



Old Catholic Apostolic Church

St. Adalbert Oratory

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Lauds **Also called Early Morning Prayer – 3 AM**

Instructions are in italics.

This service may be performed by those in Minor Orders. The hymn could be recorded but easy to sing unaccompanied. The hymn can be spoken if preferred. Historically, Lauds was an early morning service at 3 AM. It is probably better suited as a private, modern meditation without a congregation.

INTROIT

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O God, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen.

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PRAYER

This or another prayer shall be said:

(Adapted from Nehemiah 1:11)

O LORD, I beseech You, let now Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayers of Your servants, who desire to fear Your name: and prosper, I pray You, Your servant this day, and grant me mercy. Amen.

HYMN

PENITENCE

Any form of penitence may be said here. This is from 'Hymns of the Spirit'.

Before the wonders of life, O God, I acknowledge my failure to see and to revere. Before the sanctities of life I am ashamed of my disrespects and indignities. Before the gifts of life I own that I have made choices of lesser goods, and here today seek the gifts of the Spirit. Before the heroisms of life may I be enlarged to new devotions. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Be with me, LORD, in all my doings and further me with Your continual help, that in all my works begun, continued, and ended in You, I may glorify Your holy name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS – Daily Missal

THE PSALMS

One or more of the following 'Laudete' psalms may be said or intoned. Other suitable Psalms may be used instead. The Psalms are best read from a modern service book which has simplified them for antiphonal reading, or modern Bible can be used instead.

Psalm 148 – 150 (Praise the LORD)

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

I pray for those known to me who have need of prayer.

For...

For...

And for...

God, You made me.

I exist.

God, You saved me.

For I had fallen.

God, You called me.

I am here.

God, You empowered me.

I can do.

God, You encouraged me.

I can serve.

God, You sent Your prophets.

I will listen. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

[A Hail Mary may be said.]

THE BLESSING

The blessings of the LORD Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit, be with everyone today and every day. Amen.

Please pray for your families, work, and neighborhood. Please also pray for the OCAC.

Prime **Also Called Morning Prayer – 6 AM**

Words to be said are in this style: All: say these words.

Instructions are in italics.

This service may be performed by those in Minor Orders. Participants should be encouraged to share in this service by giving readings, leading prayers, or sharing testimony which can be inserted at any suitable point. The hymn should be relevant and easy to sing unaccompanied. The hymn can be spoken if preferred. The homily should be up to five minutes but no more. This service is intended for use on weekdays or for any other small worship service in the morning. It is not intended for use on Sunday at public worship, where Mattins is to be preferred.

(Standing) INTROIT

Leader: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Your sight, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer.

All: Amen.

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(Standing) PRAYER

This or another prayer shall be said:

Leader: LORD, as we feel Your presence, may we embrace Your will for us. And, LORD, as You send us away from Your house, may we be filled with Your Spirit, to share with those that we live and work with. In Christ our LORD,

All: Amen.

(Standing) HYMN

(Sitting) PENITENCE

Any form of penitence may be said here. This is from 'Hymns of the Spirit'.

All: Before the wonders of life, O God, we acknowledge our failures to see and to revere. Before the sanctities of life we are ashamed of our disrespects and indignities. Before the gifts of life we own that we have made choices of lesser goods, and here today seek the gifts of the Spirit. Before the heroisms of life may we be enlarged to new devotions. Amen.

(Sitting) THE COLLECT

Leader: Be with us, O LORD, in all our doings and further us with Your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in You, we may glorify Your holy name.

All: Amen.

(Sitting) SCRIPTURE READINGS – Daily Missal

(Sitting) SHORT HOMILY

(Sitting) THE PSALMS

One or more of the following 'Ascent' Psalms may be said or intoned. Other suitable Psalms may be used instead. The Psalms are best read from a modern service book which has simplified them for antiphonal reading, or a modern Bible can be used instead.

Psalm 120 – 134 (A song of ascents)

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(Sitting) PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: We pray for those known to us who have need of our prayers.

For...
For...
And for...

All:	God, You made us.	We exist.
	God, You saved us.	For we had fallen.
	God, You called us.	We are here.
	God, You empowered us.	We can do.
	God, You encouraged us.	We can serve.
	God, You sent Your prophets.	We will listen. Amen.

(Sitting) THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

[A Hail Mary may be said.]

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(Standing) THE BLESSING

Leader: The blessings of the LORD Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit, be with us today and everyday.

All: Amen.

Please pray for the people who attended this service, your families, work, and neighborhood. Please also pray for the OCAC.

Mattins **Also called Sunday Morning Prayer**

Words to be said are in this style: All: say these words.

Instructions are in italics.

This service may be performed by those in Minor Orders. Participants should be encouraged to share in this service by giving readings, leading prayers, or sharing testimony which can be inserted at any suitable point. The hymns should be relevant and easy to sing unaccompanied. One or more hymns may be spoken if preferred. This service is intended for use on Sunday at public worship. Prime is to be preferred on weekdays or for any other small worship service in the morning. Flexibility is to be encouraged, with material added or moved to suit the circumstances. If there is a vestry, the Leader should say, or ask someone to say, prayers before the worship with the church Stewards and perhaps the Choir or others in the vestry. The congregation being seated already, the Stewards enter the church followed by the Leader who goes to the lectern.

(Standing) INTROIT

Leader: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Your sight, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer.

All: Amen.

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(Standing) HYMN

(Sitting) PRAYER

The Leader or a delegated person will say prayers of adoration, confession, and thanksgiving.

Adoration

Leader: We adore You, O ever-living God, and render praise unto You for having spread out the heavens and established the earth. Your

glory is revealed in the heavens above and Your majesty is manifested throughout the earth. You are our God and no one else, and so in awe and wonder we bow our heads and magnify You, the Eternal, the Holy One, the Ever Blest.

All: Amen.

Confession

All: Before the wonders of life, O God, we acknowledge our failures to see and to revere; before the sanctities of life we are ashamed of our disrespects and indignities; before the gifts of life we own that we have made choices for lesser goods, and here today seek the gifts of the spirit. Before the heroisms of life may we be enlarged to new devotions.

All: Amen.

