Alleluia.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!

He has visited his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty saviour in the house of David his servant, as he promised by the lips of holy men, those who were his prophets from of old.

A saviour who would free us from our foes, from the hands of all who hate us. So his love for our fathers is fulfilled and his holy covenant remembered.

He swore to Abraham our father to grant us, that free from fear, and saved from the hands of our foes, we might serve him in holiness and justice all the days of our life in his presence.

As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High. You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before him,

To make known to his people their salvation through forgiveness of all their sins, the loving-kindness of the heart of our God who visits us like the dawn from on high.

He will give light to those in darkness, those who dwell in the shadow of death, and guide us into the way of peace. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

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Prayers and intercessions

Christ, the good shepherd, laid down his life for his sheep. Let us praise him with grateful hearts, as we pray:

- Lord, nourish the lives of your people.

Christ our Lord, in the holy pastors you reveal your love for us; may we never be deprived of the care you show through them.

- Lord, nourish the lives of your people.

Through your sacred ministers you are present in our midst as the shepherd of our souls;

never cease to guide us through their teaching and encouragement.

- Lord, nourish the lives of your people.

In the saints who lead your people, you manifest your power of healing souls and bodies;

remain always with us to renew our lives in holiness.

- Lord, nourish the lives of your people.

By the example of the saints you instruct your faithful in the ways of wisdom and love;

through our pastors, help us grow to the full stature of perfection.

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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.

Lord God, you drew Saint Carthage to monastic life through the beauty of your Church's worship, and made him content to be a stranger and a pilgrim for the sake of Christ.

Give us, we pray, by his prayers, a share in his gentleness and forbearance.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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Hymn

O Christ, the heavens' eternal King, Creator, unto thee we sing, With God the Father ever One, Co-equal, co-eternal Son.

Thy hand, when first the world began, Made in thine own pure image man, And linked to fleshly form of earth A living soul of heavenly birth.

And when the envious crafty foe Had marred thy noblest work below, Thou didst our ruined state repair By deigning flesh thyself to wear. Once of a virgin born to save, And now new born from death's dark grave, O Christ, thou bidd'st us rise with thee From death to immortality.

Eternal Shepherd, thou art wont To cleanse Thy sheep within the font, That mystic bath, that grave of sin, Where ransomed souls new life begin.

Divine Redeemer, thou didst deign To bear for us the cross of pain, And freely pay the precious price Of all thy blood in sacrifice.

Jesu, do thou to every heart Unceasing Paschal joy impart; From death of sin and guilty strife Set free the new born sons of life.

All praise be thine, O risen Lord, From death to endless life restored; All praise to God the Father be And Holy Ghost eternally.

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Short Reading

Hebrews 5:8-10

Christ, although he was Son, learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation and was acclaimed by God with the title of high priest *of the order of Melchizedek*.

Short Responsory

The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

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They saw the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

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Let us pray to Christ, the way, the truth and the life.

- Son of the living God, bless your people.

We pray for all the ministers of your Church:

may they be nourished and sustained as they break for their brothers the bread of life.

- Son of the living God, bless your people.

We pray for the whole Christian people:

may they be faithful to their calling and hold fast in bonds of peace the unity of the spirit.

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We pray for those who govern our country that they may exercise their office with justice and compassion;

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Make us worthy to adore you in the communion of saints; grant eternal joy to the faithful departed, whom we entrust to your care.

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1 Peter 5:1-4

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Short Responsory

This is a man who loves his brothers and intercedes for the people. Alleluia, alleluia.

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Prayers and intercessions

Let us pray to Christ, the high priest, who was appointed to represent men in their relations with God.

- Lord, save your people.

Lord Jesus, in times past you have lighted the way for your people through wise and holy leaders;

may Christians always enjoy this sign of your loving kindness.

- Lord, save your people.

You forgave the sins of your people when holy pastors prayed; continually cleanse your Church through their powerful intercession.

- Lord, save your people.

In the presence of their brothers, you anointed your holy ones and poured on them your Spirit;

fill with your Holy Spirit all the leaders of your people.

- Lord, save your people.

Nothing could ever separate the holy pastors from your love;

do not lose even one of those whom you redeemed by your passion.

- Lord, save your people.

Through the pastors of your Church you give your sheep eternal life, and no one can steal them from you;

save the faithful departed, for whom you laid down your life.

- Lord, save your people.

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.

Lord God, you drew Saint Carthage to monastic life through the beauty of your Church's worship, and made him content to be a stranger and a pilgrim for the sake of Christ.

Give us, we pray, by his prayers, a share in his gentleness and forbearance.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

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Friday 15 May 2020

Friday of the 5th week of Eastertide or Saint Carthage, Bishop

Compline (Night Prayer)

INTRODUCTION

O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make 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 ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen. Alleluia.

Examination of Conscience

This is an excellent moment for an examination of conscience. In a communal celebration of Compline, one of the penitential acts given in the Missal may be recited.

Hymn

Jesu, the world's redeeming Lord, The Father's co-eternal Word, Of light invisible true Light, Thine Israel's Keeper day and night.

Our great Creator and our Guide, Who times and seasons dost divide, Refresh at night with quiet rest, Our limbs by daily toil oppressed. We pray thee, while we dwell below, Preserve us from our ghostly foe; Nor let his wiles victorious be O'er them that are redeemed by thee.

That while in this frail house of clay A little longer here we stay, Our flesh in thee may sweetly sleep, Our souls with thee their vigils keep.

All praise be thine, O risen Lord, From death to endless life restored; All praise to God the Father be, And Holy Ghost eternally.

