

The Processional Hymn

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, O 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 need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and strength can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O 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.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

All standing up, the Minister shall say:

THE Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

Amen.

O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord;
The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM 31. In te, Domine, speravi.

IN thee, O LORD, have I put my trust; / let me never be put to confusion; deliver me in thy righteousness.

2 Bow down thine ear to me; / make haste to deliver me,

3 And be thou my strong rock and house of defence, / that thou mayest save me.

4 For thou art my strong rock and my castle: / be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.

5 Draw me out of the net that they have hidden for me; / for thou art my strength.

6 Into thy hands I commend my spirit; / for thou hast redeemed me, O LORD, thou God of truth.

Then shall be read the Lesson(s).

The Word of the Lord

To which the people shall answer:

Thanks be to God.

Then may be said or sung the following Respond:

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I commend my spirit.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

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

Here may follow Te lucis ante terminum.

BEFORE the ending of the day, Creator of the world, we pray

That with thy wonted favour thou

Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes, From nightly fears and fantasies; Tread under foot our ghostly foe,

That no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done, Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son; Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,

Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

Keep us as the apple of an eye;
Hide us under the shadow of thy wings.

Preserve us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.

NUNC DIMITTIS.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
/ according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
/ which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
/ and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son,
/ and to the Holy Ghost;

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

Preserve us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.

The Apostles' Creed.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

And after that these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling:

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon 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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers;
To be praised and glorified above all for ever.

Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
Let us praise him and magnify him for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven;
To be praised and glorified above all for ever.

The Almighty and most merciful Lord guard us
and give us his blessing. Amen.

Then shall the Confession be said be all.

WE confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, through our own grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and deliver us from all evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution, said by the priest alone:

MAY the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us;
That thy people may rejoice in thee?

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
And grant us thy salvation.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin;
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, hear our prayer;
And let our cry come unto thee.

The Collect for the Monday In Holy Week.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect for Ash Wednesday.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect for Protection.

VISIT, we beseech thee, O Lord, this place, and drive from it all the snares of the enemy; let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace; and may thy blessing be upon us evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Hymn before the address

Search me, O God, and know my heart today;

Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from ev'ry sin and set me free.

I praise thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;
Fulfill thy Word, and make me pure within.
Fill me with fire where once I burned with shame;
Grant my desire to magnify thy name.

Lord, take my life and make it wholly thine;
Fill my poor heart with thy great love divine.
Take all my will, my passion, self, and pride;
I now surrender: Lord, in me abide.

The Address

The Hymn

The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
The darkness falls at Thy behest;
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank Thee that Thy church, unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; Thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away:

Thy kingdom stands, and grows forever,
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.

The following prayers may be added.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who at this evening hour didst rest in the sepulchre, and didst thereby sanctify the grave to be a bed of hope to thy people: Make us so to abound in sorrow for our sins, which were the cause of thy passion, that when our bodies lie in the dust, our souls may live with thee; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

LOOK down, O Lord, from thy heavenly throne, illuminate the darkness of this night with thy celestial brightness, and from the sons of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BE present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose upon thy eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Other prayers may be said.

We will lay us down in peace and take our rest;
For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

THE Almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
bless and preserve us. **Amen.**

The Vesper Hymn

Hear Our Prayer, O Heavenly Father,
Ere We Lay Us Down To Sleep;
May Thine Angels, Pure And Holy,
Round Our Bed Their Vigil Keep.

Heavy Though Our Sins, Thy Mercy
Far Outweighs Them Every One;
Down Before The Cross We Cast Them,
Trusting In Thy Help Alone.

None Can Measure Out Thy Patience
By The Span Of Human Thought;
None Can Bound The Tender Mercies
Which Thy Holy Son Has Bought.

Pardon All Our Past Transgressions,
Give Us Strength For Days To Come;
Guide And Guard Us With Thy Blessing
Till Thine Angels Bear Us Home.

Honour, Glory, Might, Dominion,
To The Father And The Son,
With The Everlasting Spirit,
While Eternal Ages Run. Amen.

The Blessing