Thanksgiving

Leader: O God, whose never-failing love orders all things, we praise You, we glorify You, and we thank You for all that You are to us and all that You do for us, both by day and by night. We thank You for reason and for conscience; for nurture and for guidance; for all the gifts of nature and of grace; for forbearance and long-suffering, and Your tender mercies which never fail; for all good things received, and for Your promises of hope and salvation in this time and in times to come. For all these, and for all other mercies known or unknown, remembered or forgotten, we give thanks unto You now and for evermore.

All: Amen.

The above prayers were compiled from "Hymns of the Spirit".

At the conclusion of other prayers, all say:

All: Amen.

(Sitting) NOTICES

Items of church, parish, or denominational news may be given here. If a church steward or council member is present, it is preferred that they give the notices, in which case the Ministrant says:

Leader: Will the steward or council give the notices, please?

**(Sitting) CHILDREN’S ADDRESS
Or short dialogue**

A children’s address may be given here. If appropriate, a short homily or item of interest may be given instead. If the church has a Sunday School or age appropriate worship, the young people will leave during the following hymn. Before they go, the congregation should give a short prayer of blessing on them.

Leader: May the LORD bless you and keep you. May the LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace. Amen.

(adapted from Numbers 6:24-26)

(Standing) HYMN

(Sitting) THE COLLECT

This or another collect shall be said.

Leader. Be with us, O LORD, in all our doings and further us with Your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in You, we may glorify Your Holy Name; through Christ our LORD.

All: Amen.

(Sitting) THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

[A Hail Mary may be said.]

(Sitting) SCRIPTURE READINGS – Daily Missal

Lectionary Psalm and Hebrew Bible, followed by New Testament Epistle, but not the Gospel which will come later in the service.

Leader: Hear the words of the LORD.

Leader: The Psalm is [number, verses] .

Leader: Thus ends the Psalm.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The first reading is from the Hebrew Bible [book, chapter, verses] .

Leader: Thus ends the first reading.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The second reading is from the New Testament [book, chapter, verses] .

Leader: Thus ends the second reading.

All: Thanks be to God.

(Standing) HYMN

The congregation should stand as they are able for the Gospel.

(Standing) THE GOSPEL

Leader: A reading from the Gospel of [book, chapter, verses] .

Leader: The Gospel of the LORD Jesus Christ.

All: All praise to Christ our LORD.

(Sitting) SHORT HOMILY

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(Sitting) PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: We pray for those known to us who have need of our prayers.
For...
For...
And for...

All:	God, You made us.	We exist.
	God, You saved us.	For we had fallen.
	God, You called us.	We are here.
	God, You empowered us.	We can do.
	God, You encouraged us.	We can serve.
	God, You sent Your prophets.	We will listen. Amen.

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(Standing) HYMN

(Standing) THE BLESSING

Leader: The blessings of the LORD Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit, be with us today and everyday.

All: Amen.

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Please pray for the people who attended this service, your families, work, and neighborhood. Please also pray for the OCAC.

Terce **Also called Mid-morning Prayer – 9 AM**

Words to be said are in this style:

All: say these words.

Instructions are in italics.

This service may be performed by those in Minor Orders. Participants should be encouraged to share in this service by giving readings, leading prayers, or sharing testimony which can be inserted at any suitable point. The hymn should be relevant and easy to sing unaccompanied. The hymn can be spoken if preferred. The homily should be up to five minutes but no more. This service is intended for use on weekdays or for any other small worship service in the morning. It is not intended for use on Sunday at public worship, where Mattins is to be preferred.

(Standing) INTROIT

Leader: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Your sight, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer.

All: Amen.

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(Standing) PRAYER

This or another prayer may be said:

Leader: Send forth the light of the Holy Spirit on us, LORD God, almighty Father, subject as we are to Your divine majesty: so that safe from every foe, we may always rejoice as we celebrate Your praise. Through Christ our LORD.

All: Amen.

(The above prayer is from Universalis.com)

(Standing) HYMN

(Sitting) PENITENCE

Any form of penitence may be said here. This is from 'Hymns of the Spirit'.

All: Before the wonders of life, O God, we acknowledge our failures to see and to revere. Before the sanctities of life we are ashamed of our disrespects and indignities. Before the gifts of life we own that we have made choices of lesser goods, and here today seek the gifts of the Spirit. Before the heroisms of life may we be enlarged to new devotions. Amen.

(Sitting) THE COLLECT

Leader: Grant, Almighty God, that the words which we will hear this day with our outward ears, may, through Your grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

All: Amen.

(The above collect is from Liturgies.net)

(Sitting) SCRIPTURE READINGS – Daily Missal

(Sitting) SHORT HOMILY

(Sitting) THE PSALMS

One or more of the following 'Ascent' Psalms may be said or intoned. Other suitable Psalms may be used instead. The Psalms are best read from a modern service book which has simplified them for antiphonal reading, or a modern Bible can be used instead.

Psalm 120 – 134 (A song of ascents)

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(Sitting) PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: We pray for those known to me who have need of prayer.
For...
For...
And for...

All:	God, You made us.	We exist.
	God, You saved us.	For we had fallen.
	God, You called us.	We are here.
	God, You empowered us.	We can do.
	God, You encouraged us.	We can serve.
	God, You sent Your prophets.	We will listen. Amen.

(Sitting) THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

[A Hail Mary may be said.]

(Sitting) INFORMAL COMMUNION OPTIONAL – pg 39

(Standing) THE BLESSING

Leader: The blessings of the LORD Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit, be with everyone today and every day.

All: Amen.

Please pray for the people who attended this service, your families, work, and neighborhood. Please also pray for the OCAC.

Sext **Also called Noon Prayer – 12 PM**

Words to be said are in this style: All: say these words.

Instructions are in italics.

This service may be performed by those in Minor Orders. Participants should be encouraged to share in this service by giving readings, leading prayers, or sharing testimony which can be inserted at any suitable point. The hymn should be relevant and easy to sing unaccompanied. The hymn can be spoken if preferred. The homily should be up to five minutes but no more. This service is intended for use for any small worship service at noon. It is not intended for use on Sunday at public noon worship, where Mattins is still to be preferred.

(Standing) INTROIT

Leader: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Your sight, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer.

All: Amen.

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(Standing) PRAYER

This or another prayer shall be said:

(Adapted from Isaiah 58: 9-10)

Leader: O LORD, we beg for Your help and we long to hear You say, "Here I am!" Teach us to not mistreat others; to not falsely accuse them; and to not say cruel things. Encourage us share our food with the hungry and to shelter the homeless. Then will our lights shine in the dark; and then will our darkest hour be like Your noonday sun.