Psalm 87 (88) The prayer of one gravely ill

"This is your hour; this is the reign of darkness" (Lk 22:53).

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

Lord my God, I call for help by day;
I cry at night before you.
Let my prayer come into your presence.
O turn your ear to my cry.

For my soul is filled with evils;
my life is on the brink of the grave.
I am reckoned as one in the tomb:
I have reached the end of my strength,

like one alone among the dead; like the slain lying in their graves; like those you remember no more, cut off, as they are, from your hand.

You have laid me in the depths of the tomb,

in places that are dark, in the depths. Your anger weighs down upon me:

I am drowned beneath your waves.

You have taken away my friends and made me hateful in their sight. Imprisoned, I cannot escape; my eyes are sunken with grief.

I call to you, Lord, all the day long; to you I stretch out my hands. Will you work your wonders for the dead? Will the shades stand and praise you?

Will your love be told in the grave or your faithfulness among the dead? Will your wonders be known in the dark or your justice in the land of oblivion?

As for me, Lord, I call to you for help:
in the morning my prayer comes before you.
Lord, why do you reject me?
Why do you hide your face?

Wretched, close to death from my youth,
I have borne your trials; I am numb.
Your fury has swept down upon me;
your terrors have utterly destroyed me.

They surround me all the day like a flood, they assail me all together.

Friend and neighbour you have taken away: my one companion is darkness.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Psalm-prayer

Lord Jesus, redeemer of all and author of our salvation, for us you went down to the realm of death and became free of death. Hear the prayers of your family and lift us from our slavery to evil, that we may be redeemed by you and see your Father's glory.

Or:

Lord Jesus Christ, you chose to suffer and be overwhelmed by death in order to open the gates of death in triumph. Stay with us to help us on our pilgrimage; free us from all evil by the power of your resurrection. In the company of your saints, and constantly remembering your love for us, may we sing of your wonders in our Father's house.

Short Reading (Jeremiah 14:9)

Lord, you are in our midst, we are called by your name. Do not desert us, O Lord our God!

Short Responsory

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

- Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia. You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth, alleluia, alleluia.

- Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

Canticle Nunc Dimittis

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

Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep; that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace. Alleluia.

At last, all-powerful Master, you give leave to your servant to go in peace, according to your promise.

For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all nations, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep; that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

Give us grace, almighty God, so to unite ourselves in faith with your only Son, who underwent death and lay buried in the tomb, that we may rise again in newness of life with him, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Regina Caeli

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia!

for he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia! has risen as he said, alleluia! Pray for us to God, alleluia!

Regína cæli, lætare, allelúia, quia quem meruísti portáre, allelúia, resurréxit sicut dixit, allelúia; ora pro nobis Deum, allelúia.

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Entrance Antiphon

Col 2: 12

You have been buried with Christ in Baptism, through which you also rose again by faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead, alleluia.

Collect

Almighty and eternal God, who through the regenerating power of Baptism have been pleased to confer on us heavenly life, grant, we pray, that those you render capable of immortality by justifying them may by your guidance attain the fullness of glory.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First reading Acts 16:1-10

'Come across to Macedonia and help us'

From Cilicia Paul went to Derbe, and then on to Lystra. Here there was a disciple called Timothy, whose mother was a Jewess who had become a believer; but his father was a Greek. The brothers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of Timothy, and Paul, who wanted to have him as a travelling companion, had him circumcised. This was on account of the Jews in the locality where everyone knew his father was a Greek.

As they visited one town after another, they passed on the decisions reached by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem, with instructions to respect them.

So the churches grew strong in the faith, as well as growing daily in numbers.

They travelled through Phrygia and the Galatian country, having been told by the Holy Spirit not to preach the word in Asia. When they reached the frontier of Mysia they thought to cross it into Bithynia, but as the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them, they went through Mysia and came down to Troas.

One night Paul had a vision: a Macedonian appeared and appealed to him in these words, 'Come across to Macedonia and help us.' Once he had seen this vision we lost no time in arranging a passage to Macedonia, convinced that God had called us to bring them the Good News.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 99(100):1-3,5

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

or

Alleluia!

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

or

Alleluia!

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock. *Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.* or Alleluia! Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. *Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.* or Alleluia! **Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord, who hung for us upon the tree, has risen from the tomb. Alleluia! Or: **Col3:1**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 15:18-21

The world hated me before it hated you

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If the world hates you, remember that it hated me before you. If you belonged to the world,

the world would love you as its own;
but because you do not belong to the world,
because my choice withdrew you from the world,
therefore the world hates you.
Remember the words I said to you: A servant is not greater than his master.
If they persecuted me, they will persecute you too;
if they kept my word, they will keep yours as well.
But it will be on my account that they will do all this,
because they do not know the one who sent me.'

Jn 17: 20-21

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept in compassion, Lord, we pray, the offerings of your family, that under your protective care they may never lose what they have received, but attain the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me, says the Lord, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Keep safe, O Lord, we pray, those whom you have saved by your kindness, that, redeemed by the Passion of your Son, they may rejoice in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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Cf. Ps 91: 13-14

The just will flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a Lebanon cedar, planted in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God, alleluia.

Or: Ps 36: 30-31

The mouth of the just man utters wisdom, and his tongue tells forth what is right. The law of his God is in his heart, alleluia.

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Collect

O God, who helped Saint Brendan navigate the seas in his eagerness to spread the Gospel, grant us, at his intercession, on our journey through life to set our course according to your peace and bring us to the harbour we desire in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

or

Alleluia!

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He is faithful from age to age.

