

Church of the Resurrection: Night Prayer

*God, + come to my assistance.
– 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 for ever. Amen.*

Examination of Conscience

A brief examination of conscience may be made. In the communal celebration of the Office, a Penitential Rite using the formulas of the Mass may be inserted here.

*[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,*

And, striking their breast, they say:

*through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;*

Then they continue:

*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.*

The absolution by the Priest follows:

*May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
– Amen.]*

*Lead, Kindly Light, amidst th'encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead Thou me on!
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.*

*I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou
Shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path; but now
Lead Thou me on!
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will. Remember not past years!*

*So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on.
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone,
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile!*

*Meantime, along the narrow rugged path,
Thyself hast trod,
Lead, Saviour, lead me home in childlike faith,
Home to my God.*

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*To rest forever after earthly strife
In the calm light of everlasting life.*

PSALMODY

Ant. 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.*

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and to the Holy Spirit:
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and will be for ever. Amen.*

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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.

RESPONSORY

*Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.
– Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.*

*You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.
– I commend my spirit.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
– Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.*

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Ant. 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.

Canticle of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

Christ is the light of the nations and the glory of Israel

*Lord, + now you 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.*

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CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

*Lord,
we beg you to 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.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
– Amen.*

BLESSING

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*May the all-powerful Lord
grant us a restful night
and a peaceful death.
– Amen.*

Antiphon or song in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

***Ave, Regina caelorum,
ave, Domina angelorum,
salve, radix, salve, porta,
ex qua mundo lux est orta.***

***Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,
super omnes speciosa;
vale, o valde decora,
et pro nobis Christum exora.***

*Hail, Queen of heaven;
hail, Mistress of the Angels;
hail, root of Jesse; hail, the gate
through which the Light rose over the earth.*

*Rejoice, Virgin most renowned
and of unsurpassed beauty.
Farewell, Lady most comely.
Prevail upon Christ to pity us.*

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