

## Angelus

Leader: The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary;  
**All:** And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All:** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Leader: Behold the handmaid of the Lord:  
**All:** Be it done unto me according to your word.

Leader: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All:** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Leader: And the Word was made flesh:  
**All:** And dwelt among us.

Leader: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All:** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Leader: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.  
**All:** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Leader: Let us pray:  
Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,  
Thy grace into our hearts,  
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son,  
was made known by the message of an angel,  
may by His Passion and Cross be brought  
to the glory of His Resurrection,  
through the same Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

## Liturgy of the Hours

*From the very beginning of the Church, Christians have gathered daily, at various times or hours of the day, to pray. When they gathered, they would pray using psalms, songs, readings from the Scriptures, periods of silence, and liturgical rituals. This form of praying eventually came to be called The Liturgy of the Hours. The two most important times Christians gathered to pray were in the morning and evening. Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are two of the prayer services found in the Liturgy of the Hours.*

### Morning Prayer

Divide into two groups and decide which will be Group 1 and Group 2.

Assign three roles: The Leader, the Reader and the Lector.

Please pray slowly and prayerfully.

All stand.

As the Leader begins to speak everyone makes the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: God, come to my assistance.

All: Lord, make haste to help me.

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

All: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

#### Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (Another appropriate hymn may be chosen.)

All: Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise;  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, All who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus Which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, Binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music leads us sunward, In the triumph song of life.

Text: 87 87 D; Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933, alt.  
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827; adapt. By Edward Hodges, 1796-1867.

All sit.

## Psalm 77

Reader stands.

Reader: O God, all your ways are holy; what god can compare with our God?

Reader sits.

**Group 1:** I cry aloud to God; I cry to God to hear me.

**Group 2:** On the day of my distress I seek the Lord;  
by night my hands are stretched out unceasingly;  
I refuse to be consoled.

**Group 1:** When I think of God, I groan;  
as I meditate, my spirit grows faint.  
You have kept me from closing my eyes in sleep;  
I am troubled and cannot speak.

**Group 2:** I consider the days of old;  
the years long past I remember.  
At night I ponder in my heart;  
and as I meditate, my spirit probes:

**Group 1:** “Will the Lord reject us forever, never again show favor?  
Has God’s mercy ceased forever?  
The promise to go unfulfilled for future ages?  
Has God forgotten how to show mercy,  
in anger withheld his compassion?”

**Group 2:** I conclude: “My sorrow is this,  
the right hand of the Most High has abandoned us.”  
I will recall the deeds of the Lord;  
yes, recall your wonders of old.

**Group 1:** I will ponder all your works;  
on your exploits I will meditate.  
Your way, God, is holy;  
what god is as great as our God?

**Group 2:** You are the God who does wonders;  
among the peoples you have revealed your might.  
With your mighty arm you redeemed your people,  
the children of Jacob and Joseph.

**Group 1:** The waters saw you, God;  
the waters saw you and lashed about,  
even the deeps of the sea trembled.

**Group 2:** The clouds poured down their rains;  
the thunderheads rumbled;  
your arrows flashed back and forth.

**Group 1:** The thunder of your chariot wheels resounded;  
your lightning lit up the world;  
the earth trembled and quaked.

**Group 2:** Through the sea was your way;  
your path, through the mighty waters,  
though your footsteps were unseen.

**Group 1:** You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

**Group 2:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**Group 1:** as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

**Leader stands.**

Leader: Father, you established your ancient covenant by signs and wonders, but more wondrously you confirmed the new one through the sacrifice of your Son. Guide your Church through the pathways of life that we may be led to the land of promise and celebrate your name with lasting praise.

**Leader sits.**

All: **O God, all your ways are holy; what god can compare with our God?**

**Pause for a period of silence.**

### Canticle

**1 Samuel 2: 1–10**

**Reader stands.**

Reader: My heart leaps up with joy to the Lord, for he humbles only to exalt us.

**Reader sits.**

**Group 1:** My heart exults in the Lord,  
my horn is exalted in my God.

**Group 2:** I have swallowed up my enemies;  
I rejoice in my victory.  
There is no one like the Lord; there is no Rock like our God.

**Group 1:** Speak boastfully no longer,  
nor let arrogance issue from your mouths.  
For an all–knowing God is the Lord,  
a God who judges deeds.

