

Night Prayer

Saturday - Vigil of the Lord's Day

INTRODUCTION (please stand)

Leader: God, + come to my assistance.

All: – Lord, make haste to help me.

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

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

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE (please kneel and pause in silence)



All:

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

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

All: – Amen.

SONG (please stand)

PSALMODY (please sit)

Leader: Have mercy, Lord, and hear my prayer.

Psalm 4 Thanksgiving

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 favors 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. *
Let the light of your face shine 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 to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

All: Have mercy, Lord, and hear my prayer.

Leader: In the silent hours of night, bless the Lord.

Psalm 134 Evening prayer in the temple

O come, bless the Lord, *
all you who serve the Lord,
who stand in the house of the Lord, *
in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands to the holy place *
and bless the Lord through the night.

May the Lord bless you from Zion, *
he who made both heaven and earth.

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

All: In the silent hours of night, bless the Lord.

READING **Jeremiah 14:9a**

Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today. Drill them into your children. Speak of them at home and abroad, whether you are busy or at rest.

RESPONSORY

Leader: Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

All: – Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

Leader: You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.

All: – I commend my spirit.

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

All: – Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Leader: Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep, that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace.

(all together in unison:)

Lord, + now you let your servant go in peace; *
your word has been fulfilled:

my own eyes have seen the salvation *
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:

a light to reveal you to the nations *
and the glory of your people Israel.

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

All: Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep, that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Leader:

Let us pray.

Lord,
be with us throughout this night.
When day comes may we rise from sleep
to rejoice in the resurrection of your Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: – Amen.

BLESSING

Leader: May the all-powerful Lord grant us a restful night and a peaceful death.

All: – Amen.

ANTIPHON IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(all together in unison:)

Loving mother of the Redeemer,
gate of heaven, star of the sea,
assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again.
To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator,
yet remained a virgin after as before.
You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting,
have pity on us poor sinners.