All: Amen.

(Standing) HYMN

(Sitting) PENITENCE

Any form of penitence may be said here.

All: Before the wonders of life, O God, we acknowledge our failures to see and to revere. Before the sanctities of life we are ashamed of our disrespects and indignities. Before the gifts of life we own that we have made choices of lesser goods, and here today seek the gifts of the Spirit. Before the heroisms of life may we be enlarged to new devotions. Amen.

(Taken from "Hymns of the Spirit".)

(Sitting) THE COLLECT

One of these or another suitable collect shall be said.

Leader: Blessed Savior, at this hour You hung upon the cross, stretching out Your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to You and be saved; for Your tender mercy's sake.

All: Amen.

Or

Leader: Almighty Savior, who at noonday called Your servant Saint Paul to be an apostle to the Gentiles: Illumine the world with the radiance of Your glory, that all nations may come and worship You; for You live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

(The above collects were taken from: www.liturgies.net/Prayers/Collects.htm)

(Sitting) SCRIPTURE READINGS – Daily Missal

(Sitting) SHORT HOMILY

(Sitting) THE PSALMS

One or more of the following 'Ascent' Psalms may be said or intoned. Other suitable Psalms may be used instead. The Psalms are best read from a modern service book which has simplified them for antiphonal reading, or a modern Bible can be used instead.

Psalm 120 – 134 (A song of ascents)

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(Sitting) PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: We pray for those known to us who have need of our prayers.
For...
For...
And for...

All:	God, You made us.	We exist.
	God, You saved us.	For we had fallen.
	God, You called us.	We are here.
	God, You empowered us.	We can do.
	God, You encouraged us.	We can serve.
	God, You sent Your prophets.	We will listen. Amen.

(Sitting) THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

[A Hail Mary may be said.]

(Sitting) INFORMAL COMMUNION OPTIONAL – pg 39

(Standing) THE BLESSING

Leader: The blessings of the LORD Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit, be with us today and everyday.

All: Amen.

Please pray for the people who attended this service, your families, work, and neighborhood. Please also pray for the OCAC.

Nones **Also called Afternoon Prayer – 3 PM**

Words to be said are in this style:

All: say these words.

Instructions are in italics.

This service may be performed by those in Minor Orders. Participants should be encouraged to share in this service by giving readings, leading prayers, or sharing testimony which can be inserted at any suitable point. The hymn should be relevant and easy to sing unaccompanied. The hymn can be spoken if preferred. The homily should be up to five minutes but no more. This service is intended for use for any small worship service in the afternoon.

(Standing) INTROIT

Leader: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Your sight, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer.

All: Amen.

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(Standing) PRAYER

This or another prayer shall be said:

Leader: LORD, as we feel Your presence, may we embrace Your will for us. And, LORD, as You send us away from Your house, may we be filled with Your Spirit, to share with those that we live and work with. In Christ our LORD,

All: Amen.

(Standing) HYMN

(Sitting) PENITENCE

Any form of penitence may be said here.

All: Before the wonders of life, O God, we acknowledge our failures to see and to revere. Before the sanctities of life we are ashamed of our disrespects and indignities. Before the gifts of life we own that we have made choices of lesser goods, and here today seek the gifts of the Spirit. Before the heroisms of life may we be enlarged to new devotions. Amen.

(Taken from "Hymns of the Spirit".)

(Sitting) THE COLLECT

Leader: LORD Jesus, stay with us, for evening looms and the morning is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know You as You are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of Your love.

All: Amen.

(Adapted from Liturgies.net/Prayers/Collects.htm)

(Sitting) SCRIPTURE READINGS – Daily Missal

(Sitting) SHORT HOMILY

(Sitting) THE PSALMS

One or more of the following 'Ascent' Psalms may be said or intoned. Other suitable Psalms may be used instead. The Psalms are best read from a modern service book which has simplified them for antiphonal reading, or a modern Bible can be used instead.

Psalm 120 – 134 (A song of ascents)

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(Sitting) PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: We pray for those known to us who have need of our prayers.
For...
For...
And for...

All:	God, You made us.	We exist.
	God, You saved us.	For we had fallen.
	God, You called us.	We are here.
	God, You empowered us.	We can do.
	God, You encouraged us.	We can serve.
	God, You sent Your prophets.	We will listen. Amen.

(Sitting) THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

[A Hail Mary may be said.]

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(Standing) THE BLESSING

Leader: The blessings of the LORD Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit, be with us today and everyday.

All: Amen.

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Please pray for the people who attended this service, your families, work, and neighborhood. Please also pray for the OCAC.

Vespers **Also called Early Evening Prayer – 6 PM**

Words to be said are in this style: All: say these words.

Instructions are in italics.

This Vespers service is specifically for those in Minor Orders. Participants should be encouraged to share in this service by giving readings, leadings prayers, or sharing testimony which can be inserted at any suitable point. The hymns should be relevant and easy to sing unaccompanied. The hymns can be spoken if preferred. This particular Vespers can be used on any evening including Sundays when it is known that no Deacon nor Priest is available, and when Compline is too late. The candles on the altar should be lit and used at other safe and suitable places in the church; tea lights in holders are ideal.

(Standing) INTROIT

Leader: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Your sight, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer.

All: Amen.

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(Standing) PRAYER

(Taken from JustUs.Anglican.org)

Leader: May this evening may be holy, good and peaceful, as we pray with one heart and mind.

All: Amen.

(Standing) HYMN

(Sitting) PENITENCE

(Taken from 'Hymns of the Spirit'.)

Any form of penitence may be said here.

All: Before the wonders of life, O God, we acknowledge our failures to see and to revere. Before the sanctities of life we are ashamed of our disrespects and indignities. Before the gifts of life we own that we have made choices of lesser goods, and here today seek the gifts of the Spirit. Before the heroisms of life may we be enlarged to new devotions. Amen.

(Sitting) THE COLLECT

(Taken from Liturgies.net/Prayers/Collects.htm)

Leader: Almighty, everlasting God, let our prayer in Your sight be as incense, the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice. Give us grace to behold You, present in Your Word and Sacraments, and to recognize You in the lives of those around us. Stir up in us the flame of that love which burned in the heart of Your Son as He bore His passion, and let it burn in us to eternal life and to the ages of ages.

