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Prayer at the Close of the Day

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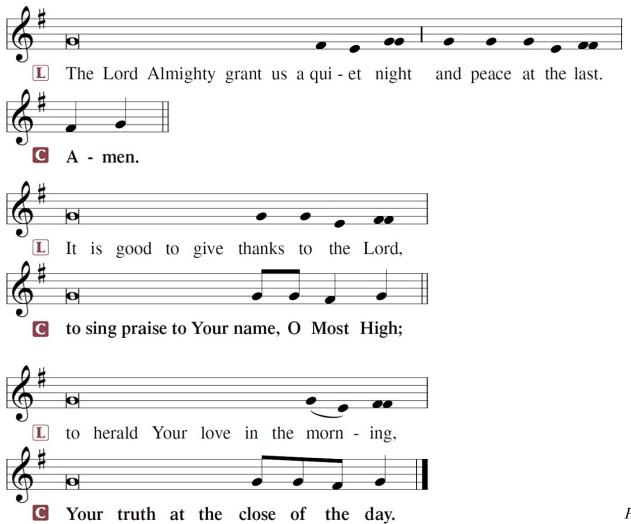
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We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died



- The balm of life, the cure of woe,
 The measure and the pledge of love,
 The sinner's refuge here below,
 The angels' theme in heav'n above.
- 6 To Christ, who won for sinners grace By bitter grief and anguish sore, Be praise from all the ransomed race Forever and forevermore.

OPENING SENTENCES



Psalm 92:1

CONFESSION

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

Silence for self-examination.

- L confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
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- C Amen.

PSALMODY

Psalm 119:9–16; antiphon: v. 10

- With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!
- How can a young man keep his way pure?
 By guarding it according to your word.
- With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!
- I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.
- Blessèd are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes!
- With my lips I declare all the just decrees of your mouth.
- In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.
- I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.
- I will delight in your statutes;
 I will not forget your word.
- ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
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READINGS

FIRST READING ~ Amos 4:6-13

⁶ "I gave you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and lack of bread in all your places, yet you did not return to me," declares the Lord. 7"I also withheld the rain from you when there were yet three months to the harvest; I would send rain on one city, and send no rain on another city; one field would have rain, and the field on which it did not rain would wither; 8 so two or three cities would wander to another city to drink water, and would not be satisfied; yet you did not return to me," declares the Lord. 9 "I struck you with blight and mildew; your many gardens and your vineyards, your fig trees and your olive trees the locust devoured; yet you did not return to me," declares the Lord. 10 "I sent among you a pestilence after the manner of Egypt; I killed your young men with the sword, and carried away your horses, and I made the stench of your camp go up into your nostrils; yet you did not return to me," declares the Lord. 11 "I overthrew some of you, as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and you were as a brand plucked out of the burning; yet you did not return to me," declares the Lord. 12 "Therefore thus I will do to you, O Israel; because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel!" ¹³ For behold, he who forms the mountains and creates the wind, and declares to man what is his thought, who makes the morning darkness, and treads on the heights of the earth— the Lord, the God of hosts, is his name!

- A O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

SECOND READING ~ *Luke 20:9-18*

⁹ And he began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰ When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹² And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³ Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' ¹⁴ But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' ¹⁵ And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" ¹⁷ But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written: "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'? ¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

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THE PASSION OF OUR LORD According to St. Mark – Part 5: Mark 15:21-47

Evangelist: And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in

from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge

against him read,

CHORUS: "The King of the Jews."

Evangelist: And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his

left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and

saying,

CHORUS: "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days,

save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

Evangelist: So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another,

saying,

CHORUS: "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King

of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and

believe."

Evangelist: Those who were crucified with him also reviled him. And when the sixth

hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth

hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice,

CHRIST: "Eloi, Eloi, Iema sabachthani?"

Evangelist: which means,

CHRIST: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Evangelist: And some of the bystanders hearing it said,

CHORUS: "Behold, he is calling Elijah."

Evangelist: And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave

it to him to drink, saying,

CHORUS: "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

Evangelist: And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the

temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood

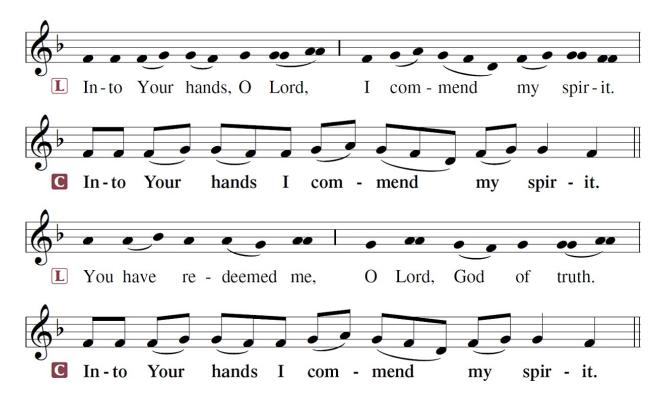
facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