**Group 2:** The bows of the mighty are broken,  
while the tottering gird on strength.  
The well-fed hire themselves out for bread,  
while the hungry batten on spoil.  
The barren wife bears seven sons,  
while the mother of many languishes.

**Group 1:** The Lord puts to death and gives life;  
he casts down to the nether world; he raises up again.  
The Lord makes poor and makes rich,  
he humbles, he also exalts.

**Group 2:** He raises the needy from the dust;  
from the ash heap he lifts up the poor,  
to seat them with nobles  
and make a glorious throne their heritage.

**Group 1:** For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's  
and he has set the world upon them.  
He will guard the footsteps of his faithful ones,  
but the wicked shall perish in the darkness.  
For not by strength does man prevail;  
the Lord's foes shall be shattered.

**Group 2:** The Most High in heaven thunders;  
the Lord judges the ends of the earth.  
Now may he give strength to his king  
and exalt the horn of his anointed!

**Group 1:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**Group 2:** as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

**All:** My heart leaps up with joy to the Lord, for he humbles only to exalt us.

Pause for a period of silence.

## Psalm 97

**Reader stands.**

Reader: The Lord is king, let the earth rejoice.

**Reader sits.**

**Group 1:** The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
let all the coastlands be glad.  
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;  
his throne, justice and right.

**Group 2:** A fire prepares his path;  
it burns up his foes on every side.  
His lightning lights up the world,  
the earth trembles at the sight.

**Group 1:** The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory.

**Group 2:** Let those who serve idols be ashamed,  
those who boast of their worthless gods.  
All you spirits, worship him.

**Group 1:** Zion hears and is glad;  
the people of Judah rejoice  
because of your judgments, O Lord.

**Group 2:** The Lord loves those who hate evil:  
he guards the souls of his saints;  
he sets them free from the wicked.

**Group 1:** Light shines forth for the just  
and joy for the upright of heart.  
Rejoice, you just, in the Lord;  
give glory to his holy name.

**Group 2:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**Group 1:** as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

**Leader stands.**

Leader: Father, you clothe the sky with light and the depths of the ocean with darkness.  
Among the sons of men you work wonders, and rain terror upon the enemy.  
Look upon your servants. Do not try us by fire but bring us rejoicing to the  
shelter of your home.

**Leader sits.**

All: **The Lord is king, let the earth rejoice.**

**Pause for a period of silence.**

### **Reading and Responsory**

**Lector stands.**

Lector: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans                   **Romans 8: 35, 37**

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Trial, or distress, or persecutions,  
or hunger, or nakedness, or danger, or the sword? Yet in all this we are more  
than conquerors because of him who has loved us.

**Lector sits.**

**Pause for a period of silence.**

**Reader stands.**

Reader: I will bless the Lord all my life long.  
**All:** **I will bless the Lord all my life long.**

Reader: With a song of praise ever on my lips,  
**All:** **All my life long.**

Reader: Glory to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
**All:** **I will bless the Lord all my life long.**

**Reader sits.**

**Pause for a period of silence.**

**All stand.**

### Canticle of Zechariah

Luke 1: 68–79

Reader: Let us serve the Lord in holiness all the days of our life.

**All:** **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;**  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
**He has raised up for us a mighty savior,**  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old  
that he would save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant.

**This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:**  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
to give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

**All:** Let us serve the Lord in holiness all the days of our life.

**Pause for a period of silence.**

## Intercessions

Leader: Blessed be God our Savior, who promised to remain with his Church all days, until the end of the world. Let us give him thanks and call out:

**All: Remain with us, Lord.**

Lector: Remain with us the whole day, Lord, let your grace be a sun that never sets.

**All: Remain with us, Lord.**

Lector: We dedicate this day to you as an offering, do not let us offer anything that is evil.

**All: Remain with us, Lord.**

Lector: May your gift of light pervade this whole day, that we may be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

**All: Remain with us, Lord.**

Lector: May the love of your Holy Spirit direct our hearts and our lips, and may we always act in accordance with your will.

