



HOLY THURSDAY NIGHT PRAYER

THE LITURGIES OF
HOLY WEEK



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INVITATORY

Presider

O God, ✠ come to my assistance.

All

Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory 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.

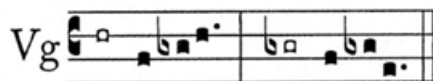
PENITENTIAL ACT

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,
through my fault, through my fault, (*strike breast*)
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.

Cantor, then *All*

Antiphon:

Night holds no terrors for me * sleeping under God's wings.



Psalm 91

Safe in God's sheltering care

I have given you the power to tread upon serpents and scorpions (Luke 10:19)

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!"

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Antiphon:

Night holds no terrors for me * sleeping under God's wings.

READING

Revelation 22: 4-5

They shall see the Lord face to face and bear his name on their foreheads. The night shall be no more. They will need no light from lamps or the sun, for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever.

ANTIPHON



All

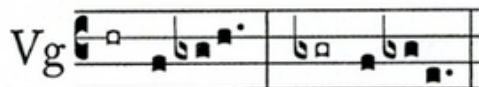
For our sake Christ *was* obedient, * accepting even death.

CANTICLE OF SIMEON

STAND

Cantor, then All

Antiphon: 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.



Lord, ✠ now 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.

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PRAYER

Presider

Lord,
we beg you visit this 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 blessing be upon us always.
Through Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

CONCLUSION

Presider

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

All

Amen.

ANTIPHON OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy,
our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To you do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve.
To you do we send up our sighs
mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy towards us,
and after this exile
show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.

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