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Gospel Acclamation

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These are the readings for the memorial

Acts 4:32-35 The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul

<u>Apocalypse 3:14,20-22</u> If one of you hears me calling, I will come in to share his meal

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Apocalypse 21:5-7 I will give water from the well of life to anybody who is thirsty

First reading

Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Continue

First reading

Apocalypse 3:14,20-22

If one of you hears me calling, I will come in to share his meal

I, John, heard the Lord saying to me: "Write to the angel of the church in Laodicea and say, "Here is the message of the Amen, the faithful, the true witness, the ultimate source of God's creation: Look, I am standing at the door, knocking. If one of you hears me calling and opens the door, I will come in to share his meal, side by side with him. Those who prove victorious I will allow to share my throne, just as I was victorious myself and took my place with my Father on his throne. If anyone has ears to hear, let him listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches."

Continue

First reading

Apocalypse 19:1,5-9

Let us give praise to God, because this is the time for the marriage of the Lamb.

I, John, seemed to hear the great sound of a huge crowd in heaven, singing, 'Alleluia! Victory and glory and power to our God!'

Then a voice came from the throne; it said, 'Praise our God, you servants of his and all who, great or small, revere him'. And I seemed to hear the voices of a huge crowd, like the sound of the ocean or the great roar of thunder, answering, 'Alleluia! The reign of the Lord our God Almighty has begun; let us be glad and joyful and give praise to God, because this is the time for the marriage of the Lamb. His bride is ready, and she has been able to dress herself in dazzling white linen, because her linen is made of the good deeds of the saints.'

The angel said, 'Write this: Happy are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.'

Continue

First reading

Apocalypse 21:5-7

I will give water from the well of life to anybody who is thirsty

The One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new' he said. 'Write this: that what I am saying is sure and will come true.' And then he said, 'It is already done.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give water from the well of life free to anybody who is thirsty; it is the rightful inheritance of the one who proves victorious; and I will be his God and he a son to me.'

Continue

Psalm 1:1-4,6 Happy indeed is the man

Psalm 14(15):2-5 Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain

Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-8,11 Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you

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Psalm 111(112):1-9 Happy the man who fears the Lord

Psalm 127(128):1-5 O blessed are those who fear the Lord

Psalm 130(131) O Lord, my heart is not proud

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 1:1-4,6

His delight is the law of the Lord.

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Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

or

The just will flourish like the palm-tree in the courts of our God.

Happy indeed is the man

who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night.

His delight is the law of the Lord.

or

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

or

The just will flourish like the palm-tree in the courts of our God.

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper.

His delight is the law of the Lord.

or

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

or

The just will flourish like the palm-tree in the courts of our God.

Not so are the wicked, not so!

For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind:

for the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

His delight is the law of the Lord.

or

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

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The just will flourish like the palm-tree in the courts of our God.

Continue

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 14(15):2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Continue

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-8,11

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever.

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Continue

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22(23)

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

Continue

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33(34):2-11

I will bless the Lord at all times.

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Taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

I will bless the Lord at all times.

or

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

I will bless the Lord at all times.

or

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called, the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress.

I will bless the Lord at all times.

or

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

I will bless the Lord at all times.

or

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Revere the Lord, you his saints.

They lack nothing, those who revere him.

Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

I will bless the Lord at all times.

or

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Continue

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102(103):1-4,8-9,13-14,17-18

My soul, give thanks to the Lord.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord.

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord.

As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him; for he knows of what we are made, he remembers that we are dust.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord.

But the love of the Lord is everlasting upon those who hold him in fear; his justice reaches out to children's children when they keep his covenant in truth, when they keep his will in their mind.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord.

Continue

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 111(112):1-9

Happy the man who fears the Lord. or

Alleluia!

Happy the man who fears the Lord, who takes delight in all his commands. His sons will be powerful on earth; the children of the upright are blessed.

Happy the man who fears the Lord.

or

Alleluia!

Riches and wealth are in his house;
his justice stands firm for ever.
He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.

Happy the man who fears the Lord.

or

Alleluia!

The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever.

Happy the man who fears the Lord.

or

Alleluia!

He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; he will see the downfall of his foes.

Happy the man who fears the Lord.

or

Alleluia!

Open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever.

His head will be raised in glory.

Happy the man who fears the Lord.

or

Alleluia!

Continue

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 127(128):1-5

O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life!

O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Continue

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 130(131)

Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me.

Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace.

A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul.

Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and forever.

Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

Continue

Gospel Acclamation

Mt5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia!

Or: Mt5:6

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Alleluia!

Or: Mt5:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Alleluia!

Or: Mt11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!

Or: Mt23:11,12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The greatest among you must be your servant, says the Lord: the man who humbles himself will be exalted.
Alleluia!

Or: Mt11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Or: Lk21:36

Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

Or: Jn8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Or: Jn8:31-32

Alleluia, alleluia!
If you make my word your home
you will indeed be my disciples,
and you will learn the truth, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Or: Jn13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another just as I have loved you, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Or: Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

Or: Jn15:4,5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you, says the Lord;

whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

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Remain in my love, says the Lord; whoever remains in me, with me in him,

bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!	
Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12a

How happy are the poor in spirit

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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Prayer over the Offerings

Grant those who approach your altar, O Lord, that spirit of devotion with which the blessed Abbot N. was on fire, so that, pure of heart and fervent in charity, we may offer you a worthy sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Lk 12: 42

This is the steward, faithful and prudent, whom the Lord set over his household, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time, alleluia.

Or: Mt 23: 11

The greatest among you must be your servant, says the Lord, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

By the power of this Sacrament which we have received, renew our hearts, O Lord, so that by the example of the Abbot blessed **N.**, being wise in the things above and not in the things of earth here below, we may merit to appear in glory with Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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The Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its fruit for God, our God, has blessed us.

