

Vespers

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PREPARATION

HYMN

OPENING SENTENCES

O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth will tell of your praise.

O God, deliver me.

O Lord, be quick to help me.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be forevermore. Amen.

[Hallelujah.]

Or in Lent, instead of the hallelujah:

Praise to you, O Lord, * King of eternal glory

WORD

PSALM

An antiphon may be used with the psalm.

After the psalm:

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forevermore. Amen.

READING(S)

The (*first*) reading is written in chapter _____ of _____, beginning at verse _____.

After each reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

After the reading or readings, the following general responses, or other seasonal responses, are sung or said.

Lord, your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.
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Your word is everlasting truth,
and a light to my path.

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

Lord, your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.

OR

If the response above is not used, the following is sung or said after each reading:

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God

HYMN

SERMON

After the sermon:

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your* hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

**For lay readers: our.*

RESPONSE

HYMN

OFFERING

CANTICLE

The Song of Mary (below) or another canticle is sung or said.

A verse is used with the canticle.

Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,
and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

An antiphon may be used.

Jesus Christ our Saviour,
eternal God, and Mary's Son, we adore you forevermore.

- 1 My söl proclaims the greatness of *the* Lord,
my spirit rejoices in *God* my Saviour,
- 2 for hé has looked with favour on his lowly *servant*.
From this day áll generations will *call* me blössed.
- 3 The Almighty has done great things *for* me,
and *holy* is his name.
- 4 He has mercy on those who *fear* him
in every *generación*.
- 5 He has shown the strength of *his* arm,
he has scattered the *proud* in their conceit,
- 6 he has cast down the mighty from *their* thrones,
and has lifted *up* the löwly.
- 7 He has filled the hungry with *good* things,
and the rich he has sent *away* empty.
- 8 He has come to the help of his servant *Israel*,
for hé has remembered his *prómise* of mërçy,
- 9 the promise he made to our *ancestors*,
to Abraham and to his *children* for ever.

Glory to the Father and *the* Son
and the *Holy* Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, *is* now,
and will be forevermöre. Amen.

The previous antiphon is repeated in full by the congregation.

PRAYERS

The prayers may be said in the following form, or in the form of the litany, or of responsive prayer: evening, or of responsive prayer: general.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

CREED

The Apostles' Creed (below) may be said, or the Nicene Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

**or: Christian; 'catholic' here means 'universal'*

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (COLLECT)

Let us pray...one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OTHER PRAYERS

After each prayer:

Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

May the Lord give strength to his people.

May the Lord bless his people with peace.

Lord God, from whom all holy desires, all good purposes, and all right works proceed: Give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give. Defend us from the fear of our enemies, and set our hearts to obey your commandments, so that we may live on earth in rest and quietness. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CONCLUSION

HYMN

LET US BLESS

Let us bless the Lord.

God be praised forevermore.

BLESSING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with † you* all.

Amen.

**For lay readers: us.*