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DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX WHO WENT INTO THE WOODS WITH HIS BROTHERS TO PRAISE GOD WITH THE PSALTER

AND

IN THANKSGIVING FOR
THE WORK OF
CANON JOSEPH KUCHARSKI
WHO LABORED PATIENTLY
FOR OVER TWO DECADES
AT NASHOTAH HOUSE

MUSICALLY ILLITERATE SEMINARIANS
(OF WHOM THE EDITOR WAS ONCE ONE)
THAT THEY MIGHT BE ABLE
TO CHANT OUR SAVIOR'S PRAISE

WITH COUNTLESS

be sense of the words $oxed{\mathsf{g}}$ sboul $oldsymbol{\delta}$ be unmistakable, ANÓ TDEY SDOULÓ SDINE WITD TELL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. INCITE TO DUMILITY AND INCULCATE JUSTICE: They should bring truth TO THE MINOS OF THE HEARERS, *DEVOTION TO THEIR AFFECTIONS.* The cross to their vices and DISCIPLINE TO THEIR SENSES. IF THERE IS TO BE SINGING, THE MELOOY Should BE GRAVE AND NOT FLIPPANT OR UNCOUTD. IT Should BE SWEET BUT NOT FRIVOLOUS: IT SDOULD BOTH ENCHANT THE EARS AND MOVE THE DEART; IT Should LIGDTEN SAÓ DEARTS ANÓ SOFTEN ANGRY DASSIONS: IT SDOULD NEVER OBSCURE BUT ENDANCE THE SENSE OF The words. Not a little spiritual DROFIT IS LOST WHEN MINOS ARE DISTRACTED FROM THE SENSE OF The words by the frivolity of the melody, when more is conveyed BY THE MODULATIONS OF THE VOICE Than by variations of meaning.

-ST. BERNARÓ OF CLARIVAUX

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PREFACE

Over Sixteen hundred years ago, Saint Ambrose (339-397) wrote these words about the Psalms:

What is more pleasing than a psalm?

A psalm is a blessing on the lips of the people, a hymn in praise of God, the assembly's homage, a general acclamation,

a word that speaks for all, the voice of the Church, a confession of faith in song.

It is the voice of complete assent, the joy of freedom,

a cry of happiness, the echo of gladness.

It soothes the temper, distracts from care,

lightens the burden of sorrow.

It is a source of security at night,

a lesson in wisdom by day.

It is a shield when we are afraid,

a celebration of holiness, a vision of serenity,

a promise of peace and harmony.

It is like a lyre, evoking harmony from a blend of notes.

Day begins to the music of a psalm.

Day closes to the echo of a psalm.

In a psalm, instruction vies with beauty.

We sing for pleasure.

We learn for our profit.

What experience is not covered by a reading of the psalms?

This takes us to the beating heart of the Daily Office: The Psalter. The psalter is the prayerbook of the Bible. It was always on the lips of Israel under the old covenant; it became the hymn-book to Christ Jesus in the light of the new. It was ever the mainstay of the prayers of the faithful. as St. John Chrysostom (347-407) records,

"If we keep vigil in the Church, David comes first, last, and midst. If early in the morning we seek for the melody of hymns, first, last, and midst is David again. If we are occupied with the funeral solemnities of the departed, if virgins sit at home and spin, David is first, last, and midst. O marvellous wonder! Many who have made but little progress in literature, nay, who have scarcely mastered its first principles, have

the Psalter by heart. Nor is it in cities and churches alone that at all times, through every age, David is illustrious; in the midst of the forum, in the wilderness, and uninhabitable land, he excites the praises of God. In monasteries, amongst those holy choirs of angelic armies, David is first, midst, and last. In the convents of virgins, where are the bands of them that imitate Mary; in the deserts, where are men crucified to this world, and having their conversation with God, first, midst, and last is he. All other men are at night overpowered by natural sleep: David alone is active; and, congregating the servants of God into seraphic bands, turns earth into heaven, and converts men into angels."

It is also manifest (e.g. St. Augustine, *Confessions* X.33) that the psalms were not only said but were almost always chanted. Over the course of centuries of use and practice this chant repetoire would be codified under the name of Gregory the Great as 'Gregorian Chant', and the plainsong psalm tones would be generally established as nine in number, with various terminations. Of the 46 possible chant melodies (Tones + Terminations), eleven of the simplest occur throughout the psalter. They are: I.I, II.I, III.4, IV.2, IV.4, V.I, V.3, VI, VII.7, VIII.1, and Tonus Peregrinus.

With half an hour's practice, plainsong chanting can be very quickly learned. It is quite easy to attain a working competence in plainsong chant (the chant utilized in this psalter) in a matter of days. To take up this work is to join *the* voice of the singing church.

When the chant tone changes every psalm, the music can become a distraction to the meaning of the text, rather than a guide through it. Simplicity of music was chosen as a principle throughout this Breviary, therefore the same psalm tone carries through each Office. When one is singing a nocturn of psalms for an Office, the intonation (the first three notes prior to the reciting note) may be used for the first psalm, and then omitted for the remaining psalms.

PSALM SUB-TITLES

An additional element presented here are sub-titles to the Psalms, adapted from the ancient *Argumenta*. At the head of each psalm, following its latin incipit, there is presented a sub-title which suggests a lens through which the Psalm may interpreted in a traditional Christological manner. These are ancient sub-titles, many dating as early as the 4th century. They were first collected in the modern era as 'argumenta' by Joseph Mary Tomasi (1649-1713) and were translated into English by John Mason Neale in his magnum opus: *A Commentary on the Psalms from Patristic and Medieval Sources* (1869). These are very useful for recognizing Christ — Totus Christus — in the Psalms, as indeed He said they were 'about him' (Luke 24:44).

Additionally, scattered here and there in this Psalter, following the 'lens' there are a handful of small notes as to how a particular psalm or verse has been wielded by the saints of the past, to remind us that we are not the first to pray the psalms, but are joining our voices with a vast chorus of the Communion of Saints. These were extracted from Charles Marson's *The Psalms at Work* (1895).

The title of each psalm will thus look like this:

Latin Incipit Title | Ancient 'lens' | Occasional historic usage

A PRINTERS' MARK

The last *Gloria Patri* of a nocturn ("batch") of psalms should always be prayed standing.



This printers mark (Hebrew: "I am my beloved's") indicates the conclusion of a nocturn of psalms, so the reader does not need to turn the page to see the thirty-day psalter division, and to indicate that it is time to stand for the concluding *Gloria Patri*

HOW TO CHANT PLAINSONG

Every psalter which is noted for chant utilizes a symbolic apparatus to "point" how the text corresponds to the music. The apparatus used in this book was established by Canon Joseph Kucharski at Nashotah House Theological Seminary, which itself built on the work of Healy Willan's *Canadian Psalter*.

Here is Tone I, with the first ending, therefore "Tone I.1"



Blessed is the man who has not walked in the counsel **of** the un**god**ly,* nor stood in the way of sinners, and has not sat in the seat **of** the *scorn*ful;

It is not as complicated as it looks; here is the break down. The double-whole note (the box-shaped *breve*) is the 'reciting note' on which the bulk of the text is chanted:



The line that divides the bars of music corresponds to the halfverse break indicated by the asterisk in the text:



The notes that come between the reciting note and the end of each bar correspond to the final syllables of each half-verse (the 'mediation', and the 'termination'):



The three notes at the very beginning of the chant, prior the double-bar, are the 'intonation' that are only sung on the very first verse, to assist the singer in locating the "sound" of the chant. For the rest of the entirety of the psalm (or, nocturn of psalms), each verse begins simply on the reciting note:



But how do you know when to leave the reciting note for the mediation or termination? That's where notation within the psalm text itself comes to bear. Here is the text of Psalm 1 verse 1 again:

Bles*sed* is the man who has not walked in the counsel **of** the un**god**ly, * nor stood in the way of sinners, and has not sat in the seat **of** the *scorn*ful:

When the text of the psalm changes type-face away from the regular type, and becomes **bold** or *italic*, this change corresponds to the small vertical lines below the staff:



These signifiy when the mediation (or termination) begins, breaking away from the monotone reciting note.

Additionally, any text in an *italic* typeface means that syllable of text slurs over more than one musical note, as indicated by the slur (the swoopy arch) in the line of music. Some tones have slurs, some do not.



So we see in this case that 'scorn' in 'scornful' will be sung over both notes. Small musical notes in parentheses in the line of music indicate that *if* there are additional syllables between the pointed notes, they are to take the note contained in the parentheses.



Since the chant is always made to fit in with the natural meter of the text, this means sometimes the additional note is utilized, sometimes not. This sounds more complicated than it is. In practice you will find it quite intuitive. All you really need to pay attention to is the **Bold** and *Italicized* syllables.

So, putting this all together, in the case of Psalm 1:1, with Tone I.1, as pointed here:



Blessed is the man who has not walked in the counsel **of** the un**god**ly,* nor stood in the way of sinners, and has not sat in the seat **of** the scornful:

This means that "--sed" of "Blessed" takes the slur of the intonation, and then "...is..." begins the reciting note — "...is the man who has not walked in the counsel..." continues monotone on the reciting note, at which point we encounter the first bolded word, "of", which indicates that the mediation has begun. We look at the music, and see the first little vertical line is under the note (B flat), so "of" is sung up on the (B flat), and the "the un-" is back on the same note as the reciting note, and "-god-" is sung one note lower on the (G), and the "-ly" is back on the reciting note again.

The second half of the verse resumes on the reciting note, and then the bold-type "of" cues the termination. Looking at the music we see the vertical line corresponds to the (G), so the "the" then takes the (F), and "scorn-" is italicized, so that means it begins on the (G) and slides up to the A and then "-ful" ends again on the (G).

Every verse of the psalm is then sung in the exact same fashion, omitting the intonation at the beginning and commencing each verse simply on the reciting note.

Occasionally, the final note of the mediation is left off, and the penultimate note concludes the mediation. This happens when there is not a tidy way to square the meter of the text with the tone.

All of the tones have the same reciting note for the first and second half of the verses, with the exception of the "Tonus Peregrinus" which "wanders" (*peregrinus* means 'wandering') down to a lower reciting note for the second half of the verse.

In a very few verses throughout the psalter, there are not enough syllables in a half-verse to include the mediation (or termination) as well as the reciting note. While some plainsong psalters direct for the reciting note to be omitted, and to begin with the first note of the mediation, this proves quite difficult to sing well. In this psalter, the half-verse *always* begins with the reciting note, and then the next syllable will take the first *two* notes of the mediation (or termination) as a slur. This will be indiacted with an underlined *bold italic* type-face and in a couple cases an explanatory footnote as well.

It is worth noting that the exact note that one recites on need not be the exact note indicated on the staff, as long as the intervals between the notes remain the same.

Lastly, a word on introducing plainsong psalms into the public liturgies of the Church: It is quite helpful to inform the congregation that you (the officiant) shall chant the psalm in its entirety, but that they (the congregation) are invited to join in chanting the even verses. This allows them to hear the tone, and learn it, and try it out softly while they gain confidence. As the officiant, you can quiet your voice on the even verses as the congregation gains skillfuness, until your vocal under-writing is no longer needed, and they can carry the even verses by themselves.

Now the chanting can begin. Once the basic sound of a tone is figured out, and as chanting plainsong becomes increasingly intuituve, a few additional tips are needed in order to chant *well*.

TIPS FOR CHANTING PLAINSONG WELL

The first is a note on pausing. Minor punctuation (commas) do not receive any pause — the chant should be continuous and unbroken. Major punctuation warrants a brief pause, in which a small partial breath may be taken. Periods, semi-colons, and question-marks are certainly major punctuation. The beginning of quotation marks may suggest a brief pause, but this is a matter of opinion, to be decided beforehand by the cantor (lead chanter). Occasionally an artificial line-break is given after a comma to suggest a brief pause in the midst of a long thought.

Perhaps the two most common mistake made when chanting are chanting too loudly and too metrically (fitting the words into a rhythm, rather than letting them have their own rhythm). The first problem can be solved by consciously chanting more softly; one should always be able to hear the chant of others at the same time. The second can be solved by practice-chanting on a monotone — a single reciting note, without any mediation or termination — until the concept of giving each word its own asked for meter is "felt". Then the chant "endings" (the mediations and terminations) may be more easily added into the natural meter.

When chanting the psalms, it is a common temptation to continually look up to the bar of music on the impulse of "getting it right" — but this is not usually needful beyond the first few verses. One should try and keep one's eyes fixed on the *text* and not the *music* of the psalm as much as possible, or else the real meaning of the psalms — which is contained in the words — can be eclipsed with the compulsion for technical precision, which is certainly a secondary matter.

Another temptation is haste. The psalms are a mighty weapon that the Holy Spirit uses to subdue the flesh, and the flesh does not like this. So, in an effort to avoid the sword, the flesh will try and tell the mind that the appointed psalms are too long and too arduous, and will offer hurry and haste as a solution to this imagined problem. If the flesh is listened to, the psalms will be rushed through and ninetenths of the meaning (and therefore most of the blessing) lost. For

this reason, hurry and haste must be vigorously opposed. Not that the chanting must be heavy and ponderous. On the contrary, there should be a lightness and readiness to the chant. Rather there should simply be no hurry: No glancing ahead, no trying to speed up. One's mind should be attentive singularly to the verse that is on the lips. If one is out of breath, or if one cannot remember the content of the previous several verses, these are sure signs of chanting too fast. It is often helpful to pray an instantaneous arrow-prayer throughout the psalms, between verses, "Lord, help me to pray!"

There should be a very brief pause at the asterisk at the half-verse. In a church with good resonant acoustics, enough to let the reverberations fade. There is an old and useful custom of mentally reciting the holy Name of "Jesus" in this pause. In this way, the mind is re-directed to focus on Christ, the object and center of psalmody.

The final note of each half-verse should always be long, and the volume/intensity of the chant should be faded out, as if on a dimmer switch, into the brief silence that exists between half-verses and verses.

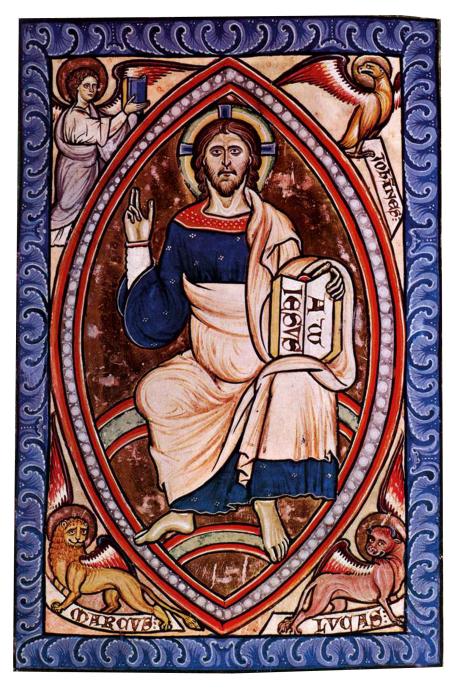
ET US BE ALWAYS MINOFUL OF WHAT THE PROPHET SAYS: "SERVE THE LORD IN FEAR"; AND AGAIN: "SING WISELY"; AND: "IN THE SIGHT OF THE ANGELS WILL I SING TO THEE." THEREFORE LET US CONSIDER HOW WE OUGHT TO COMPORT OURSELVES IN THE SIGHT OF GOD AND HIS ANGELS AND LET US SO TAKE OUR PART IN THE OFFICE THAT MIND ACCORD WITH VOICE.

-ST. BENEÓICT RULE XIX

Y ÓEARLY BELOVEÓ, I AÓVISE YOU TO ASSIST AT TDE OIVINE OFFICE, WITD A PURE INTENTION AND AN ACTIVE WIND: I SAY ACTIVE. BECAUSE I WISD YOU TO BE ACTIVE, AS WELL AS REVERENT: NEITDER LAZY, NOR OROWSY, NOR NOÓÓING: NOR SDARING **YOUR** VOICE, OR CLIDDING THE WORDS, NOT SKIDDINGSENTENCES, NORINAWEAK ANÓ TREMULOUS VOICE, FULL OF SLOTD AND EFFEMINACY, BUT IN AN OPEN AND MANLY TONE, VIGOROUS, AS WELL AS AFFECTIONATE, GIVE OUT The Language of the boly spirit.



KING DAVID, WESTMINSTER PSALTER, C. 1200



CHRIST PANTOCRATOR, WESTMINSTER PSALTER, C. 1200

AN EXHORTATION

CONCERNING THE PSALTER

SIXTEEN THESES

by Fr. Mark Brians, Rector of All Saints, Honolulu

T

THE Psalter belongs to Christ. They are his songs. Written in the life of his people, sung in the glory of his House, fulfilled in the whole narrative of his Incarnation. As a collected work they make sense only insofar as they are understood in this way.

TT

But the Psalter also belongs to the Church. They are her songs. Written in her life, sung in the house of her Lord, fulfilled in the whole narrative of the Beloved's Incarnation. As a collected work they are made glorious when the songs of Jesus become the songs of the Church.

TTT

In the songs of the Psalter, as St. Augustine notes, Christ "prays for us, as our Priest; He prays in us, as our Head; He is prayed to by us, as our God. Let us therefore recognize in Him our words, and His words in us." (Augustine, *Enarrantiones in Psalmos*, 86.1)

IV

HEN the Church sings the songs the Psalms, her "lips are filled with joyful shouting" (Ps. 126.2) and she flourishes "like a tree planted by streams of living water" (Ps. 1.3).

V

THE cry of the Church is the cry of the Bride (Rev. 22.17). When she sings the Psalms, which are the words of his lips, the Spirit gives her the kisses of his mouth (Song. 2.1). When the Church kisses the Son in this way, she sets an example for the rulers of the earth (Ps. 2.12).

This is not the only nuptial kiss the Psalter instantiates, for when the Church sings the Psalter it participates in making it "on Earth as it is in Heaven" (Mt. 6.10; and Rev. 11.15-19), in that place "righteousness and peace have kissed each other" (Ps. 85).

VII

s Walter Brueggemann explains, praying the psalms brings "the stylized, disciplined speech of the Psalms together with the raw, ragged, mostly formless experiences in our lives" (*Praying the Psalms*, 30). In an age as formless and ragged as ours, the Psalms provide a purchase against the flood of confusion and dissipation (Ps. 40, Lk. 21.34).

VIII

SINGING the Psalms keeps the first things in first place (Ps. 27.4; Mt. 24.12; Lk. 10.42; Rev. 2.4).

IX

5.19; Col. 3.16), and as James Jordan has noted, while confusion may exist around what St. Paul meant by "hymns and spiritual song" there can be no doubt about what the Spirit means about singing Psalms.

X

It is as true for the Christian today as it was for the religious brother of St. John Cassian that "if he is to thrive on this pasture [he] will take to himself all the thoughts of the psalms, and begin to sing them in such a way [...] as his own utterance and his very own prayer" (Cassian, *Dialogues*, IX.18). Or, in the words of Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus: "The true monk should have prayer and psalmody continually in his heart." (*Sayings of the Desert Fathers*, ed., Benedicta Ward, 57).

XI

CHRIST meets us in the Psalter, takes-up our sorrows as Priest. When the Church gathers to Christ in her sorrow over sin, the Spirit releases an effusiveness, teaching us how to lament as we sing with Jesus, "gazing-upon the one we have pierced" (Zech. 12.10)

XII

JUST as Christ turned the water for ritual purification into the wine of gladness (Jn. 2.1-11), so the Psalter transforms the word of the Law into the song of joy (e.g. Ps. 19, 50, 62, 119, 147); turning stone into flesh (Ezek. 36.26).

XIII

HWH rides into battle on the praises of his people (Josh. 6.1-27; 2 Chron. 20.1-37). The Psalms contain the war-hymns of the Prince of Peace who will "crush the enemy under your feet" (Gen. 3.15; Ps.110.1; Rom. 16.20) They are the songs of the victorious Christ. By singing them the Church makes war upon the powers of Evil against which the gates of Hell will not withstand (Mt. 16.18). In a time of great distress and violence, the Psalter equips the victorious Church with weapons which "are not carnal, but are mighty for the pulling down of strongholds" (2 Cor. 10.4).

XIV

THE Psalter sets the Church on mission. In chanting the Psalter in union with Christ the Church begins to inwardly long for Christ to receive the inheritance of nations (Ps. 2.8), that all the peoples of the Earth might praise Him (Ps. 117.1).

XV

THE Psalter teaches us the fear of the Lord (Ps. 111.10). In doing so it causes us to grow in Christ, who is Wisdom (Prov. 8; Lk. 11.31).

XVI

Recitation of the Psalms must return to a place of centrality in Christian life and ministry (Ps. 34.1; Concerning the Psalter, 268). To do this priests must lead the way, joyfully demonstrating a mastery of the Psalter. Where by "mastery" in this place we mean the total mastery of the life of the priest under the thrall of this Book of the Songs of Christ (Ps. 119.5, 11, 35, 43, 105).



-ST. ROMUALÓ

RAYGENTLY ANO UNDISTURBED, SING PSALMS WITD UNDERSTANDING AND GOOD ROYTOM, THEN YOU WILL BE LIKE THE YOUNG EAGLE THAT SOARS IN THE DEIGHTS. PSALMODY CALMS THE PASSIONS AND PUTS TO REST THE BODY'S DISDARMONY. IF YOU DAVE NOTYETRECEIVED THE GIFTOF PRAYER OR PSALMODY, PERSEVERE AND YOU WILL RECEIVE IT. IT IS A GREAT THING TO PRAY WITDOUT DISTRACTION; A GREATER THING STILL TO SING PSALMS WITDOUT DISTRACTION.

−EVAGRIUS OF DONTUS

OOO IS SAVOREO IN THE MOUTH,
BUT A PSALM
IS SAVOREO IN THE HEART.

−ST. B€RNARÓ

The psalter



Beatus vir qui non abiit | Of all the Saints

les-sèd is the man who has not walked in the counsel **of** the un**god**ly, *
nor stood in the way of sinners, and has not sat in the seat **of** the scornful;

- ² But his delight is in the **law** of **the** LORD, * and on his law will he meditate *day* and night.
- And he shall be like a tree planted **by** the **wat**erside, that will bring forth his fruit **in** due *sea*son.
- ⁴ His leaf also **shall** not **with**er; * and look, whatever he does, **it** shall *pros*per.
- ⁵ As for the ungodly, it is **not** so **with** them; * but they are like the chaff, which the wind scatters away from the **face** of *the* earth.
- ⁶ Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand **in** the **judg**ment, * neither the sinners in the congregation **of** the *right*eous.
- ⁷ For the LORD knows the way **of** the **right**eous, * but the way of the ungodly shall *per*ish.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the **Ho**ly **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world **with**out *end*. Amen.

2

Quare fremuerunt gentes? | Christ speaking concerning his Passion

hy do the nations so furiously **rage** to**geth**er? *
And why do the peoples de**vise** a *vain* thing?
The kings of the earth stand up, and the rulers take **coun**sel to**geth**er, *
against the LORD and against **his** Anointed:

2

- 3 "Let us break their **bonds** as**und**er * and cast away their *cords* from us."
- ⁴ He who dwells in heaven shall **laugh** them **to** scorn; * the Lord shall hold them **in** de*ris*ion.
- ⁵ Then shall he speak to **them** in **his** wrath * and terrify them in **his** great *anger*:
- ⁶ "I my**self** have **set** my King * upon my holy **hill** of *Zi*on."
- ⁷ I will proclaim the de**cree** of **the** LORD; * he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have **I** be*got*ten you.
- ⁸ Ask of me, and I shall give you the nations for **your** in**her**itance * and the ends of the earth for **your** possession.
- You shall bruise them with a rod of iron * and break them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
- Be wise now, O you kings; * be warned, you judges of the earth.
- ¹¹ Serve **the** LORD **in** fear,* and re**joice** with *tremb*ling.
- Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way; for his wrath is quickly kindled.*
 Blessèd are all those who put their trust in him.

3

Domine, quid multiplicati? | Christ for us slept in death || St. Alphege's plea

ord, how they are increased who trouble me; many are those who rise against me.

Many there are who say of my soul, *

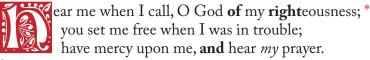
"There is no help **for** him *in* his God."

- But you, O LORD, are **my** de**fend**er; * you are my glory, and the one **who** lifts *up* my head.
- ⁴ I called upon the **LORD** with **my** voice, * and he heard me **from** his *ho*ly hill.



- I lay down and slept, and rose up again,* for the **LORD** sus*tained* me.
- ⁶ I will not be afraid of ten thousands **of** the **peo**ple * who have set themselves against me round about.
- Rise up, O Lord, and help me, O my God; * for you smite all my enemies on the cheek-bone; you have broken the teeth of **the** un*god*ly.
- Salvation belongs to the LORD; * may your blessing be up**on** your *people*.