May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

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Amen.

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Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky, Heav'n thunders forth its victor cry: The glad earth shouts her triumph high, And groaning hell makes wild reply.

While he, the King of sovereign might, Treads down death's strength in death's despite, And trampling hell by victor's right, Brings forth his sleeping saints to light.

Fast barred beneath the stone of late, In watch and ward where soldiers wait, Now shining in triumphant state, He rises victor from death's gate.

Hell's pains are loosed and tears are fled: Captivity is captive led: The angel, crowned with light, hath said: 'The Lord is risen from the dead.'

Author of all, be thou our guide In this our joy of Eastertide; Whene'er assaults of death impend, Thy people strengthen and defend.

To thee who, dead, again dost live, All glory, Lord, thy people give: All glory, as is ever meet, To Father and to Paraclete.

Psalm 118 (119): 145-152 Meditating the word of the Lord in the Law

"When anyone obeys what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him" (1 John 2:5)

In your love, give me life, O Lord. Alleluia.

I call with all my heart; Lord, hear me, I will keep your commands.
I call upon you, save me and I will do your will.

I rise before dawn and cry for help,
I hope in your word.
My eyes watch through the night
to ponder your promise.

In your love hear my voice, O Lord; give me life by your decrees.

Those who harm me unjustly draw near; they are far from your law.

But you, O Lord, are close, your commands are truth.

Long have I known that your will is established for ever.

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"Those who overcame the beast sang the hymn of Moses, the Servant of God" (cf. Rev 15:2-3).

For the victors, theirs is the song of God's servant Moses, theirs is the song of the Lamb. Alleluia.

I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph! Horse and rider he has thrown into the sea!

The Lord is my strength, my song, my salvation. This is my God and I extol him, my father's God and I give him praise.

The Lord is a warrior! 'The Lord' is his name.

The chariots of Pharaoh he hurled into the sea.

At the breath of your anger the waters piled high; the moving waters stood up like a dam.

The deeps turned solid in the midst of the sea.

The enemy said: 'I will pursue and overtake them,
I will divide the plunder, I shall have my will.
I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.'

You blew with your breath, the sea closed over them.

They went down like lead into the mighty waters.

Who is like you among the gods, O Lord,
who is like you, so glorious in holiness,
spreading fear through your deeds, you who do marvels?

You stretched forth your hand, the earth engulfed them; your love has guided the people you redeemed, your power has led them to your holy dwelling-place.

You will lead them and plant them on your mountain, the place, O Lord, where you have made your home, the sanctuary, Lord, which your hands have made. The Lord will reign for ever and ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

For the victors, theirs is the song of God's servant Moses, theirs is the song of the Lamb. Alleluia.

Psalm 116 (117) Praise of the merciful Lord

"I ask the nations to give praise to God for his mercy" (Rom 15:8,9).

Strong is his love for us, alleluia.

O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples!

Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever.

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Amen.

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God our Father, may all nations and peoples praise you. May Jesus, who is called faithful and true and who lives with you eternally, possess our hearts for ever.

Or:

Lord God, everything you have promised has been done to show your faithfulness; and you have revealed your kindness to all peoples. Gather all nations into your Church that in all the various tongues of this world one hymn of praise may be offered you.

Short Reading

Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we

belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Short Responsory

The Lord has risen from the dead, alleluia, alleluia.

- The Lord has risen from the dead, alleluia, alleluia.

For our sake he died on the cross, alleluia, alleluia.

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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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Canticle Benedictus

The Messiah and the one who was sent before him

Christ died and came to life again to establish his dominion over the living and the dead. Alleluia.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!

He has visited his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty saviour in the house of David his servant, as he promised by the lips of holy men, those who were his prophets from of old.

A saviour who would free us from our foes, from the hands of all who hate us. So his love for our fathers is fulfilled and his holy covenant remembered.

He swore to Abraham our father to grant us, that free from fear, and saved from the hands of our foes, we might serve him in holiness and justice all the days of our life in his presence.

As for you, little child,

you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High. You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before him,

To make known to his people their salvation through forgiveness of all their sins, the loving-kindness of the heart of our God who visits us like the dawn from on high.

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Amen.

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Prayers and intercessions

Christ is the bread of life and he will raise up on the last day those who are nourished by his word and his body.

- Lord, give us peace and joy.

Son of God, risen from the dead, you are the Lord of life; bless all our brothers and make us holy.

- Lord, give us peace and joy.

You are the peace and joy of all who believe in you; help us to live as children of light, rejoicing in your victory.

- Lord, give us peace and joy.

May your pilgrim Church grow in faith; strengthen us to bear witness before the world to your resurrection.

Lord, give us peace and joy.
You underwent great sufferings to enter the Father's glory; wipe away all tears and turn sorrow into joy.
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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,

one God. for ever and ever.

but deliver us from evil.

Almighty, ever-living God,
you gave us the life of heaven
by the new birth of baptism;
you implanted in us the seed of eternity
by your gift of grace.

Lead us, in your providence,
to the fullness of glory.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

Amen.

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

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Hymn

All hail the power of Jesus' name; Let Angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem To crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye Martyrs of your God, Who from his altar call; Praise him whose way of pain ye trod, And crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call; The God Incarnate, Man Divine, And crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue To him their hearts enthral, Lift high the universal song, And crown him Lord of all.

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Short Reading Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Short Responsory

The just shall rejoice in the sight of God. Alleluia, alleluia. – The just shall rejoice in the sight of God. Alleluia, alleluia. They shall be filled with gladness.

