

Psalms, readings and collect

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Thursday

Venite antiphon:

God set in Heaven the luminaries and the sun; O come, let us adore Him.

Office hymns:

Mattins:

Behold the golden dawn arise;
The paling night forsakes the skies:
Those shades that hid the world from view,
And us to dang'rous error drew.

May this new day be calmly past,
May we keep pure while it shall last;
Nor let our lips from truth depart,
Nor dark designs engage the heart.

So may the day speed on; the tongue
No falsehood know, the hands no wrong;
Our eyes from wanton gaze refrain;
No guilt our guarded bodies stain.

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For God all seeing from on high,
Surveys us with a watchful eye;
Each day our ev'ry act He know,
From early dawn to ev'nings close.

All laud to God the Father be:
All laud, Eternal Son to Thee:
All laud, as is for ever meet,
To God the Holy Paraclete.

Evensong:

Almighty God, Who from the flood
Didst bring to light a twofold brood:
Part in the firmament to fly,
And part in ocean depths to lie.

Appointing fishes in the sea,
And fowls in open air to be:
That each, by origin the same,
Its sep'rate dwelling place might claim:

Grant that Thy servants, by the tide
Of Blood and Water purified,
No guilty fall from Thee may know,
Nor death eternal undergo.

Let none despair thought sin's distress;
Be none puffed up with boastfulness:
That contrite hearts be not dismayed,
Nor haughty souls in ruin laid.

O Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son:
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Shall live and reign eternally.

Psalm:

(90) LORD, thou hast been our refuge : from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made :
thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.
3 Thou turnest man to destruction : again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.

4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yester-day : seeing that is past as a watch in the night.
 5 As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep : and fade away suddenly like the grass.
 6 In the morning it is green, and groweth up : but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.
 7 For we consume away in thy displeasure : and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.
 8 Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee : and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.
 9 For when thou art angry all our days are gone : we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.
 10 The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years : yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.
 11 But who regardeth the power of thy wrath : for even thereafter as a man feareth, so is thy displeasure.
 12 So teach us to number our days : that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
 13 Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last : and be gracious unto thy servants.
 14 O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon : so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
 15 Comfort us again now after the time that thou hast plagued us : and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.
 16 Shew thy servants thy work : and their children thy glory.
 17 And the glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us : prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper thou our handywork.
 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.

(92) IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord : and to sing praises unto thy Name, O most Highest;
 2 To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning : and of thy truth in the night-season;
 3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute : upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.
 4 For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy works : and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.
 5 O Lord, how glorious are thy works : thy thoughts are very deep.
 6 An unwise man doth not well consider this : and a fool doth not understand it.
 7 When the ungodly are green as the grass, and when all the workers of wickedness do flourish : then shall they be destroyed for ever; but thou, Lord, art the most Highest for evermore.
 8 For lo, thine enemies, O Lord, lo, thine enemies shall perish : and all the workers of wickedness shall be destroyed.
 9 But mine horn shall be exalted like the horn of an unicorn : for I am anointed with fresh oil.
 10 Mine eye also shall see his lust of mine enemies : and mine ear shall hear his desire of the wicked that arise up against me.
 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm-tree : and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Libanus.
 12 Such as are planted in the house of the Lord : shall flourish in the courts of the house of our God.

13 They also shall bring forth more fruit in their age : and shall be fat and well-liking.

14 That they may shew how true the Lord my strength is : and that there is no unrighteousness in him.

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Reading:

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Luke.

The Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to come. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and salute no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you; heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off against you; nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' I tell you, it shall be more tolerable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

Responsories:

Mattins:

I will praise the Lord at all times.

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His praise shall be always on my lips.

I will praise the Lord at all times.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

I will praise the Lord at all times.

Evensong:

As Mattins.

Benedictus antiphon:

Give light, O Lord, to them that sit in darkness: and guide our feet into the way of peace,
Thou God of Israel.

Magnificat antiphon:

Show strength, O God, with Thine arm: scatter the proud and exalt the humble.

Collect of the day:

Keep, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy Church with Thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without Thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by Thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord; Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, throughout all ages world without end. Amen.