Cum invocarem | Christ glorified by the Father after his passion



- ² O you children of men, how long will you **blas**pheme my **hon**or,* and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek **aft**er *false*hood?
- Know this also, that the LORD has chosen for himself the **one** that is **god**ly; * when I call upon the Lord, **he** will *hear* me.
- ⁴ Stand in **awe**, and **sin** not; * commune with your own heart upon your **bed**, and *be* still.
- ⁵ Offer the sacrifice of righteousness * and put **your** trust *in* the LORD.
- ⁶ There are many that say, "Who will **show** us **an**y good?"* LORD, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.

- ⁷ You have put **glad**ness **in** my heart,* more than when others' grain and wine and oil increased.
- ⁸ I will lay me down in **peace**, and **take** my rest; * for you, LORD, only, make me **dwell** in *safe*ty.

Verba mea auribus | Christ, inhabitor of Christians, hears them

ive ear to **my** words, **O** Lord; *

consider my **med**i*ta*tion. O hearken unto the voice of my calling,

my **King** and **my** God,*

for unto you will I make my prayer.

- ³ My voice shall you hear in the **morn**ing, **O** LORD; * early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto you, and will look up.
- ⁴ For you are not a god who has **plea**sure in **wick**edness,* neither shall any evil dwell with you.
- ⁵ The boastful shall not **stand** in **your** sight,* for you hate all those who **work** in *iq*uity.
- ⁶ You shall destroy **those** who **speak** lies; * the LORD will abhor the bloodthirsty and **the** de*ceit*ful.
- ⁷ But as for me, through the multitude of your mercies I will come into your house,*
 - and in reverence will I bow myself toward your **ho**ly *temp*le.
- Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness, because of my enemies; * make your way straight before my face.
- ⁹ For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; * their heart is eaten **up** with wickedness.
- ¹⁰ Their throat is an **op**en **sep**ulcher; * they **flat**ter with their tongue.



- Declare them guilty, O God; let them fall because of their **own** devices; * because of the multitude of their transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against you.
- But let all those who put their **trust** in **you** rejoice; * let them ever give thanks because you defend them; those who love your Name shall be **joy**ful *in* you.
- ¹³ For you, LORD, will give your blessing un**to** the **right**eous, * and with your favorable kindness you will defend **him** as *with* a shield.

DAY I: EVENING PRAYER



Domine, ne in furore | Penitence: Wrath

Lord, rebuke me not in your **in**dignation, *
neither chasten me in your **dis**plea**sure**.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, **for** I am weak; *

O Lord, heal me, for my bones are racked.

³ My soul also is **great**ly *trou*bled; *

but, LORD, how long will you punish me?

- ⁴ Turn, O Lord, and deliver my soul; *
 - O save me for **your** mercy's **sake**.
- ⁵ For in death no **one** remem*bers* you, * and who will give you thanks **in** the **grave**?

- ⁶ I am weary **with** my *groan*ing; * every night I flood my bed and drench my couch **with** my **tears**.
- My eyes have become dim because of *trou*ble, * and worn away because of all my enemies.
- ⁸ Away from me, all you **who** work wick*ed*ness, * for the LORD has heard the voice of **my** weep**ing**.
- The LORD has heard my petition; * the LORD will receive my prayer.
- ¹⁰ All my enemies shall be con**found**ed and great*ly* vexed; * they shall be turned back and put to **shame** sudden**ly**.

7

Domine, Deus meus | Christ searches all consciences

LORD my God, in you have **I** put *my* trust; * save me from all those who persecute me, and **deliver me**, 2 Lest they devour me like a lion and **tear** me in *pieces* * while there is **none** to **help**.

- O LORD my God, if I have done any *such* thing, if there be any wickedness **in** my **hands**,
- ⁴ If I have repaid evil to him who has dealt with **me** as *a* friend, * or plundered him who without any cause is **my** ene**my**,
- Then let my enemy pursue me and **o**ver*take* me,* let him trample my life into the ground, and lay my hon**or** in the **dust**.
- ⁶ Stand up, O LORD, in your wrath, and lift yourself up against the fury **of** my e*ne*mies; *
 - rise up for me in the judgment that you have **com**mand**ed**.
- ⁷ Then shall the assembly of the peoples be **gath**ered about you; * lift yourself up again, O LORD, O judge of all **the** nations.
- ⁸ Give sentence for me, O LORD, according **to** my righ*teous*ness, * and according to the innocence that **is** in **me**.
- ⁹ O let the wickedness of the ungodly **come** to *an* end, * but establish the just.





- ¹⁰ For **the** righteous God *
 - tries the very hearts and minds.
- ¹¹ God is my **shield** and my *defense*; * he preserves those who **are** true of **heart**.
- God is a righteous judge, strong and patient; and God is provoked every day.
- ¹³ If a man will not repent, God will whet *his* sword; * he will bend his bow, and make it ready.
- ¹⁴ He has prepared for him the **inst**ruments *of* death; * he makes his ar**rows** shafts of **fire**.
- ¹⁵ Behold, the ungodly is in **lab**or with *mis*chief; *
 he has conceived wickedness **and** brought forth **lies**.
- ¹⁶ He has made a **pit** and dug *it* out,*
 but will himself fall into the trap that he made **for** o**thers**.
- ¹⁷ For his malice shall come up**on** his *own* head,* and his wickedness shall fall **on** his own **scalp**.
- ¹⁸ I will give thanks unto the LORD, according **to** his righ*teous*ness, * and I will praise the Name of **the** LORD Most **High**.

8

Domine, Dominus noster | The Church thanking Christ for Faith among all peoples

Lord our Governor, how excellent is your **Name** in all *the* world; * you have set your glory above **the** heav**ens!**

- Out of the mouth of babes and infants you have ordained strength, because **of** your enemies,*
 - that you might still the enemy and the avenger.
- When I consider your heavens, even the works **of** your *fingers*, the moon and the stars, which **you** have or**dained**,

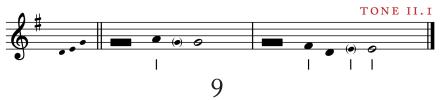
- What is man, that you are **mind**ful *of* him, the son of man, that **you** visit **him**?
- ⁵ You made him little lower **than** the *angels*, * to crown him with glory **and** hon**or**.
- ⁶ You made him to have dominion over the **works** of *your* hands,* and you have put all things in subjection un**der** his **feet**:
- ⁷ All **sheep** and *ox*en,*

even the beasts of the field,

- ⁸ The birds of the air, and the **fish** of *the* sea, * and whatsoever walks through the paths **of** the **seas**.
- ⁹ O Lord our Governor,* how excellent is your Name in all the world!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the **Ho**ly *Spi*rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without **end**. Amen.

DAY 2: MORNING PRAYER



Confitebor tibi | Of Christ in his Second Coming, crushing Antichrist

will give thanks unto you, O LORD, with my **whole** heart; *
I will speak of all your mar**ve**lous **works**.
I will be glad and re**joice** in you; *

indeed, my songs will I sing of your Name, O Most High.

- When my enemies are **driv**en back, * they shall fall and perish **at** your **presence**;
- ⁴ For you have maintained my right and my cause; * you sit on your throne judging right.
- ⁵ You have rebuked the nations and destroyed the un**god**ly; * you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.



- 6 As for the enemy, their destruction has come; they are in perpetual ruin; * like the cities which you have destroyed, their memory has perished with them.
- ⁷ But the LORD sits enthroned for **ever**; * he has prepared his **seat** for **judgment**.
- ⁸ For he shall judge the world in **right**eousness, * and minister true judgment **to** the **peoples**.
- The LORD will be a defense for the oppressed, even a refuge in the time of trouble;
- ¹⁰ And those who know your Name will put their **trust** in you, * for you, LORD, have never failed **those** who **seek you**.
- ¹¹ O praise the LORD who dwells in **Zi**on; * tell the peoples what **things** he **has done**.
- ¹² For when he takes vengeance for blood, he re**mem**bers them, * and forgets not the **cry** of **the poor**.
- Have mercy upon me, O LORD; consider the trouble I suffer from those who hate me, *
 O you who lift me up from the gates of death,
- That I may tell of all your praises within the gates of the daughter of **Zion**; *

I will rejoice in **your** salvation.

- ¹⁵ The nations have sunk down in the pit that **they** made; * in the same net which they hid secretly is **their** foot **caught**.
- ¹⁶ The LORD is known to execute **judg**ment; * the ungodly are trapped in the works of **their** own **hands**.
- ¹⁷ The wicked shall return to the **grave**, * even all the peoples that **for**get **God**.
- ¹⁸ For the poor shall not always be for**got**ten; * the patient hope of the meek shall not perish for ever.
- ¹⁹ Rise up, O LORD, and let them not have the upper **hand**; * let the nations be judged **in** your **sight**.

²⁰ Put them in **fear**, O LORD, * that the nations may know themselves to be merely human.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

10

Ut quid, Domine? | Of Christ in his Second Coming, sitting in Judgment

hy do you stand so far off, O Lord, *
and hide your face in the and hide your face in the time of **need** and **trouble?** The ungodly in his pride persecutes the poor; * let him be taken in the crafty schemes that he **has** imagined.

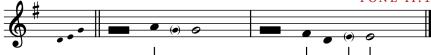
For the ungodly has boasted of his own **heart's** desire; * the covetous holds the LORD in contempt and

blasphemes his Name.

- ⁴ The ungodly is so proud that he cares **not** for God; * neither is God in any of his thoughts.
- ⁵ His ways are always grievous; * your judgments are far above, out of his sight, and therefore he defies all **his** enemies.
- ⁶ For he has said in his heart, "I shall never be **cast** down; * no harm shall **hap**pen **to me**."
- ⁷ His mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and **fraud**; * under his tongue are ungodliness and vanity.
- ⁸ He sits lurking in the thievish corners of the streets, and in his hiding places he murders the **in**nocent; *

his eyes are set against the poor.

- ⁹ For he lies waiting secretly, even as a lion lurks **in** his den, * that he may ravish the poor.
- ¹⁰ He ravishes the **poor** * when he gets him into his net.
- ¹¹ The innocent is crushed and humbled before him,* and the weak cannot stand against his might.
- ¹² He has said in his heart, "God has forgotten; * he hides away his face, and he will **ne**ver **see it**."



- ¹³ Arise, O Lord God, and lift up your **hand**; * forget **not** the **poor**.
- Why should the wicked blas**pheme** God,* while he says in his heart, "You, O God, **do** not **care**"?
- Surely you have seen it, for you behold ungodliness and wrong,* that you may take the matter into your hand.
- ¹⁶ The poor commits himself unto **you**,* for you are the helper of **the** fa**therless**.
- ¹⁷ Break the power of the ungodly and malicious; * search out his ungodliness until you have brought it all to light.
- ¹⁸ The LORD is King for ever and **ev**er,* and the nations have perished **out** of **the land**.
- O LORD, you have heard the desire of the **poor**; * you prepare their heart, and your ear **heark**ens **to it**,
- ²⁰ To help the fatherless and poor with **just**ice, * that the one who is of the earth may terrify **no more**.

11

In Domino confido | Christ judges every one justly

n the LORD I **put** my trust; *
how then can you say to my soul,
"Flee as a bird **un**to **the hill**;

- For behold, the ungodly bend their bow, and make ready their arrow upon the string,*
 - that they may secretly shoot at those who are **true** of **heart**.
- ³ For the foundations will be **cast** down, * and what can the **right**eous **do**?"
- ⁴ The LORD is in his holy **temp**le; * the LORD's throne **is** in **heaven**.

- 5 His eyes consider the **poor**,* and his eyelids try the child**ren** of **men**.
- The LORD tests the **right**eous,*
 but the ungodly, and those who delight in wickedness, **his** soul **abhors**.
- Upon the ungodly he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, storm and tempest; *
 - this shall be their portion to drink.
- ⁸ For the righteous LORD loves **right**eousness; * the upright shall be**hold** his **face**.

DAY 2: EVENING PRAYER

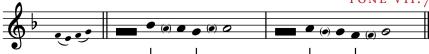
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Salvum me fac | The Voice of the Risen Christ concerning Christian suffering



elp me, O LORD, for there is no **god**ly **one** left; * for the faithful have vanished from among the **child**ren **of** men.

- ² They speak falsely, every one **with** his **neighbor**; * they flatter with their lips and deceive **with** a **double** heart.
- The LORD shall root out all deceitful lips * and the tongues that speak proud things,
- Which have said, "With **our** tongue will **we** prevail; * our lips are our own; who is **lord** over us?"
- ⁵ "Now because of the trouble **of** the **nee**dy * and because of the deep **sigh**ing **of the** poor,
- 6 I will rise up," says the LORD, * "and will give help to every one who longs for it."



- The words of the LORD are pure words, even as silver that is tried in the furnace, * and as gold that is purified seven times in the fire.
- Preserve us, O Lord, and save us * from this perverse and evil generation.
- The ungodly walk on every side * when wickedness is exalted among the children of men.

13

Usquequo, Domine? | Christ always lightens our eyes

ow long will you utterly forget me, O LORD? *
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long shall I seek counsel in my soul and be
so vexed in my heart? *

How long shall my enemy **tri**umph **over** me?

- Onsider and hear me, O LORD my God; give light to my eyes, that I sleep not in death,
- ⁴ Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed against him"; * for if I am cast down, those who trouble me will rejoice.
- ⁵ But my trust is **in** your **mer**cy, * and my heart is joyful in **your** salvation.
- ⁶ I will sing of the LORD, because he has dealt so **lov**ingly **with** me; * indeed, I will praise the Name **of** the **LORD Most** High.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the **Ho**ly **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with**out** end. **A**men.

Dixit insipiens | Christ frees his people

he fool has **said** in **his** heart,*

"There <u>is</u> no God." †

² They are corrupt and have become

abominable in their doings;*

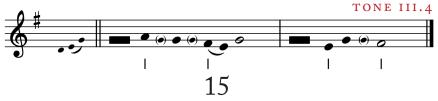
there is none that **does** good, **no**, **not** one.

- ³ The Lord looked down from heaven upon the **child**ren **of** men,* to see if there were any who would understand and seek after God.
- ⁴ But they have all gone astray; they have altogether become abominable; * there is none that **does** good, **no**, **not** one.
- Have they no knowledge, all those **work**ers of **e**vil,* who eat up my people as bread, and call **not** upon the LORD?
- ⁶ There were they brought into great fear, even where no fear was;* for God is in the generation of the **right**eous.
- ⁷ Though you have made a mockery of the **couns**el **of** the poor, * yet they put their **trust** in **the** LORD.
- 8 Who shall give salvation unto Israel **out** of **Zion?** * When the LORD restores his captive people, then shall Jacob rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the **Ho**ly **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



I 5



Domine, quis habitabit? | Christ is the hill

ORD, who shall dwell in your tabernacle? *
Or who shall rest upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads an uncorrupt life, *
and does that which is right,
and speaks the truth from his heart.

- ³ He has not spoken deceitfully with his tongue, nor done evil **to** his *neigh*bor, * and has not slandered **his** neigh**bo**r.
- ⁴ In his eyes the wicked **is** re*jec*ted, * and he makes much of those **who** fear the **LORD**.
- ⁵ He swears to his neighbor and **dis**appoints *him* not, * though it were to his **own** hin**drance**.
- 6 He has not given his **mon**ey for us*ury*,* nor taken a bribe against **the** inno**cent**.
- Who**ev**er does *these* things * shall never **be** over**thrown**.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the **Ho**ly *Spi*rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with**out** end. A**men**.

16

Conserva me, Domine | That Christ, after suffering, was not abandoned in the grave

re**serve** me, O God,*

for in you have **I** put my **trust**.

O my soul, you have said unto the Lord,*

"You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

- ³ All my delight is upon the **saints** who are on *the* earth, * and upon those who excel **in** virtue.
- ⁴ But those who run **aft**er ano*ther* god * shall have **great** trou**ble**.
- Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,*
 neither make mention of their names with my lips.
- ⁶ The LORD himself is the portion of my inheritance **and** of *my* cup; * you shall **main**tain my **lot**.
- ⁷ The boundaries have fallen for me in **pleas**ant *places*; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- ⁸ I will thank the LORD for **giv**ing me *counsel*; * my heart also chastens me in the **night** season.
- I have set the LORD always before me; * he is at my right hand; therefore I shall not fall.
- ¹⁰ Therefore my heart is glad and my **soul** re*joices*. * My flesh also **shall** rest in **hope**.
- ¹¹ For you shall not leave my **soul** in *the* grave, * neither shall you allow your Holy One to see **cor**rup**tion**.
- You shall show me the path of life; in your presence is the **full**ness *of* joy,* and at your right hand there is pleasure **for** ever**more**.

17

Exaudi, Domine | Christ speaking to the Father, of his persecuted Body

ear what is right, O LORD; consider my *com*plaint; *
hearken to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

Let justice for me come forth from your *presence*, *
and let your eyes look upon that which is right.

³ You have tested and visited my **heart** in the night *sea*son.* If you try me you shall find no wickedness in me; my mouth **shall** not of**fend**.



- ⁴ As for the **works** of *oth*ers,*
 - because of the words of your lips, I have kept myself from the ways of **the** violent.
- ⁵ Hold my steps **firm**ly in *your* paths, * that my foot**steps** may not **slip**.
- ⁶ I have called upon you, O God, **for** you will *hear* me; * incline your ear to me and hear**ken** to my **words**.
- Show your marvelous loving-kindness, you that are the Savior of those who **put** their trust *in* you * from the ones who resist **your** right **hand**.
- Keep me as the apple of your eye; * hide me under the shadow of your wings,
- From the ungodly who assault me, * even from my enemies who encompass me to take away my soul.
- ¹⁰ They have closed their **heart** to *pi*ty, * and their mouth **speaks** proud **things**.
- They lie waiting in my way on every side, * watching how they may cast me down to the ground,
- Like a lion that is **greed**y for *its* prey,* and like a young lion lurking in secret places.
- Rise up, O LORD, confront them and cast them down; * deliver my soul from the ungodly by your sword and by your hand,
- From those, O LORD, from those whose portion in life is of the world, whose bellies you fill with your hidden treasure.
- ¹⁵ They have **child**ren at their *de*sire, * and leave the rest of their abundance for **their** little **ones**.
- ¹⁶ But as for me, I will behold your **pres**ence in righ*teous*ness; * and when I awake and see your likeness, I shall **be** satis**fied**.

DAY 3: EVENING PRAYER



Diligam te, Domine | Christ in his Passion founds the Church

will love you, **O** LORD **my strength**; *
the LORD is my rock, my stronghold, and **my** deliverer,

My Savior, my God, and my might in **whom** I **will trust**, *
my buckler, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge.

I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; * so shall I be safe from my enemies.

The waves of death encompassed me; * the floods that would swallow me up made me afraid.

⁵ The cords of the grave **sur**round**ed me**; * the snares of death **o**ver**took** me.

In my trouble I called upon the LORD * and cried unto my God for help.

From his holy temple he heard my voice. *
My complaint came before him; it entered into his ears.

The earth trem**bled** and **quaked**; *
the very foundations of the hills shook and were removed, because **he** was **ang**ry.

There went out smoke from his nostrils and a consuming fire out of his mouth; *

coals of fire issued from his presence.

¹⁰ He parted the heavens also **and** came **down**, * and it was **dark** *un***der** his feet.



He rode upon the cherubim and flew;*

he came flying upon the wings of the wind.

¹² He made darkness **his** secret place; *

dark waters and thick clouds were his covering round about him.

- ¹³ At the brightness of his presence **his** clouds **broke forth**: * hailstones **and** *coals* **of** fire.
- The LORD also thundered out of heaven, and the Most High gave forth his voice: *

hailstones and coals of fire.

- ¹⁵ He sent out his arrows **and** scattered them; * he cast forth lightning **and** *destroyed* them.
- ¹⁶ The springs of water were seen, and the foundations of the world were **un**cov**ered**,*

at your rebuke, O LORD, at the blasting of the breath of **your** *dis***pleas**ure.

- ¹⁷ He reached down from on high **to** grasp **me**, * and he took me out of **ma**ny **wat**ers.
- ¹⁸ He delivered me from my strongest enemy, and from those **who** hat**ed me**, *

for they were too mighty for me.

- ¹⁹ They confronted me in the day of **my** trou**ble**, * but the **LORD** *up***held** me.
- ²⁰ He brought me forth into a place **of** lib**erty**; * he delivered me, because I had found fav**or** *in* **his** eyes.
- ²¹ The LORD rewarded me according to my righteous dealing; * according to the cleanness of my hands he **recompensed** me,
- Because I had kept the ways of the LORD * and had not forsaken my God, as the wicked do.
- ²³ For I had an eye un**to** all **his laws** * and did not cast out his command*ments* from me.
- ²⁴ I was also uncorrupt **be**fore **him** * and kept myself from **my** own **wick**edness.

Therefore the LORD rewarded me according to my righteous dealing,*

and according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

²⁶ With the faithful you show your**self** faith**ful**,* and with the upright you show **your**self **up**right.

²⁷ With the pure you show **your**self **pure**, * but with the crooked you **show** *your***self** shrewd.

- ²⁸ For you shall save the people who are in **ad**ver**sity**, * but shall bring down the high **looks** *of* **the** proud.
- ²⁹ You also **shall** light **my lamp**; *

the LORD my God shall turn my darkness into light.

- ³⁰ For with you I shall crush **a** host **of men**,* and with the help of my God I can **leap** over a wall.
- The way of God is an undefiled way; the word of the LORD also is **tried** in **the fire**; * he is the defender of all those who **put** *their* **trust** in him.
- ³² For who is **God**, but **the LORD**, * or who is a rock, **except our** God?
- ³³ It is God who girds me with strength for war * and makes my way perfect.
- ³⁴ He makes my feet like the **feet** of **a deer** * and sets **me** *up* **on** high.
- 35 He teaches **my** hands **to fight**,* and my arms shall bend ev**en** *a* **bow** of bronze.
- You have given me the shield of your salvation; * your right hand also shall hold me up, and your loving correction shall make me great.
- You have made a broad path for my feet,* and my footsteps shall not slip.
- ³⁸ I will follow my enemies and overtake them; * I will not turn again until I have destroyed them.
- ³⁹ I will smite them, and they shall not be a**ble** to **stand**.* They shall fall **un***der* **my** feet.
- ⁴⁰ You have girded me with strength for **the** battle; * you shall throw down my enemies *under* me.
- You have made my enemies turn their backs **up**on **me**, and I shall destroy **those** who **hate** me.



- ⁴² They shall cry, but there shall be none **to** help **them**; * even unto the LORD shall they cry, but he **shall** *not* **hear** them.
- ⁴³ I will beat them as small as dust **be**fore **the wind**; *
 I will tread them down as **mire** *in* **the** streets.
- ⁴⁴ You shall deliver me from the strivings of **the** peo**ples**, * and you shall make me the head **of** *the* **na**tions.
- ⁴⁵ A people whom I **have** not **known** * shall be in subjection *un***der** me.
- ⁴⁶ As soon as they hear of me, they shall **o**bey **me**; * and foreigners shall **cringe** *be***fore** me.
- ⁴⁷ Foreigners **shall** lose **heart**, * and, being afraid, shall come out **of** *their* **strong**holds.
- ⁴⁸ The LORD lives, and blessèd be my rock,* and praised be the God of my *sal*vation,
- ⁴⁹ Even the God who sees that **I** am **avenged** * and subdues the **peo**ples **un**der me.
- 50 It is he who delivers me from my cruel enemies, and lifts me up above my adversaries; *

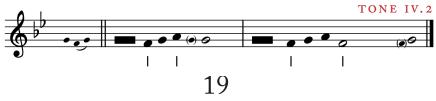
you shall rid me **of** *the* **wick**ed.

- ⁵¹ For this cause will I give thanks unto you, O LORD, among **the** na**tions**,*
 - and sing praises unto your Name.
- ⁵² Great prosperity he gives un**to** his **King**,* and shows loving-kindness to David his Anointed, and unto his **seed** *for* **ev**ermore.

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.

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DAY 4: MORNING PRAYER



Cæli enarrant | Christ, born of a Virgin, is preached by the Apostles

he *hea*vens declare the **glo**ry **of** God,*
and the firma**ment** shows his **handi**work.
One day speaks **to** a**noth**er,*

and one night gives knowledge to another.

