

WORSHIP AID



HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

APRIL 2, 2026

In the Sacred Triduum, the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried, and risen. Tonight we celebrate the institution of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian life and our greatest gift. St. Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthians, records Jesus's words at the Last Supper: "This is my body that is for you...This cup is the new covenant in my blood."

INTRODUCTORY RITES



Entrance Song — Glory in the Cross

The Assembly sings:



1. Let us ev - er glo - ry in the cross of Christ, our sal -
2. Let us make our jour - ney to the cross of Christ, who sur -
3. Let us tell the sto - ry of the cross of Christ as we
4. Let us stand to - geth - er at the cross of Christ where we



1. va - tion and — our hope. Let us bow in hom - age to the
2. ren - dered glo - ry and grace to be - come a ser - vant of the
3. share this heav - en - ly feast. We be - come one bod - y in the
4. see God's bound - less love. We are saints and sin - ners who are



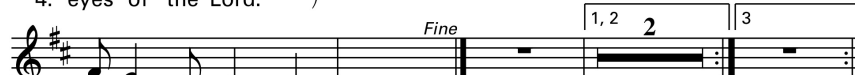
1. Lord of Life, who was bro - ken to make us whole. There is
2. great and small, that all peo - ple may know God's face. Though his
3. blood of Christ, from the great to the ver - y least. When we
4. joined by faith here on earth and in heav'n a - bove. Nei - ther



1. no great - er love, as bless - ed as this: to lay down one's
2. birth was di - vine, he knelt as a slave, to wash com - mon
3. eat of this bread, and drink of this cup, we hon - or the
4. wom - an nor man, not ser - vant or free, but one in the



1. life for a friend.
 2. dust from our feet.
 3. death of the Lord.
 4. eyes of the Lord.
- } Let us ev - er glo - ry in the cross of Christ and the



- 1-4. tri - umph of God's great love.

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Sign of the Cross and Greeting

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **✠ And with your spirit.**

Reception of the Holy Oils — Repeat after Cantor

Cantor, then All



Bless - ed be God for ev - er.

Bless - ed be God for ev - er.

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WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH—LIBERTYVILLE, ILLINOIS
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Penitential Act

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; 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.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. *℟ Amen.*

Kýrie Eleison

Translation:

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Musical notation for the Kyrie Eleison. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff is for the Cantor and the second for All. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

Gloria

Musical notation for the Gloria. It consists of two columns of music. The lyrics are: Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry! way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. A - men.

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Collect

O God, who have called us to participate in this most sacred Supper, in which your Only Begotten Son, when about to hand himself over to death, entrusted to the Church a sacrifice new for all eternity, the banquet of his love, grant, we pray, that we may draw from so great a mystery, the fullness of charity and of life. 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.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading — Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month shall stand at the head of your calendar; you shall reckon it the first month of the year. Tell the whole community of Israel: On the tenth of this month every one of your families must procure for itself a lamb, one apiece for each household. If a family is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join the nearest household in procuring one and shall share in the lamb in proportion to the number of persons who partake of it.

The lamb must be a year-old male and without blemish. You may take it from either the sheep or the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, and then, with the whole assembly of Israel present, it shall be slaughtered during the evening twilight. They shall take some of its blood and apply it to the two doorposts and the lintel of every house in which they partake of the lamb. That same night they shall eat its roasted flesh with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

This is how you are to eat it: with your loins girt, sandals on your feet and your staff in hand, you shall eat like those who are in flight. It is the Passover of the LORD.

For on this same night I will go through Egypt, striking down every firstborn of the land, both man and beast, and executing judgment on all the gods of Egypt—I, the LORD!

But the blood will mark the houses where you are. See-

ing the blood, I will pass over you; thus, when I strike the land of Egypt, no destructive blow will come upon you.

“This day shall be a memorial feast for you, which all your generations shall celebrate with pilgrimage to the LORD, as a perpetual institution.”

The word of the Lord. *℟* **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm — Psalm 116 *The Assembly sings:*

Our bless-ing-cup is a com-mun-ion with the
Blood of Christ. Our bless-ing-cup is a com-
mun-ion with the Blood of Christ.

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V.1 How can I make a return to God for the gifts that God gives to me? I raise the cup of freedom, I call upon God’s name. I fulfill all my vows to God.

V.2 Precious indeed in the eyes of God is the death of the faithful ones. I long for you to hear me, your servant child am I. You free me from death’s dark grip.

V.3 Gifts of thanksgiving I bring to you, as I call on your name, O God. My vows to you I fulfill before your people, God, in the courts of your house, Jerusalem.

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also the cup, after

supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

The word of the Lord. *℟* **Thanks be to God.**

Verse Before the Gospel *The Assembly sings:*

Glo-ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je-sus Christ!
Glo-ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je-sus Christ!