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Whoever does the will of my Father, says the Lord, is my brother, and sister, and mother. Alleluia.

Prayers and intercessions

Let us praise Christ, the holy God, and ask that we may serve him in justice and holiness all the days of our life.

- Lord, you alone are holy.

You were tempted in every way that we are, but you did not sin; Lord Jesus, have mercy on us.

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You have called us to grow in love until there is no longer fear; Lord Jesus, make us holy.

- Lord, you alone are holy.

You have told us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world; Lord Jesus, enlighten our minds and hearts.

- Lord, you alone are holy.

In a world of human need it was your will to serve and not to be served; let us become like you, Lord Jesus, in the humble service of our brothers.

- Lord, you alone are holy.

You are the radiant brightness of God's glory, the perfect likeness of his nature;

Lord Jesus, let us see the splendour of your face. - Lord, you alone are holy.
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.
O God, who helped Saint Brendan navigate the seas in his eagerness to spread the Gospel, grant us, at his intercession, on our journey through life to set our course according to your peace and bring us to the harbour we desire in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
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(First Vespers of tomorrow, 6th Sunday of Easter)

Vespers (Evening Prayer)

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Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn

The Lamb's high banquet we await, In snow-white robes of royal state; And now, the Red Sea's channel past, To Christ our Prince we sing at last.

Upon the altar of the Cross His body hath redeemed our loss; And tasting of his scarlet blood, Our life is hid with him in God.

Now Christ our paschal Lamb is slain, The Lamb of God that knows no stain, The true oblation offered here, Our own unleavened bread sincere.

O thou, from whom hell's monarch flies, O great, O very Sacrifice, Thy captive people are set free, And endless life restored in thee.

To thee who, dead, again dost live, All glory, Lord, thy people give: All glory, as is ever meet, To Father and to Paraclete.

Psalm 118 (119): 105-112 Meditating the word of the Lord in the Law

"This is my commandment, that you love one another" (Jn 15:12).

The man who lives by the truth comes into the light. Alleluia.

Your word is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path. I have sworn and have made up my mind to obey your decrees.

Lord, I am deeply afflicted; by your word give me life. Accept, Lord, the homage of my lips and teach me your decrees.

Though I carry my life in my hands,
I remember your law.
Though the wicked try to ensnare me,
I do not stray from your precepts.

Your will is my heritage for ever, the joy of my heart. I set myself to carry out your statutes in fullness, for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

The man who lives by the truth comes into the light. Alleluia.

Psalm-prayer

Let your Word, Father, be a lamp for our feet and a light to our path, so that we may understand what you wish to teach us and follow the path your light marks out for us.

Psalm 15 (16) The Lord, my inheritance

"God raised up Jesus, freeing him from the pains of death" (Acts 2:24).

Freed from the pangs of death, the Lord arose from the grave. Alleluia.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. My happiness lies in you alone.'

He has put into my heart a marvellous love for the faithful ones who dwell in his land.

Those who choose other gods increase their sorrows.

Never will I offer their offerings of blood.

Never will I take their name upon my lips.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.

The lot marked out for me is my delight:

welcome indeed the heritage that falls to me!

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever.

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Amen.

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Psalm-prayer

Lord Jesus, uphold those who hope in you and give us your counsel, so that we may know the joy of your resurrection and deserve to be among the saints at your right hand.

Or:

Father, in the mysterious plan of your love, you offered your Son the bitter cup of death, and yet you would not let your Holy One know decay, but opened to him the way of life. Help us to look for happiness in you alone and to share one day the glory of your Son's resurrection.

Canticle Philippians 2

Christ, God's servant

Was it not necessary that Christ should suffer thus and so enter into his glory? Alleluia.

Though he was in the form of God,

Jesus did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped.

He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Amen.

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Short Reading 1 Peter 2:9-10

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his

wonderful light. Once you were not a people at all and now you are the People of God; once you were outside the mercy and now you have been given mercy.

Short Responsory

The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

- The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

They saw the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

- The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

- The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

Canticle Magnificat

My soul rejoices in the Lord

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever, alleluia.

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her lowliness;

henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age,

His mercy is from age to age on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud-hearted. He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy, the mercy promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his sons for ever.

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I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever, alleluia.

Prayers and intercessions

Let us pray to Christ, who rose from the dead to restore our life.

- Ever-living Christ, hear us.

Jesus, you are the stone rejected by the builders but you have proved to be the keystone of God's house;

make us living stones in the temple of your Church.

- Ever-living Christ, hear us.

You are the faithful and true witness, the first-born from the dead; may the Church never cease to proclaim you to the world.

- Ever-living Christ, hear us.

Through your death and resurrection you took the Church to yourself as a bride:

cherish her, and keep her faithful, and prepare her for the day of your coming.

- Ever-living Christ, hear us.

You are the first and the last, you were dead and now you are alive; may all the baptized be faithful unto death and gain the crown of glory.

- Ever-living Christ, hear us.

You are the light and joy of the city of God; shine on the faithful departed that they may reign for ever. - Ever-living Christ, hear us. 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. Almighty God, give us the grace of an attentive love to celebrate these days of joy devoted to the honour of the Risen Lord. Teach us to hold fast in our actions to the mystery we recall in worship. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

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Saturday 16 May 2020

Saturday of the 5th week of Eastertide or Saint Brendan, Abbot

Compline (Night Prayer)

INTRODUCTION

O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make 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 ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Alleluia.

Examination of Conscience

This is an excellent moment for an examination of conscience. In a communal celebration of Compline, one of the penitential acts given in the Missal may be recited.