- There is neither speech nor language, and their voices are not heard;
- ⁴ But their sound has gone out **into all** lands, * and their words **to** the ends **of the** world.
- ⁵ In them he has set a tent **for** the **sun**, * which comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoices like a **strong** man to **run his** course.
- ⁶ It goes forth from the uttermost part of the heavens, and runs about to the end of **it** a**gain**, * and there is no**thing** hidden **from its** heat.
- ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; * the testimony of the LORD is sure, and gives wisdom to the simple.
- ⁸ The statutes of the LORD are right, **and** re**joice** the heart; * the commandment of the LORD is pure, and **gives** light to **the** eyes.
- ⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean, and endures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.
- More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; * sweeter also than honey, than the drippings from the honeycomb.
- Moreover, by them **is** your **serv**ant taught,* and in keeping **them** there is **great re**ward.



- ¹² Who can tell how **oft**en **he** offends? *
 - O cleanse **me** from my **secret** faults.
- Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me; *
 - so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offense.
- Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be always acceptable in your sight,*
 - O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

20

Exaudiat te Dominus | The voice of the Church speaking of the gift of Christ

ay the LORD hear you in the **day** of **trou**ble, * the Name of the God of **Ja**cob de**fend** you; 2 Send you help from the **sanc**tuary, * and strengthen **you** out of **Zi**on;

- ³ Remember all your offerings, * and accept your burnt sacrifice;
- ⁴ Grant **you** your **heart's** desire, * and **ac**complish **all your** plans.
- We will rejoice in your salvation, and triumph in the Name of the LORD our God; * may the LORD grant all your petitions.
- Now I know that the LORD helps his Anointed, and will answer him from his holy heaven,* even with the saving strength of his right hand.
- ⁷ Some put their trust in chariots, and **some** in **hor**ses, * but we put our trust in the **Name** of the **LORD our** God.

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- They are brought down and fallen, but we will arise and stand upright.
- ⁹ O Lord, save the King,* and hear us when we call upon you.

21

Domine, in virtute tua | That Christ will cast the wicked into Hell in the End

he King shall rejoice **in** your **strength**, O LORD; *
exceedingly glad shall he be **of** your sal**va**tion.

You have given **him** his **heart's** desire, *

and have not denied him the request of his lips.

- For you shall meet him with the blessings of goodness, and shall set a crown of pure gold upon his head.
- ⁴ He asked you for life, and you **gave** it **to** him: * length of days, **for** ever **and ever**.
- His honor is great because of your salvation; * glory and majesty shall you lay upon him.
- ⁶ For you shall give him everlasting felicity * and make him glad with the joy of your countenance.
- ⁷ For the King puts his **trust** in **the** LORD, * and because of the mercy of the Most **High**, he shall **not be** moved.
- ⁸ All your enemies shall **feel** your **hand**; * your right hand shall **find** those who **hate** you.
- ⁹ You shall make them like a fiery oven in the time **of** your **wrath**; * the LORD shall destroy them in his displeasure, and the **fire** shall consume them.
- ¹⁰ Their offspring you shall root out **of** the **earth**, * and their seed from among **the** children **of** men.
- For they intended evil against you, * and imagined wicked schemes, which they are not able to perform.



- ¹² Therefore you shall put **them** to **flight**, * and the strings of your bow you shall **aim** at their **faces**.
- ¹³ Be exalted, O LORD, **in** your **own** strength; * so we will sing **and** praise your **pow**er.

DAY 4: EVENING PRAYER



Deus, Deus meus | The Voice of Christ when he was suffering in his Passion.

y God, my God, why have you forsaken me, * and are so far from my cry, and from the words of my complaint?

- O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you **do** not **hear**; * in the night season also, but I **find** no rest.
- ³ But you **re**main **ho**ly, * enthroned upon the **prais**es of **Is**rael.
- ⁴ Our **fath**ers **hoped** in you; * they trusted in you, **and** you de**liv**ered them.
- ⁵ They called upon you, and were delivered; * they put their trust in you, and were not confounded.
- ⁶ But as for me, I am a **worm**, and **no** man, * scorned by all, and the out**cast** of the **peo**ple.
- ⁷ All those who see me **laugh** me **to** scorn; * they curl their lips, and **shake** their heads, **say**ing,

- ⁸ "He trusted in God, that he **would** deliver him; * let him deliver him, **if** he will **have** him."
- ⁹ But you are he that took me out **of** my **moth**er's womb; * you were my hope, when I was yet **up**on my **moth**er's breasts.
- ¹⁰ I have been cast upon you ever since **I** was **born**; * you are my God, ev**en** from my **moth**er's womb.
- O go not far from me, for trouble is **near** at **hand**, and there **is** none to **help** me.
- Many oxen have come around me; * fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.
- ¹³ They gape **at** me **with** their mouths, * like a ravening and **a** roaring **li**on.
- ¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are **out** of **joint**; * my heart also in the midst of my body is like **melti**ng wax.
- My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaves to my gums, * and you bring me into the dust of death.
- For many dogs have come about me,* and the council of the wicked lays siege against me.
- They pierced my hands and my feet;
 I can count all my bones; *
 they stand staring and looking upon me.
- They part my garments among them, and cast **lots** for my **cloth**ing.
- ¹⁹ But be not far from **me**, O LORD. *
 You are my succor; **hast**en to **help** me.
- Deliver my soul from the sword,* my life from the power of the dog.
- ²¹ Save me from the **li**on's **mouth**,* and my soul in misery from among the **horns** of wild **ox**en.
- ²² I will declare your Name **to** my **breth**ren; * in the midst of the congrega**tion** I will **praise** you.
- O praise the LORD, **you** that **fear** him; magnify him, all you seed of Jacob, and fear him, all **you** seed of **Is**rael.
- ²⁴ For he has not despised nor abhorred the low estate **of** the **poor**; * he has not hidden his face from him, but when he called un**to** him, he **heard** him.



My praise is of you in the great congregation; * my vows will I perform in the sight of those who fear him.

²⁶ The poor shall eat **and** be **sat**isfied; *

those who seek after the LORD shall praise him; may your **hearts** live for **ever**.

²⁷ All the ends of the world shall remember, and be turned **un**to **the** LORD, *

and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

²⁸ For the kingdom is the LORD's,*

and he is the Governor among the peoples.

All those who sleep in the earth, how **shall** they **wor**ship him?*
All those who go down into the dust,
how shall **they** kneel be**fore** him?

³⁰ But my life shall be preserved in his sight, and my children shall worship him; *

they shall tell of the Lord to the generations to come;

³¹ And to a people yet unborn shall they declare his righteousness, * that he has brought it to pass.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the **Ho**ly **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

23

Dominus regit me | Christ prepares eternal pastures for His Church

he Lord **is** my **shep**herd; *
therefore **I** can lack **no**thing.

He shall feed me **in** green **past**ures *

and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

³ He shall re**fresh** my **soul** * and bring me forth in the paths of righteous**ness** for his **Name's** sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will **fear** no **ev**il,*

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff comfort me.

- You shall prepare a table before me, in the presence of **those** who **trou**ble me; *
 - you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
- Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,*

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the **Ho**ly **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

DAY 5: MORNING PRAYER

TONE V. I

Domini est terra | Christ the King enters His Church, the Holy Ones make reply



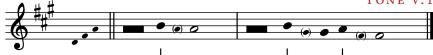
he earth is the Lord's and all that is **in** it,*

the compass of the world and **those** who **dwell** therein.

For he has founded it upon the seas *

and established it upon the rivers of the deep.

- Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? *
 - Or who shall stand **in** his **ho**ly place?
- ⁴ He who has clean hands and a **pure** heart, * and who has not set his mind upon vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbor.
- ⁵ He shall receive blessing **from** the LORD * and righteousness from the God of **his** salvation.
- ⁶ This is the generation of those who **seek** him,* even of those who seek your face, O **God** of **Ja**cob.



Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you ever**last**ing doors; *

and the King of **glo**ry **shall** come in.

- "Who is the King of **glo**ry?"* "It is the LORD, strong and mighty, even the LORD, mighty in battle."
- ⁹ Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of **glo**ry **shall** come in.
- ¹⁰ "Who is the King of **glo**ry?"* "The Lord of hosts, he is the **King** of **glo**ry."

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

25

Ad te, Domine, levavi | Christ prophesying the resurrection

📆nto you, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my **trust** in you; * O let me not be ashamed.

neither let my enemies **tri**umph **ov**er me.

- For all those who hope in you shall not be a**shamed**,* but those who deal untruly shall be put **to** confusion.
- Show me your ways, O Lord, * and teach me your paths.
- ⁴ Lead me forth in your truth and **teach** me,* for you are the God of my salvation; in you has been my hope all the day long.
- ⁵ Call to remembrance, O Lord, your tender **mer**cies,* and your loving-kindnesses, which have been from of old.

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- O remember not the sins and offenses of my youth, * but according to your mercy think on me, O Lord, in your goodness.
- ⁷ Gracious and righteous is the LORD; * therefore will he teach **sin**ners **in** the way.
- Those who are meek shall he guide in judgment, * and those who are gentle shall he teach his way.
- ⁹ All the paths of the LORD are mercy and **truth** * to those who keep his covenant and his **testimo**nies.
- ¹⁰ For your Name's **sake**, O LORD, * forgive my **sin**, for **it** is great.
- Who is the one who **fears** the LORD? *

 He shall teach him in the **way** that **he** shall choose.
- ¹² He shall dwell at **ease**,* and his seed shall in**he**rit **the** land.
- ¹³ The LORD reveals his secret counsel to those who **fear** him, * and he will show **them** his **cov**enant.
- My eyes are ever looking to the LORD,* for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.
- Turn to me, and have mercy on me,* for I am desolate and in misery.
- ¹⁶ The sorrows of my heart are enlarged; * O bring me out of my troubles.
- ¹⁷ Look upon my adversity and **mi**sery * and for**give** me **all** my sin.
- ¹⁸ Consider my enemies, how many **they** are, * and how they bear a tyrannous **hate** against me.
- ¹⁹ O keep my soul and deliver me; * let me not be ashamed, for I have **put** my **trust** in you.
- ²⁰ Let integrity and righteous dealing preserve me,* for my **hope** has **been** in you.
- ²¹ Deliver Israel, O God,* out of all his troubles.



Judica me, Domine | Christ is the foundation of the Church's plea of innocence

e my judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently; *
my trust has been in the Lord; therefore I shall not fall.

Test me, O Lord, and prove me; *

examine my heart and my mind.

- ³ For your loving-kindness is ever before my **eyes**, * and I will **walk** in **your** truth.
- ⁴ I have not dwelt with evil**do**ers,* neither will I have fellowship with **the** de**ceit**ful.
- ⁵ I have hated the company of the wicked, * and will not sit among the ungodly.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, * and so will I go to your altar,
- ⁷ That I may lift up the voice of thanksgiving * and tell of all your wondrous works.
- ⁸ LORD, I have loved the habitation of **your** house * and the place **where** your **hon**or dwells.
- O take not away my soul with the sinners,* nor my life with the bloodthirsty,
- Whose hands are full of wickedness,* and their right hand full of bribes.
- But as for me, I will walk innocently; *
 O deliver me, and be merciful unto me.
- My foot stands firm; *
 I will praise the LORD in the congregations.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world **without end**. Amen.

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DAY 5: EVENING PRAYER



Dominus illuminatio | The voice of the Baptized, that Christ is their illumination

he Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I **fear**? * The Lord is the strength of my life;

of whom then shall I be afraid?

- When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my **flesh**, * they **stum**bled **and** fell.
- Though a host were encamped against me, yet my heart would not be afraid, * and though war rose up against me, yet would I put my trust in him.
- ⁴ One thing have I desired of the Lord; one thing I **seek**: * that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the **days** of **my** life,
- ⁵ To behold the fair beauty of the LORD, * and to seek him in his temple.
- ⁶ For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his taber**nac**le; * indeed, in the secret place of his dwelling he shall hide me, and set me high up**on** a **rock** of stone.
- ⁷ And now he shall lift up my **head** * above my enemies **round** a**bout** me.
- Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness; *

I will sing and speak praises unto the LORD.

- Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto you; * have mercy upon me and hear me.
- You speak to my heart and say, "Seek my face."*
 Your face, O LORD, will I seek.



- ¹¹ O hide not your face **from** me,* nor cast your servant away in displeasure.
- ¹² You have been my **help**er; *

leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

- ¹³ When my father and my mother forsake me, * the LORD takes me in.
- ¹⁴ Teach me your way, O LORD, * and lead me in the right way, because of my enemies.
- ¹⁵ Deliver me not over to the will of my adver**sar**ies, * for there are false witnesses who have risen up against me, and **those** who **speak** wrong.
- ¹⁶ I would utterly have **faint**ed, * had I not believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.
- ¹⁷ O wait for the LORD; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart.* O put your **trust** in **the** LORD.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world **with**out **end**. Amen.

28

Ad te, Domine | That Christ arose from the tomb

nto you will I cry, O Lord my rock; do not be deaf to my **prayer**; *

lest, if you do not answer, I become like those who go down into the pit.

Hear the voice of my humble petitions when I cry unto **you**,* when I hold up my hands toward the sanctuary of your **ho**ly **tem**ple.

- ³ O cast me not away, neither destroy me with the ungodly and evildoers,* who speak as friends to their neighbors, but imagine evil in their hearts.
- ⁴ Reward them according to their **deeds*** and according to the wickedness of their **own** inventions.
- ⁵ Recompense them according to the work **of** their hands; * pay them what **they** have **de**served.
- For they regard not in their mind the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands; *

therefore he shall break them down and **not** build **them** up.

⁷ Praised be the LORD,*

for he has heard the voice of my humble petitions.

- ⁸ The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart has trusted in him, and I am **helped**; * therefore my heart dances for joy, and in my song will I praise him.
- ⁹ The LORD is my **strength**,* and he is the sure defense of **his** Anointed.
- ¹⁰ O save your people, and give your blessing to your in**her**itance; * feed them, and lift them up for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

29

Afferte Domino | Concerning the powerful works of the Holy Spirit



scribe unto the Lord, O you **migh**ty,*

ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.

worship the LORD with holy worship.

- It is the LORD that commands the waters; * it is the glorious God that makes the thunder.
- It is the LORD that rules the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in its working; * the voice of the Lord is a **glorious** voice.



- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the **ce**dar trees; * indeed, the LORD breaks the ce**dars** of **Leb**anon.
- 6 He makes them also to skip like a calf,* Lebanon also, and Sirion, like a young ox.
- The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; * indeed, the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- The voice of the LORD makes the deer to bring forth young, and strips the forests bare; *

 in his tample all ary "Clary"
 - in his temple all cry, "Glory."
- The LORD sits above the **flood**waters, and the LORD remains **King** for **ever**.
- ¹⁰ The Lord shall give strength to his **peo**ple; * the Lord shall give his people the **bless**ing **of** peace.

DAY 6: MORNING PRAYER



Exaltabo te, Domine | The voice of Christ to the Father on Easter Day

will magnify you, O LORD, for you have lifted me up, * and have not let my foes triumph over me.

O LORD my God, I cried unto you, *

and you have made me whole.

- You, LORD, have brought my soul **out** of **the Grave**; * you have saved my life from among those who go **down** *to* **the** Pit.
- ⁴ Sing praises unto the LORD, O **you** saints **of his**,* and give thanks unto him for the remembrance **of** *his* **ho**liness.
- ⁵ For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his pleasure for a lifetime; *
 heaviness may endure for a night,

but joy comes in *the* morning.

⁶ In my prosperity I said, "I shall never be moved; * you, Lord, of your goodness, have made my hill so strong."

You turned your face from me, * and I was distressed.

- Then I cried unto you, O LORD, * and came to my Lord most humbly.
- What profit is there in my bloodshed, * if I go down into the Pit?
- ¹⁰ Shall the dust give **thanks** un**to you**? * Or shall it de**clare** *your* **faith**fulness?
- ¹¹ Hear, O LORD, and have mercy **up**on **me**. * O LORD, **be** *my* **hel**per.
- ¹² You have turned my lamentation in**to** dan**cing**; * you have put off my sackcloth and girded **me** *with* **glad**ness.
- ¹³ Therefore shall my heart sing of your praise with**out** ceas**ing**. * O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto **you** *for* **ev**er.

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.

31

In te, Domine, speravi | The voice of Christ on the Cross, praying to the Father

n you, O Lord, have I put my trust; *
let me never be put to confusion;
deliver me in your righteousness.

² Bow down **your** ear **to me**, * make haste **to** *deliver* me,



- And be my strong rock and house of defense,* that you may save me.
- ⁴ For you are my strong rock and **my** castle; * be also my guide, and lead me for your Name's sake.
- ⁵ Draw me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, * for you are my strength.
- ⁶ Into your hands I commend **my** spirit,* for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.
- I have hated those who hold to worthless vanities,* and my trust has **been** in **the** LORD.
- I will be glad and rejoice in **your** mercy,* for you have considered my trouble, and have known my soul in adversities.
- ⁹ You have not shut me up in the hand of **the** en**emy**,* but have set my feet where they may walk at liberty.
- ¹⁰ Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am **in** trou**ble**; * my eye is consumed with heaviness, and also my soul **and** my **bo**dy.
- ¹¹ For my life has grown old with heaviness,* and my years with mourning.
- ¹² My strength fails me because of my **in**iquity,* and my **bones** are **con**sumed.
- ¹³ I have become a reproof among all my enemies, but especially among my neighbors; *

my acquaintances are afraid of me, and those who see me in **the** *street* **shrink** from me.

- ¹⁴ I am utterly forgotten, as a dead man, out of mind; * I have become like a **bro**ken **vess**el.
- ¹⁵ For I have heard the whispering of the multitude, and fear is **on** every **side**,

while they conspire together against me and take their counsel to take away my life.

- But my hope has been in you, O LORD; * I have said, "You are my God."
- My time is in your hand; * deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- ¹⁸ Show your servant the light of **your** count**enance**, * and save me **for** *your* **mer**cy's sake.
- ¹⁹ Let me not be confounded, O LORD, for I have called **up**on **you**; * let the ungodly be put to confusion, and be put to si**lence** *in* **the** grave.
- ²⁰ Let the lying lips be put **to** silence,* which cruelly, disdainfully, and despitefully speak a**gainst** *the* **right**eous.
- ²¹ Oh, how plentiful is your goodness, which you have laid up for those **who** fear **you**,*

and which you have prepared for those who put their trust in you, even before the **child***ren* **of** men!

- You hide them in the secret place of your presence from those who conspire against them; * you keep them in your refuge from the strife of tongues.
- ²³ Thanks be to the LORD,*

for he has shown me marvellously great kindness in a strong city.

- But when I was afraid, I said in my haste,* "I am cast out of the sight of your eyes."
- ²⁵ Nevertheless, you heard the **voice** of **my prayer** * when I **cried** *un***to** you.
- O love the LORD, all you his saints,* for the LORD preserves those who are faithful, and plenteously *repays* the proud.
- ²⁷ Be strong, and he shall establish your heart, * all you that put your trust *in* the LORD.

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.

DAY 6: EVENING PRAYER



Beati quorum | Penitence: Pride | St. Augustine's dying devotion

les-sèd is the one whose unrighteousness is forgiven,* and whose sin is covered.

Rlossèd is the one to whom the Long imputes we sin

² Blessèd is the one to whom the **LORD** imputes *no* sin, * and in whose spirit **there** is no **guile**.

³ For while I held my tongue, my bones **wast**ed *away*; * I ceased not from groaning all **the** day **long**.

- For your hand was heavy upon me day and night,* and I was dried up and withered, as in the drought of summer.
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged **my** sin un*to* you, * and I did not hide my **in**iquity.
- ⁶ I said, "I will confess my sins **un**to *the* LORD"; * and so you forgave the wickedness **of** my **sin**.
- ⁷ For this reason shall all the godly make their prayers unto you at a time **when** you may *be* found; *

when the great floodwaters rise, they shall **not** reach **them**.

- ⁸ You are my hiding-place; you shall preserve me from *trou*ble; * you shall encompass me with songs of **del**iverance.
- ⁹ "I will instruct you and teach you in the **way** that you *should* go, * and I will guide **you** with my **eye**.
- Do not be like the horse and mule, which have **no** understanding, * whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, or else they will not **come** near **you**."
- ¹¹ Great troubles remain **for** the un*god*ly; * but mercy embraces those who trust **in** the **LORD**.
- ¹² Be glad, O you righteous, and re**joice** in *the* LORD; * and be joyful, all who **are** true of **heart**.

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Exultate, justi | Christ is the word; the consolation of martyrs

ejoice in the LORD, **O** you *right*eous; * it is fitting for the just to **be** thank**ful.** Praise the **LORD** with *the* harp; *

sing praises unto him with the ten-stringed lute.

³ Sing unto **him** a new song; *

make skillful melody and cry aloud with joy.

- ⁴ For the **word** of the LORD *is* true, * and all his works **are** faith**ful**.
- ⁵ He loves righteousness **and** true *judg*ment; * the earth is full of the good**ness** of the **LORD**.
- ⁶ By the word of the **LORD** were the hea*vens* made,* and all the hosts of them by the breath **of** his **mouth**.
- ⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea together, **as** in *a* heap, * and lays up the deep, as in **a** treasure **house**.
- Eet all the earth fear the LORD; * stand in awe of him, all you that dwell in the world.
- For he spoke, and it was done; * he commanded and it stood fast.
- The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to naught; * he makes the devices of the peoples to be of no effect, and casts out the counsels of princes.
- ¹¹ The counsel of the LORD shall endure for *ever*,* and the thoughts of his heart from generation to gen**eration**.
- Blessèd is the nation whose God is the LORD,* and blessèd are the people he has chosen for himself to be his inheritance.
- The Lord looks down from heaven and beholds all the **child**ren *of* men; *

from the habitation of his dwelling he considers all those who dwell **on** the **earth**.



- ¹⁴ He fashions **all** the hearts *of* them * and understands **all** their **works**.
- ¹⁵ There is no king who can be **saved** by a migh*ty* host; * neither is any mighty man delivered **by** great **strength**.
- ¹⁶ A horse is considered a vain **hope** to save *a* man; * neither shall it deliver anyone by **its** great **strength**.
- Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon **those** who *fear* him, and upon those who put their trust in **his** mercy,
- ¹⁸ To deliver **their** soul *from* death, * and to feed them in the time **of** famine.
- ¹⁹ Our soul has patiently **wait**ed for *the* LORD, * for he is our help **and** our **shield**.
- ²⁰ Our heart **shall** rejoice *in* him,* because we have hoped in **his** holy **Name**.
- ²¹ Let your merciful kindness, O LORD, be up*on* us,* as we have put **our** trust in **you**.

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Benedicam Dominum | Christ guards the just with his Angels

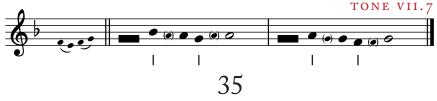
will always give **thanks** unto *the* LORD; *
his praise shall ever **be** in my **mouth**.

My soul shall make its **boast** in *the* LORD; *
the humble shall hear **this** and be **glad**.

- O praise the LORD with me,* and let us magnify his Name together.
- ⁴ I sought the LORD, **and** he *heard* me; * he delivered me out **of** all my **fears**.
- ⁵ They looked unto **him**, and were *made* glad, * and their faces **were** not a**shamed**.

- ⁶ Look, the poor man cries, **and** the LORD *hears* him, * and saves him out of all **his** trou**bles**.
- ⁷ The angel of the LORD camps round about **those** who *fear* him, * and delivers them **in** time of **need**.
- O taste and see how gracious the LORD is; * blessèd is the one who trusts in him.
- ⁹ O fear the LORD, **you** that are *his* saints; * for those who fear him **lack** no**thing**.
- The lions lack and suffer hunger,* but those who seek the LORD shall lack nothing that is good.
- ¹¹ Come, children, and **list**en *to* me; *
 I will teach you the fear **of** the **LORD**.
- ¹² Who among you desires *to* live, * and longs **to** see good **days**?
- Keep your **tongue** from *evil*,* and your lips **from** speaking **lies**.
- ¹⁴ Turn from **e**vil and *do* good; * seek peace and **pur**sue **it**.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are upon the *right*eous, * and his ears are open to their prayers.
- ¹⁶ The countenance of the LORD is against **those** who do *evil*, * to root out the remembrance of them **from** the **earth**.
- ¹⁷ The righteous cry, **and** the LORD *hears* them * and delivers them out of all **their** trou**bles**.
- ¹⁸ The LORD is near to those who are **bro**ken*heart*ed * and will save those who are crushed **in** spi**rit**.
- ¹⁹ Great are the troubles **of** the *right*eous,* but the LORD delivers him **out** of them **all**.
- ²⁰ He **keeps** all *his* bones,*
 so that not one of them **is** bro**ken**.
- ²¹ But evil shall **slay** the un*god*ly,* and those who hate the righteous shall **be** deso**late**.
- The LORD delivers the souls **of** his *serv*ants,* and all those who put their trust in him shall not **be** desti**tute**.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the **Ho**ly *Spi*rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with**out** end. Amen.