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“I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.”

Gospel — John 13:1-15

Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father. He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end. The devil had already induced Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, to hand him over.

So, during supper, fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God, he rose from supper and took off his outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and dry them with the towel around his waist.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Master, are you going to wash my feet?” Jesus answered and said to him, “What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later.” Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, “Un-

less I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me.” Simon Peter said to him, “Master, then not only feet, but my hands and head as well.” Jesus said to him, “Whoever has bathed has no need except to have his feet washed, for he is clean all over; so you are clean, but not all.” For he knew who would betray him; for this reason, he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

So when he had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, “Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me ‘teacher’ and ‘master,’ and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.”

The Gospel of the Lord. *℟* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Mandatum—The Washing of the Feet

Tonight, we follow Jesus' command to wash each other's feet. All are invited to have their feet washed and to wash the feet of a fellow brother or sister in Christ

What You Have Done for Me


The Assembly sings

Verse 1



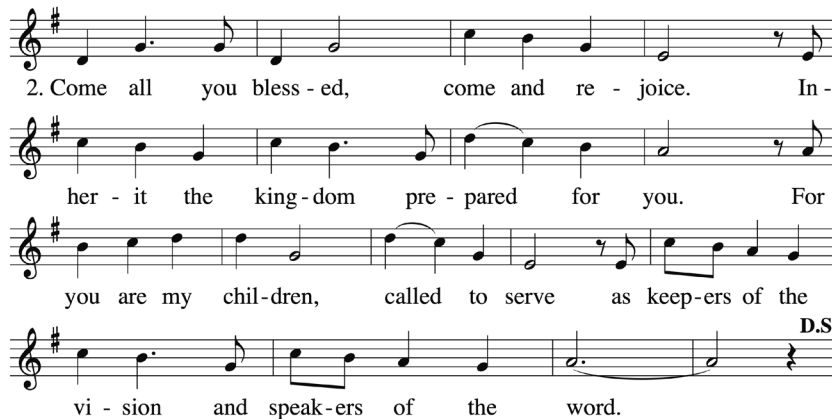
1. I am the hun - gry, I am the poor,
I am the stran - ger out - side your door. So
when you feed the hun - gry, when you clothe the poor
I will no long - er be just a stran - ger at your door.

Refrain



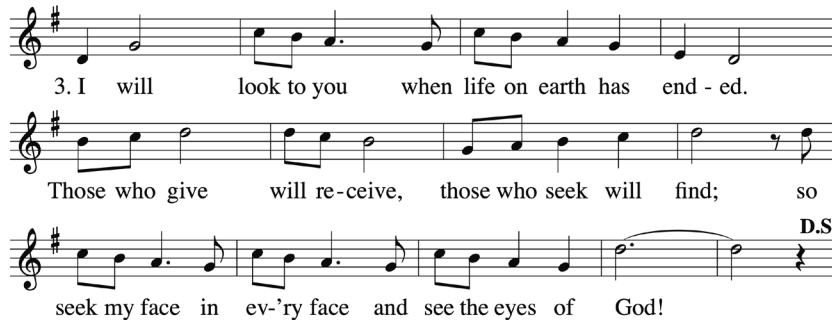
What you have done for the least of my chil - dren
you have done for me. What you have giv - en, with
noth - ing left to give, you have giv - en me.
me.

Verse 2



2. Come all you bless - ed, come and re - joice. In -
her - it the king - dom pre - pared for you. For
you are my chil - dren, called to serve as keep - ers of the
vi - sion and speak - ers of the word.

Verse 3



3. I will look to you when life on earth has end - ed.
Those who give will re - ceive, those who seek will find; so
seek my face in ev - ry face and see the eyes of God!

Were I the Perfect Child of God

The Assembly sings:

1. Were I the per - fect child of God Whose
 2. Yet God, who knows me first and last, Who's
 3. Then sprin - kle wa - ter on my brow As,

faith was deep and love was broad,
 seen my best, my worst, my past,
 in this place, I make my vow

Not doubt - ful, guilt - y, worn or flawed, I'd
 Has shown his love in - tense and vast By
 To own and love my Sav - ior now And

glad - ly fol - low Je - sus. But I'm the child of
 meet - ing me in Je - sus. For Christ, though killed at
 give my - self to Je - sus. God grant me what I

what I've been, Es - tranged by much I've done and seen,
 Cal - va - ry By sins like mine and folk like me,
 still re - quire That I, in oth - ers, might in - spire

A - fraid to show the love I mean, Un -
 Has ris'n, for - giv'n and set me free, Made
 The hid - den hope, the deep de - sire To

fit to fol - low Je - sus.
 fit to fol - low Je - sus.
 love and fol - low Je - sus.