All: Amen.

(Sitting) SCRIPTURE READINGS – Daily Missal

(Sitting) SHORT HOMILY

(Sitting) THE PSALMS

The following psalm, or a portion of it, may be said or intoned. Other suitable Psalms may be used instead. The Psalms are best read from a modern service book which has simplified them for antiphonal reading, or modern Bible can be used instead.

Psalm 103 (Praise the LORD, O my soul)

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(Sitting) PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: We pray for those known to us who have need of our prayers.
For...
For...
And for...

All:	God, You made us.	We exist.
	God, You saved us.	For we had fallen.
	God, You called us.	We are here.
	God, You empowered us.	We can do.
	God, You encouraged us.	We can serve.
	God, You sent Your prophets.	We will listen. Amen.

(Sitting) THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

[A Hail Mary may be said.]

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(Standing) THE BLESSING

Leader: The blessings of the LORD Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit, be with us today and everyday.

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All: Amen.

Please pray for the people who attended this service, your families, work, and neighborhood. Please also pray for the OCAC.

Compline **Also called Evening Prayer – 9 PM**

Words to be said are in this style: All: say these words.

Instructions are in italics.

This service may be performed by those in Minor Orders. Participants should be encouraged to share in this service by giving readings, leadings prayers, or sharing testimony which can be inserted at any suitable point. The hymns should be relevant and easy to sing unaccompanied. The hymns can be spoken if preferred. This service can be used on any evening including Sundays, but if a Sub-Deacon, Deacon, or Priest is available on Sundays, Vespers is to be preferred. The candles on the altar should be lit and used at other safe and suitable places in the church; tea lights in holders are ideal.

(Standing) INTROIT

Leader: In the name of the Most High God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: May the LORD Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end to this, His glorious day.

All: Amen.

[A hymn may be sung.]

Leader: Our help is in the name of the LORD.

All: Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: Let us bring before God our transgressions.

(Sitting) CONFESSION

Silence may be kept for reflection and personal confession.

Leader: Let us say together:

All: I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my sisters and brothers,
that I have sinned through my own fault
in my thoughts and in my words,

(strike your breast at this point if appropriate)

in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;
and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my sisters and brothers,
to pray for me to the LORD our God.

Leader: May Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and give us
the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

The people may cross themselves at this point.

All: Amen.

Leader: O God, make haste to save us.

All: O LORD, make speed to help us.

Leader: Let us say together:

All: 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.
Alleluia. *

** Except in Lent, when Amen is said.*

(Sitting) THE PSALMS

*One or more of the following Psalms are said or intoned. Other suitable Psalms
my be used instead. It is to be preferred that members of the congregation share
in reciting or intoning the Psalms, if possible. The Psalms are best read from a
modern service book which has simplified Psalms for antiphonal reading, or a*

modern Bible can be used instead.

Leader: Let us share together in the joy of the Psalms.

Psalm 4 (An evening prayer)

Psalm 31 (A prayer for protection)

Psalm 91 (The LORD is my fortress)

Psalm 134 (Praising the LORD at night)

At the end of the Psalms, the Gloria is sung or said.

All: 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.

(Sitting) THE READINGS – Daily Missal

A suitable passage of scripture is read.

[A hymn may be sung.]

(Sitting) THE KYRIES

Leader: Into Your hands, O LORD, we commend our spirits.

All: For You have redeemed us, O LORD God of truth.

Leader: Keep us, O LORD, as the apple of Your eye;

All: Hide us under the shadow of Your wings.

All: LORD, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
LORD, have mercy.

(Sitting) THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Let us together say the LORD's prayer.

All: 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

[A Hail Mary may be said.]

(Sitting) THE COLLECT

The collect of the day is read, preferably by a member of the congregation.

(Standing) FINAL PRAYERS

Leader: Guide us in our waking, O LORD, and guard us in our sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

[In the Easter season, add:

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.]

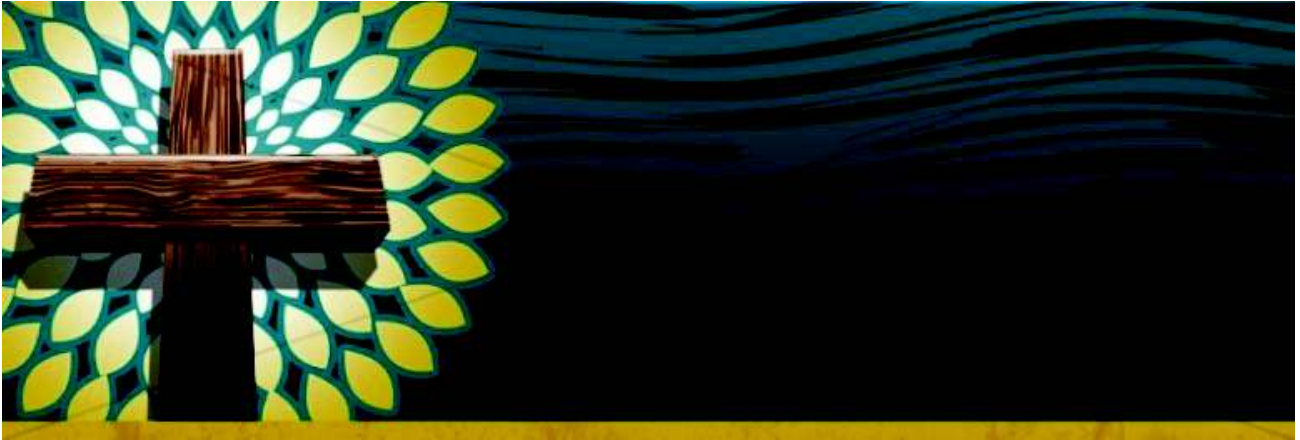
Leader: The almighty and merciful LORD, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us this night and for evermore.

All: Amen.

The candles on the altar are extinguished.

END OF SERVICE

Please pray for the people who attended this service, your families, work, and neighborhood. Please also pray for the OCAC.



Stations of the Cross

ACT OF CONTRITION

Let us follow the path of the LORD in our hearts today. O LORD, my God, our Redeemer, behold us here at Your feet. With all of our being we are sorry for our sins, because by them we have offended You, O LORD, who is infinitely good. Forgive us, we will not offend You again. Amen.