DAY 7: MORNING PRAYER



Judica, Domine | With spiritual arms Christ defends us

on-tend, O LORD, with those who contend with me, * and fight against those who fight against me.

Take up the shield and buckler, *

and stand up to help me.

- ³ Bring forth the spear and bar the way against **those** who pur**sue** me; * say to my soul, "I am **your** sal**va**tion."
- ⁴ Let them be confounded and put to shame who seek **aft**er **my** life; * let them be turned back and brought to confusion who imagine **evil** a**gainst** me.
- Let them be as the **chaff** before the wind,* and let the angel of the LORD scatter them.
- 6 Let their way be dark and slippery,* and let the angel of the LORD pursue them.
- ⁷ For they have secretly laid their net to destroy **me** with**out a** cause; * indeed, without a cause have they made a pit to **take** away my life.
- Let sudden destruction come upon them unawares, and the net, which they have laid **sec**retly, **catch** themselves,* that they may fall into **their** own **trou**ble.
- ⁹ Then shall my soul be **joy**ful **in** the LORD; * I shall rejoice in **his** salvation.
- All my bones shall say, "LORD, who is like you? You deliver the poor from those who are too strong for them; indeed, the poor and those who are in misery from those who rob them."
- 11 Malicious witnesses rise up; * they charge me with matters I know nothing about.
- 12 They repay me **evil for** good,* to the great **sor**row **of my** soul.

- Nevertheless, when they were sick, I put on sackcloth and humbled myself with fasting; * I prayed with my whole heart, as if it had been my friend or my brother.
- ¹⁴ I behaved myself as one who **mourns** for his **mo**ther; * I was bowed down with **heaviness of** heart.
- But in my adversity, they rejoiced and gathered themselves together; *

indeed, those who struck me came together against me, and I had no rest; they tore at **me**, and **would not** cease.

- When I stumbled they **mocked** me ex**ceed**ingly, and gnashed at **me** with **their** teeth.
- Lord, how long will you look on this? *
 O deliver me from the calamities they bring upon me, and my life from the lions.
- ¹⁸ So will I give you thanks in the great **con**gre**ga**tion; * I will praise you among **ma**ny **peo**ple.
- O let not those who are my enemies triumph over **me** de**ceit**fully; * neither let them wink with their eyes, those who **hate** me with**out a** cause.
- For their talking is not for peace,* but they imagine deceitful words against those who are quiet in the land.
- ²¹ They open their **mouths** at **me**, and say, *

 "Aha! Aha! We saw it **with** our **own** eyes!"
- ²² This **you** have **seen**, O LORD. *
 Hold not your tongue then;
 be not far **from** me, **O** Lord.
- Awake, and stand up to judge my case; * avenge my cause, my God and my Lord.
- ²⁴ Judge me, O LORD my God, according **to** your **right**eousness, * and let them not **tri**umph **over** me.
- ²⁵ Let them not say in their hearts, "Aha! We **have** what **we** want!" * Neither let them say, "**We** have de**voured** him."



- Let them be put to confusion and shame who rejoice at my trouble; * let them be clothed with shame and dishonor who boast against me.
- ²⁷ Let them be glad and rejoice who **fav**or my **right**eous cause; * indeed, let them say always, "Great is the Lord, who takes pleasure in the prosperity **of** his **serv**ant."
- And as for my tongue, it shall be talking **of** your **right**eousness* and of your praise **all** the **day** long.

36

Dixit injustus | Christ is the well of life

y heart shows me the wickedness **of** the un**god**ly; * there is no fear of **God** be**fore his** eyes.

For he flatters him**self** in **his** own sight, *

until his abominable sin is found out.

- The words of his mouth are unrighteous and **full** of **deceit**; * he has left off behaving **wise**ly and **doing** good.
- ⁴ He imagines mischief upon his bed, and has set him**self** in **no** good way; * neither does he abhor anything **that** is **evil**.
- ⁵ Your mercy, O LORD, reaches **to** the **heav**ens, * and your faithful**ness** to **the** clouds.
- ⁶ Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains; your judgments are **like** the **great** deep; * you, Lord, shall **save** both **man and** beast.
- How excellent is your mercy, O God! * The children of men shall take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

- They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of your house, and you shall give them drink from your pleasures as out of a river.
- For with you is the well of life, * and in your light shall we see light.
- ¹⁰ O continue your loving-kindness to **those** who **know** you, * and your righteousness to those **who** are **true of** heart.
- O let not the foot of the proud **come** against me,* and let not the hand of the ungodly cast me down.
- ¹² There have they fallen, all those **who** work **wick**edness; * they are cast down, and shall not be **ab**le **to** rise.

DAY 7: EVENING PRAYER

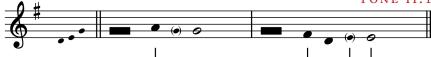
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Noli æmulari | The voice of Christ exhorting the Church to keep the Faith

ret not yourself because of the un**god**ly,*
neither be envious of those who are **evildoers**.

For they shall soon be dried up like the **grass**,*
and be withered even as **the** green **herb**.

- ³ Put your trust in the LORD, and **do** good; * dwell in the land, and surely you **shall** be **fed.**
- ⁴ Delight yourself in the LORD, * and he shall give you **your** heart's **desire**.
- ⁵ Commit your way unto the LORD and put your **trust** in him, * and he shall bring **it** to **pass**.
- ⁶ He shall make your righteousness as clear as the **light** * and your just dealing as **the** noon**day.**



- Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; * do not grieve yourself over the one whose way prospers, over the one who carries out evil counsels.
- Refrain from wrath, and let go of anger; * fret not yourself, lest you be moved to do evil.
- For evildoers shall be rooted out,* but those who wait patiently for the LORD, they shall inherit the land.
- ¹⁰ Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be **clean** gone; * you shall look for their place, and they **shall** not **be there**.
- ¹¹ But the meek-spirited shall possess the **land** * and shall be refreshed with an abun**dance** of **peace**.
- ¹² The ungodly plot against the **just** * and gnash at **them** with **their teeth**.
- ¹³ The Lord shall laugh at them in **scorn**, * for he sees that their **day** is **coming**.
- ¹⁴ The ungodly have drawn out the sword and have bent their **bow** * to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay those **who** walk **aright**.
- ¹⁵ Their sword shall go through their **own** heart, * and their bow **shall** be **broken**.
- ¹⁶ The little that the **right**eous has *

is better than great riches of the ungodly.

- ¹⁷ For the arms of the ungodly shall be **bro**ken, * but the LORD upholds **the** right**eous.**
- ¹⁸ The LORD knows the days of the **god**ly, * and their inheritance shall en**dure** for **ever**.
- ¹⁹ They shall not be confounded in perilous **times**, * and in the days of famine they shall **have** e**nough**.
- As for the ungodly, they shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be consumed as in a fiery **fur**nace; * even as smoke shall they va**nish** a**way.**

- ²¹ The ungodly borrow and do **not** repay, * but the righteous are merciful **and** gen**erous.**
- ²² Those who are blessed by God shall possess the **land**,* but those who are cursed by him shall be **root**ed **out**.
- ²³ The LORD orders a **man's** steps; *
 he makes his footsteps sure and preserves **him** on **his path.**
- ²⁴ Though he fall, he shall not be **cast** down,* for the LORD upholds **him** with **his hand.**
- ²⁵ I have been young, and now I am **old**,* yet I never saw the righteous forsaken, nor his children **beg**ging **bread**.
- ²⁶ The righteous is ever merciful in **lend**ing, * and his seed **shall** be **blessed**.
- ²⁷ Flee from evil, and do that which is **good**, * and dwell in the **land** for **ever**.
- ²⁸ For the LORD loves that which is **right**; * he forsakes not those who are godly, and they are pre**served** for **ever**.
- ²⁹ The unrighteous shall be **pun**ished; * as for the seed of the ungodly, it shall be **root**ed **out.**
- ³⁰ The righteous shall inherit the **land** * and dwell there**in** for **ever.**
- ³¹ The mouth of the righteous utters **wis**dom, * and his tongue **talks** of **judgment**.
- The law of his God is in his heart, and his footsteps shall not falter.
- 33 The ungodly lie in wait for the **right**eous * and seek occasion **to** slay **him.**
- The LORD will not leave him in their hand,* nor allow him to be condemned when he is judged.
- ³⁵ Hope in the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt you so that you shall possess the **land**; * when the ungodly perish, **you** shall **see it.**
- ³⁶ I myself have seen the ungodly in great **pow**er, * and flourishing like a tree **in** full **leaf.**
- ³⁷ I went by, and behold, they were **gone**; *
 I sought them, but their place could nowhere be found.

- Mark the blameless, and take heed of the **up**right, * for there is a future for **the** peace**able**.
- ³⁹ As for the transgressors, they shall perish to**geth**er, * and the end of the ungodly is that they shall be rooted out **at** the **last**.
- ⁴⁰ But the salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD, * who is also their strength in the **time** of **trouble**.
- ⁴¹ And the Lord shall stand by them and **save** them; *
 he shall deliver them from the ungodly and shall save them,
 because they put **their** trust **in him.**

DAY 8: MORNING PRAYER



Domine, ne in furore | Penitence: Gluttony

ebuke me not, O LORD, in your **ang**er, *
neither chasten me in your weigh**ty** dis**plea**sure.

For your arrows stick **fast** in me, *

and your hand presses me hard.

- There is no health in my flesh, because of your displeasure; neither is there any rest in my bones, by reason of my sin.
- ⁴ For my iniquities have gone over my **head** * and are like a heavy burden, too **much** for **me** to bear.
- My wounds stink and fester,* by reason of my foolishness.
- ⁶ I am brought into such great trouble and **mis**ery * that I go about mourning **all** the **day** long.

- For my loins are filled with **burn**ing,* and there is no wholeness **in** my **bo**dy.
- ⁸ I am feeble and sorely **smit**ten; *

I have roared because of the **tu**mult **of** my heart.

⁹ Lord, you know all my desire,* and my groaning is not hidden from you.

My heart is panting, my strength has failed me, * and the sight of my eyes is gone from me.

- ¹¹ My friends and my neighbors turn away from my **troub**le, * and my kinsmen **stand** a**far** off.
- ¹² Those also who seek after my life lay **snares** for me, * and those who go about to do me evil talk of wickedness and imagine deceit **all** the **day** long.
- ¹³ As for me, I am like the deaf who do **not** hear,* and as one who is mute, who does not **op**en **his** mouth.
- ¹⁴ I have become like a man who hears not, * and in whose mouth are no reproofs.
- ¹⁵ For in you, O LORD, have I put my **trust**; * you shall answer for **me**, O **Lord** my God.
- ¹⁶ I have said, "Let not my enemies triumph **ov**er me,"* for when my foot slipped, they rejoiced **great**ly **ov**er me.
- ¹⁷ Truly, I am about to **fall**, * and my pain is **ever with** me.
- ¹⁸ For I will confess my wickedness, * and be sorry for my sin.
- But my enemies live, and are mighty,* and those who hate me wrongfully are many in number.
- ²⁰ Those also who repay evil for good are a**gainst** me, * because I follow **that** which **is** good.
- ²¹ Forsake me not, O Lord my God; *

O **be** not **far** from me.

Make haste to help me,*
O Lord God of my salvation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world **without end**. Amen.





Dixi, Custodiam | Christ disciplines us for our correction

🙀 said, "I will take heed to my ways, * that I may not offend with my tongue. I will keep my mouth as with a **bri**dle * while the ungodly are in my sight."

- I held my tongue and spoke **no**thing; * I kept silence, even from good words; but it was pain and grief to me.
- ⁴ My heart was hot within me, and while I was thus pondering the fire **kind**led,* and at the last I **spoke** with **my** tongue:
- ⁵ "LORD, let me know my end and the number of my days, * that I may learn how **short** my **life** is.
- ⁶ Behold, you have made my days as a **span** in length, * and my age is even as nothing before you; and truly, everyone living is but a breath.
- For everyone walks about as a shadow, and disquiets himself in vain; *

he heaps up riches and cannot tell who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what is my **hope**? *

Truly, my **hope** is **in** you.

- Deliver me from all my offenses,* and make me not a taunt of the foolish.
- ¹⁰ I became mute and opened **not** my mouth,* for it was you that **brought** it **to** pass.
- ¹¹ Take your affliction **from** me; *

I am consumed by the blows of your heavy hand.

¹² When you, with rebukes, chasten someone for sin, you consume what is dear to him, like a moth eating a garment; * everyone therefore is but vanity.

- Hear my prayer, O LORD, and with your ears consider my cry;* hold not your peace at my tears.
- ¹⁴ For I am a stranger with you, * and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.
- ¹⁵ O turn your gaze from me, that I may again be **glad**, * before I go away **to** be **seen** no more."

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Expectans expectavi | Christ is the prophesied offering

waited patiently for the **LORD**, * and he inclined to **me**, and **heard** my call.

He brought me out of the horrible pit,

out of the mire and clay; *

he set my feet upon the rock, and secured my footing.

- ³ He has put a new song in my **mouth**, * a song of thanksgiving **un**to **our** God.
- ⁴ Many shall see and **fear**, * and shall put their **trust** in **the** LORD.
- Blessèd is the man who has set his hope in the LORD, * and has not turned to the proud, or to those who go about lying.
- 6 O LORD my God, great are the wondrous works which you have done, and also your thoughts toward us; *

there is none who can **be** compared with you.

- If I should declare them and speak of them,* they would be more than I am able to express.
- Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, * but my ears you have opened.
- ⁹ Burnt offerings and sin offerings you have not required, * and so I said, "Behold, I come;
- $^{10}\,$ In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I delight to do your will, ${\bf O}\,$ my God; *

indeed, your law is within my heart."



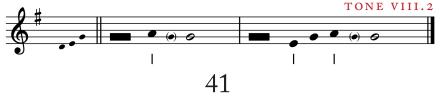
- ¹¹ I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation; * behold, I will not restrain my lips, O LORD, and that you know.
- ¹² I have not hidden your righteousness with**in** my heart; * my talk has been of your truth and of your salvation.
- ¹³ I have not concealed your loving mercy and **truth** * from the great **con**gregation.
- ¹⁴ Withdraw not your mercy from me, O LORD; * let your loving-kindness and your truth always preserve me.
- ¹⁵ For innumerable troubles have encompassed me; my sins have taken such hold of me that I am not able to look up; * indeed, they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart has utterly failed me.
- ¹⁶ O Lord, let it be your pleasure to de**liv**er me; * make haste, O LORD, to help me.
- ¹⁷ Let them be ashamed and confounded who seek after my soul to destroy it; *

let them be driven backward and rebuked who wish me evil.

- ¹⁸ Let them be desolate and rewarded with **shame** * who say to **me**, "Aha, Aha."
- ¹⁹ Let all those who seek you be joyful and **glad** in you; * and let those who love your salvation say always, "The LORD be praised."
- ²⁰ As for me, I am poor and **needy**, * but the Lord cares for me.
- ²¹ You are my helper and deliverer; * do not tarry, O my God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

DAY 8: EVENING PRAYER



Beatus qui intelligit | That Christ, made poor for us, by his resurrection makes us rich

lessèd is the one who considers the poor and **need**y; * the LORD shall deliver him in the **time** of **trou**ble.

The LORD preserves him and keeps him alive,

that he may be blessed upon earth,*

and delivers him not over to the will **of** his **en**emies.

- ³ The LORD comforts him when he lies sick up**on** his bed, * and restores him from his **bed** of **sick**ness.
- ⁴ I said, "LORD, be merciful **to** me; * heal my soul, for I have **sinned** against you."
- ⁵ My enemies speak evil **of** me: *

"When shall he die, and his name perish?"

- And if anyone comes to see me, he speaks **emp**ty words; his heart conceives falsehood within him, and when he goes **forth**, he **tells** it.
- ⁷ All my enemies whisper together against me; * even against me are they devising evil:
- ⁸ "A deadly thing has taken **hold** of him,* and now that he lies down, he will **rise** up **no** more."
- Indeed, even my own familiar friend, whom I trusted, who also ate of my bread,*

has lifted up his heel against me.

- ¹⁰ But be merciful to me, O LORD; * raise me up again, and I **shall** re**pay** them.
- 11 By this I know you **fav**or me,*
 that my enemy does not **tri**umph **ov**er me.
- ¹² And when I am in health, you up**hold** me, * and shall set me before your **face** for **ever**.



¹³ Blessèd be the Lord God of **Is**rael, * world with**out** end. **Am**en.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with**out** end. **Am**en.

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Quemadmodum | Christ washes away our sins in Baptism | For a wake

s the deer desires the **wat**er brooks,* so longs my **soul** for **you**, O God.

² My soul is athirst for God, even for the living **God**; * when shall I come to appear before the **pre**sence **of** God?

- My tears have been my food **day** and night,*
 while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"
- When I think upon these things, I pour out my heart,* when I remember how I went with the multitude, and brought them into the house of God,
- ⁵ With the voice of praise and thanks**giv**ing * among those **who** keep **ho**ly day.
- Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, * and why are you so disquieted within me?
- ⁷ O put your trust in **God**, *
 for I will yet give him thanks,
 who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
- My soul is heavy within me; * therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, and from Mizar among the hills of Hermon.
- ⁹ One deep calls to another in the noise of your **wat**erfalls; * all your waves and storms **have** gone **ov**er me.

- ¹⁰ The Lord will grant his loving-kindness in the **day**time; * and in the night season will I sing of him, and make my prayer to the **God** of **my** life.
- ¹¹ I will say to God my rock, "Why have you forgotten me? * Why am I full of heaviness, while the enemy oppresses me?"
- ¹² My bones are broken a**sund**er,* while my enemies mock me to my face,

¹³ While all day long they say to me, * "Where **now** is **your** God?"

¹⁴ Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul,* and why are you so disquieted within me?

¹⁵ O put your trust in **God**, ³ for I will yet give him thanks, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Judica me, Deus | Christ is the light and the truth || Priests' Pre-Communion

wive judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly **peo**ple; *

O deliver me from the deceitful **and** the **wick**ed.

- ² For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me far from you? * And why do I go about with heaviness, while the enemy oppresses me?
- O send out your light and your truth, that they may **lead** me,* and bring me to your holy hill, and to your dwelling;
- ⁴ That I may go to the altar of God, even to the God of my joy and gladness; * and on the harp will I give thanks to **you**, O **God**, my God.
- ⁵ Why are you so full of heaviness, O my **soul**,* and why are you so disquieted within me?



O put your trust in **God**,* for I will yet give him thanks, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

DAY 9: MORNING PRAYER



Deus, auribus | Christ and not our own strength has freed us

e have heard with our ears, O God, our **fath**ers have **told** us * what you did in **the** days of *old*:

- How you drove out the nations with your hand, and planted our fathers in the land; *
 - how you destroyed the nations and cast them out.
- ³ For they did not possess **the** land by **their** own sword,* neither was it their own arm that helped them,
- But by your right hand, and your arm, and the **light** of your **count**enance,* because **you** favored *them*.
- ⁵ You <u>are</u> my King, **O** God; * † you send help to Jacob.
- ⁶ Through you we will overthrow our enemies,* and in your Name will we tread down those who rise up against us.



- For I will not trust in my bow; * it is not my sword that shall help me;
- But you save **us** from our **en**emies * and put to shame those **who** hate *us*.
- We make our boast in God all day long * and will praise your Name for ever.
- ¹⁰ But now you have cast us off **and** put us **to** shame, * and you do not go forth with **our** ar*mies*.
- You make us turn our backs **up**on our **en**emies, * so that those who hate us plun**der** our *goods*.
- ¹² You let us **be** eaten **up** like sheep * and have scattered us among **the** nations.
- You sell your **peo**ple for **noth**ing * and take no money for *them*.
- You make us the reproach of our neighbors,* to be laughed to scorn, and held in derision by those who are round about us.
- ¹⁵ You make us a byword among the **na**tions, * so that the peoples shake **their** heads at *us*.
- My disgrace is **dai**ly before me,* and the shame of my face **has** covered *me*,
- ¹⁷ Because of the voice of the slander**er** and blas**phem**er, * because of the enemy and **av**eng*er*.
- ¹⁸ And though all this has come upon us, yet we **do** not for**get** you, * nor have we been unfaithful to **your** cove*nant*.
- Our heart has not turned back,* nor have our steps departed from your way,
- ²⁰ Though you have crushed us in **the** haunt of **jack**als, * and covered us with the sha**dow** of *death*.
- If we have forgotten the Name of our God, and held up our hands to any strange god, shall not God search it out? For he knows the very secrets of the heart.
- ²² For your sake we are **killed** all the **day** long,* and are counted as sheep appoint**ed** to be *slain*.
- ²³ Rise up, O Lord! **Why** are you **sleep**ing? *
 Awake, and cast us not away **for** ever.



- Why do you hide your face * and forget our misery and trouble?
- ²⁵ For our soul is brought **low**, even **to** the dust; * our belly cleaves **to** the *ground*.
- ²⁶ Arise, **O** Lord, and **help** us, * and deliver us for **your** mercy's *sake*.

45

Eructavit cor meum | Christ is wedded to the Church || St. Columba's War-Cry

y heart over**flows** with a **no**ble song; *
I will sing my words to the King;
my tongue is the pen of a rea**dy** writ*er*.

- You are fairer than **the** children **of** men; * full of grace are your lips, because God has blessed you **for** ev*er*.
- Gird your sword upon your thigh, most mighty one, * according to your honor and majesty.
- ⁴ In your majesty be victorious; ride out for the sake of truth, to bear witness to righteousness, * and your right hand shall show you marvelous *things*.
- Your arrows are very sharp in the heart **of** the King's **en**emies, and the peoples shall be subdued **un**der *you*.
- Your throne, O God, endures for ever; * the scepter of your kingdom is a righteous scepter.
- ⁷ You have loved righteousness and **ha**ted i**niq**uity; * therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above **your** fel*lows*.

8 All your garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia; * out of the ivory palaces, stringed instruments have made you glad.

⁹ Kings' daughters are among your honorable women; * at your right hand stands the queen in a vesture of gold, wrought with many colors.

¹⁰ Hearken, O daughter, and consider; incline your ear; * forget your own people, and your father's *house*.

¹¹ So shall the King have pleasure in your beauty; * since he is your **Lord**, honor *him*.

¹² And the daughter of **Ty**re shall **bring** you gifts; * the rich also among the peoples shall seek **your** fav*or*.

¹³ The King's daughter is all glorious **with**in the **pal**ace; * her clothing is **of** wrought *gold*.

¹⁴ She shall be brought to the king in **em**broidered **rai**ment; * the virgins who are her companions shall bring **her** to *you*.

¹⁵ With joy and glad**ness** shall they **bring** her, * and shall enter into **the** King's pal*ace*.

Instead of your fathers, you shall have sons,* whom you shall make princes in all the *land*.

¹⁷ I will make your Name to be remembered from one generation to another; *

therefore the peoples shall praise you, world without end.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to **the** Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with**out** end. A*men*.

46

Deus noster refugium | Christ brings spiritual joy to a troubled mind

od is **our** refuge **and** strength,*

a very present help **in** trou*ble*.

Therefore we will not **fear**, though the **earth** be moved, * and though the hills be carried into the midst **of** the *sea*;

³ Though **its** waters **rage** and swell,* and though the mountains shake at **its** temp*est*.



- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad **the** city **of** God, * the holy dwelling place of **the** Most *High*.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of her; there**fore** she shall **not** be moved. * God shall help her at **the** break of *day*.
- ⁶ The nations are in an uproar, and **the** kingdoms **are** moved,* but God has lifted his voice, and the earth **shall** melt away.
- ⁷ The LORD **of** hosts is **with** us; * the God of Jacob is **our** refuge.
- ⁸ O come and behold **the** works of **the** LORD, * what devastations he has brought **up**on the *earth*.
- ⁹ He makes wars **to** cease in **all** the world; * he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the chariots in **the** fire.
- ¹⁰ "Be still then **and** know that **I** am God; * I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted **in** the *earth*."
- ¹¹ The LORD **of** hosts is **with** us; * the God of Jacob is **our** refuge.

DAY 9: EVENING PRAYER



Omnes gentes, plaudite | The Apostles speaking of the Ascended Christ

clap your hands together, all you **peo**ples; *
O cry aloud unto **God** with **shouts** of joy.
For the Lord Most High is to be **feared**; *

he is the great King **ov**er **all** the earth.

- 3 He shall subdue the peoples under us,* and the nations under our feet.
- ⁴ He shall choose our inheritance **for** us, * the pride of **Jac**ob **whom** he loved.
- ⁵ God has gone up with a shout of **tri**umph, * the Lord with the sound **of** the **trump**et.
- O sing praises, sing praises unto our God; * O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.
- For God is the King of all the earth; * think upon his mighty acts and praise him with a song.
- 8 God reigns over the **na**tions; *

God sits **on** his **ho**ly throne.

