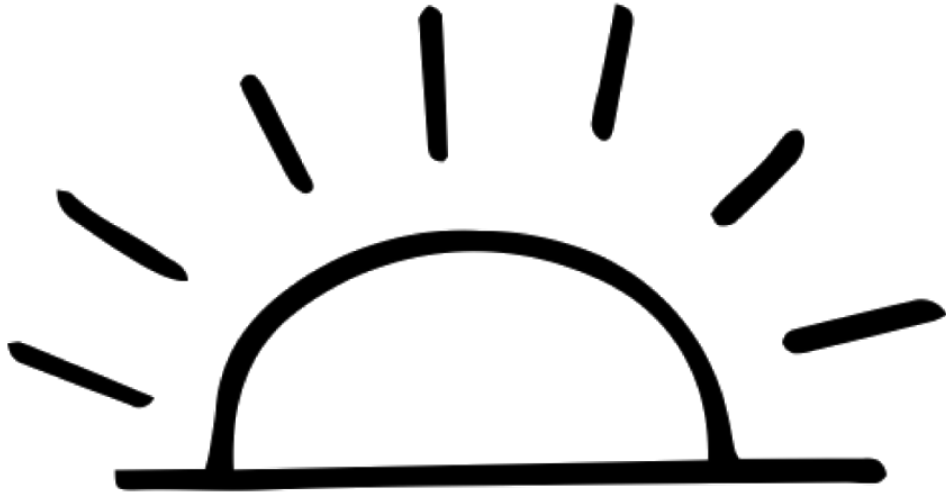


THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS



MATINS

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CHAPTER ONE Matins

Dialogue and Doxology

O Lord, open my lips,

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God,

that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**Praise to the blest and holy Trinity, one God,
who gives us life, salvation, and resurrection.
Alleluia.**

Psalmody

Psalm 95: “Happy are They”

Refrain:

Happy are they. Happy are they.
Happy are they who walk in God's way.

Happy are the blameless
who keep God's decrees,
following the way of goodness
seeking God with heart and soul.

Listen well with all your heart
and not your head alone,
as you walk the path of God
side-step every evil you see. *Refrain*

You have set the way before us, O God,
and we must learn to walk it.
With every footstep we take
as an exercise of care.

May our feet be firm along the path
keeping your commandments.
A way that knows no shame
if we but learn to walk it.

My heart is open with thanksgiving
that I can be your pilgrim-student.
I seek to do your bidding, O God,
do not forsake me now. *Refrain*

Psalm refrain by Tom Witt; sung by Mary Preus and Tom Witt.

Song: Praise Chorus from Nigeria

1. Whenever I see another breaking of the day
I say thank You Lord
Thank You Lord
Whenever I see another breaking of the day
I say thank you Lord
Thank You Lord

2. Thanks, thanks
I give You thanks
For all You have done
I am so blessed
My soul has found rest
Oh Lord, I give You thanks.

3. To worship You
This is all I've come to do
I lift my hands in honor of You
(Lord) To worship You
That is all I've come to do
I bow my heart in honor of You

*Sung by Ayodele Stephen Ode.
Verse 3 text by Ayodele Stephen Ode.*

Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹Thus says the LORD:
Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to
the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of
the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not
profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of
prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Cantic:

“Now Bless the God of Israel”

Now bless the God of Israel who comes in love
and power,
who raises from the royal house deliverance in
this hour.

through holy prophets God has sworn to free us from alarm,
to save us from the heavy hand of all who wish us harm.

Remembering the covenant, God rescues us from fear,
that we might serve in holiness and peace from year to year;
and you, my child, shall go before to preach, to prophesy,
that all may know the tender love, the grace of God most high.

In tender mercy, God will send the dayspring from on high,
our rising sun, the light of life for those who sit and sigh.
God comes to guide our way to peace, that death shall reign no more.
Sing praises to the Holy One! O worship and adore!

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Prayers

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you—

for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .
for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .
for the gifts of relationship with others . . .
for the communion of faith in your church . . .
for community that transcends physical space and continues while we are apart...

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord.

Especially we pray—

for those who govern nations of the world . . .

for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .

for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .

for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction . . .

for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

for healing for the sick and rest for the weary...

for the people of Beirut, Lebanon, following the city's horrific explosion...

We give thanks to you, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all harm and danger. We ask that you would also protect us today from sin and all evil, so that our life and actions may please you. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty God, the Father, ☩ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

Amen.

CHAPTER TWO Vespers

Dialogue

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
The light no darkness can overcome.
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
And the day is almost over.
Let your light scatter the darkness
And illumine your church.

Hymn of Light: “Stay With Us”

Stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ,
Night will soon fall.
Then stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ,
Light in our darkness.

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Thanksgiving for Light

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning you called light into being,
and you set light in the sky
to govern night and day.
In a pillar of cloud by day
and a pillar of fire by night
you led your people into freedom.
Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ:
may your Word be a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path;
for you are merciful,
and you love your whole creation,
and with all your creatures we give you glory,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

Amen.

Psalmody

Psalm 23: “You Are the Only God”

I will declare You are the only God
The only God, the Only God
I will declare You are the Only God
The Only God that I know

*The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff —
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.*

I'm declaring You are the only God
The Only God, the only God
I'm declaring You are the only God
The only God that I know.