STATIONS

1. Jesus is condemned to death

Leader: O Jesus, help us to appreciate Your sanctifying grace more and more.

We adore You, O Christ and we praise You. Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

All: Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory Be.

2. *Jesus receives the cross*

Leader: O Jesus, You chose to die for us. Help us to love You always.

We adore You, O Christ and we praise You. Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

All: Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory Be.

3. *Jesus falls for the first time*

Leader: O Jesus, make us strong to conquer our wicked passions and to rise quickly from sin.

We adore You, O Christ and we praise You. Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

All: Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory Be.

4. *Jesus meets His mother*

Leader: O Jesus, grant me a tender love for Your Mother, who offered You for love of us.

We adore You, O Christ and we praise You. Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

All: Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory Be.

5. *Jesus is helped by Simon*

Leader: O Jesus, like Simon, lead me ever closer to You through my daily crosses and trials.

We adore You, O Christ and we praise You. Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

All: Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory Be.

6. *Jesus meets Veronica*

Leader: O Jesus, imprint Your image on our hearts that we may be faithful to You in our lives.

We adore You, O Christ and we praise You. Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

All: Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory Be.

7. *Jesus falls a second time*

Leader: O Jesus, we repent for having offended You. Grant us forgiveness of our sins.

We adore You, O Christ and we praise You. Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

All: Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory Be.

8. *Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem*

Leader: O Jesus, grant us tears of compassion for Your sufferings and sorrows for our sins.

We adore You, O Christ and we praise You. Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

All: Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory Be.

9. *Jesus falls a third time*

Leader: O Jesus, let us never yield to despair. Let us come to you in hardship and spiritual distress.

We adore You, O Christ and we praise You. Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

All: Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory Be.

10. *Jesus is stripped of His garments*

Leader: O Jesus, let us sacrifice all our attachments rather than imperil the divine life within our souls.

We adore You, O Christ and we praise You. Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

All: Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory Be.

11. Jesus is nailed to the cross

Leader: O Jesus, strengthen our faith and increase our love for You. Help us to accept our crosses.

We adore You, O Christ and we praise You. Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

All: Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory Be.

12. Jesus dies on the cross

Leader: O Jesus, we thank you for making us all children of God. Help us to forgive others.

We adore You, O Christ and we praise You. Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

All: Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory Be.

13. Jesus is taken down from the cross

Leader: O Jesus, through the intercession of Your Holy Mother, let us be pleasing to you.

We adore You, O Christ and we praise You. Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

All: Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory Be.

14. Jesus is laid in the tomb

Leader: O Jesus, strengthen our will to live for You on earth and bring us all to eternal bliss in Heaven.

We adore You, O Christ and we praise You. Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

All: Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory Be.

PRAYER

Leader: O Jesus, You became an example of humility, obedience, and patience, and preceded us on the way of life bearing Your cross. Grant that, inflamed with Your love, we may courageously take upon ourselves the yoke of the Gospel together with the mortification of the cross, and follow You as true disciples so that we all may be united with You in heaven.

All: Amen.

BLESSING

Leader: Let us go in peace, as we await His triumph and His coming again.

All: Amen.

Please pray for the people who attended this service, your families, work, and neighborhood. Please also pray for the OCAC.



(Sitting) INFORMAL COMMUNION

This is derived from the OCAC, stand-alone, informal communion. As compiled here, it is only to be said along with one of the services from the Book of Hours, between the LORD'S Prayer and the Blessing.

[Optional portion - Adapted from the Aramaic liturgy of the Assyrian Church of the East:

Leader: The bread and wine are upon the altar. Let us all draw near and with all the angels say: Holy, Holy, Holy LORD God.]

Leader: As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love, we confess that we are sinners and ask the LORD for pardon and strength.

Silence may be kept for reflection and personal confession.

Leader: Let us say together:

All: I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my sisters and brothers,
that I have sinned through my own fault
in my thoughts and in my words,

(strike your breast at this point if appropriate)

in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;
and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my sisters and brothers,
to pray for me to the LORD our God.

Leader: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

The Ministrant holds up the plate with the bread on it and says:

Leader: Blessed are You, LORD, God of all creation.
Through Your goodness we have this bread to offer,
that earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God forever.

*The plate with the bread is replaced in the center of the cloth.
A little wine is poured into the cup; and then a drop of water added to the wine
and the Ministrant says:*

Leader: By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled Himself to share in our humanity.

Then raising the cup say:

Leader: Blessed are You, God of all creation.
Through Your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

The cup is placed back on the cloth, beside the plate and the Ministrant bows

slightly and says:

Leader: With humble and contrite hearts, Heavenly God, we ask You to receive us and to be pleased with our praise this day. Let us pray together and say:

All: At the Last Supper, as Jesus sat at table with the disciples, Jesus offered Himself to You as the Lamb without blemish, the acceptable gift that gives You perfect praise. Jesus left this memorial of the passion to continue its saving power until the end of time. In this great feast You feed Your people and strengthen them in holiness, so that the human family, which shares the same earth, may be enlightened by one faith and drawn together by one love. We come then to this communal table to be transformed by Your grace into the likeness of the risen Christ. And, therefore, earth unites with heaven to sing a new song of praise; we too join with the hosts of angels as they proclaim Your glory without end: Holy, Holy, Holy, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are we who come in the name of the LORD Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Let us share a sign of peace together.

All present share a sign of peace.

Then the plate with the bread is passed around; everyone taking a piece. The leader hands it to the first person saying:

Leader: The Body of Our LORD Christ broken for you.

That person then passes it to the next person saying: The Body of Our LORD Christ broken for you. Each person eats the bread after a moment's silent reflection.

The glass with wine is passed around; everyone taking a sip. The leader hands it to the first person saying:

Leader: The Blood of Our LORD Christ shed for you.

That person then passes it to the next person saying: The Blood of Our LORD Christ shed for you. Each person sips the wine after a moments silent reflection. Once everyone including the Ministrant has shared the bread and wine, any unused elements are placed on the table and covered with the white cloth. All say together:

All: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share the one bread and the one cup.