The princes of the peoples are gathered with the people of the God of Abraham; *

for the mighty upon earth have become the servants of the Lord, and he is very **high**ly exalted.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world **with**out **end**. Amen.



Magnus Dominus | The Heavenly Jerusalem is the City of God

reat is the Lord and highly to be **praised** * in the city of our God, even up**on** his **ho**ly hill. The hill of Zion is beautiful and lofty; *

it is the joy of the whole earth.

- Upon the north side lies the city of the great King; * God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.
- ⁴ For behold, the kings of the **earth** * have gathered and advanced together.
- ⁵ They marvelled to **see** such things; * they were astonished and **fled** in **terror**.
- ⁶ Trembling came upon them, and **ang**uish, * as upon a woman in travail.
- ⁷ You caused the east wind to **blow*** and broke apart the **ships** of **Tar**shish.
- As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our **God**; *

God upholds **her** for **ev**er.

- ⁹ We wait for your loving-kindness, O **God**, * in the midst of your temple.
- ¹⁰ O God, according to your Name, so is your praise to the world's end; * your right hand is **full** of **right**eousness.
- Let Mount Zion rejoice, and the cities of Judah be glad,* because of your judgments.
- ¹² Walk about Zion, and go round about her; * count the number of her towers.
- ¹³ Mark well her bulwarks, consider her **strong**holds,* that you may tell those who come after.

This God is our God for ever and ever; * he shall be our guide, even unto death.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world **with**out **end**. Amen.

49

Audite hæc, omnes | "Woe to you who are rich now"

ear this, all you **peo**ples; *

ponder it with your ears, all who **dwell** in **the** world,

High and low, rich and **poor**, *

everyone **with** his **neigh**bor.

My mouth shall speak of wisdom,* and my heart shall muse on understanding.

⁴ I will incline my ear to a **par**able,* and declare my dark **say**ings **with** the harp.

Why should I fear in the days of **wick**edness,* and when the wicked at my heels en**com**pass me **round** about?

⁶ There are some who put their trust **in** their goods, * and boast in the multitude **of** their **rich**es.

⁷ But no one can deliver his **bro**ther, * nor pay unto **God** a **price** for him;

For it is so costly to redeem their souls, * that we should never have enough to pay it,

9 So that they should live for ever, * and should not see the grave.

¹⁰ For we see that wise men die, as well as the ignorant and **fool**ish; * they perish alike and leave their **rich**es for **oth**ers.

And yet they think that their houses shall continue for ever, and that their dwelling places shall endure from one generation to another, *

and they call lands after their own names.

¹² Man is like an ox that has no under**stand**ing; * he is like the **beasts** that **per**ish.



- ¹³ This is the way of their **fool**ishness,* yet their posterity praise their sayings.
- ¹⁴ Like sheep they are appointed to die, and death shall be their **shep**herd; *

they shall go down straight into the sepulcher.

- ¹⁵ Their beauty shall consume away **in** the grave,* which shall be their dwelling place for ever.
- ¹⁶ But God shall save me from the power of **death**,* for he shall deliver my soul.
- ¹⁷ Be not envious if one is made **rich**,* or if the glory of his **house** is **in**creased,
- ¹⁸ For he shall carry nothing away with him when he **dies**,* neither shall his glory follow him.
- ¹⁹ For while he lived, he counted himself **hap**py,* and so long as he did well for himself, **people** spoke well of him.
- ²⁰ He shall follow the generation of his **fath**ers * and shall **nev**er see **the** light.
- ²¹ Those who are honored but have no under**stand**ing * are like the **beasts** that **per**ish.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world **with**out **end**. Amen.





Deus deorum | That Christ will come a second time to judge the world



he *Lord*, even the most mighty **God**, has **spo**ken * and called the world, from the rising of the sun to the **go**ing *down* thereof.

Out of Zion, perfect in her beauty,* has God shone **forth** in *glory*.

- Our God shall come and shall **not** keep **si**lence; * there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up **round** about him.
- ⁴ He shall call to the **hea**vens **a**bove, * and to the earth beneath, that he may judge his people:
- ⁵ "Gather my faithful together unto me,* those who have made a covenant with **me** by *sacr*ifice."
- And the heavens shall declare his righteousness,* for **God** him*self* is Judge.
- ⁷ "Hear, O my **peo**ple, and **I** will speak; * I myself will testify against you, O Israel, for I am God, even your God.
- I will not rebuke you because of your sacrifices, or for **your** burnt **off**erings,*

because they are always before me.

- ⁹ I will take no bull calf **out** of **your** house,* nor he-goat **out** of *your* folds.
- ¹⁰ For all the beasts of the **for**est **are** mine,* and so are the cattle up**on** a *thou*sand hills.
- ¹¹ I know all the **birds** of **the** air, * and the wild beasts of the **field** are *in* my sight.
- ¹² If I were hungry, I **would** not **tell** you, * for the whole world is mine, and **all** that *is* therein.



- ¹³ Do you think that I will **eat** the **flesh** of bulls * and **drink** the *blood* of goats?
- Offer unto God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows unto the Most High,
- ¹⁵ And call upon me in the **time** of **trou**ble; * so will I hear you, and **you** shall *praise* me."
- But to the ungodly God says: *
 "Why do you recite my laws,
 and take my covenant in your mouth,
- ¹⁷ Though you **hate** to be **disc**iplined,* and have cast my **words** be *hind* you?
- When you saw a thief, **you** a**greed** with him, and you have taken part **with** a*dul*terers.
- You have let your mouth speak wickedness,* and with your tongue you have set *forth* deceit.
- ²⁰ You sat and spoke a**gainst** your **broth**er; * yes, and have slandered **your** own *moth*er's son.
- ²¹ These things you have done, **and** I **held** my tongue, * and you thought wickedly that I am such **a** one *as* yourself.
- ²² But I **will** re**prove** you,* and set before you the **things** that *you* have done.
- O consider this, **you** who for**get** God,* lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none **to** de*liv*er you.
- Whoever offers me a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me, * and to him who orders his way aright will I show the salvation of God."

51

Miserere mei, Deus | Penitence: Lust || Most beloved of all saints



ave mercy upon me, O God, in **your** great **good**ness; * according to the multitude of your mercies wipe away **my** of fences.

- Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.
- ³ For I ac**know**ledge **my** faults, * and my sin is ev**er** be*fore* me.
- ⁴ Against you only have I sinned, and done this **evil** in **your** sight,* so that you are justified in your sentence, and blameless **in** your *judg*ment.
- ⁵ Behold, I was brought **forth** in **wick**edness, * and in sin my moth**er** conceived me.
- ⁶ But behold, you desire truth in the inward parts * and shall make me understand wisdom secretly.
- ⁷ You shall purge me with hyssop, and **I** shall **be** clean; * you shall wash me, and I shall be **whit**er *than* snow.
- ⁸ You shall make me hear of **joy** and **glad**ness,* that the bones which you have **bro**ken *may* rejoice.
- ⁹ Turn your **face** from **my** sins, * and blot out **all** my *mis*deeds.
- Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- Cast me not away from your presence,* and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- O give me the comfort of your help again, and sustain me with your willing Spirit.
- ¹³ Then shall I teach your ways un**to** the **wick**ed, * and sinners shall re**turn** un*to* you.
- ¹⁴ Deliver me from blood-guilt, O God, the God of **my** salvation, * and my tongue shall sing **of** your *right*eousness.
- O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth your praise.



- ¹⁶ For you desire no sacrifice, or else I would **give** it **to** you; * but you delight not in burnt-offerings.
- ¹⁷ The sacrifice of God is a **troub**led **spi**rit; * a broken and contrite heart, O God, you shall *not* despise.
- ¹⁸ O be favorable and gracious **un**to **Zi**on; * may you build up the walls **of** Jerusalem.
- ¹⁹ Then you shall be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations; * then shall they offer young bullocks up**on** your altar.

52

Quid gloriaris? | The voice of Christ to Judas, and all who thirst after wickedness

hy do you **boast**, you **ty**rant,* that you **can** do *ev*il; Whereas the goodness of God *

endures **all** the *day* long?

³ Your tongue devises wickedness,* and with lies you cut like **a** sharp *ra*zor.

- ⁴ You have loved unrighteousness **more** than **good**ness * and to utter **lies** more *than* truth.
- ⁵ You have loved to **speak** all **words** that hurt,* O **you** de*ceit*ful tongue.
- ⁶ Therefore, God shall destroy **you** for **ever**; * he shall catch you, and pluck you out of your dwelling, and root you out of the land **of** the *liv*ing.
- ⁷ The righteous also shall **see** this **and** fear,* and **shall** laugh *him* to scorn:

- Behold, this is the one who did not take God for his strength, but trusted in the multitude of his riches and relied on his wickedness."
- ⁹ As for me, I am like a green olive tree **in** the **house** of God; * my trust is in the tender mercy of God for ev**er** and *ev*er.
- ¹⁰ I will always give thanks unto you for **what** you **have** done, * and I will declare your Name among the faithful, **for** it *is* good.

DAY IO: EVENING PRAYER



Dixit insipiens | The voice of the Holy Spirit condemning all who reject God's works

he fool has said in his heart,*

"There is no God."

² They are corrupt and have become abominable

in their wickedness; *

there is none that does good.

- God looked down from heaven upon the **chil**dren *of* men * to see if there were any who would understand and **seek** after **God**.
- ⁴ But they have all gone astray; they have altogether become a**bo**mi*na*ble; *

there is none that does good, **no**, not **one**.

- Have they no knowledge, all the **work**ers of *evil* * who eat up my people as they would eat bread, and call not **up**on **God**?
- ⁶ They were afraid **where** no *fear* was, * for God has broken the bones of those who **be**sieged **you**;



⁷ You have **put** them *to* shame, * because God has **rejected them**.

8 Oh, that salvation were given unto Israel **out** of *Zi*on! * Oh, that God would deliver his people out of **capt**ivity!

⁹ Then shall **Ja**cob *re*joice, * and Israel **shall** be **glad**.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the **Ho**ly *Spi*rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with**out** end. A**men**.

54

Deus, in Nomine | A Christian's plea to God for vindication

ave me, O God, **for** your *Name's* sake, *
and avenge **me** in your **strength**.

Hear **my** prayer, O God, *

and hearken to the words of my mouth.

- ³ For the arrogant have risen **up** a*gainst* me,* and tyrants, who do not have God before their eyes, seek af**ter** my **life**.
- ⁴ Behold, **God** is my *help*er; * the Lord is he who **up**holds my **life**.
- ⁵ He shall repay the evil **of** my en*em*ies. * O destroy them in **your** faithful**ness**.
- ⁶ A freewill offering **will** I *give* you, * and praise your Name, O LORD, because **it** is **good**.
- ⁷ For he has delivered me out of **all** my *trou*ble,* and my eye has seen the ruin of **my** enemies.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the **Ho**ly *Spi*rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with**out** end. A**men**.

55

Exaudi, Deus | The voice of Christ in his Arrest and Trial

ear **my** prayer, O God,*

and hide not yourself from my petition.

🛂 Give heed to **me**, and *hear* me, *

for I am troubled in my prayer and am tormented,

- Because of the cry of the enemy, and oppression **by** the un*god*ly; * for they are of a mind to do me great harm, so maliciously are they set **a**gainst **me**.
- ⁴ My heart is disquieted with *in* me, * and the fear of death has fallen **up**on **me**.
- ⁵ Fearfulness and trembling have **come** up*on* me, * and a horrible dread has overwhelmed me.
- ⁶ And I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove, * for then would I fly away and be at rest.
- ⁷ Indeed, then I would get away **to** a far *off* place * and make my dwelling in **the** wilder**ness**.
- 8 I would make haste to escape,* because of the stormy wind and tempest."
- Onfuse their speech, O Lord, and divide them, for I have seen unrighteousness and strife in the city.
- Day and night they go about within her walls; * trouble and sorrow are in the midst of her.
- ¹¹ Great **wick**edness *is* there; * deceit and guile do **not** leave her **streets**.
- ¹² For it is not an enemy who has done **me** this dis*hon*or, * for then I could **have** borne **it**;
- ¹³ Neither was it my adversary who exalted him**self** a*gainst* me, * for then I would have hidden **my**self from **him**.
- But it was you, my companion, * my comrade and my own familiar friend.
- ¹⁵ We took sweet **couns**el to*ge*ther * and walked in the house **of** God as **friends**.
- Let death come hastily upon them, and let them go down alive into the grave,*

for there is wickedness in their hearts.



- ¹⁷ As for me, I will **call** upon God, * and the LORD **shall** save **me**.
- ¹⁸ In the evening, and morning, and at noonday will I **pray** and *la*ment, *
 and he **shall** hear my **voice**.
- ¹⁹ It is he who shall deliver my soul in peace from the battle that **is** against me, * for there are many **who** fight **me**.
- ²⁰ God, who endures for ever, shall **hear** me and bring *them* down; * for they never change, nor do **they** fear **God**.
- ²¹ My familiar friend has laid his hands upon those who were at peace *with* him,*

and he has broken his covenant.

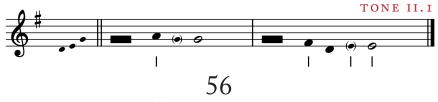
The words of his mouth were softer than butter, yet war was in *his* heart; *
his words were smoother than oil,

and yet they were drawn swords.

- O cast your burden upon the LORD, and **he** shall nour*ish* you, and shall not allow the righteous to fall **for** ever.
- But as for the bloodthirsty and deceitful,* you, O God, shall bring them into the pit of destruction.
- ²⁵ They shall not live **out** half *their* days; * but my trust shall be **in** you ORD.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy *Spi*rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

DAY II: MORNING PRAYER



Miserere mei, Deus | A cry against the flesh || Before taking medicine

e merciful to me, O God, for my adversaries are treading me **down**; *
they are daily fighting **and** troub**ling me**.

My enemies go about hounding me daily,* for there are many who fight against me, O Most High.

Nevertheless, though I am sometimes afraid, * yet I put my trust in you.

- ⁴ In God whose word I praise, in God I trust and **fear** not, * for what can **flesh** do **to me?**
- ⁵ They daily dis**tort** my words; * all that they imagine is to do **me** ev**il**.
- ⁶ They all gather together and lie in **wait**, * and mark my steps, while they seek **after my life.**
- ⁷ Shall they escape despite their wickedness? * O God, in your displeasure cast them down.
- You record my lamentation; put my tears into your **bot**tle.*

 Are not these things noted in your book?
- Whenever I call upon you, then shall my enemies be put to flight; * this I know, for God is on my side.
- ¹⁰ In God, whose word I praise, *
 in the Lord, whose word I praise,
- ¹¹ In God have I put my **trust**; *

I will not be afraid, for what can mortals do to me?

¹² Unto you, O God, will I **pay** my vows; * unto you **will** I **give thanks**.



¹³ For you have delivered my soul from death and my feet from **stumb**ling,*

that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with**out** end. Amen.

57

Miserere mei, Deus | Praise to God the Father for rescuing us from sin

e merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, or my soul trusts in **you**, * and under the shadow of your wings shall be my refuge, until this tribulation has passed.

² I will call unto the Most High **God**,* even unto the God who shall fulfill his purpose for me.

³ He shall send from heaven and save me; he shall confound those who trample **on** me.* God shall send forth his mercy and truth.

⁴ My soul is among lions that devour the **peo**ple; * their teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

Exalt yourself, O God, above the **heav**ens; * let your glory be over all the earth.

⁶ They have laid a net for my feet, and brought **down** my soul; * they dug a pit before me, but have fallen into the midst of it themselves.

⁷ My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is **fixed**; * I will sing and give praise.

Awake, my soul; awake, lute and harp; * I myself will awaken the dawn.

- ⁹ I will give thanks unto you, O Lord, among the **peo**ples, * and I will sing praises unto you among **the** na**tions**.
- ¹⁰ For the greatness of your mercy reaches unto the **heav**ens, * and your truth **un**to **the clouds.**
- ¹¹ Exalt yourself, O God, above the **heav**ens; * let your glory be over all the earth.

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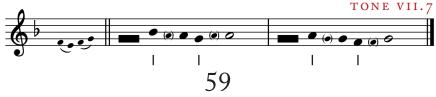
Si vere utique | Christ shall render judgment against those who abuse the poor

o you indeed decree righteousness, O you **rul**ers, * and do you judge uprightly, O child**ren** of **men?**No, you devise evil in your **heart**, * and on the earth your hands deal **out** violence.

- The ungodly err even from their mother's **womb**; * as soon as they are born, they go astray **and** speak **lies**.
- ⁴ They are as venomous as the poison of a **ser**pent, * even like the deaf adder **that** stops **its ears**,
- Which refuses to hear the voice of the **char**mer, no matter how skill**ful** his **charming**.
- ⁶ Break their teeth, O God, in their **mouths**; * smite the jawbones of **the** un**godly**.
- Let them fall away like water that runs off; * let them wither like the grass that is trodden underfoot.
- Let them melt away like a snail,* and be like a stillborn child that does not see the sun.
- ⁹ Before they bear fruit, let them be cut off like a briar; * let them be like thorns and weeds that are swept away.
- ¹⁰ The righteous shall rejoice when they see the **venge**ance; * they shall wash their feet in the blood of **the** un**godly.**
- ¹¹ So that people shall say,
 - "Truly, there is a reward for the **right**eous; * surely, there is a God who **judg**es **the earth**."



DAY II: EVENING PRAYER



Eripe me de inimicis | Of the in-gathering in the Last Days

e-liver me from my enemies, O God; *
defend me from those who rise up against me.
O deliver me from the evildoers, *

and save me from the bloodthirsty.

- ³ For behold, they lie in **wait** for **my** soul; * the mighty are gathered against me, without any offense or **fault** of **mine**, **O** LORD.
- ⁴ They run and prepare them**selves** with**out** cause. * Arise therefore to **help** me, **and be**hold.
- Nise up, O LORD God of hosts, O God of Israel, to visit all the nations,* and be not merciful to those who offend with malicious wickedness.
- ⁶ They go to and **fro** in the **eve**ning; * they howl like dogs, and run about **through** the **ci**ty.
- Behold, they boast with their mouths, and taunts are on their lips, * for they say, "Who will hear us?"
- ⁸ But you, O LORD, shall hold them **in** derision, * and you shall laugh all the **na**tions **to** scorn.

- My strength I will ascribe unto you,* for you are the God of my refuge.
- God shows me his plenteous goodness,* and God shall let me look in triumph upon my enemies.
- Slay them not, lest my **peo**ple for**get** it, * but scatter them abroad by your might, and put them down, O Lord **our** shield.
- ¹² For the sin of their mouth, and for the words of their lips, they shall be **tak**en **in** their pride, * because their talk is **curs**ing **and** lies.
- Consume them in your wrath; consume them, that **they** may **per**ish, * and know that it is God who rules in Jacob, and unto the **ends** of **the** world.
- ¹⁴ In the evening **they** will **re**turn,* howl like dogs, and run about **through** the **ci**ty.
- ¹⁵ They will run **here** and **there** for meat and growl if they **are** not **satis**fied.
- ¹⁶ As for me, I will sing of your power, and will praise your mercy early **in** the **morn**ing,*

for you have been my defense and refuge in the **day** of my **trou**ble.

¹⁷ Unto you, O my **strength**, will **I** sing,* for you, O God, are my refuge, and my **merciful** God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the **Ho**ly **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with**out** end. **A**men.

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Deus, repulisti nos | The Apostles during the Passion || St. Cuthbert's Dirge

God, you have cast us out and **scat**tered **us** abroad; * you have been so displeased; O turn un**to** us **a**gain.

You have made the land to **quake** and di**vid**ed it; * heal the breaches **in** it, **for it** shakes.



- ³ You have made your people to drink a **cup** of **bit**terness; * you have filled us with wine that **makes** us **stag**ger.
- ⁴ You have set up a banner for **those** who **fear** you, * that they may triumph because of **the** truth.
- ⁵ That your beloved may **be** delivered,* help me with your right **hand** and **hear** me.
- God has spoken in his holiness: *
 "I will rejoice and divide Shechem, and parcel out the valley of Succoth.
- Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; * Ephraim also is the helmet for my head; Judah is my scepter.
- Moab is my wash pot; on Edom I will cast my shoe; * over Philistia will I shout in triumph."
- Who will lead me into the strong city? *
 Who will bring me into Edom?
- Have you not **cast** us **out**, O God? *
 Will you not, O God, go out **with** our **arm**ies?
- ¹¹ O be our **help** in **trou**ble,* for vain **is** the **help** of man.
- ¹² Through God we will do great acts,*
 for it is he who shall tread down our enemies.

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Exaudi, Deus | The voice of the Church asking to be sheltered under Christ's wings

ear **my** cry, **O** God; *
give ear **un**to **my** prayer.
From the ends of the ear

From the ends of the earth I will **call** up**on** you * when my **heart** is in **heavi**ness.

- O set me upon the rock that is **high**er **than** I,* for you have been my refuge and a strong tower for me a**gainst** the **ene**my.
- Let me dwell in your tabernacle for ever,* and my refuge shall be under the covering of your wings.
- ⁵ For you, O **God**, have **heard** my vows, * and have given a heritage to **those** who **fear your** Name.
- ⁶ You shall grant the **king** a **long** life, * that his years may endure throughout all **gen**erations.
- His throne shall abide before God for ever; *
 O prepare your loving mercy and faithfulness, that they may preserve him.
- So will I always sing praise unto your Name, * that I may daily perform my vows.

DAY 12: MORNING PRAYER



Nonne Deo? | Christ is the Hope of the Church

or *God* alone my **soul** in si*lence* waits; * from him comes my **sal**va**tion**.

He truly is my strength and **my** salvation;*

he is my defense, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.

- How long will you assail a man to crush him, all of **you** to *ge*ther, as if you were a tottering wall or **a** broken **fence**?
- ⁴ Their plan is only to bring down the one whom **God** has ex*al*ted; * their delight is in lies;

they bless with their mouth, but curse with their heart.



- ⁵ Nevertheless, for God alone my **soul** in si*lence* waits, * for my hope **is** in **him**.
- ⁶ He truly is my strength and **my** sal*va*tion; * he is my defense, so that **I** shall not **fall**.
- ⁷ In God is my help **and** my *glory*; * he is the rock of my might, and in **him** is my **trust**.
- ⁸ O put your trust in him **al**ways, you *peo*ple; * pour out your hearts before him, for God **is** our **hope**.
- ⁹ As for the children of men, **they** are but *a* breath; * the children of men are deceitful; upon the scales, they are altogether ligh**ter** than a **breath**.
- O trust not in oppression; put not vain **hopes** in rob*bery*; * if riches increase, set not your heart **up**on **them**.
- One thing has God spoken; indeed, two things have I heard him say: * that power belongs to our God;
- ¹² And that you, O **Lord**, are mer*ci*ful,* for you reward everyone accord**ing** to his **work**.

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Deus, Deus meus | The soul coming out of darkness and longing for Christ

God, **you** are *my* God; *
early will **I** seek **you**.

My soul thirsts for you, my flesh.

My soul thirsts for you, my flesh also **longs** aft*er* you, * in a barren and dry land where there is **no** wa**ter.**

³ Thus I have looked upon you **in** your ho*ly* place, * that I might behold your power **and** glory.

- For your loving-kindness is better **than** life *it*self; * my lips **shall** praise **you**.
- ⁵ As long as I live I will **mag**nify you,* and lift up my hands **in** your **Name**.
- ⁶ My soul shall be satisfied, as with **mar**row and *fat*ness, * when my mouth praises you **with** joyful **lips**.
- When I remember you on my bed,*
 I meditate on you in the watches of the night.
- Because you have **been** my *hel*per, * therefore under the shadow of your wings **I** will re**joice**.
- My soul clings to you; * your right hand has upheld me.
- Those who seek to destroy my life * shall go down into the earth.
- Let them fall upon the **edge** of *the* sword,* that they may be a portion **for** jack**als**.
- But the King shall rejoice in God; all those who swear by him shall **be** com*mended*,* for the mouth of those who speak **lies** shall be **stopped**.

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Exaudi, Deus | The voice of the innocent preacher of the Gospel

ear my voice, O **God**, in *my* prayer; *
preserve my life from fear of **the** enemy.

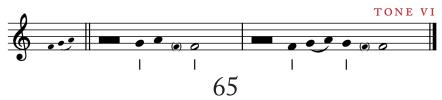
Hide me from the gathering together **of** the *wicked*, *
and from the tumult of evildo**er**s,

- Who have whet their **tongue** like *a* sword,* and shoot out their arrows, even bitter words,
- ⁴ That they may secretly shoot at the one **who** is *blame*less; * suddenly do they shoot him, **and** fear **not**.
- They hold fast to their **ev**il *pur*pose,* and discuss among themselves how they may lay snares, and say that no one **shall** see **them**.



