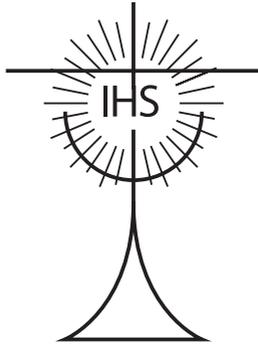


Maundy Thursday



NIGHT PRAYER

INTRODUCTION

O God, come to our aid.
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Either in silence or using one of the Penitential Acts from the Roman Missal.

OFFICE HYMN

The following or another hymn is sung.

- 1 O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at every Eucharist to say,
with longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'
O may we all one bread, one body be,
one through this sacrament of unity.

- 2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of peace;
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
one through this sacrament of unity.
- 3 We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold,
O bring them back, good shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old,
back to the Church which still that faith doth keep;
soon may we all one bread, one body be,
one through this sacrament of unity.
- 4 So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy Church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love:
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in unity.

William Harry Turton (1856-1938)

PSALMODY

ANT: He will conceal you with his wings; you will not fear the terror of the night.

Psalm 90 (91)

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 be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

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

ANT. He will conceal you with his wings; you will not fear the terror of
the night.

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 22: 4-5

They will see the Lord face to face, and his name will be written on their foreheads. It will never be night again and they will not need lamplight or sunlight, because these the Lord God will be shining on them. They will reign for ever and ever.

SHORT RESPONSORY

Christ humbled himself for us, and, in obedience, accepted death.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2: 29–32

All stand

ANT. Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep; that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace.

At last, all-powerful Master, †
you give leave to your servant
to go in peace, according to your promise.

For my eyes have seen your salvation
which you have prepared for all nations,
the light to enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel, your people.

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

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CONCLUDING PRAYER

Visit this house, we pray to you, Lord:
drive far away from it all the snares of the enemy.
May your holy angels stay here and guard us in peace,
and let your blessing be always upon us.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

Amen

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