**All: Remain with us, Lord.**

Leader: Other intentions may be spoken aloud. To each intention, all respond:

**Remain with us, Lord.**

Leader: Now let us pray as Christ the Lord has taught us:

**All: Our Father...**

Leader: Lord,  
as a new day dawns  
send the radiance of your light  
to shine in our hearts.  
Make us true to your teaching;  
keep us free from error and sin.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

**As the Leader begins to speak everyone make the Sign of the Cross.**

Leader: May the Lord bless us,  
protect us from all evil  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**All: Amen.**

## Evening Prayer

Divide into two groups and decide which will be Group 1 and Group 2.

Assign three roles: The Leader, the Reader and the Lector.

Please pray slowly and prayerfully.

All stand.

As the Leader begins to speak everyone makes the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: God, come to my assistance.

All: Lord, make haste to help me.

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

All: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

### To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King (Another appropriate hymn may be chosen.)

All: To Jesus Christ, our Sov'reign King,  
Who is the world's salvation,  
All praise and homage do we bring  
And thanks and adoration.

Christ Jesus Victor, Christ Jesus Ruler!  
Christ Jesus, Lord and Redeemer!

Thy reign extend, O King benign,  
To ev'ry land and nation,  
For in Thy kingdom, Lord divine,  
Alone we find salvation.

Christ Jesus Victor, Christ Jesus Ruler!  
Christ Jesus, Lord and Redeemer!

To Thee and to Thy Church, great King,  
We pledge our hearts' oblation,  
Until before Thy throne we sing,  
In endless jubilation.

Christ Jesus Victor, Christ Jesus Ruler!  
Christ Jesus, Lord and Redeemer!

Text: 87 87 55 8; based on *Christus Vincit*, 8th cent.; Martin B. Hellriegel, 1891-1981, © 1941.  
Assigned 1978 to Mrs. C. Mueller, All rights reserved, Used with permission.  
Music: *Mainz Gesangbuch*, 1870.

All sit.

## **Psalm 27 ( I )**

**Reader stands.**

Reader: The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

**Reader sits.**

**Group 1:** The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink?

**Group 2:** When evil doers draw near  
to devour my flesh,  
It is they, my enemies and foes,  
who stumble and fall.

**Group 1:** Though an army encamp against me  
my heart would not fear.  
Though war break out against me  
even then would I trust.

**Group 2:** There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life, to savor the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple.

**Group 1:** For there he keeps me safe in his tent  
in the day of evil.  
He hides me in the shelter of his tent,  
on a rock he sets me safe.

**Group 2:** And now my head shall be raised  
above my foes who surround me  
and I shall offer within his tent  
a sacrifice of joy.

**Group 1:** I will sing and make music for the Lord.

**Group 2:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**Group 1:** as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

**All:** The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

**Pause for a period of silence.**

## **Psalm 27 ( II )**

**Reader stands.**

Reader: I long to look on you, O Lord; do not turn your face from me.

**Reader sits.**

**Group 1:** O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
“Seek his face.”

**Group 2:** It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face.  
Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
you have been my help.

**Group 1:** Do not abandon or forsake me,  
O God my help!  
Though father and mother forsake me,  
the Lord will receive me.

**Group 2:** Instruct me, Lord, in your way;  
on an even path lead me.  
When they lie in ambush protect me from my enemy’s greed.  
False witnesses rise against me,  
breathing out fury.

**Group 1:** I am sure I shall see the Lord’s goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord!

**Group 2:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**Group 1:** as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

**Leader stands.**

Leader: Father, you protect and strengthen those who hope in you; you heard the cry  
of your Son and kept him safe in your tent in the day of evil. Grant that your  
servants who seek your face in times of trouble may see your goodness in the  
land of the living.

**Leader sits.**

All: **I long to look on you, O Lord; do not turn your face from me.**

### Canticle

Colossians 1: 12–20

**Reader stands.**

Reader: He is the firstborn of all creation; in every way the primacy is his.

**Reader sits.**

**Group 1:** Let us give thanks to the Father  
for having made you worthy  
to share the lot of the saints in light.

**Group 2:** He rescued us  
from the power of darkness  
and brought us  
into the kingdom of his beloved Son.  
Through him we have redemption,  
the forgiveness of our sins.

**Group 1:** He is the image of the invisible God,  
the first-born of all creatures.  
In him everything in heaven and on earth was created,  
things visible and invisible.