- ⁶ They imagine wickedness, and **pract**ice a cun*ning* plot; * for the human heart and mind **are** very **deep**.
- ⁷ But God shall suddenly shoot at them **with** a swift *ar*row, * and they shall **be** wound**ed**.
- ⁸ Indeed, their own **tongues** shall make *them* fall, * so that all who see them shall laugh **them** to **scorn**.
- ⁹ And all shall fear and tell **what** God *has* done, * for they shall perceive that **it** is his **work**.
- The righteous shall rejoice in the LORD and put their trust in him,* and all who are true of heart shall be glad.

DAY 12: EVENING PRAYER



Te decet hymnus | The voice of the Church that Christ is the hope of all lands

ou, O God, are to be praised in Zion,*
and unto you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
You who hear our prayer,*

unto you shall all flesh come.

- My misdeeds prevail against me; *
 O be merciful and blot out our sins.
- ⁴ Blessèd is the man whom you choose and receive **un**to **yourself**; * he shall dwell in your courts, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of your house, even of your **ho**/y **temp**le.

⁵ You shall show us wonderful things in your righteousness, O God of our **sal**va**tion**,*

for you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the isles **that** *are* **far** away.

- ⁶ You in your strength set firm **the** moun**tains**, * and are girded a**bout** *with* **pow**er.
- ⁷ You still the raging of the seas,*

the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the peoples.

⁸ Those who dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be in fear of **your** won**ders**; *

you make the morning and evening to shout with joy.

⁹ You visit the earth **and** bless **it**; * you make it **ve**ry **plent**eous.

¹⁰ The river of God is full **of** water; *

you prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

- ¹¹ You water its furrows; you send rain into the little valleys; * you make it soft with the drops of rain and bless the **in***crease* **of** it.
- ¹² You crown the year with **your** good**ness**, * and your paths over**flow** *with* **plen**ty.
- ¹³ The fields of the wilderness are rich **in** pas**ture**, * and the little hills re**joice** *on* **eve**ry side.
- The folds shall be full of sheep; * the valleys also shall stand so thick with grain that they shall laugh and sing.

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.

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Jubilate Deo | The voice of the Apostles that Christ is to be adored by all

e joyful in **God**, all **you lands**; * sing praises to the honor of his Name; make his praise **to** *be* **glor**ious.

Say to God, "How wonderful are your works; " through the greatness of your power shall your enemies cower before you.



- ³ For all the world **shall** wor**ship you**, * sing to you, **and** *praise* **your** Name."
- O come and see the works of God,* how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.
- ⁵ He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot; *

therefore in him **let** us **re**joice.

- 6 He rules with his power for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; * let not the rebellious exalt themselves.
- Bless our God, you peoples, * and make the voice of his praise to be heard,
- Who holds **our** soul **in life**, * and does not allow **our** *feet* **to** slip.
- For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us, as silver is tried.
- You brought us into the snare * and laid trouble upon our backs.
- You allowed men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; * but you brought us out into a place of plenty.
- ¹² I will go into your house with **burnt** offerings * and will **pay** *you* **my** vows,
- ¹³ Even those which I promised with my lips * and spoke with my mouth when I was *in* trouble.
- ¹⁴ I will offer you burnt sacrifices of fattened beasts, with the incense of rams; *

I will offer **bul**locks and goats.

- ¹⁵ Come here and listen, all you **who** fear **God**, * and I will tell you what **he** *has* **done** for me.
- ¹⁶ I called to **him** with **my mouth**, * and gave him **prai**ses **with** my tongue.

- ¹⁷ If I had inclined toward wickedness with my heart, * the Lord would not have heard me.
- But God has heard me * and considered the voice of my prayer.
- Blessèd be God who has not refused my prayer, * nor turned his mercy from me.

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Deus misereatur | Christ is the light of believers

ay God be merciful unto us, **and** bless **us**, * and show us the light of his countenance, and be merci**ful** *un***to** us.

- Let your way be known upon earth,* your saving health among all nations.
- ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; * indeed, let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ O let the nations rejoice **and** be **glad**, * for you shall judge the peoples righteously, and govern the nations *up*on earth.
- ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.
- Then shall the earth bring forth **her** increase, * and God, even our own God, shall give **us** *his* **bles**sing.
- God shall bless us,* and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

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.





Exsurgat Deus | About the Resurrection and Ascension | St. Anthony's shield

et *God* arise, and let his ene**mies** be **scat**tered; * let those who hate him also flee before him. ² As the smoke vanishes, so shall **you** drive **them** away; * and as wax melts before the fire, so let the ungodly perish before **the** presence **of** God.

- But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; * let them also be merry and joyful.
- ⁴ O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name; magnify him who rides upon the heavens.* The LORD is his Name; rejoice before him.
- He is a father of the fatherless and defends the cause of the widows,* God in his holy habitation.
- He is the God who gives the solitary a home, and brings the prisoners out of captivity, * but lets the rebellious **dwell** in a **desert** land.
- O God, when you went forth before the people,* when you went through the wilderness,
- The earth shook, and the heavens poured forth rain at the **pres**ence of **God**,*
 - even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God, who is **the** God of **Isra**el.
- ⁹ You, O God, sent a gracious rain upon **your** in**her**itance * and refreshed the land when it was weary.
- ¹⁰ Your congregation **found** a **dwel**ling there,* for you, O God, of your goodness have provided for the poor.
- ¹¹ The Lord gave the word; great was the company of those who **pro**claimed the **ti**dings.

- Kings with their armies fled, they fled, and the women at home divided the spoil.
- ¹³ Though you have lain among the sheepfolds,* yet shall you be like the wings of a dove that are covered with silver, and whose feathers shine like gold.
- When the Almighty scattered kings, * it was as if it snowed in Zalmon.
- ¹⁵ As the hill of Bashan, so is God's hill, * even a high hill, as the hill of Bashan.
- Why look with envy, you high hills? This is God's hill, on which it pleases him to dwell; * surely, the LORD will abide on it for ever.
- ¹⁷ The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels, *

and the Lord has come from Sinai **in**to the **holy** place.

- You have gone up on high; you have led captivity captive, and received gifts from men,* even from your enemies, that the LORD God might dwell among them.
- ¹⁹ Praised be **the** Lord **daily**,*

even the God who helps us and pours his benefits upon us.

- ²⁰ He is our God, the God from **whom** salvation comes; * God is the LORD, by **whom** we escape death.
- ²¹ God shall wound the head **of** his **en**emies,* and the hairy scalp of those who per**sist** in their **wicked**ness.
- ²² The Lord has said,
 - "I will bring back my people again, as I **did** from **Ba**shan; * my own will I bring back again, as I did before from **the** depths of **the** sea,
- ²³ That your foot may be dipped in the blood **of** your **en**emies, * and that the tongues of your **dogs** may be **red with** blood."
- Your solemn procession is seen, O God,* how you go into the sanctuary, my God and King.
- ²⁵ The singers go before, the musicians **follow after**; * in the midst are the maidens **play**ing the **timb**rels.



- ²⁶ Give thanks unto God in the **con**gregations,* unto the LORD, the fountain of Israel.
- ²⁷ There is little Benjamin their ruler, and the princes of Judah their counsel,* the princes of Zebulon, and the princes of Naphtali.
- ²⁸ O God, send **forth** your **strength**; * establish, O God, what you have wrought in us.
- ²⁹ For your temple's sake **at** Jerusalem,* kings shall bring presents unto you.
- ³⁰ Rebuke the beasts that **dwell** among the reeds,* a herd of bulls with their calves;
- ³¹ Rebuke the peoples who trample on those whom you have **tried** as **sil**ver,*

and scatter the peoples who delight in war.

- ³² Then shall they bring tribute **out** of Egypt; * Ethiopia shall stretch out **her** hands un**to** God.
- ³³ Sing unto God, O you **king**doms **of** the earth; * O sing praises unto the Lord,
- ³⁴ Unto God who sits in the heavens over all from **the** be**gin**ning; * he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.
- ³⁵ Ascribe power to God **ov**er **Is**rael; his worship and strength are in the clouds.
- ³⁶ O God, you are wonderful in your **ho**ly **pla**ces; * the God of Israel will give strength and power to his people. Blessèd **be** God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the **Ho**ly **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

DAY 13: EVENING PRAYER



Salvum me fac | Christ in his Passion, concerning Jews who rejected him

ave me, OGod, * †

for the waters have come **up** even **to** my neck.

🌌 I sink down in the deep mire, where there **is** no **ground**; *

I have come into deep waters, so that **the** floods run **o**ver me.

- ³ I am weary of crying; my **throat** is **dry**; * my sight fails me from waiting **so** long for **my** God.
- Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; * those who are my enemies, and would
- destroy me wrong**ful**ly, are **might**y.

 They bid me restore **things** I **nev**er took.*
- O God, you know my foolishness, and my faults are **not** hidden **from** you.
- ⁶ Let not those who trust in you, O Lord God of hosts, be a**shamed** because of me; *

let not those who seek you be confounded through me, **O** God of **Is**rael.

- ⁷ Surely for your sake have I suffered reproach; * shame has covered my face.
- ⁸ I have become a stranger **to** my **breth**ren, * unknown to **my** mother's **child**ren,
- ⁹ Because zeal for your house has consumed me,* and the reproaches of those who reproached you have fallen upon me.
- ¹⁰ I wept, and humbled myself with fasting, * but that was turned to my reproach.
- ¹¹ I put on **sack**cloth **al**so,* and I became a **by**word a**mong** them.





- ¹² Those who sit in the gate **speak** against me, * and the drunkards **make** songs about me.
- ¹³ But, LORD, I make my **prayer** to **you** * in an **ac**cepta**ble** time.
- ¹⁴ Hear me, O God, in the multitude **of** your **mer**cy, * even in the truth **of** your salvation.
- Take me out of the mire, lest I sink; *
 O let me be delivered from those who hate me, and out of the deep waters.
- Let not the floodwaters drown me, neither let the deep swallow me up,* and let not the pit shut its mouth upon me.
- ¹⁷ Hear me, O LORD, for your loving-kindness is **good**; * turn to me according to the multi**tude** of your **mer**cies;
- And hide not your face from your servant, for I **am** in **trou**ble; * O **hast**en and **hear** me.
- Draw near to **me** and **save** me; *
 O deliver me be**cause** of my **en**emies.
- ²⁰ You have known my reproach, my shame, and **my** dishonor; * my adversaries are all in your sight.
- Reproach has broken my heart; I am full of heaviness; * I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no one, neither have I found any to comfort me.
- They **gave** me **gall** to eat, * and when I was thirsty they gave **me** vine**gar** to drink.
- ²³ Let their table be**come** a **snare** for them,* and let their prosperity **be**come a **trap** for them.
- Let their eyes be blinded, that they may not see,* and make their loins tremble continually.
- ²⁵ Pour out your indigna**tion** up**on** them, * and let your wrathful displea**sure** over**take** them.
- ²⁶ Let their habitation be desolate, * and let no one dwell in their tents.

- ²⁷ For they persecute him whom **you** have **strick**en,* and they talk of the pain of **those** you have **wound**ed.
- Lay to their charge guilt upon guilt,* and let them not receive your vindication.
- ²⁹ Let them be wiped out of the book **of** the **liv**ing, * and not be written **a**mong the **right**eous.
- ³⁰ As for me, when I am **poor** and **in** pain, * your help, **O** God, shall **lift** me up.
- ³¹ I will praise the Name of God with a song, * and magnify it with thanksgiving.
- This also shall please the LORD * more than an ox or a bullock that has horns and hooves.
- ³³ The humble shall consider this **and** be **glad**; * seek after God **and** your hearts **shall** live.
- ³⁴ For **the** LORD **hears** the poor * and does not **de**spise his **pris**oners.
- 35 Let heaven **and** earth **praise** him, * the sea, **and** all that **moves** therein.
- ³⁶ For God will save Zion and build the cities of **Ju**dah, * that they may dwell there and have it in possession.
- ³⁷ The posterity of his servants **shall** in**her**it it, * and those who love **his** Name shall **dwell** therein.

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Deus, in adjutorium | Christ is the help of believers

asten, O God, **to** de**liv**er me; *
make haste **to** help me, **O** LORD.

Let them be ashamed and confounded who seek aft**er** my **life**; *

let them be turned back and put to confusion who wish me evil.

3 Let them be soon **brought** to **shame** * who cry over **me**, "Aha! Aha!"



- ⁴ But let all those who seek you be joyful and glad in you; * and let all who delight in your salvation say always, "The LORD be praised."
- ⁵ As for me, I am poor **and** in **mis**ery; * has**ten** to me, **O** God.
- You are my helper and my deliverer; * O LORD, do not tarry.

DAY 14: MORNING PRAYER

TONE V. I

In te, Domine, speravi | Christ opens our lips to declare his glory

n you, O Lord, have I put my **trust**; *
let me nev**er** be **put** to shame.

Rescue me and deliver me in your **right**eousness; * incline your ear to **me** and **save** me.

- Be my rock and my refuge, where I may always return; * you have promised to help me, for you are my stronghold and my fortress.
- ⁴ Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the un**god**ly, * out of the hand of the un**right**eous **and** the cruel.
- ⁵ For you, O LORD God, are the one I **long** for; * you are my hope, **ev**en **from** my youth.

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- Through you have I been upheld ever since I was born; * you took me out of my mother's womb; my praise shall be always of you.
- I have become a portent to many; * but you are my refuge and my strength.
- 8 O let my mouth be filled **with** your praise, * that I may sing of your glory **all** the **day** long.
- ⁹ Cast me not away in the time of **old** age; * forsake me not when **my** strength **fails** me.
- For my enemies speak against me, and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together. *

They say, "God has forsaken him; pursue him and take him for ther

pursue him and take him, for there is none to deliver him."

- ¹¹ Go not far from me, O **God**; * my God, make **haste** to **help** me.
- Let those who are my adversaries be confounded and perish; * let those who seek to do me evil be covered with shame and dishonor.
- ¹³ As for me, I will always patiently abide, * and will praise you more and more.
- My mouth shall speak daily of your righteousness and salvation,* for I know not the end of them.
- ¹⁵ I will go forth in the strength of the LORD God, * and will make mention of your righteousness, yours alone.
- ¹⁶ You, O God, have taught me **from** my youth; * even to this day I am telling **of** your **wond**rous works.
- ¹⁷ Forsake me not, O God, in my old age, when I am gray-**head**ed, * until I have proclaimed your strength to this generation, and your power to all those **who** are **yet** to come.
- Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens; * you have done great things. Who is like you, O God?
- Oh, what great troubles and adversities you have shown me! And yet you have turned and refreshed me; * indeed, you have brought me again from the depths of the earth.



- You have brought me to great honor * and comforted me on every side;
- ²¹ Therefore will I praise you and your faithfulness, O God, playing on a stringed **ins**trument; *

to you will I sing with the harp, O Holy **One** of **Is**rael.

My lips will rejoice when I **sing** to you *

- My lips will rejoice when I sing to you,* and so will my soul, which you have delivered.
- ²³ My tongue also shall speak of your righteousness all the **day** long, * for they are confounded and brought to shame who seek to **do** me **e**vil.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with**out** end. **A**men.

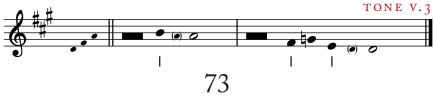
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Deus, judicium | The voice of the Church concerning Christ

ive the King your judgments, O **God**,*
and your righteousness **to** the **King's** son.
Then shall he judge your people with **right**eousness *
and defend the **poor** with **just**ice.

- The mountains also shall bring **peace**, * and the little hills righteousness **to** the **peo**ple.
- ⁴ He shall vindicate the poor among the **peo**ple, * defend the children of the poor, and punish **the** wrong**do**er.
- ⁵ They shall fear you as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation **to** another.
- ⁶ He shall come down like the rain upon the **mown** grass, * even as showers that **water the** earth.
- ⁷ In his time shall the righteous **flour**ish,* even an abundance of peace, so long **as** the **moon** endures.

- ⁸ His dominion shall be also from one sea to the **oth**er, * and from the river un**to** the **world's** end.
- Those who dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him; his enemies shall lick the dust.
- ¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall give **pres**ents; * the kings of Arabia and **Se**ba **shall** bring gifts.
- ¹¹ All kings shall fall down before him; * all nations shall **do** him **ser**vice.
- ¹² For he shall deliver the poor **when** he cries, * the needy also, and the one that **has** no **help**er.
- He shall be favorable to the lowly and **needy**, and shall preserve the **lives** of **the** poor.
- ¹⁴ He shall deliver them from falsehood and wrong, * and dear shall their **blood** be **in** his sight.
- 15 Long may he live!
 - And unto him shall be given the gold of Arabia; * prayer shall ever be made unto him, and daily shall he be blessed.
- There shall be an abundance of grain on the earth, thick upon the **hill**tops; *
 its fruit shall flourish like Lebanon,
 its grain like the **grass** up**on** the earth.
- His Name shall endure for ever; his Name shall remain as long as the sun.* All the nations shall be blessed through him and shall call him blessèd.
- Blessèd be the LORD God, even the God of Israel, * who alone does wondrous things;
- ¹⁹ And blessèd be the Name of his majesty for **ev**er; * and all the earth shall be filled with his majesty. **A**men, **A**men.



Quam bonus Isræl! | Christ repays the deeds of the ungodly

ruly, God is loving to **Is**rael, *
even to those who **have** a **clean** heart.

Nevertheless, my feet had almost **stumb**led; *

my **steps** had **near**ly slipped.

For I was envious of the proud * when I saw the ungodly in such prosperity.

⁴ For they are in no fear of **death**, * but their bodies are **healthy and** strong.

⁵ They come to no misfortune like **oth**er folk, * neither are they afflic**ted** like **oth**ers.

⁶ Therefore they wear pride as a **neck**lace,* and they wrap themselves with violence as **with** a **gar**ment.

⁷ Their eyes swell with greed,* and their hearts overflow with wicked thoughts.

8 Their talk is malice and **mock**ery; *

they have proud looks, and tyrannous words are on their lips.

⁹ For they set their mouth against the **heavens**, * and their evil **speech** spreads **through** the world.

¹⁰ Therefore the people **turn** to them, * and **find** no **fault** in them.

They say, "How should God perceive it? * Is there knowledge in the Most High?"

¹² Behold, these are the un**god**ly; *

they prosper in their ways, and they have riches in possession.

¹³ I said, "Surely in vain have I cleansed my heart * and washed my hands in innocence."

¹⁴ All the day long have I been afflicted, * and chastened **ev**ery **morn**ing.

- Indeed, had I spoken as they do,* then would I have betrayed the generation of your children.
- ¹⁶ When I sought to understand this, * it was too hard for me,
- ¹⁷ Until I went into the sanctuary of **God**; * then I **un**der**stood** their end.
- ¹⁸ Surely, you set them in slippery **places**, * and cast them down, **and** de**stroy** them.
- ¹⁹ Oh, how suddenly are **they** consumed; * they perish and come **to** a **fear**ful end.
- ²⁰ Indeed, like a dream when one awakens, * so shall you make their image vanish out of the city.
- ²¹ Thus my heart was **grieved**,* and I was **wound**ed **with**in;
- ²² So foolish was I, and **ig**norant, * as if I were a **beast** be**fore** you.
- ²³ Nevertheless, I am always **with** you, * for you hold me **by** my **right** hand.
- ²⁴ You shall guide me with your **coun**sel,* and after that receive **me** with **glo**ry.
- Whom have I in heaven but **you**?*

 And there is no one on earth whom I desire in com**par**is**on** with you.
- Though my flesh and my heart **fail** me,*
 God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.
- ²⁷ For behold, those who forsake you shall **per**ish; * you destroy all those who are un**faith**ful **to** you.
- But it is good for me to hold fast to God, to put my trust in the LORD GoD,* and to speak of all your works in the gates of the city of Zion.



Ut quid, Deus? | Christ speaking of his enemies || The lament at the Dissolution

God, why have you utterly **cast** us off? * Why is your wrath so hot against the sheep **of** your **pas**ture?

² O think upon your congregation * whom you have purchased and redeemed of old.

³ Think upon the tribe of your in**her**itance,* and Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.

- ⁴ Draw near and behold how all is made **de**solate * and how the enemy has destroyed all that is in your **sanctuary**.
- ⁵ Your adversaries roar in the midst of your **ho**ly place * and set up their banners as tokens of victory.
- ⁶ Like hewers of timber in a thicket of **trees**, * so have they broken down all the carved work with axes and hammers.
- ⁷ They have set fire to your **ho**ly place * and have defiled the dwelling place of your Name, even to the ground.
- They said in their hearts, "Let us make havoc of them altogether."* Thus have they burnt up all the houses of **God** in **the** land.
- ⁹ We do not see any signs; there is not one prophet **anymore**; * there is no one who knows how long these things **shall** con**tin**ue.
- ¹⁰ O God, how long shall the adversary do this dis**hon**or?* How long shall the enemy blaspheme your **Name**, for **ever**?
- ¹¹ Why do you withdraw your **hand?*** Why do you not take your right hand out of your bosom to consume the enemy?
- ¹² For God is my **King** of old; * he is the one bringing **help** up**on** the earth.

- You divided the sea through your **pow**er; * you broke the heads of the dragons **in** the **wa**ters.
- You smote the heads of Leviathan in **pie**ces * and gave him to be food for the people **in** the **wild**erness.
- ¹⁵ You brought fountains and waters out of the **hard** rocks, * and you dried up **mighty waters**.
- ¹⁶ The day is yours, and the **night** is yours; * you have prepared the **light** and **the** sun.
- You have set all the borders of the **earth**; * you have made sum**mer** and **wint**er.
- ¹⁸ Remember this, O LORD, how the enemy **scoffed**,* and how the foolish people have **blas**phemed **your** Name.
- ¹⁹ Deliver not the soul of your turtledove to the **wild** beasts, * and forget not for ever the **lives** of **your** poor.
- Look upon your **cov**enant,* for the dark places of the earth are **full** of **vi**olence.
- Let not the oppressed go away ashamed,*
 but let the poor and needy give **praise** to **your** Name.
- Arise, O God, maintain your own cause; * remember how the foolish one blasphemes you daily.
- ²³ Forget not the voice of your **en**emies,*
 nor the tumult of those who hate you, which increases **ev**er **more** and more.



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Confitebimur tibi | Christ drank the cup of the Passion for our Redemption

nto you, O God, do we give thanks; *
indeed, unto you do we give thanks.
Those who call upon your Name *

declare **your** wondrous works.

- ³ "Surely at the time **which** I **appoint**, *
 I, the Lord, will judge according *to* **what** is right.
- ⁴ The earth shakes with fear, and all **that** dwell **therein**; * but I, even I, have made **firm** *its* **pil**lars.
- ⁵ I say to the proud, **You** should **not boast!**'*
 And to the ungodly, 'Do not **lift** *up* **your** horn!
- On not lift up your horn on high, nor speak with a stiff neck."
- ⁷ For help comes neither from the east **nor** from **the west**, * nor yet from the wilderness **or** *the* **mount**ains.
- For it is God who is the Judge; * he puts down one and lifts up another.
- For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is foaming; *

it is fully mixed, and he pours it out.

- ¹⁰ As for **the** dregs **of it**,*
 all the ungodly of the earth shall drink them **and** *drain* **them** out.
- ¹¹ But I will magnify the God **of** Ja**cob** * and praise him for e**ver** *and* **ev**er.
- ¹² All the horns of the ungodly will **I break**, * but the horns of the righteous shall **be** *exalt*ed.

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Notus in Judæa | Christ was preached throughout Judea, to the ends of the earth

😿 n Ju**dah** God **is known**; *

his Name is **great** in **Is**rael.

At Salem is his tab**er**na**cle**,*

and his dwelling is in Zion.

- ³ There he broke the arrows of the bow, * the shield, the sword, and the weapons of battle.
- ⁴ You are of more honor and might * than the **everlast**ing hills.
- ⁵ The strong of heart have been despoiled; they have slept their sleep; * and all those whose hands were mighty have lost their strength.
- ⁶ At your rebuke, O God **of** Ja**cob**, * both the chariot and horse lie **stunned** *up***on** the ground.
- ⁷ You, even you, are to be feared, * and who may stand in your sight when you are angry?
- ⁸ You caused your judgment to be heard **from** heaven; the earth trembled and was silent,
- ⁹ When God arose to judgment * and to help all **the** *meek* **up**on earth.
- ¹⁰ The wrath of man shall be **turned** to **your praise**, * and the remnant of fierceness you shall restrain.
- ¹¹ Make a vow unto the Lord your God and keep it, all you who are round about him; * bring gifts unto him who is **wor**thy **to** be feared.
- ¹² He restrains the spirit **of** princes,* and is feared among **the** *kings* **of** the earth.