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These Alone Are Enough

The Assembly sings:

1. Take my heart, O Lord, take my hopes and dreams.
 2. Take my thoughts, O Lord, and my mem - o - ry.
 3. I sur - ren - der, Lord, all I have and hold.
 4. When the dark - ness falls on my fi - nal days,

Take my mind with all its plans and schemes.
 Take my tears, my joys, my lib - er - ty.
 I re - turn to you your gifts un - told.
 take the ver - y breath that sang your praise.

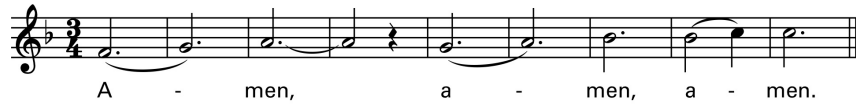
Give me noth - ing more than your love and grace.

These a - lone, O God, are e - nough for me.

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Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful) — ℞ Lord, hear our prayer.

Amen



COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God



Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

℣ **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion Song — How Beautiful *The Assembly sings:*

1. How beautiful the hands that served
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth
How beautiful the feet that walked
The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful
Is the body of Christ

2. How beautiful the heart that bled
That took all my sin and bore it instead
How beautiful the tender eyes
That choose to forgive and never despise
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful
Is the body of Christ

Bridge: And as he lay down his life
We offer this sacrifice
That we will live just as he died
Willing to pay the price
Willing to pay the price



3. How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of good news and the love of the King
How beautiful the hands that serve
The wine and the bread and the sons of the Earth
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful
Is the body of Christ

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2nd Communion Song — The Same Love

1. You choose the humble and raise them high;
you choose the weak and make them strong;
you heal our brokenness inside and give us life.

REFRAIN

2. You take the faithless one aside
and speak the words, "You are mine;"
you call the cynic and the proud, "Come to me now."

REFRAIN

BRIDGE

You're calling, you're calling, you're calling us to the cross.
You're calling, you're calling, you're calling us to the cross.

REFRAIN

REFRAIN



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Prayer After Communion Presider: Grant, almighty God, that, just as we are renewed by the Supper of your Son in this present age, so we may enjoy his banquet for all eternity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *℟* Amen.

The Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament All kneel.

*As the Blessed Sacrament passes your pew, join the celebrants in procession, led by incense, cross, and candles, to the Koenig Center, while we sing **Pange, Lingua Gloriosi**.*

*When the procession reaches the place of repose, the Priest places the ciborium on the Altar. **Tantum ergo Sacramentum** is sung.*

Song for Procession and Adoration — Pange Lingua/Tantum Ergo

The Assembly sings:



1. Pan-ge, lin-gua, glo-ri-ó-si Cór-po-ris my-sté-ri-um
 * 2. No-bis da-tus, no-bis na-tus Ex in-tá-cta Vír-gi-ne,
 3. In su-pré-mae no-cte coe-nae, Ré-cum-bens cum frá-tri-bus,
 4. Ver-bum ca-ro, pa-nem ve-rum Ver-bo car-nem éf-fi-cit:
 * 5. Tan-tum er-go Sa-cra-mén-tum Ve-ne-ré-mur cér-nu-i:
 * 6. Ge-ni-tó-ri, Ge-ni-tó-que Laus et ju-bi-lá-ti-o,

Sing, my tongue, the Savior's glory,
 Of his flesh the mystery sing;
 Of the Blood, all price exceeding,
 Shed by our immortal King,
 Destined for the world's redemption,
 From a noble womb to spring.
 Of a pure and spotless virgin
 Born for us on earth below,
 He, as man, with us conversing,
 Stayed, the seeds of truth to sow;
 Then he closed in solemn order
 Wondrously his life of woe.



1. San-gui-nis-que pre-ti-ó-si, Quem in mun-di pré-ti-um
 2. Et in mun-do con-ver-sá-tus, Spar-so ver-bi sé-mi-ne,
 3. Ob-ser-vá-ta le-ge ple-ne Ci-bis in le-gá-li-bus,
 4. Fit-que san-guis Chri-sti me-rum, Et si sen-sus dé-fi-cit,
 5. Et an-tí-quum do-cu-mén-tum No-vo ce-dat rí-tu-i:
 6. Sa-lus, ho-nor, vir-tus quo-que Sit et be-ne-dí-cti-o:

On the night of that last supper,
 Seated with his chosen band,
 He, the Paschal victim eating,
 First fulfills the Law's command;
 Then as food, to the disciples
 Gives himself with his own hand.