*Words and Music: Oghenemairo Okechukwu Ese
Sung by Ayodele Stephen Ode*

Song: “Nada te turbe/Nothing Can Trouble”

Nada te turbe, nada te espante.
Quien a dios tiene nada le falta.
Nada te turbe, nada te espante.
Solo Dios basta.

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.

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Word

Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Canticle: “My Soul Proclaims”

Refrain:

**My soul proclaims your greatness, O God,
my spirit rejoices in the love of my Savior.
You have looked with favor on my simple ways,
and I will praise you all of my days.**

You have called me blessed, done great things for me.

You have shown your mercy, set my spirit free.
You have lifted the lowly, sent the rich away.
You have filled the hungry, and holy is your name. *Refrain.*

You have humbled the mighty, scattered earthly pride.

You have strengthened your servants, kept us by your side.
You have honored your promise made so long ago.
You have blessed your children from age to age, and so: *Refrain.*

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Prayers

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us;

for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection

in this and every place, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering,

and for those who are in captivity, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need,

let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you, through Christ our Lord.

To you, O Lord.

Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

Song: "Lake of Mercy"

From the shore, from the shore
Where moonlight bathes the sand.
I set sail, I set sail
And leave behind the land.

Chorus:

Let me rest upon your waters
Lake of Mercy, precious friend.
Rock me softly in the midnight wind
And make me whole again.

2. As I sleep, as I sleep,
Oh make my body whole.
Heal me deep, heal me deep
Within my blood and soul.

3. Carry me, carry me,
Oh rock me through the night.
Calm my fears, calm my fears
When no help is in sight.

4. Make me strong, make me strong,
Oh, fill me with your power.
Stay with me, stay with me
Now in this troubled hour.

5. Take away, take away
My present pains and past.
May your peace, may your peace
Then fill my empty glass.

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CHAPTER THREE Compline

Dialogue

Almighty God grant us a quiet night and peace
at the last.

Amen.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;
to herald your love in the morning,
your truth at the close of the day.

Night Hymn: "Glory to Thee My God, This Night"

Glory to Thee my God, this night,
For all the Blessings of the Light ;
Keep me, O keep me, King of Kings,
Under Thy own Almighty Wings.

Forgive me Lord, for Thy dear Son,
The ill that I this day have done,
That with the World, my self, and Thee,
I, e'r I sleep, at peace may be.

O may my Soul on Thee repose,
And with sweet sleep mine eyelids close ;
Sleep that may me more vig'rous make,
To serve my God when I awake.

When in the night I sleepless lie,
My Soul with Heavenly Thoughts supply,
Let no ill Dreams disturb my Rest,
No powers of darkness me molest.

You my blest Guardian whilst I sleep,
Close to my Bed your Vigils keep,
Divine Love into me instill,
Stop all the avenues of ill.

Praise God from whom all Blessings flow,
Praise Him all Creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye Angelic Host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Words: Bishop Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Holy and gracious God,

I confess that I have sinned against you this day.

Some of my sin I know—

the thoughts and words and deeds

of which I am ashamed—

but some is known only to you.

In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness.

Deliver and restore me,

that I may rest in peace.

By the mercy of God

we are united with Jesus Christ,

in whom we are forgiven.

We rest now in the peace of Christ

and rise in the morning to serve.

Psalmody:

Psalm 61 “Hear My Cry, O God”

Refrain

Hear my cry, O God;
listen to my prayer.
Listen to my song:
singing praises all along.

- 1 I call on you again,
for you have called me friend,
you have called me friend;
so I call on you once again. *Refrain*
- 2 With a weary heart,
I feel so far apart,
feel so far apart,
with a weary, weary heart. *Refrain*
- 3 Hold me in your arms;
shelter me from harm,
shelter me from harm;
hold me, hold me in your arms. *Refrain*
- 4 Hear again my vow:
I will serve you now,
I will serve you now.
Hear again, Lord, hear my vow. *Refrain*

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Psalm Prayer

O God our refuge, in the midst of violence be a tower of safety for all who cry out to you. Strengthen our faith in your mercy, that we may sing your praise from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Song: “To You Before the Close of Day”

- 1 To you, before the close of day,
Creator of the world, we pray.
Your grace and peace to us allow
and be our guard and keeper now.
- 2 Save us from troubled, restless sleep,
from all ill dreams your children keep;
so calm our minds that fears may cease
and rested bodies wake in peace.

- 3 A healthy life we ask of you,
the fire of love in us renew,
and when the dawn new light will bring,
your praise and glory we shall sing.

Text: Compline office hymn, c. 6th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Music: JAM LUCIS, Plainsong mode VI

Arrangement: Tom Witt

Reading: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

[¹⁰[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Responsory

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

Into your hands I commend my spirit.

You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

Into your hands I commend my spirit.

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

Into your hands, I commend my spirit.

Gospel Cantic

Guide us waking, O Lord,

and guard us sleeping;

that awake we may watch with Christ

and asleep may rest in peace.

Now, Lord, 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 ev'ry

people:

a light to reveal you to the nations

and the glory of your people Israel.

Guide us waking, O Lord,

and guard us sleeping;

that awake we may watch with Christ

and asleep we may rest in peace.

Prayers

Hear my prayer, O Lord;

listen to my cry.

Keep me as the apple of your eye;

hide me in the shadow of your wings.

In righteousness I shall see you;

when I awake, your presence will give me joy.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Now in peace I will lie down and sleep;

you alone, O God, make me secure.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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