**Group 2:** All were created through him;  
all were created for him.  
He is before all else that is.  
in him everything continues in being.

**Group 1:** It is he who is head of the body, the Church!  
He who is the beginning,  
the first-born of the dead,  
so that primacy may be his in everything.

**Group 2:** It pleased God to make absolute fullness reside in him  
and, by means of him, to reconcile everything in his person,  
both on earth and in the heavens,  
making peace through the blood of his cross.

**Group 1:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**Group 2:** as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

**All:** **He is the firstborn of all creation; in every way the primacy is his.**

**Pause for a period of silence.**

## Reading and Responsory

**Lector stands.**

Lector: A reading from the Letter of Saint James. **James 1: 22, 25**

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his own face in a mirror. He sees himself, then goes off and promptly forgets what he looked like. But the one who peers into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres and is not a hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, such a one shall be blessed in what he does.

**Lector sits.**

**Pause for a period of silence.**

**Reader stands.**

Reader: Claim me once more as your own, Lord, and have mercy on me.  
All: **Claim me once more as your own, Lord, and have mercy on me.**

Reader: Do not abandon me with the wicked;  
All: **Have mercy on me.**

Reader: Glory to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
All: **Claim me once more as your own, Lord, and have mercy on me.**

Reader sits.

Pause for a period of silence.

All stand.

### Canticle of Mary

Luke 1: 46–55

Reader: The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

All: **My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.**

**He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

**He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.**

**He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.**

**He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children forever.**

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

All: **The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**

Pause for a period of silence.

## Intercessions

Leader: In all that we do, let the name of the Lord be praised, for he surrounds his chosen people with boundless love. Let prayer rise up to him.

**All:** **Lord, show us your love.**

Lector: Remember your Church, Lord, keep her from every evil and let her grow to the fullness of your love.

**All:** **Lord, show us your love.**

Lector: Let the nations recognize you as the one true God, and Jesus your Son, as the Messiah whom you sent.

**All:** **Lord, show us your love.**

Lector: Grant prosperity to our neighbors, give them life and happiness forever.

**All:** **Lord, show us your love.**

Lector: Console those who are burdened with oppressive work and daily hardships, preserve the dignity of workers.

**All:** **Lord, show us your love.**

Lector: Open wide the doors of your compassion to those who have died today, and in your mercy receive them into your kingdom.

**All:** **Lord, show us your love.**

Leader: Other intentions may be spoken aloud. To each intention, all respond:

**Lord, show us your love.**

Leader: Now let us pray as Christ the Lord has taught us:

**All:** **Our Father...**

Leader: Lord,  
watch over us by day and by night.  
In the midst of life's countless changes  
strengthen us with your never-changing love.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**All:** **Amen.**

**As the Leader begins to speak everyone make the Sign of the Cross.**

Leader: May the Lord bless us,  
protect us from all evil  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**All:** **Amen.**

# Night Prayer

Divide into two groups and decide which will be Group 1 and Group 2.

Assign three roles: The Leader, the Reader and the Lector.

Please pray slowly and prayerfully.

## Exposition

All kneel.

### O Saving Victim (Another appropriate hymn may be chosen.)

All: O saving Victim, open wide  
The gate of heav'n to us below,  
Our foes press on from every side;  
Your aid supply, your strength bestow.

To your great name be endless praise,  
Immortal Godhead, One in Three;  
O grant us endless length of days  
In our true native land with thee. Amen.

Text: LM; Latin, St. Thomas Aquinas, 1227-1274; tr. By Edward Caswall, 1814-1878.

Music; Anthony Werner, fl. 1863.

All stand.

As the Leader begins to speak everyone makes the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: God, come to my assistance.

All: Lord, make haste to help me.

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

All: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

## Examination of Conscience

Leader: Let us take a few moments of silence to examine our day.

All: I confess to almighty God  
and to you my brother 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,  
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Virgin Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,  
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.**

Leader: Lord have mercy.

**All:** **Lord have mercy.**

Leader: Christ have mercy.

**All:** **Christ have mercy.**

Leader: Lord have mercy.

**All:** **Lord have mercy.**

**All sit.**

## Psalm 4

**Reader Stands.**

Reader: Have mercy, Lord, and hear my prayer.