1. Fru-ctus ven-tris ge-ne-ró-si Rex ef-fú-dit gén-ti-um.
 2. Su-i mo-ras in-co-lá-tus Mi-ro clau-sit ór-dí-ne.
 3. Ci-bum tur-bae du-o-dé-nae Se dat su-is má-ni-bus.
 4. Ad fir-mán-dum cor sin-cé-rum So-la fi-des súf-fi-cit.
 5. Prae-stet fi-des sup-ple-mén-tum Sén-su-um de-fé-ctu-i.
 6. Pro-ce-dén-ti ab u-tró-que Com-par sit lau-dá-ti-o.

Word made flesh, the bread of nature
 By his word to flesh he turns;
 Wine into his blood he changes:
 What though sense no change discerns?
 Only be the heart in earnest,
 Faith its lesson quickly learns.
 Down in adoration falling,
 This great sacrament we hail;
 Over ancient forms of worship
 Newer rites of grace prevail;
 Faith will tell us Christ is present,
 When our human senses fail.

To the everlasting Father,
 And the Son who made us free,
 And the Spirit, God proceeding
 From them each eternally,
 Be salvation, honor, blessing,
 Might and endless majesty.

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Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

You are invited to spend time in Adoration this holy night. You may take part in the singing of these songs, or if you prefer, spend time in silence and prayer.

Stay Here and Watch

Taizé, J. Berthier

Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour— has
come. Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch— and pray. Stay

Fine

We Remember

Marty Haugen

We remember how you loved us to your death, and still we celebrate, for you are with us here; and we believe that we will see you when you come in your glory, Lord.
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

Here, a million wounded souls are yearning just to touch you and be healed.
Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart. We remember how...

Now we recreate your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal.
Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord. We remember how...

Christ, the Father's great 'Amen' to all the hopes and dreams of ev'ry heart,
Peace beyond all telling, and freedom from all fear. We remember how...

See the face of Christ revealed in ev'ry person standing by your side,
Gift to one another, and temples of your love. We remember how...

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Stay With Me

Taizé, J. Berthier

Stay with me, re-main here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray.

Jesus, Remember Me

Taizé, J. Berthier

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.
Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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Strength for the Journey

Poirier

I will be, — I will be, — I will be
 strength for the jour - ney. I will be, — I will be, —
 — I will be strength for the jour - ney —

1. There is a road — meant for you to trav - el. —
 2. There is a cross — meant for you to car - ry. —
 3. How man - y times have you doubt - ed my — Word?

1. Nar - row and steep is — the shep - herd's way, — and
 2. There is a cross meant for you a - lone, and
 3. How man - y times must I call your name? And

1. as you say, "Yes," — let - ting me guide you, —
 2. as you bow down in hum - ble sur - ren - der, —
 3. as you say, "Yes," — let - ting me love you, —

To Refrain
 1.-3. I will be strength — for the jour - ney. —

Michael John Poirier
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The Quiet Center

Stachowski

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
 find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
 clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
 all the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
 God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,
 making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
 raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
 let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain;
 there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
 in the Spirit's lively scheming, there is always room to spare!

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
 find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
 clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see
 all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

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You are welcome to remain in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament
for as long as you would like.

Please keep a sacred silence as you exit the Koenig Center.

NIGHT PRAYER

Introduction

Leader: God, ☩ come to my assistance. ℟ Lord, make haste to help me.

Leader: 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.

Examination of Conscience

(Pause for moment of silence) I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned through my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sister, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Leader: May almighty God have mercy on us forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life

℟ Amen

Office Hymn: *The following or another hymn is sung.*

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide

The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide

When other helpers fail and comforts flee

Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day

Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away

Change and decay in all around I see

O Thou who changest not, abide with me

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless

Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness

Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?

I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Psalmody

Ant: Night holds no terror for me sleeping under God's wings **ALL:** Night holds no terror for me sleeping under God's wings

Psalm 90 (91)

Leader: 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!"

ALL: 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.

ALL: 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.

Leader: 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.

Leader: 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.

ALL: 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.

ALL: A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand fall at your right,
you, it will never approach;
his faithfulness is buckler and shield.

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

Leader: 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.

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

ALL: He will conceal you with his wings; you will not fear the
terror of the night.

Scripture Reading

Revelation 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 these the Lord God will be shining on them. They will reign for ever and ever.

Responsory

Leader: Christ humbled himself for us, and, in obedience, accepted death.

ALL: Christ humbled himself for us, and, in obedience, accepted death.

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2: 29–32

All stand

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: 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: 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.

Ant. 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: Lord, we beg you to visit our house and banish from it all the deadly power of the enemy. May your holy angels dwell here to keep us in peace, and may your blessings be upon always. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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 recite together)

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

The presider moves the Blessed Sacrament to the tabernacle of repose,
all leave in sacred silence.

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