Hymn

Jesu, the world's redeeming Lord, The Father's co-eternal Word, Of light invisible true Light, Thine Israel's Keeper day and night.

Our great Creator and our Guide, Who times and seasons dost divide, Refresh at night with quiet rest, Our limbs by daily toil oppressed. We pray thee, while we dwell below, Preserve us from our ghostly foe; Nor let his wiles victorious be O'er them that are redeemed by thee.

That while in this frail house of clay A little longer here we stay, Our flesh in thee may sweetly sleep, Our souls with thee their vigils keep.

All praise be thine, O risen Lord, From death to endless life restored; All praise to God the Father be, And Holy Ghost eternally.

Psalm 4 Thanksgiving

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

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

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

Fear him; 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.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

> Psalm 133 (134) **Evening prayer in the Temple**

"Praise our God, all you his servants, and all who revere him, both great and small" (Rev 19:5).

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 Sion, he who made both heaven and earth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

Psalm-prayer

All your servants praise and thank you, Lord. Be our light as night descends. We lift up to you the good works of our hands; grant us your generous blessing.

Or:

Where two or three gather in your name, Lord, you promised to be with them and share their fellowship. Look down upon your family gathered here in your name, and graciously pour out your blessing upon us.

Short Reading

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Short Responsory

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

- Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia. You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth, alleluia, alleluia.

- Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

Canticle Nunc Dimittis

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

Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep; that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace. Alleluia.

At last, all-powerful Master,

you give leave to your servant to go in peace, according to your promise.

For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all nations, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep; that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

Come to visit us, Lord, this night, so that by your strength we may rise at daybreak to rejoice in the resurrection of Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

Amen.

Regina Caeli

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia! for he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia! has risen as he said, alleluia! Pray for us to God, alleluia!

Regina cæli, lætare, allelúia,

quia quem meruísti portáre, allelúia, resurréxit sicut dixit, allelúia; ora pro nobis Deum, allelúia.

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6th Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Colour: White.

Readings at Mass

If the Ascension of the Lord is going to be celebrated next Sunday, the alternative Second Reading and Gospel shown here (which would otherwise have been read on that Sunday) may be used today.

Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Collect

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Cf. Is 48: 20

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 65(66):1-7,16,20

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

or

Alleluia!

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

or

Alleluia!

'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men.

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

or

Alleluia!

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might.

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

or

Alleluia!

Come and hear, all who fear God.

I will tell what he did for my soul:

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me.

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

or

Alleluia!

<u>1 Peter 3:15-18</u> In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life

<u>1 Peter 4:13-16</u> It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ

Second reading

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life

1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Continue

Second reading

1 Peter 4:13-16

It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ

If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.

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Gospel Acclamation

Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'
Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Jn 14: 15-16

Prayer after Communion

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord.

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Invitatory Psalm

Lord, open our lips.

And we shall praise your name.

Invitatory Psalm

Psalm 23 (24)

"The gates of heaven were opened to Christ because he was lifted up in the flesh" (St Irenaeus).

The Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things,
who has not sworn so as to deceive his neighbour.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is the king of glory?

The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

The Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

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Morning Prayer (Lauds)

If this is the first Hour that you are reciting today, you should precede it with the Invitatory Psalm and omit the Introduction.

INTRODUCTION

O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make 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 ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky, Heav'n thunders forth its victor cry: The glad earth shouts her triumph high, And groaning hell makes wild reply.

While he, the King of sovereign might, Treads down death's strength in death's despite, And trampling hell by victor's right, Brings forth his sleeping saints to light.

Fast barred beneath the stone of late, In watch and ward where soldiers wait, Now shining in triumphant state, He rises victor from death's gate.

Hell's pains are loosed and tears are fled: Captivity is captive led: The angel, crowned with light, hath said: 'The Lord is risen from the dead.'

Author of all, be thou our guide In this our joy of Eastertide; Whene'er assaults of death impend, Thy people strengthen and defend.

To thee who, dead, again dost live, All glory, Lord, thy people give: All glory, as is ever meet, To Father and to Paraclete.

Psalm 117 (118) A cry of rejoicing and triumph

"This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, but which has become the cornerstone" (Acts 4:11).

This is the day which was made by the Lord. Alleluia.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love endures for ever.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love endures for ever.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love endures for ever.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love endures for ever.'

I called to the Lord in my distress; he answered and freed me. The Lord is at my side; I do not fear. What can man do against me? The Lord is at my side as my helper; I shall look down on my foes.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men; it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

The nations all encompassed me; in the Lord's name I crushed them.

They compassed me, compassed me about; in the Lord's name I crushed them.

They compassed me about like bees; they blazed like a fire among thorns. In the Lord's name I crushed them.

I was hard-pressed and was falling, but the Lord came to help me. The Lord is my strength and my song; he is my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me.
The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die.

Open to me the gates of holiness:
 I will enter and give thanks.

This is the Lord's own gate
 where the just may enter.

I will thank you for you have answered

and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord, grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light.

Go forward in procession with branches even to the altar.
You are my God, I thank you.
My God, I praise you.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love endures for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

This is the day which was made by the Lord. Alleluia.

Psalm-prayer

Lord God, you have given us the great day of rejoicing: Jesus Christ, the stone rejected by the builders, has become the cornerstone of the Church, our spiritual home. Shed upon your Church the rays of your glory, that she may be seen as the gate of salvation open to all nations. Let cries of joy and

exultation ring out from her tents, to celebrate the wonder of Christ's resurrection.

Canticle Daniel 3:52-57

Let every creature praise the Lord

"The Creator is blessed for ever" (Rom 1:25).

O Lord, our God, you are blessed in the firmament of heaven and worthy of praise. Alleluia.