Leader: O most Blessed Mary, the light of our darkened souls, our hope, our protection, our refuge, our rest, and our joy: We thank You, for having permitted us to partake of the communion established by Your Son. Give the light of understanding to the eyes of our hearts, You that gave birth to the True Light. Enliven us who are deadened by sin, You that gave birth to the Fountain of Immortality. Have mercy on us, O loving Mother of the merciful God. Grant us compunction and contrition of heart, humility in our thoughts, and a release from the slavery of our own unreasonableness. And enable us, even to the last breath, to receive healing of our souls and bodies. Grant us repentance and confession, that we may glorify You all the days of our lives, for You are blessed and greatly glorified forever.

All: Amen.

Optional: Recite the appropriate Marian seasonal prayer from pages 45-46.

All: Amen.

[(Standing) SHORT POST-COMMUNION HYMN]

(Sitting) THE COMMUNION COLLECTS

Leader: Teach us, O LORD, to see Your life in all peoples of Your earth, and so guide the nations into the understanding of Your laws that peace and goodwill may reign upon the earth, through Christ our LORD.

All: Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto You, who promises that where two or three are gathered in Your name that You are in their midst: fulfill now, O LORD, the desires and petitions of Your servants, as may be most expedient for us; granting us in this world knowledge of Your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

All: Amen.

Leader: O God, who bestowed the crown of martyrdom on the Bishop Saint Adalbert, as he burned with zeal for souls, grant, we pray, by his prayers, that the obedience of the flock may never fail the shepherds, nor the care of the shepherds be ever lacking to the flock. Through our LORD Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us bless the LORD.

All: Henceforth and for evermore.

Leader: May the souls of the departed, through the love of God, rest in peace.

All: Amen.

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Leader: The LORD give us His peace.

All: And life everlasting.

Return the the divine office final blessing.



SEASONAL MARIAN PRAYERS

From Advent through Candlemas

Alma Redemptoris Mater : Loving Mother of the Savior

Kind mother of the Redeemer,
who remain the open gate of heaven and the star of the sea:
help Your falling people who want to rise,
You who bore Your holy Parent, while nature marveled:
a Virgin before and after,
receiving that Ave from Gabriel's mouth,
have mercy on us.

After Candlemas to Holy Saturday

Ave Regina Caelorum : Hail the Queen of the Heavens

Hail, O Queen of Heaven.
Hail, O Lady of Angels.
Hail! thou root, hail! thou gate
From whom unto the world a light has arisen:

Rejoice, O glorious Virgin,
Lovely beyond all others,
Farewell, most beautiful maiden,
And pray for us to Christ.

Eastertide

Regina Caeli : Queen of Heaven

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
The Son You merited to bear, alleluia,
Has risen as he said, alleluia.
Pray to God for us, alleluia.

After Eastertide to Advent

Salve Regina : Hail Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria!
Hail, Mother of mercy and of love, O Maria!
Triumph all ye cherubim!
Sing with us ye seraphim!
Heaven and earth resound the hymn!
Salve, salve, salve, Regina!

Our life, our sweetness here below, O Maria!
Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O Maria!
Triumph all ye cherubim!
Sing with us ye seraphim!
Heaven and earth resound the hymn!
Salve, salve, salve, Regina!

And when our last breath leaves us, O Maria!
Show us thy son Christ Jesus, O Maria!
Triumph all ye cherubim!
Sing with us ye seraphim!
Heaven and earth resound the hymn!
Salve, salve, salve, Regina!



Liberal Catholic Church Prayers

CONFITEOR

O LORD, You created us to be immortal and made us to be an image of Your own eternity; yet often we forget the glory of our heritage and wander from the path which leads to righteousness. But You, O LORD, made us for Yourself and our hearts are ever restless till they find their rest in You. Look with the eyes of Your love upon our manifold imperfections and pardon all our shortcomings, that we may be filled with the brightness of the everlasting light and become the unspotted mirror of Your power and the image of Your goodness; through Christ our LORD. Amen.

ACT OF FAITH

We believe that God is love and power and truth and light; that perfect justice rules the world; that all His children shall one day reach his feet, however far they stray. We hold the fatherhood of God, the family of humankind; we know that we do serve Him best when we serve one another. So shall His blessing rest on us and peace for evermore. Amen.

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Dedicated to the Memory of
Bishop Terence Herrera-LaFavre
Liberal Catholic Church International and
Orthodox Old Roman Catholic Communion / Latin Rite

Dedicado a la Memoria de
Obispo Terence Herrera-LaFavre
Iglesia Católica Liberal Internacional y
Comunión católica romana antigua ortodoxa / rito latino

Quieti in potentia ad populum



Appendix Services for Christmas Eve and Christmas

Words to be said are in this style:

All: say these words.

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[(Standing) ENTRANCE HYMN]

(Standing) INTROIT, vested in white or gold

Leader: (+) In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Christmas Eve

Leader: Tomorrow you will know that the LORD will come, and He will save us, and in the morning you will see His glory.

All: Amen.

Christmas

Leader: Unto us is born a son, unto us a son is given and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor or the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.
--Isaiah 9:6

All: Amen.

(Standing) LCC CONFITEOR

All: O LORD, You created us to be immortal and made us to be an image of Your own eternity; yet often we forget the glory of our heritage and wander from the path which leads to righteousness. But You, O LORD, made us for Yourself and our hearts are ever restless till they find their rest in You. Look with the eyes of Your love upon our manifold imperfections and pardon all our shortcomings, that we may be filled with the brightness of the everlasting light and become the unspotted mirror of Your power and the image of Your goodness; through Christ our LORD. Amen.

(Sitting) PRAYER

The Leader or a delegated person will say prayers of adoration, confession, and thanksgiving.

Adoration

Leader: We adore You, O ever-living God, and render praise unto You for having spread out the heavens and established the earth. Your glory is revealed in the heavens above and Your majesty is manifested throughout the earth. You are our God and no one else, and so in awe and wonder we bow our heads and magnify You, the Eternal, the Holy One, the Ever Blest.

All: Amen.

Confession

The Confession is recited together.

All: Before the wonders of life, O God, we acknowledge our failures to see and to revere; before the sanctities of life we are ashamed of our disrespects and indignities; before the gifts of life we own that we have made choices for lesser goods, and here today seek the gifts of the spirit. Before the heroisms of life may we be enlarged to new devotions. Amen.