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 with**out** end. Amen.



Voce mea ad Dominum | Christ alone works great marvels

will cry unto $oldsymbol{\mathsf{God}}$ with $oldsymbol{\mathsf{my}}$ voice; * even unto God will I cry with my voice, and he shall **heark**en **un**to me.

- ² In the time of my trouble I sought **the Lord**; * my hands were stretched out in the night without rest; my soul **re**fused **com**fort.
- When I think upon God, I groan; * when I ponder, my spirit grows faint.
- ⁴ You hold my eyelids open;

I am so troubled **that** *I* **can**not speak.

- I consider **the** days **of old**; *
- I call to remembrance the **years** *that* **are** past. ⁶ In the night I commune with **my** own **heart**; *
 - I meditate and search my spirit.
- Will the Lord cast me off **for** ever,* and will he no more show his favor?
- Is his mercy gone **for** ev**er**,* and has his promise come utterly to an **end** for **ev**ermore?
- ⁹ Has God forgotten to **be** gracious,* and will he withhold his loving-kindness in displeasure?
- ¹⁰ And I said, "Has his right hand **be**come weak? * Has the hand of the **Most** *High* **lost** its strength?"
- ¹¹ I will remember the works of the LORD, * and call to mind your wonders of old time.
- ¹² I will think also **of** all **your works**, and my talk **shall** be **of** your deeds.
- ¹³ Your way, O God, **is** holy; * who is so great a **God** as **our** God?

- ¹⁴ You are the God who **does** won**ders**, * and have declared your power among the peoples.
- ¹⁵ You have mightily delivered your people,* even the sons of Jacob and Joseph.
- ¹⁶ The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and were afraid; * the depths also were troubled.
- ¹⁷ The clouds poured out water, the **skies** thun**dered**, * and your arrows **flashed** on **ev**ery side.
- ¹⁸ The voice of your thunder was heard in the whirlwind; the lightning lit up the world; *

the earth was moved and shook.

- ¹⁹ Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the **great** waters,* yet your footsteps were not seen.
- ²⁰ You led your people like sheep * by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

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 with**out** end. Amen.

DAY 15: EVENING PRAYER



Attendite, popule | Christ feeds his people with spiritual food

 \mathbf{W} ear my teaching, \mathbf{O} my peo ple; * incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

🛂 I will open my mouth **in** a pa*ra*ble; *

I will utter dark sayings of old,

Which we have heard and known,* and such as our forefathers have told us,



⁴ That we should not hide them from the children of the generations *to* come, *

but show the honor of the LORD,

his mighty and wonderful works that he has done.

- ⁵ He made a covenant with Jacob, and gave **Is**rael *a* law, * which he commanded our forefathers to teach **their** child**ren**,
- ⁶ That their posterity might *know* it, * and the children which were yet unborn;
- With the intent that when they came up * they might show it to their children,
- That they might put their trust in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;
- And not be as their forefathers, a faithless and stubborn generation,* a generation that did not set their heart aright, and whose spirit did not cleave steadfastly to God,
- ¹⁰ Like the children of Ephraim, archers **car**rying bows, * who turned back in the day **of** battle.
- ¹¹ They did not keep the **cov**enant *of* God, * and would not walk **in** his **law**,
- ¹² But for**got** what he *had* done, * and the wonderful works that he **had** shown **them**.
- ¹³ Marvelous things he did in the sight **of** our fore *fath*ers, * in the land of Egypt, even in the field **of** Zoan.
- ¹⁴ He divided the sea and **let** them *go* through; * he made the waters to stand **in** a **heap**.
- ¹⁵ In the daytime he **led** them with *a* cloud, * and all the night through with **a** light of **fire**.
- He split the hard rocks in the wilderness * and gave them drink in abundance, as out of the great deep.

- ¹⁷ He brought waters **out** of the sto*ny* rock, * so that it gushed out like **the** rivers.
- ¹⁸ Yet for all this they sinned **more** a*gainst* him, * and provoked the Most High in **the** wilder**ness**.
- They tested **God** in *their* hearts * and demanded food for **their** craving.
- ²⁰ They spoke a**gainst** God, saying,*

"Can God prepare a table in **the** wilder**ness**?

²¹ Indeed, he smote the stony rock, so that water gushed out, and the **streams** o*ver*flowed; *

but can he give bread also, or provide meat for **his** people?"

- When the LORD heard this, **he** was full *of* wrath; * so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and there flared up fierce anger against Israel,
- ²³ Because they did **not** believe *in* God,* and did not put their trust **in** his **help**.
- ²⁴ So he commanded the clouds *a*bove * and opened the doors of heaven.
- ²⁵ He rained down manna up**on** them *to* eat * and gave them food **from** heaven.
- ²⁶ So mortals ate the **bread** of *angels*; * for he sent **them** food **enough**.
- ²⁷ He caused the east wind to **blow** in the *hea*vens, * and through his power he brought in **the** south **wind**.
- ²⁸ He rained meat upon them **as** thick *as* dust * and feathered fowl like the sand **of** the **sea**.
- ²⁹ He let it **fall** among *their* tents, * even round about their habitations.
- ³⁰ So they ate and were well filled, for he gave them **what** they *de*sired; * they did not deny themselves **their** cravings,
- But while the food was yet in their mouths, the heavy wrath of God came upon them, and slew the **might**iest *of* them, and struck down the young men **of** Isra**el**.
- ³² But for all this **they** sinned *yet* more, * and did not believe **his** wondrous **works**.



- ³³ Therefore he brought their days to an **end** in van*ity* * and their years **in** trou**ble**.
- When he **slew** them, they *sought* him, and returned, and inquired after **God**.
- ³⁵ And they remembered that **God** was *their* rock, * and the Most High God was their **re**deem**er**.
- ³⁶ Nevertheless, they flattered **him** with *their* mouth * and spoke deceitfully to **him** with their **tongue**.
- ³⁷ For their heart was **not** fixed *on* him, * neither did they continue steadfast in **his** cove**nant**.
- ³⁸ But he was so merciful that he forgave **their** iniq*ui*ties * and did not **de**stroy **them**.
- ³⁹ Indeed, many times he **turned** his wrath *away* * and would not permit his displea**sure** to a**rise**.
- ⁴⁰ For he considered that **they** were *but* flesh, * that they were even as the wind that passes away and **comes** not a**gain**.
- ⁴¹ Many times they provoked him **in** the wil*der*ness * and grieved him in **the** de**sert**.
- ⁴² They turned **back**, and test*ed* God,* and provoked the Holy One **of** Isra**el**.
- ⁴³ They remembered **not** his *powe*r, * nor the day when he delivered them from the hand of **the** enemy,
- ⁴⁴ How he had wrought his miracles in Egypt * and his wonders in the field of Zo-an.
- ⁴⁵ He turned their **wat**ers in*to* blood,* so that they might not drink of **the** riv**ers**.
- ⁴⁶ He sent flies among them, **which** devoured *them* up, * and frogs to **de**stroy **them**.
- ⁴⁷ He gave their fruit **to** the grass*hop*per * and their labor to **the** lo**cust**.

- ⁴⁸ He destroyed their **vines** with *hails*tones * and their sycamore trees **with** the **frost**.
- ⁴⁹ He smote their cattle also with *hail*stones * and their flocks with **hot** thunder**bolts**.
- He cast upon them the furiousness of his wrath, anger, displeasure, and trouble,*

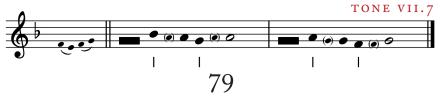
sending these destroying angels among them.

- ⁵¹ He made a way for his indignation, and did not **spare** their soul *from* death, * but gave their life over to **the** pesti**lence**,
- ⁵² And smote all the **first**born in *E*gypt,* the firstfruits of their strength in the dwel**lings** of **Ham**.
- ⁵³ But as for his own people, he led **them** forth *like* sheep * and carried them in the wilder**ness** like a **flock**.
- ⁵⁴ He brought them out safely, and **they** were not *a*fraid; * he overwhelmed their enemies with the **sea**,
- ⁵⁵ And brought them within the borders **of** his ho*ly* land, * to his mountain which he obtained with **his** right **hand**.
- ⁵⁶ He cast out the nations before them,* and caused their land to be divided among them for an inheritance, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.
- ⁵⁷ But they tested and displeased the Most *High* God,* and did not keep his testimonies,
- ⁵⁸ But turned their backs and fell away **like** their fore *fath*ers, * twisting aside like **a** broken **bow**.
- ⁵⁹ For they grieved him **with** their hill *alt*ars * and provoked him to displeasure with **their** ima**ges**.
- When God heard this, he was full of wrath * and utterly rejected Israel,
- ⁶¹ So that he forsook the taber**nac**le in *Shi*loh, * even the tent that he had pitched among **them**.
- 62 He delivered the ark into captivity,* and his glory into the enemy's hand.
- 63 He gave his people **ov**er to *the* sword * and was angry with his **in**heri**tance**.



- ⁶⁴ Fire consumed their young men,* and their maidens had no marriage songs.
- ⁶⁵ Their priests were **slain** with *the* sword,* and their widows made no la**men**tation.
- ⁶⁶ Then the Lord awakened as **one** out *of* sleep, * and like a warrior recover**ed** from **wine**.
- ⁶⁷ He drove his **en**emies *back*ward * and put them to a perpe**tu**al **shame**.
- ⁶⁸ He rejected the taber**nac**le of *Jo*seph * and did not choose the tribe **of** Ephra**im**,
- ⁶⁹ But chose the **tribe** of *Ju*dah,* even the hill of Zion which he **loved**.
- ⁷⁰ And there he built his sanctuary, like the **heights** of *heaven*, * like the earth which he had established **for** ev**er**.
- 71 He chose **Dav**id his *serv*ant, * and took him away from **the** sheep**folds**;
- As he was following the ewes that were great with **young**, God *took* him,* that he might feed Jacob his people, and Israel his **in**heritance.
- ⁷³ So he fed them with a **faith**ful and *true* heart,* and guided them **with** skillful **hands**.

DAY 16: MORNING PRAYER



Deus, venerunt | The voice of the martyrs concerning their blood-shedding



God, the nations have come into your inheritance; * they have defiled your holy temple, and made Jerusalem a heap of stones.

- The dead bodies of your servants have they given to be meat for the birds of the air,*
 - and the flesh of your saints to the **beasts** of **the** land.
- ³ Their blood have they shed like water on every side **of** Jerusalem, * and there was no **one** to **bury** them.
- We have become a reproach to our enemies,* an object of scorn and derision to those who are round about us.
- ⁵ O Lord, how long will **you** be **ang**ry? *
 Shall your jealousy burn like **fire** for **ev**er?
- Pour out your indignation upon the nations that have not known you,* and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.
- For they have devoured Jacob * and laid waste his dwelling place.
- O remember not our past sins, but have mercy on us speedily,* for we have come to great misery.
- ⁹ Help us, O God of our salvation, for the **glo**ry **of** your Name; * O deliver us and forgive our sins **for** your **Name's** sake.
- Why **do** the **na**tions say,*
 - "Where **now** is **their** God?"
- ¹¹ O let the vengeance of your servants' **blood** that **is** shed * be known in our sight a**mong** the **na**tions.
- ¹² O let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners **come** be**fore** you; * according to the greatness of your power, preserve those who **are** con**demned to** die.



¹³ As for the blasphemy by which our neighbors **have** blas**phemed** you, * repay them, O Lord, seven-fold in**to** their **bos**oms.

So we, who are your people and the sheep of your pasture, shall give you **thanks** for **eve**r,*

and will always be showing forth your praise from generation to **gen**eration.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the **Ho**ly **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with**out** end. **A**men.

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Qui regis Isræl | Christ, seated on the Cherubim, protects his vineyard, the Church

ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that lead **Jo**seph **like** a sheep;* show yourself also, you that sit up**on** the **cheru**bim.

Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore **us** again, O God; * show the light of your countenance, and **we** shall **be** whole.

⁴ O Lord God of hosts,*

how long will you be angry with your **peo**ple **that** pray?

⁵ You feed them **with** the **bread** of tears * and give them plen**te**ous **tears to** drink.

- ⁶ You have made us the derision **of** our **neighbors**, * and our enemies **laugh** us **to** scorn.
- ⁷ Restore us again, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be whole.
- You have brought a vine out of Egypt; * you have cast out the nations and planted it.

- You made room for it,* and when it had taken root, it filled the land.
- ¹⁰ The hills were covered with the **sha**dow **of** it,* and the boughs thereof were like the **mighty cedar** trees.
- 11 It stretched out its **branch**es **to** the sea * and its boughs **to** the **riv**er.
- Why have you **brok**en **down** its hedge,*
 so that all those who go by **pluck** off **its** grapes?
- ¹³ The wild boar out of the **wood** roots **it** up, * and the wild beasts of the **field** de**vour** it.
- ¹⁴ Turn again, O God of hosts, look **down** from **heav**en; * behold, and **vis**it **this** vine,
- ¹⁵ And the place of the vineyard that your right **hand** has **plant**ed, * and the branch that you made so **strong** for **your**self.
- ¹⁶ As for those who burn it with **fire** and **cut** it down,* let them perish at the rebuke **of** your **counten**ance.
- Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand * and upon the son of man, whom you made so strong for yourself.
- And so we will not **turn** back **from** you; *
 O let us live, and we shall **call** up**on** your Name.
- ¹⁹ Restore us again, O LORD God **of** hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and **we** shall **be** whole.

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Exultate Deo | About the Holy Spirit, and Spiritual worship

sing merrily **un**to **God** our strength; *
make a cheerful noise unto the **God** of **Ja**cob.

Take the psalm, bring **hith**er the **timb**rel, *
the merry **harp** with **the** lute.

Blow the trumpet at the new moon,* even in the time appointed, and on our solemn feast day.



- For this was made a **stat**ute for **Is**rael * and a law of the **God** of **Ja**cob.
- ⁵ This he laid upon Joseph for a **testimo**ny,* when he came out of the **land** of **E**gypt.
- ⁶ "I eased his shoulder **from** the **burd**en,* and his hands were delivered from **bearing** the load.
- ⁷ You called upon me in troubles, and I delivered you, * and I answered you in the thundercloud and tested you at the waters of strife.
- Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you; * O Israel, if you will **heark**en **unto** me,
- ⁹ There shall be no strange **god** a**mong** you, * neither shall you worship any other god.
- ¹⁰ I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt; * open your mouth wide, and I shall fill it.
- ¹¹ But my people would **not** hear **my** voice,* and Israel would **not** obey me.
- ¹² So I gave them up to the stubbornness of their hearts,* and let them follow their own imaginations.
- ¹³ Oh, that my people would have **heark**ened **un**to me, * that Israel had **walked** in **my** ways.
- ¹⁴ I would soon have put **down** their **en**emies * and turned my hand against their adversaries.
- ¹⁵ The haters of the LORD would humble them**selves** be**fore** him,* and their time of punishment would endure for ever.
- ¹⁶ But Israel would I feed with the **fin**est **wheat**-flour,* and with honey out of the stony rock would I satisfy him."

DAY 16: EVENING PRAYER



Deus stetit | Christ alone is Almighty amongst princes, whom he judges

od stands in the council of **prin**ces; *

he is a Judge **a**mong **gods**.

"How long will you give wrong **judg**ment *

and accept the ungodly?

Defend the poor and fatherless; * see that those who are in need and necessity have what is right.

Deliver the outcast and poor; * save them from the hand of the ungodly."

- ⁵ They will not learn nor understand, but walk about in **dark**ness; * all the foundations of the **earth** are **shaken**.
- 6 I have said, "You are gods, * and you are all the children of the Most High;

But you shall die like mortals,* and fall like one of the princes."

⁸ Arise, O God, and **judge** the earth, * for you shall take all nations for your **in**her**itance**.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with**out** end. **Amen**.

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Deus, quis similis? | The Voice of the Church against her persecutors

old not your tongue, O God; keep not **si**lent, * but rouse **your**self, **O God**.

For behold, your enemies **mur**mur, *

and those who hate you have lifted up their head.



- ³ They have conspired secretly against your **peo**ple * and taken counsel against **your** che**rished ones**.
- ⁴ They have said, "Come, and let us wipe them out, that they may be no more a **peo**ple, * and that the name of Israel may be remem**bered** no **more**."
- ⁵ For they have brought their heads together with **one** consent * and are a**ligned** a**gainst you**:
- ⁶ The tents of the Edomites and the **Ish**maelites, * the Moabites and **Hagarenes**,
- Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek, * the Philistines with those who dwell at Tyre.
- Assyria also has joined with them,* and has helped the children of Lot.
- ⁹ But do to them as you did to the Midianites,* to Sisera and to Jabin at the brook of Kishon,
- Who perished at Endor * and became as dung on the earth.
- ¹¹ Make their princes like Oreb and **Ze**ëb; * indeed, make all their princes like Zebah **and** Zal**munna**,
- Who said, "Let us take for ourselves * the pastures of God as our possession."
- O my God, make them like whirling **dust** and like stubble **be**fore **the wind**,
- ¹⁴ Like the fire that burns up the **woods** * and like the flame that consumes the **mount**ains.
- Pursue them even with your tempest,* and make them afraid with your storm.
- Cover their faces with shame, O LORD, that they may seek your Name.
- ¹⁷ Let them be disgraced and dismayed ever **more** and more; * let them be put to **shame** and **perish**.

¹⁸ And they shall know that you, whose Name is the **LORD**, * are alone the Most High over **all** the **earth**.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with**out** end. **Amen**.

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Quam dilecta! | Christ opens the heavenly house to them who have Faith

ow lovely are your **dwel**lings, *
O Lord **God** of **hosts**!

My soul has a desire and longing to enter into

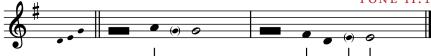
the courts of the LORD; *

my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

³ Indeed, the sparrow has found her a house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her **young**,*

even your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

- ⁴ Blessèd are they who dwell in **your** house; * they will be always **prais**ing **you**.
- 5 Blessèd is the one whose strength is in you, * in whose heart are your ways,
- Who going through the valley of misery uses it for a well; * indeed, the early rains fill the pools with water.
- ⁷ They will go from strength to **strength**, * and the God of gods shall be seen by **them** in **Zion**.
- O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.
- ⁹ Behold, O God, our defender, * and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- For one day in **your** courts * is better **than** a **thousand**;
- ¹¹ I would rather be a door-keeper in the house of my **God** * than dwell in the tents of **un**god**liness**.
- ¹² For the LORD God is a light and de**fense**; * the LORD will give grace and honor, and no good thing shall he withhold from those who live a god**ly life.**



¹³ O Lord God of **hosts**,*
blessèd is the one who puts **his** trust **in you.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with**out** end. **Amen**.

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Benedixisti, Domine | Christ shows us his mercy by taking on our flesh

ORD, you have been gracious to your **land**; *
you have turned away the captivi**ty** of **Jacob.**You have forgiven the offence of your **peo**ple *

and covered **all** their **sins**.

- ³ You have taken away all your dis**pleas**ure * and turned yourself from your wrathful **in**dig**nation.**
- ⁴ Restore us then, O God our **Savi**or, * and let your anger cease from us.
- Will you be displeased at us for **ev**er, * and will you stretch out your wrath from one generation **to** another?
- Will you not turn again and quicken us,* that your people may rejoice in you?
- ⁷ Show us your mercy, O LORD, * and grant us your salvation.
- ⁸ I will hearken to what the LORD God will **say**, * for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they **turn** not **again**.
- ⁹ For his salvation is near to those who **fear** him, * that glory may **dwell** in **our land.**
- Mercy and truth have met together; * righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

- ¹¹ Truth shall flourish out of the **earth**, * and righteousness shall look **down** from **heaven**.
- ¹² Indeed, the LORD shall show **good**ness, * and our land shall **give** its **increase**.
- Righteousness shall go before him,* and he shall direct his going in the way.

DAY 17: MORNING PRAYER



Inclina, Domine | Christ, in his mercy, hears our prayers

ow down your ear, O LORD, and **hear** me, * for I am poor **and** in **mis**ery. ² Preserve my life, for I am **faith**ful; *

my God, save your servant who puts his trust in you.

- ³ Be merciful unto me, O **Lord**, * for I will call dai**ly** up**on** you.
- Comfort the soul of your servant,* for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- ⁵ For you, Lord, are good and **grac**ious, * and of great mercy to all those who **call** up**on** you.
- ⁶ Give ear, LORD, unto my **prayer**, * and attend to the voice of my humble **supplications**.
- ⁷ In the time of my trouble I will call up**on** you, * for you answer **me** when I call.
- ⁸ Among the gods there is none like you, O **Lord**, * nor are there **a**ny **deeds** like yours.



- All nations that you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord,* and shall **glo**rify your Name.
- ¹⁰ For you are great and do **wond**rous things; * indeed, you are God alone.
- ¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; * O knit my heart to you, that I may fear your Name.
- ¹² I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my **heart**,* and will praise your **Name** for **evermore**.
- ¹³ For great is your mercy toward me; * you have delivered my life from the **neth**er**most** Pit.
- O God, the proud have risen up against me, * and the company of violent men have sought after my life, and have not set **you** before their eyes.
- ¹⁵ But you, O Lord God, are full of compassion and **me**rcy, * long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.
- ¹⁶ O turn then unto me, and have mercy upon me; * give your strength unto your servant, and help the son of your handmaid.
- ¹⁷ Show me some token of your favor, that those who hate me may see it and be a**shamed**,* because you, LORD, have been my helper and comforter.

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Fundamenta ejus | The voice of the Apostles about the Church

The Lord loves the foundation which he has aid upon the holy hills; *

the gates of Zion are dearer to him than all the dwellings of Jacob.

- ² Very excellent things are spoken of **you**,* O city of God.
- ³ I will consider Egypt and **Ba**bylon * among those who know me.
- ⁴ Behold Philistia also, and Tyre, with Ethi**op**ia; * each **one** was **born** in her.
- And of Zion it shall be reported that each one was **born** in her,* and the Most High shall establish her.
- ⁶ The Lord shall record it when he registers the **peo**ple,* that each **one** was **born** there.
- ⁷ The singers and the dancers also shall **say**, * "All my fresh **springs** are **in** you."

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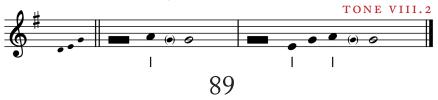
Domine Deus | The Voice of Christ in his Passion

LORD God of my salvation,
I have cried day and I have cried day and night be**fore** you; * O let my prayer enter into your presence; incline your ear to my call.

- ² For my soul is full of **trou**ble,* and my life draws **nigh** to **the** Grave.
- ³ I am counted as one of those who go down into the **pit**,* and I have become as **one** who **has** no strength.
- ⁴ I have become like the dead, and like the slain who lie in the **grave**,* whom you remember no more, and who are **cut** off **from** your hand.
- ⁵ You have laid me in the **low**est pit,* in a place of dark**ness**, and **in** the deep.
- ⁶ Your indignation lies heavy up**on** me, * and you have overwhelmed me with all your storms.
- ⁷ You have put my friends **far** from me, * and made me to **be** abhorred by them.

- ⁸ I am in **pri**son; *
 - I cannot go forth.
- My sight fails because of trouble; * LORD, I have called daily upon you; I have stretched forth my hands unto you.
- ¹⁰ Do you show wonders among the **dead**, * or shall the dead rise up a**gain** and **praise** you?
- ¹¹ Shall your loving-kindness be shown **in** the grave, * or your faithfulness **in** des**truc**tion?
- Shall your wondrous works be known in the dark,* and your righteousness in the land where all things are forgotten?
- ¹³ Unto you have I **cried**, O LORD, * and early shall my prayer **come** be**fore** you.
- ¹⁴ LORD, why do you cast off my **soul** * and **hide** your **face** from me?
- ¹⁵ I am in misery, like one who is at the point of **death**; * even from my youth, your terrors have I suffered **with** a **trou**bled mind.
- ¹⁶ Your wrathful displeasure goes **ov**er me, * and the fear of you **has** un**done** me.
- ¹⁷ Daily they come round about me like **wa**ter, * and encompass **me** on **ev**ery side.
- ¹⁸ My companions and neighbors you have put away **from** me, * and hidden my friends **out** of **my** sight.

DAY 17: EVENING PRAYER



Misericordias Domini | Christ and the Father speaking of Redemption

y song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the LORD; * with my mouth will I ever be proclaiming your faithfulness, from one generation to another.

² For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up for **ever**; * your faithfulness shall be established **in** the **heav**ens."

³ I have made a covenant with my **chos**en one; * I have sworn to David my servant:

⁴ "Your seed will I establish for **ever**,* and set up your throne from one generation **to** a**noth**er."