**Reader Sits.**

**Group 1:** When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me;  
have mercy and hear me!

**Group 2:** O men, how long will your hearts be closed,  
will you love what is futile and seek what is false?  
It is the Lord who grants favors to those whom he loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

**Group 1:** Fear him; do not sin;  
ponder on your bed and be still.  
Make justice your sacrifice  
and trust in the Lord.

**Group 2:** “What can bring us happiness?” many say,  
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord.

**Group 1:** You have put into my heart a greater joy  
than they have from abundance of corn and new wine.

**Group 2:** I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

**Group 1:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**Group 2:** as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

**All:** **Have mercy, Lord, and hear my prayer.**

**Pause for a period of silence.**

## Psalm 134

**Reader Stands.**

Reader: In the silent hours of night, bless the Lord.

**Reader Sits.**

**Group 1:** O come, bless the Lord,  
all you who serve the Lord.  
who stand in the house of the Lord,  
in the courts of the house of our God.

**Group 2:** Lift up your hands to the holy place  
and bless the Lord through the night.

**Group 1:** May the Lord bless you from Zion,  
he who made both heaven and earth.

**Group 2:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**Group 1:** as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

**All:** **In the silent hours of night, bless the Lord.**

**Pause for a period of silence.**

## Reading and Responsory

**Lector stands.**

Lector: A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

**Deuteronomy 6: 4–7**

Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today. Drill them into your children. Speak of them at home and abroad, whether you are busy or at rest.

**Lector sits.**

**Pause for a period of silence.**

**Reader stands.**

Reader: Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

**All:** **Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.**

Reader: You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.

**All:** **I commend my spirit.**

Reader: Glory to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**All:** **Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.**

Reader sits.

Pause for a period of silence.

All stand.

### Canticle of Simeon

Luke 2: 29 –32

Reader: 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.

All: 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.

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

All: 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.

Pause for a period of silence.

### HYMN AND BENEDICTION

All kneel.

#### Down in Adoration Falling (Another appropriate hymn may be chosen.)

All: Down in adoration falling,  
This great Sacrament we hail;  
Over ancient forms of worship  
Newer rites of grace prevail'  
Faith will tell us Christ is present,  
When our human senses fail.

To the everlasting Father,  
And the Son who made us free,  
And the Spirit, God proceeding  
From them Each eternally,  
Be salvation, honor, blessing,  
Might and endless majesty. Amen.

Text: 87 87 87; Pange lingus and Tantum ergo; St. Thomas Aquinas, 1227-1274; Liber Hymnaris, 1983;  
tr. By Edward Caswall, 1814-1878. Music; Chant Mode III, Liber Hymnarius, 1983.

Priest: You have given them Bread from heaven (Easter: alleluia)

All: Having within it all Sweetness (Easter: alleluia)

Leader: 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.

All: Amen.

## **BLESSING AND REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

### **DIVINE PRAISES**

All: Blessed be God.  
Blessed be his Holy Name.  
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.  
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.  
Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.  
Blessed be His most Precious Blood.  
Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.  
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.  
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.  
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.  
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.  
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.  
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.  
Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints. Amen.

### **Holy God, We Praise Thy Name**

(Another appropriate hymn may be chosen.)

All: Holy God, we praise thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before thee;  
All on earth thy scepter claim,  
All in heaven above adore thee.

Infinite thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is the reign!

Infinite thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is the reign!

Hark, the loud celestial hymn;  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and Seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising,

Fill the heavens with sweet accord;  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

Fill the heavens with sweet accord;  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

Text: 78 78 77 with repeat; Te Deum laudamus; attr. to St. Nicetas of Remesiana, ca. 335-414;  
Crosser Goff, wir loben dich; tr. ascr. to Ignaz Franz, 1719-1790; tr. By Clarence A. Watworth, 1820-1900.  
Music; Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, ca. 1774.

**Antiphon in Honor of The Blessed Mother**  
(Another appropriate Antiphon or Hymn may be chosen.)

All:      Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy,  
                our life, our sweetness, and our hope.  
To you do we cry,  
                poor banished children of Eve.  
To you do we send up our sighs  
                mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.  
Turn then, most gracious advocate,  
                your eyes of mercy toward us,  
and after this our exile  
                show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving,  
O sweet Virgin Mary.