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

Blest your glorious holy name.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest in the temple of your glory. To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest who gaze into the depths.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest in the firmament of heaven. To you glory and praise for evermore.

You who walk on the wings of the wind. To you glory and praise for evermore.

May they bless you, the saints and the angels. To you glory and praise for evermore.

From the heavens, the earth and the sea.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

O Lord, our God, you are blessed in the firmament of heaven and worthy of praise. Alleluia.

Psalm 150 Praise the Lord

"Sing praise in your spirit, sing praise with your soul, that is: give glory to God in both your soul and your body" (Hesychius).

Praise God who sits on the throne, saying 'Amen. Alleluia.'

Praise God in his holy place, praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his powerful deeds, praise his surpassing greatness.

O praise him with sound of trumpet, praise him with lute and harp.

Praise him with timbrel and dance, praise him with strings and pipes.

O praise him with resounding cymbals, praise him with clashing of cymbals. Let everything that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Praise God who sits on the throne, saying 'Amen. Alleluia.'

Psalm-prayer

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

Or:

Lord God, through your saving plan all things are ours, and we are Christ's and Christ is yours. Accept the praises of your Church. By these praises, through Christ, with him and in him, all your honour and glory is celebrated, all-powerful Father, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Short Reading Acts 10:40-43

God raised Jesus to life on the third day and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.

Short Responsory

Have mercy on us, Christ, Son of the living God, alleluia, alleluia.

- Have mercy on us, Christ, Son of the living God, alleluia, alleluia. You have risen from the dead.
- Have mercy on us, Christ, Son of the living God, alleluia, alleluia. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- Have mercy on us, Christ, Son of the living God, alleluia, alleluia.

Canticle Benedictus

The Messiah and the one who was sent before him

- I will not leave you orphans; I am going but I will come back to you and your hearts will be glad. Alleluia. (Year A)
- Or: As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love, alleluia.
- Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!

 He has visited his people and redeemed them.
- He has raised up for us a mighty saviour in the house of David his servant, as he promised by the lips of holy men, those who were his prophets from of old.
- A saviour who would free us from our foes, from the hands of all who hate us. So his love for our fathers is fulfilled and his holy covenant remembered.
- He swore to Abraham our father to grant us, that free from fear, and saved from the hands of our foes, we might serve him in holiness and justice all the days of our life in his presence.
- As for you, little child,
 you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High.
 You shall go ahead of the Lord
 to prepare his ways before him,
- To make known to his people their salvation through forgiveness of all their sins, the loving-kindness of the heart of our God who visits us like the dawn from on high.
- He will give light to those in darkness, those who dwell in the shadow of death, and guide us into the way of peace.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

I will not leave you orphans; I am going but I will come back to you and your hearts will be glad. Alleluia. (Year A)

Or: As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love, alleluia.

Prayers and intercessions

Let us pray to the Father, the all-powerful God, who raised up Jesus, our prince and our Saviour.

- Glorify us, Lord, with the glory of Christ.

Father, you brought your beloved Son from the darkness of death to the light of glory;

let us enter into the regions of your own wonderful light.

- Glorify us, Lord, with the glory of Christ.

You saved us through faith in Jesus Christ; help us to live today in the grace of our baptism.

- Glorify us, Lord, with the glory of Christ.

You have told us to seek the things that are in heaven; enable us to resist the attraction of sin.

- Glorify us, Lord, with the glory of Christ.

Reveal the riches of our hidden life in Christ that men may see the signs of the new heaven and the new earth.

- Glorify us, Lord, with the glory of Christ.

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.

Almighty God,

give us the grace of an attentive love to celebrate these days of joy devoted to the honour of the Risen Lord.

Teach us to hold fast in our actions to the mystery we recall in worship.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

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Vespers (Evening Prayer)

INTRODUCTION

O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make 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 ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn

The Lamb's high banquet we await, In snow-white robes of royal state; And now, the Red Sea's channel past, To Christ our Prince we sing at last.

Upon the altar of the Cross His body hath redeemed our loss; And tasting of his scarlet blood, Our life is hid with him in God.

Now Christ our paschal Lamb is slain, The Lamb of God that knows no stain, The true oblation offered here, Our own unleavened bread sincere. O thou, from whom hell's monarch flies, O great, O very Sacrifice, Thy captive people are set free, And endless life restored in thee.

To thee who, dead, again dost live, All glory, Lord, thy people give: All glory, as is ever meet, To Father and to Paraclete.

Psalm 109 (110) The Messiah, king and priest

"He must be king so that he may put all his enemies under his feet" (1 Cor 15:25).

He raised Christ from the dead and placed him at his own right hand, in heaven. Alleluia.

The Lord's revelation to my Master:

'Sit on my right: your foes I will put beneath your feet.'

The Lord will wield from Sion your sceptre of power: rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. 'You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.'

The Master standing at your right hand will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside and therefore he shall lift up his head.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

He raised Christ from the dead and placed him at his own right hand, in heaven. Alleluia.

Psalm-prayer

Father, we ask you to give us victory and peace. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and King, we are already seated at your right hand. We look forward to praise you in the fellowship of all your saints in our heavenly homeland.

Or:

Almighty God, bring the kingdom of Christ, your anointed one, to its fullness. May the perfect offering of your Son, eternal priest of the new Jerusalem, be offered in every place to your name and make all nations a holy people for you.

Psalm 113B (115) Praise of the true God

"Turn away from idols and worship the living and true God" (1 Th 1:9).

You have been converted from idolatry to the living God. Alleluia.

Not to us, Lord, not to us, but to your name give the glory for the sake of your love and your truth, lest the heathen say: 'Where is their God?' But our God is in the heavens; he does whatever he wills. Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.