Thanksgiving

Leader: O God, whose never-failing love orders all things, we praise You, we glorify You, and we thank You for all that You are to us and all that You do for us, both by day and by night. We thank You for reason and for conscience; for nurture and for guidance; for all the gifts of nature and of grace; for forbearance and long-suffering, and Your tender mercies which never fail; for all good things received, and for Your promises of hope and salvation in this time and in times to come. For all these, and for all other mercies known or unknown, remembered or forgotten, we give thanks unto You now and for evermore.

All: Amen.

The above prayers were compiled from "Hymns of the Spirit".

Christmas Eve

Leader: As we look forward, O LORD, to your coming, may we serve You all the more eagerly for knowing that You make manifest the beginnings of our Redemption.

All: Amen.

Christmas

Leader: Make acceptable, O LORD, our prayers on this glorious day, when

you manifested the reconciliation that shows us wholly pleasing in your sight and instituted for us the fullness of divine worship.

All: Amen.

(Sitting) THE COLLECTS

The Collect for Purity

Leader: Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy Name; through Christ our LORD.

All: Amen.

Christmas Eve Collect

Leader: O God, You gladden us year by year as we wait in hope for our redemption, grant that, just as we joyfully welcome Your only begotten Son as our Redeemer, we may also merit to face him confidently when He comes again as our judge, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Christmas Collect

Leader: O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and still more wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled Himself to share in our humanity. Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

(Sitting) SCRIPTURE READINGS – Daily Missal

[(Sitting) Listen to Handel's For Unto Us a Child is Born]

(Standing) GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Christmas Eve

Leader: Alleluia, alleluia. Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Savior of the world will reign over us.

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

Christmas

Leader: Alleluia, alleluia. A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the LORD. For today a great light has come upon the earth.

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

(Standing) GOSPEL READING – Daily Missal

Leader: This is the gospel of Christ.

All: Glory to Christ our Savior.

Bells may be rung, a recorded fanfare may be played, and candles may be lit.

All: Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.
LORD God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
LORD Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
LORD God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the LORD,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

(Sitting) SHORT HOMILY

(Standing) LCC ACT OF FAITH

All: We believe that God is love and power and truth and light; that perfect justice rules the world; that all His children shall one day reach his feet, however far they stray. We hold the fatherhood of God, the family of humankind; we know that we do serve Him best when we serve one another. So shall His blessing rest on us and peace for evermore. Amen.

(Sitting) PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: We pray for those known to us who have need of our prayers.
For...
For...
And for...

All:	God, You made us.	We exist.
	God, You saved us.	For we had fallen.
	God, You called us.	We are here.
	God, You empowered us.	We can do.
	God, You encouraged us.	We can serve.
	God, You sent Your prophets.	We will listen. Amen.

(Sitting) THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

[(Sitting) Listen to Handel's Hallelujah Chorus]

(Standing) THE BLESSING

Leader: (+) The blessings of the LORD Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit, be with us today and everyday.

All: Amen.

[(Standing) CLOSING HYMN or CAROL]

Please pray for the people who attended this service, your families, work, and neighborhood. Please also pray for the OCAC.



Appendix Services for Paschal Triduum

Words to be said are in this style:

All: say these words.

Instructions are in italics.

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(Standing) INTROIT

Maundy Thursday, vested in white

Leader: But it behooves us to glory in the cross of our LORD Jesus Christ: In whom is our salvation, life and resurrection; By Whom we are saved and delivered. May God have mercy on us and bless us; May the light of His countenance shine upon us; And may He have mercy on us. But it behooves us.

All: Amen.

Good Friday, vested in red

Leader: O LORD, I have heard Your hearing and was afraid: I have considered Your works and trembled. In the midst of two, You

shall be known: when the years draw nigh You shall be known:
When the time comes, You shall be manifested. When my soul shall
be in trouble, You will remember mercy, even in Your wrath. God
will come from Lebanon, and the Holy One from the shady, covered
mount. His majesty covered the heavens: and the earth is full of His
praise.

All: Amen.

(The above two Introits were taken from traditioninaction.org)

Easter Saturday Vigil, vested in purple

Leader: Christ will rise from the dead! By dying He trampled on death and
by His resurrection He will give us the gift of life. To Him be glory
forever.

All: Amen. We have begun our solemn vigil.

(The above Introit was adapted from stnersess.edu)

(Standing) LCC CONFITEOR

All: O LORD, You created us to be immortal and made us to be an image
of Your own eternity; yet often we forget the glory of our heritage
and wander from the path which leads to righteousness. But You, O
LORD, made us for Yourself and our hearts are ever restless till
they find their rest in You. Look with the eyes of Your love upon our
manifold imperfections and pardon all our shortcomings, that we
may be filled with the brightness of the everlasting light and
become the unspotted mirror of Your power and the image of Your
goodness; through Christ our LORD. Amen.

(Sitting) PRAYER

Maundy Thursday

Leader: LORD, as we prepare to enter the mystery of these three most holy

days, we ask you to illumine our minds and hearts with the hope and promise of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. Give us eyes to see Him in the breaking of the bread and hearts that reach out to Him in service to one another. We ask you this through Christ our LORD.

All: Amen.

Good Friday

Leader: Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross, that You might remove from us the power of the adversary: Help us to remember and give thanks for our LORD'S Passion that we may obtain remission of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through the same, our LORD Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

(The above two prayers were taken from prayerist.com)

Easter Saturday Vigil

Leader: On this day of Your darkness, dear LORD, how deep should be our gratitude to You. You have given us Yourself. You are always giving us Yourself. Even the food we eat is a part of Yourself, of Your love for us. We praise You for Your death for the world and Your continued life in the world, and we would be Yours forever.

All: Amen.

(The above prayer was taken from praywithme.com)

(Sitting) TRIDUUM ADORATION

Leader: We adore You, O ever-living God, and render praise unto You for having spread out the heavens and established the earth. Your glory is revealed in the heavens above and Your majesty is

manifested throughout the earth. You are our God and no one else, and so in awe and wonder we bow our heads and magnify You, the Eternal, the Holy One, the Ever Blest.

All: Amen.

(Sitting) TRIDUUM CONFESSION

The congregation will recite the confession together.

All: Before the wonders of life, O God, we acknowledge our failures to see and to revere; before the sanctities of life we are ashamed of our disrespects and indignities; before the gifts of life we own that we have made choices for lesser goods, and here today seek the gifts of the spirit. Before the heroisms of life may we be enlarged to new devotions. Amen.