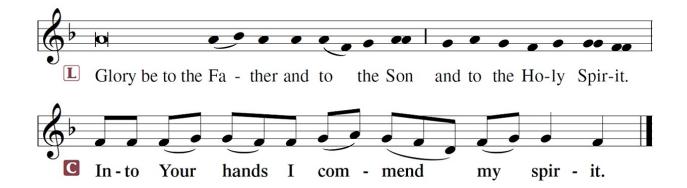
CHORUS: "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

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There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem. And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the Council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

RESPONSORYPsalm 31:5





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SERMON ~ "Return to the Lord . . . Who Does Not Tire of Calling You"

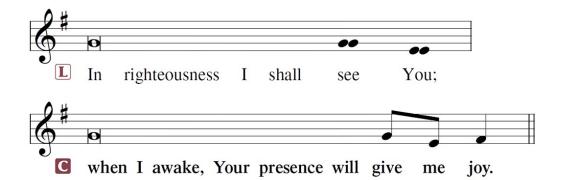
Amos 4:6-13; Luke 20:9-18

Stand

- P The peace of God, that passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

PRAYER





Psalm 17:15

Collect of the Day

- P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

Collect for Peace

- P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Prayer at the Close of the Day

- L Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever.
- C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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.

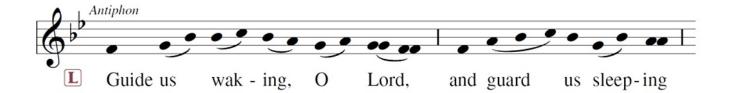
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32





that a-wake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

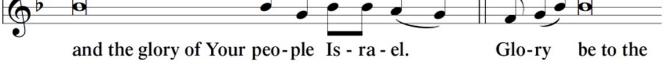


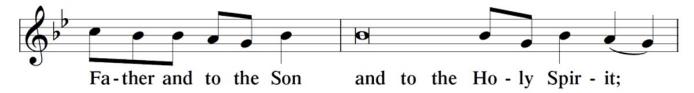
Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful - filled.



My own eyes have seen the sal-va - tion which You have prepared

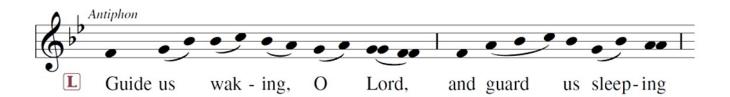








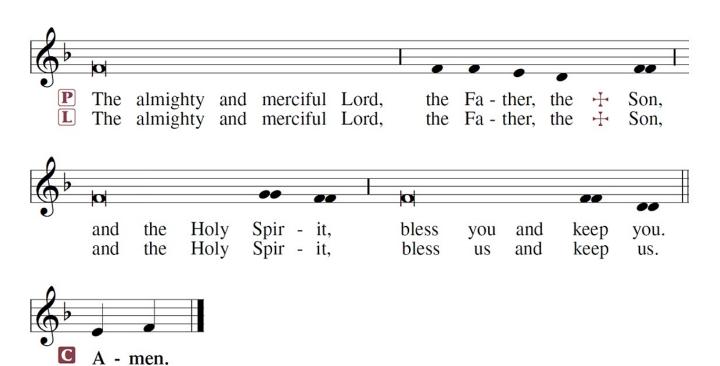






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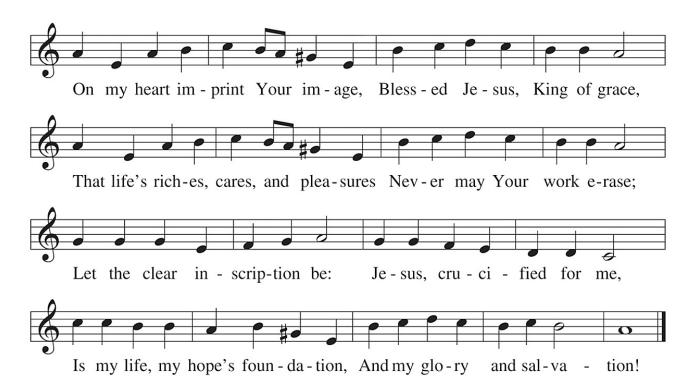


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+ Soli Deo Gloria +



On My Heart Imprint Your Image



Prayer for a Right Reception of the Lord's Supper

O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called me to be a Christian and granted me the remission of sins. Make me ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins, and grant me a grateful heart that I may give thanks to You, O Father, to Your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving after Receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send me Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

[Psalm 136]

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface appropriate to the day or season is spoken:

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24 Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

- Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My
 → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My

 → blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

John 20:19

G Amen

C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

- P Take and eat, this is the true body of our Lord Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
- **C** Amen
- Take and drink, this is the true blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, poured out for you for the forgiveness of your sins.
- Amen
- The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the one true Faith unto life everlasting. Depart

 in peace.
- Amen

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