They have mouths but they cannot speak; they have eyes but they cannot see; they have ears but they cannot hear; they have nostrils but they cannot smell.

With their hands they cannot feel; with their feet they cannot walk.

(No sound comes from their throats.)

Their makers will come to be like them and so will all who trust in them.

Sons of Israel, trust in the Lord; he is their help and their shield. Sons of Aaron, trust in the Lord; he is their help and their shield.

You who fear him, trust in the Lord; he is their help and their shield. He remembers us, and he will bless us; he will bless the sons of Israel. (He will bless the sons of Aaron.)

The Lord will bless those who fear him, the little no less than the great: to you may the Lord grant increase, to you and all your children.

May you be blessed by the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. The heavens belong to the Lord but the earth he has given to men.

The dead shall not praise the Lord, nor those who go down into the silence.

But we who live bless the Lord now and for ever. Amen.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

You have been converted from idolatry to the living God. Alleluia.

Psalm-prayer

Father, creator and ruler of heaven and earth, you made man in your likeness to subdue the earth and master it, and to recognize the work of your hands in created beauty. Grant that your children, thus surrounded on all sides by signs of your presence, may live continually in Christ, praising you through him and with him.

Canticle

(Apocalypse 19)

The wedding of the Lamb

Alleluia. Victory and glory and power to our God! Alleluia.

Alleluia.

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, his judgements are true and just.

Alleluia.

Alleluia.

Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns, let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Alleluia.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Alleluia. Victory and glory and power to our God! Alleluia.

Short Reading

Hebrews 10:12-14

Christ has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying.

Short Responsory

The Lord has truly risen, alleluia, alleluia.

- The Lord has truly risen, alleluia, alleluia.

He has appeared to Simon.

- The Lord has truly risen, alleluia, alleluia.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

- The Lord has truly risen, alleluia, alleluia.

Canticle Magnificat

My soul rejoices in the Lord

- Anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him. Alleluia. (Year A)
- Or: If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him, alleluia.

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her lowliness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud-hearted. He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy, the mercy promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his sons for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him. Alleluia. (Year A)

Or: If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him, alleluia.

Prayers and intercessions

Let us pray to God the Father, who raised Jesus to life and exalted him at his own right hand.

- Lord, protect your people through the glory of Christ.

Father, through the victory of the cross you have lifted up Jesus from the earth;

may he draw all men to himself.

- Lord, protect your people through the glory of Christ.

Through the exaltation of Christ send your Spirit into the Church; make her the sign of unity for the whole human family.

- Lord, protect your people through the glory of Christ.

You have become the Father of men through water and the Spirit; keep them faithful to their baptism until they enter eternal life.

- Lord, protect your people through the glory of Christ.

Through the exaltation of your Son raise up the sorrowful, set prisoners free, heal the sick;

may the whole world rejoice in your wonderful gifts.

- Lord, protect your people through the glory of Christ.

You nourished the faithful departed with Christ's body and blood; let them share in his glory on the day of resurrection.

- Lord, protect your people through the glory of Christ.

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.

Almighty God,
give us the grace of an attentive love
to celebrate these days of joy
devoted to the honour of the Risen Lord.
Teach us to hold fast in our actions
to the mystery we recall in worship.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

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

Amen.

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

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Sunday 17 May 2020

6th Sunday of Easter

Compline (Night Prayer)

INTRODUCTION

O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make 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 ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen. Alleluia.

Examination of Conscience

This is an excellent moment for an examination of conscience. In a communal celebration of Compline, one of the penitential acts given in the Missal may be recited.

Hymn

Jesu, the world's redeeming Lord, The Father's co-eternal Word, Of light invisible true Light, Thine Israel's Keeper day and night.

Our great Creator and our Guide, Who times and seasons dost divide, Refresh at night with quiet rest, Our limbs by daily toil oppressed. We pray thee, while we dwell below, Preserve us from our ghostly foe; Nor let his wiles victorious be O'er them that are redeemed by thee.

That while in this frail house of clay A little longer here we stay, Our flesh in thee may sweetly sleep, Our souls with thee their vigils keep.

All praise be thine, O risen Lord, From death to endless life restored; All praise to God the Father be, And Holy Ghost eternally.

Psalm 90 (91) The protection of the Most High

"Behold, I have given you power to tread under foot both serpents and scorpions" (Lk 10:19).

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

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!'

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.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Psalm-prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, when tempted by the devil, you remained loyal to your Father whose angels watched over you at his command. Guard your Church and keep us safe from the plague of sin so that we may remain loyal to the day we enjoy your salvation and your glory.

Short Reading

Apocalypse 22:4-5

They will see the Lord face to face, and his name will be written on their foreheads. It will never be night again and they will not need lamplight or sunlight, because the Lord God will be shining on them. They will reign for ever and ever.

Short Responsory

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

— Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth, alleluia, alleluia.

— Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

— Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

Canticle Nunc Dimittis

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

Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep; that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace. Alleluia.

At last, all-powerful Master, you give leave to your servant to go in peace, according to your promise.

For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all nations, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep; that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

God our Father,

as we have celebrated today the mystery of the Lord's resurrection, grant our humble prayer:

free us from all harm

that we may sleep in peace and rise in joy to sing your praise.

Through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

The Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

Amen.

Regina Caeli

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia! for he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia! has risen as he said, alleluia! Pray for us to God, alleluia!

Regína cæli, lætare, allelúia, quia quem meruísti portáre, allelúia, resurréxit sicut dixit, allelúia; ora pro nobis Deum, allelúia.

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