(Sitting) TRIDUUM THANKSGIVING

Leader: O God, whose never-failing love orders all things, we praise You, we glorify You, and we thank You for all that You are to us and all that You do for us, both by day and by night. We thank You for reason and for conscience; for nurture and for guidance; for all the gifts of nature and of grace; for forbearance and long-suffering, and Your tender mercies which never fail; for all good things received, and for Your promises of hope and salvation in this time and in times to come. For all these, and for all other mercies known or unknown, remembered or forgotten, we give thanks unto You now and for evermore.

All: Amen.

(The above prayers were compiled from "Hymns of the Spirit".)

(Sitting) THE COLLECT

Maundy Thursday

Leader: Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before He suffered, instituted the Sacrament of His Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive It thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our LORD, Who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and Who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Good Friday

Leader: Almighty God, we pray You graciously to behold this Your family, for Whom our LORD Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; Who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Easter Saturday Vigil

Leader: O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on Your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of Your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by Him through whom all things were made, Your Son Jesus Christ our LORD.

All: Amen.

(The above three collects were taken from cathedral.org)

(Sitting) SCRIPTURE READINGS – Daily Missal

[Easter Saturday Vigil Gospel

Leader: This is the gospel of Christ.

All: Glory to Christ our Savior.

Bells may be rung, a recorded fanfare may be played, and candles may be lit. A hymn may be sung or a recorded one may be played.

All: Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.
LORD God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
LORD Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
LORD God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the LORD,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.]

(Standing) LCC ACT OF FAITH

All: We believe that God is love and power and truth and light; that perfect justice rules the world; that all His children shall one day reach his feet, however far they stray. We hold the fatherhood of God, the family of humankind; we know that we do serve Him best when we serve one another. So shall His blessing rest on us and peace for evermore. Amen.

(Sitting) PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: We pray for those known to us who have need of our prayers.
For...
For...
And for...

All:	God, You made us.	We exist.
	God, You saved us.	For we had fallen.
	God, You called us.	We are here.
	God, You empowered us.	We can do.
	God, You encouraged us.	We can serve.
	God, You sent Your prophets.	We will listen. Amen.

(Sitting) THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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(Standing) THE EASTER SATURDAY VIGIL BLESSING

No blessing on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday. Depart in silence.

Leader: The blessings of the LORD Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit, be with us today and everyday. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

All: Amen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Please pray for the people who attended this service, your families, work, and neighborhood. Please also pray for the OCAC.

(Sitting) INFORMAL MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION

This is derived from the OCAC, stand-alone, informal communion. As compiled here, it is only to be said along with one of the services from the Book of Hours, between the LORD'S Prayer and the Blessing, or Maundy Thursday Triduum.

[Optional portion - Adapted from the Aramaic liturgy of the Assyrian Church of the East:

Leader: The bread and wine are upon the altar. Let us all draw near and with all the angels say: Holy, Holy, Holy LORD God.]

Leader: As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love, we confess that we are sinners and ask the LORD for pardon and strength.

Silence may be kept for reflection and personal confession.

Leader: Let us say together:

All: I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my sisters and brothers,
that I have sinned through my own fault

in my thoughts and in my words,

(strike your breast at this point if appropriate)

in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;
and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my sisters and brothers,
to pray for me to the LORD our God.

Leader: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

The Ministrant holds up the plate with the bread on it and says:

Leader: Blessed are You, LORD, God of all creation.
Through Your goodness we have this bread to offer,
that earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God forever.

*The plate with the bread is replaced in the center of the cloth.
A little wine is poured into the cup; and then a drop of water added to the wine
and the Ministrant says:*

Leader: By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the
divinity of Christ, who humbled Himself to share in our humanity.

Then raising the cup say:

Leader: Blessed are You, God of all creation.
Through Your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

*The cup is placed back on the cloth, beside the plate and the Ministrant bows
slightly and says:*

Leader: With humble and contrite hearts, Heavenly God, we ask You to
receive us and to be pleased with our praise this day. Let us pray
together and say:

All: At the Last Supper, as Jesus sat at table with the disciples,
Jesus offered Himself to You as the Lamb without blemish,
the acceptable gift that gives You perfect praise.
Jesus left this memorial of the passion
to continue its saving power until the end of time.

In this great feast You feed Your people
and strengthen them in holiness,
so that the human family, which shares the same earth,
may be enlightened by one faith
and drawn together by one love.
We come then to this communal table
to be transformed by Your grace
into the likeness of the risen Christ.
And, therefore, earth unites with heaven
to sing a new song of praise;
we too join with the hosts of angels
as they proclaim Your glory without end:
Holy, Holy, Holy,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are we who come in the name of the LORD
Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Let us share a sign of peace together.

All present share a sign of peace.

Then the plate with the bread is passed around; everyone taking a piece. The leader hands it to the first person saying:

Leader: The Body of Our LORD Christ broken for you.

That person then passes it to the next person saying: The Body of Our LORD Christ broken for you. Each person eats the bread after a moment's silent reflection.

The glass with wine is passed around; everyone taking a sip. The leader hands it to the first person saying:

Leader: The Blood of Our LORD Christ shed for you.

That person then passes it to the next person saying: The Blood of Our LORD

Christ shed for you. Each person sips the wine after a moments silent reflection. Once everyone including the Ministrant has shared the bread and wine, any unused elements are placed on the table and covered with the white cloth. All say together:

All: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share the one bread and the one cup.

(Sitting) THE COMMUNION COLLECTS

Leader: Teach us, O LORD, to see Your life in all peoples of Your earth, and so guide the nations into the understanding of Your laws that peace and goodwill may reign upon the earth, through Christ our LORD.

All: Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto You, who promises that where two or three are gathered in Your name that You are in their midst: fulfill now, O LORD, the desires and petitions of Your servants, as may be most expedient for us; granting us in this world knowledge of Your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

All: Amen.

(Standing) DEPARTURE

Leader: Let us bless the LORD.

All: Henceforth and for evermore.

Leader: May the souls of the departed, through the love of God, rest in peace.

All: Amen.

Leader: The LORD give us His peace.

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All: And life everlasting.

Return the the Triduum office, pg. 60, departing in silence.



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Appendix Hymnal

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When musicians and/or choirs are not available, 129 recorded hymns in the public domain may be found at the youtube site of Parkside Evangelical Church of Littlehampton, Sussex, England.

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