⁵ O Lord, the heavens will praise your **wond**rous works * and your faithfulness in the as**semb**ly **of** the saints.

⁶ For who in the clouds can be compared unto the **LORD?** * And who among the gods is **like** un**to** the LORD?

⁷ God is greatly to be feared in the council of the **saints**, * and to be held in reverence by all those who are **round** about him.

O Lord God of hosts, who is **like** you? *
Your faithfulness, most mighty Lord, is **round** a**bout** you.

You rule the raging of the sea; * you still the waves when they arise.

¹⁰ You have subdued Rahab of the deep, and de**stroyed** her; * you have scattered your enemies **with** your **might**y arm.

The heavens are yours; the earth also is **yours**; * you laid the foundation of the world, and all **that** is **in** it.

¹² You have made the north and the **south**; *
Tabor and Hermon shall re**joice** in **your** Name.

¹³ You have a **might**y arm; * strong is your hand, and high **is** your **right** hand.



- ¹⁴ Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your **throne**; * mercy and truth shall go before your face.
- ¹⁵ Blessèd are the people, O Lord, who rejoice in **you**; * they shall walk in the light of your countenance.
- ¹⁶ Their delight shall be in your Name all the day long,* and in your righteousness shall they make their boast.
- ¹⁷ For you are the glory of their **strength**,* and by your favor you shall lift up our might.
- ¹⁸ For the LORD is **our** defense; * the Holy One of Israel is our King.
- ¹⁹ You spoke in a vision to your saints, and **said**,* "I have set the crown upon one who is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out **of** the **peo**ple.
- ²⁰ I have found David my **serv**ant; * with my holy oil have **I** anointed him.
- ²¹ My hand shall **hold** him fast,* and my arm shall strengthen him.
- ²² The enemy shall not be able to do him **vi**olence; * the son of wickedness **shall** not **hurt** him.
- ²³ I will smite his foes be**fore** his face * and strike down those who hate him.
- ²⁴ My faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him,* and in my Name shall his horn **be** exalted.
- ²⁵ I will give him dominion over the **sea**,* and with his right hand shall he rule the rivers.
- ²⁶ He shall say to me, 'You are my **Fath**er, * my God, and the rock of **my** salvation.'
- ²⁷ And I will make him my **first**born,* higher than the **kings** of **the** earth.
- ²⁸ My mercy will I keep for him for **ev**er,* and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

- ²⁹ His seed will I make to endure for **ever** * and his throne as the **days** of **heaven**.
- But if his children forsake my law,* and do not walk in my judgments,
- ³¹ If they break my statutes and do not keep my com**mand**ments,* I will punish their offenses with the rod, and their **sin** with **scour**ges.
- Nevertheless, my loving-kindness I will not utterly take from him,* nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.
- ³³ My covenant I will **not** break,*
 nor alter the word that has gone **out** of **my** lips.
- ³⁴ I have sworn once by my **ho**liness * that I will **not** fail **Da**vid.
- 35 His seed shall endure for ever * and his throne as the sun before me.
- ³⁶ It shall endure for evermore as the **moon**, * and as the faithful witness **in** the **heav**ens."
- ³⁷ But you have rejected and forsaken your **Anoint**ed; * you are full of **wrath** against him.
- ³⁸ You have broken the covenant with your **serv**ant; * you have defiled his crown and **cast** it **to** the ground.
- ³⁹ You have overthrown all his **walls** * and broken **down** his **strong**holds.
- ⁴⁰ All those who go by **plund**er him,* and he has become a reproach **to** his **neigh**bors.
- ⁴¹ You have exalted the right hand of his **en**emies, * and made all his adversaries rejoice.
- ⁴² You have turned back the edge of his **sword** * and have not given him victory **in** the **bat**tle.
- ⁴³ You have taken away his **glo**ry * and cast his **throne** down **to** the ground.
- ⁴⁴ The days of his youth you have **short**ened * and covered him **with** dis**hon**or.
- ⁴⁵ LORD, how long will you utterly **hide** yourself? *
 How long shall **your** wrath **burn** like fire?



- O remember how short my **time** is; * why have you made all **peo**ple **for** nought?
- What man is there who lives and shall **not** see death, * and shall deliver his soul from the **power of** the Grave?
- ⁴⁸ Lord, where are your loving-kindnesses of **old**, * which you swore to David **in** your **faith**fulness?
- ⁴⁹ Remember, Lord, how your servants are re**proached**,* and how I bear in my bosom the rebukes of **ma**ny **peo**ple;
- Remember how your enemies have reproached you, O LORD, * how they have called after your Anointed King with cries of scorn.
- ⁵¹ Praised be the LORD for **ev**ermore.*

 Amen and Amen.

DAY 18: MORNING PRAYER



Domine, refugium | To the Father || The English burial psalm

ord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the earth and the world were made, *
you are God from everlasting, and world without end.

³ You **turn** man back **to** the dust; * you say, "Return, O children of men."

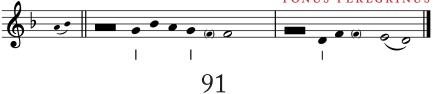
⁴ For a thousand years in your **sight** are as **yest**erday,*

even as a day that is past.

⁵ You scatter them as a night-watch that **comes** quickly **to** an end; * they are even as a dream and fade away.

- ⁶ They are like the grass, which in **the** morning **is** green, * but in the evening is dried up and withered.
- ⁷ For we consume away **in** your dis**pleas**ure * and are afraid at your wrathful in**dig**nation.
- ⁸ You have set our **mis**deeds be**fore** you, * and our secret sins in the light of **your** countenance.
- ⁹ For when you are angry, all our days are gone; * we bring our years to an end, as a tale **that** is *told*.
- ¹⁰ The days of our life are seventy years, and though some be so strong that **they** come to **eight**y years,* yet is their span but labor and sorrow; so soon it passes away, and we are gone.
- ¹¹ But who regards **the** pow'r of **your** wrath,* and who considers the fierceness of **your** anger?
- ¹² So teach us **to** number **our** days,* that we may apply our hearts un**to** wisdom.
- ¹³ Turn again, **O** Lord, and **tar**ry not; * be gracious unto your servants.
- ¹⁴ O satisfy us with your mercy in the morning;* so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days **of** our *life*.
- 15 Comfort us again, according to the measure of the days that **you** have afflicted us,*
 - and for the years in which we have suffered **ad**versity.
- ¹⁶ Show **your** servants **your** work * and their children **your** glory.
- ¹⁷ And may the grace of the Lord our **God** be up**on** us; * prosper the work of our hands; O prosper **our** handiwork.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to **the** Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with**out** end. A*men*.



Qui habitat | Christ, conqueror of Hell, treads the Tempter under foot

hoever dwells under the de**fense** of the **Most** High * shall abide under the shadow of the **Al**migh*ty*.

I will say unto the LORD,

"You are my refuge and my stronghold, "
my God in whom I will *trust*."

- ³ For he shall deliver you from the **snare** of the **hunt**er * and from the dead**ly** pesti*lence*.
- ⁴ He shall defend you under his wings, and you shall be safe **und**er his **feathers**; * his faithfulness and truth shall be your shield **and** buck*ler*.
- You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,* nor of the arrow that flies by *day*,
- Of the pestilence that walks in darkness,* nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.
- ⁷ A thousand shall fall beside you, and ten thousand at your **right** but it shall **not** come near *you*.
- Indeed, with your eyes you shall behold * and see the reward of the ungod/y.
- Because you have said, "The LORD is my refuge,"* and have made the Most High your stronghold,
- ¹⁰ There shall no evil happen to you, * neither shall any plague come near your dwel*ling*.
- ¹¹ For he shall give his an**gels** charge over you, * to keep you in all your ways.
- ¹² They **shall** bear you **in** their hands,* that you hurt not your foot **a**gainst a *stone*.
- You shall tread upon the lion and adder; * the young lion and the serpent you shall trample under your feet.

¹⁴ "Because he has set his love upon me, therefore **I** will de**liv**er him; *

I will lift him up, because he **has** known my *Name*.

He shall call upon me, and I will hear him; indeed, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him and bring him honor.

¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him, * and show him my salvation."

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to **the** Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with**out** end. A*men*.

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Bonum est confiteri | Concerning the glory of the Rest to come

t is a good thing to **give** thanks un**to** the LORD, *
and to sing praises unto your Name, **O** Most *High*,
To tell of your loving-kindness early in the **morn**ing, *
and of your faithfulness in the **night** season,

³ Upon an instrument of ten **strings** and up**on** the lute, * with the sound of melody **up**on the *harp*.

⁴ For you, LORD, have **made** me glad **by** your deeds, * and I will shout for joy because of **your** handi*work*.

⁵ O Lord, how **glo**rious **are** your works; * your thoughts **are** very *deep*.

⁶ The dull of heart **does** not consider this, * and a fool does not understand *it*:

Though the ungodly are as green as the grass, and though all the workers of wickedness flourish, * they shall be destroyed for ever; but you, LORD, are the Most High for evermore.

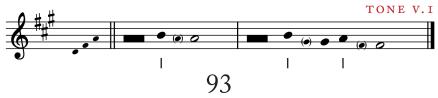
⁸ For lo, your enemies, O LORD, lo, your enemies shall **per**ish, * and all the workers of wickedness **shall** be des*troyed*.

⁹ But my horn shall be exalted like **the** horns of **wild** bulls; * for I am anoint**ed** with fresh *oil*.



- My eye also shall see its desire **up**on my **en**emies,* and my ear shall hear with joy the end of the wicked who rise up **a**gainst *me*.
- ¹¹ The righteous shall flour**ish** like a **palm** tree,* and shall spread abroad like a cedar **in** Leba**non**.
- ¹² Those who are planted in **the** house of **the** LORD * shall flourish in the courts **of** our *God*.
- They also shall bring forth fruit in their old age, and shall be green and full of sap,
- That they may show how **up**right the **LORD** is, * my rock, in whom there is no **un**righteous ness.

DAY 18: EVENING PRAYER



Dominus regnavit | Christ, overcoming death, has put on resurrected flesh

he LORD is King and has put on glorious apparel; * the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.

- ² He has made the round world so **sure** * that **it** can**not** be moved.
- ³ Ever since the world began, your throne has been es**tabl**ished; * you are from **ev**er**last**ing.

- The floods have risen, O LORD; the floods have lifted up their voice; * the floods have lifted up their waves.
- Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea,* the LORD who dwells on high is mightier.
- ⁶ Your testimonies, O Lord, are very **sure**; * holiness adorns your **house** for **ev**er.

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Deus ultionum | To Christ, instructor of mankind, concerning persecutors

LORD God to whom vengeance belongs, *
O God to whom vengeance belongs, show yourself.

Arise, O Judge of the world, *

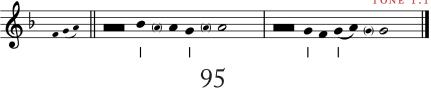
and reward the proud according to their deserving.

- ³ O LORD, how long shall the un**god**ly, * how long shall the un**god**ly **tri**umph?
- ⁴ How long shall all evildoers speak so disdainfully * and make such proud boasting?
- ⁵ They smite down your people, O LORD, * and trou**ble** your **her**itage.
- They murder the widow and the stranger, and put the fatherless to death.
- And yet they say, "The LORD shall not see, " neither shall the God of Jacob regard it."
- ⁸ Take heed, you unwise among the **peo**ple; * O you fools, when **will** you **un**derstand?
- 9 He who planted the ear, shall he not hear? *
 Or he who made the eye, shall he not see?
- ¹⁰ Or he who nurtures the **na**tions,*
 he who teaches humanity knowledge, shall **he** not **pun**ish?
- 11 The LORD knows the thoughts of man, that they are but vain.



- ¹² Blessèd is the one whom you chasten, O LORD, * and **whom** you **teach** your law,
- That you may give him patience in time of adversity, until a pit is dug for the ungodly.
- ¹⁴ For the LORD will not fail his **peo**ple, * neither will he forsake **his** in**her**itance,
- ¹⁵ But righteousness shall return to the place of **judg**ment, * and all those who are true of **heart** shall **fol**low it.
- Who will rise up with me against the wicked,* or who will take my part against the evildoers?
- ¹⁷ If the LORD had not **helped** me, * my soul would soon have dwelt in the **land** of **si**lence.
- But when I said, "My foot has **slipped**," * your mercy, **O** LORD, **held** me up.
- ¹⁹ In the multitude of the sorrows that I had in my **heart**, * your com**forts** re**freshed** my soul.
- ²⁰ Will you have anything to do with the council of **wick**edness, * which turns **e**vil **in**to law?
- ²¹ They gather themselves together against the soul of the **right**eous * and condemn the **in**no**cent** to death.
- ²² But the LORD is my **ref**uge,* and my God is the **rock** of my **con**fidence.
- ²³ He shall recompense them for their wickedness, and destroy them in their own **mal**ice; * indeed, the Lord our God **shall** des**troy** them.





Venite, exultemus | Christ the Good Shepherd calls his sheep to eternal rest

come, let us **sing** un**to** the Lord; *
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of **our** salvation.

Let us come before his presence **with** thanks**giv**ing *
and show ourselves **glad** in him with psalms.

- For the LORD is a great God * and a great King above all gods.
- ⁴ In his hand are all the **depths** of **the** earth, * and the heights of the **hills** are *bis* also.
- ⁵ The sea is his, **for** he **made** it, * and his hands pre**pared** the *dry* land.
- O come, let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- ⁷ For **he** is **our** God,*

and we are the people of his pasture, and the **sheep** of his hand.

- ⁸ Today, if you will hear his voice, **hard**en **not** your hearts * as in the provocation,
 - and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness,
- ⁹ When your **fath**ers **test**ed me,*

and put me to the proof, though they had seen my works.

- Forty years long was I grieved with this generation and said, "It is a people that err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways,"
- ¹¹ Of whom I **swore** in **my** wrath * that they should not en**ter** in*to* my rest.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the **Ho**ly **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world **with**out *end*. Amen.



Cantate Domino | Christ will be seen by all when he comes again

sing unto the LORD a **new** song; *
sing unto the LORD, **all** the *whole* earth.

Sing unto the LORD and **praise** his Name; *
tell of his salva**tion** from *day* to day.

Declare his honor to the nations,* and his wonders to all peoples.

⁴ For the LORD is great, and **high**ly **to** be praised; * he is more to be **feared** than *all* gods.

- ⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they **are** but **i**dols; * but it is the LORD who **made** the *heav*ens.
- Glory and majesty are before him; * power and honor are in his sanctuary.
- ⁷ Ascribe unto the LORD, O you families **of** the **peo**ples, * ascribe unto the LORD wor**ship** and *power*.
- Ascribe unto the LORD the honor due unto his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.
- O worship the LORD in the **beaut**y of **holiness**; * let the whole earth **stand** in *awe* of him.
- Tell it out among the nations, "The LORD is King; * it is he who has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he shall judge the peoples righteously."
- ¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and **let** the **earth** be glad; * let the sea make a noise, and **all** that *is* therein.
- ¹² Let the field be joyful, and **all** that is **in** it; * then shall all the trees of the wood re**joice** be*fore* the LORD.
- ¹³ For he comes, for he **comes** to **judge** the earth,* and with righteousness to judge the world, and the **peo**ples *with* his truth.

97

Dominus regnavit | The voice of the Church upon the Lord's coming

he LORD is King; let the earth be glad.*

Indeed, let the multitude **of** the *isles* be glad.

- ² Clouds and darkness are **round** a**bout** him; * righteousness and judgment are the foun**da**tion *of* his throne.
- There goes a fire before him * and burns up his enemies on every side.
- ⁴ His lightnings gave **light** to **the** world; * the earth saw **it** and *was* afraid.
- The hills melted like wax at the **pres**ence **of** the LORD, at the presence of the Lord **of** the *whole* earth.
- ⁶ The heavens have declared his righteousness, * and all the people have seen his *glory*.
- Onfounded be all those who worship carved images, and who delight in false gods; worship him, all you gods.
- ⁸ Zion heard of it and rejoiced,* and the daughters of Judah were glad, because of your judgments, O LORD.
- ⁹ For you, LORD, are most **high** over **all** the earth; * you are exalted **far** above all gods.
- O you who love the LORD, see that you hate the **thing** which is **evil**; * the LORD preserves the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of **the** un*god*ly.
- A light has sprung up **for** the **right**eous,* and joyful gladness for those who **are** true *heart*ed.
- ¹² Rejoice in the **LORD**, you **right**eous,* and give thanks at the remembrance **of** his *ho*liness.



DAY 19: EVENING PRAYER



Cantate Domino | God, through the Nativity of his Son, declares salvation

sing unto the LORD a new song,*
for he has done marvelous things.
With his own right hand and with his holy arm,*

he has won for himself **the** victory.

- ³ The LORD declared **his** salvation; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of **the** nations.
- ⁴ He has remembered his mercy and truth toward the **house** of Is*ra*el,*

and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

- ⁵ Show yourselves joyful in the LORD, all *you* lands; * sing, rejoice, **and** give **thanks**.
- ⁶ Praise the **LORD** with *the* harp; * sing with the harp a psalm of **thanks**giv**ing**.
- With trumpets also and horns,*

O show yourselves joyful before **the** LORD, the **King**.

- ⁸ Let the sea make a noise, and **all** that is *in* it, * the round world, and those **who** dwell therein.
- Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the LORD, * for he has come to judge the earth.

With righteousness **shall** he judge *the* world, * and the peoples **with** equi**ty.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the **Ho**ly *Spi*rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with**out** end. A**men.**

99

Dominus regnavit | Christ is in the heavenly Zion, high above all



he Lord is King; let the **peo**ples *trem*ble; *
he sits between the cherubim;
let **the** earth **shake**.

² The LORD is **great** in *Zi*on * and high above **all** peo**ples**.

They shall give thanks unto his Name, which is **great** and won*der*ful; *
holy is he and mighty, a King who **loves** justice.

⁴ You have es**tab**lished eq*ui*ty; * you have executed judgment and righteousness **in** Ja**cob**.

⁵ O magnify the LORD *our* God,* and fall down before his footstool, for he **is** holy.

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,* they called upon the LORD, and he heard them.

He spoke to them out of the **cloudy** *pil*lar,* for they kept his testimonies and the law that **he** gave **them**.

⁸ You heard **them**, O LORD *our* God; * you forgave them, O God, yet punished their evildoings.

O magnify the LORD our God, and worship him upon his holy hill,* for the LORD our God is holy.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the **Ho**ly *Spi*rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with**out** end. A**men.**



Jubilate Deo | We who have been made by Christ ought to serve him in all things

be joyful in the **LORD**, all *you* lands; * serve the LORD with gladness, and come before his pre**sence** with a **song**.

- ² Be assured that the LORD, he *is* God; *
 it is he that has made us, and not we ourselves;
 we are his people, and the sheep of **his** pas**ture**.
- O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; * be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
- ⁴ For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is **ev**er*last*ing, * and his truth endures from generation to ge**neration**.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the **Ho**ly *Spi*rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with**out** end. **Amen.**

101

Misericordiam et judicium | That Christ has but two verdicts at the Judgment

y song shall be of **mer**cy and *judg*ment; * unto you, O Lord, **will** I **sing**.
O let me have **und**er*stand*ing *

in the way of godliness.

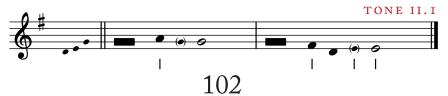
When **will** you come *to* me? *

I will walk in my house with integrity of heart.

- ⁴ I will set no wicked **thing** before *my* eyes; *
 I hate the sins of unfaithfulness;
 no such thing **shall** cleave to **me**.
- ⁵ A crooked heart **shall** depart *from* me; * I will not know a wick**ed** per**son**.

- Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, * him will I destroy.
- Whoever has a proud look and an arrogant heart,* I will not suffer him.
- ⁸ My eyes shall look with favor upon the **faith**ful in *the* land, * that they **may** dwell with **me**.
- Whoever leads a godly life, he shall be my servant.
- ¹⁰ No deceitful person shall **dwell** in *my* house; * the one who tells lies shall not tarry in my **sight**.
- ¹¹ I shall soon destroy all the ungodly **who** are in *the* land, * that I may root out all evildoers from the city of the LORD.

DAY 20: MORNING PRAYER



Domine, exaudi | All gentiles shall reverence Christ's name || Penitence: Greed

ear my prayer, O LORD, *

and let my cry come unto you.

Hide not your face from me in the time of my **trou**ble; * incline your ear to me when I call;

O hear me, and very soon.

- ³ For my days are consumed like **smoke**, * and my bones are burnt up as **in** a **furnace**.
- ⁴ My heart is smitten and withered like **grass**, * so that I forget **to** eat **my bread**.
- Because of the voice of my groaning,* my bones will scarcely cleave to my flesh.



- ⁶ I have become like an owl in the **wild**erness * and like a screech-owl a**mong** the **ruins**.
- ⁷ I am solitary, and lie sleepless because of my **groan**ing; * I am like a sparrow that sits alone up**on** the **housetop**.
- My enemies revile me all day long,* and those who are enraged against me conspire to do me hurt.
- For I have eaten ashes as if they were bread * and mingled my drink with weeping,
- ¹⁰ Because of your indignation and wrath,* for you have taken me up and cast me down.
- ¹¹ My days are gone like a **shad**ow, * and I am with**ered** like **grass**.
- ¹² But you, O LORD, shall endure for **ev**er, * and your remembrance throughout all **gen**erations.
- ¹³ You shall arise and have mercy upon **Zion**, * for it is time for you to have mercy upon her; indeed, **the** time **has come**.
- ¹⁴ For your servants love her very **stones**,* and are moved to pity to see **her** in **the dust.**
- The nations shall fear your Name, O LORD,* and all the kings of the earth your majesty,
- When the LORD shall build up **Zion**, and when his glory **shall** ap**pear**,
- When he turns to the prayer of the **dest**itute * and despises **not** their **plea**.
- ¹⁸ This shall be written for those that come **aft**er, * and a people that shall yet be born **shall** praise **the LORD**.
- ¹⁹ For he has looked down from his sanctuary; * from the heavens the LORD has **be**held **the earth**,
- ²⁰ That he might hear the groanings of those who are in cap**tiv**ity,* and deliver those who are **con**demned **to die**,
- ²¹ That they may declare the Name of the LORD in **Zion**, * and his praises in **Jerusalem**;

When the peoples are gathered together,* and the kingdoms also, to serve the LORD.

²³ He brought down my strength before my time, * and shortened my days.

²⁴ But I said, "O my God, take me not away in the midst **of** my days; * for your years endure throughout all **generations.**"

²⁵ You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation **of** the earth, * and the heavens are the **work** of **your hands**.

²⁶ They shall perish, but you shall endure; * they all shall wear out, as does a garment;

²⁷ And as a garment you shall change them, and they shall be **changed**; *

but you are the same, and your years shall not fail.

The children of your servants shall continue,* and their seed shall stand fast in your sight.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. **Amen.**

103

Benedic, anima mea | The voice of the Church to her people



raise the Lord, O my **soul**,*

and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.

Praise the Lord, O my **soul**, *

and forget not all his benefits:

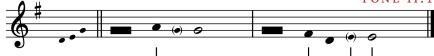
Who forgives all your sin * and heals all your infirmities,

Who saves your life from the pit * and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness,

Who satisfies you with good things, * renewing your youth like an eagle's.

The LORD executes righteousness and judgment * for all those who are oppressed with wrong.

⁷ He showed his ways to **Mo**ses,* his works to the children **of** Is**rael.**



- The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * long-suffering and of great goodness.
- 9 He will not always chide us,* neither will he keep his anger for ever.
- ¹⁰ He has not dealt with us according to our sins,* nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the **earth**, * so great is his mercy also toward **those** who **fear him.**
- ¹² As far as the east is from the **west**, * so far has he set **our** sins **from us.**
- ¹³ As a father pities his own **child**ren,* so is the LORD merciful to **those** who **fear him.**
- For he knows whereof we are made; * he remembers that we are but dust.
- The days of man are as grass; * he flourishes as a flower of the field.
- For as soon as the wind goes over it, it is gone, and its place shall know it no more.
- ¹⁷ But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever and ever upon those who **fear** him, * and his righteousness upon child**ren**'s child**ren**,
- ¹⁸ Even upon those who keep his **cov**enant * and think upon his commandments **to** do **them**.
- ¹⁹ The LORD has prepared his throne in **heaven**, * and his kingdom **rules** over **all**.
- O praise the LORD, you angels of his, you that excel in **strength**, you that fulfill his commandment, and hearken unto the voice **of** his **words**.
- ²¹ O praise the LORD, all you his **hosts**,* you servants of his that **do** his **pleasure**.
- O speak good of the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; * praise the LORD, O my soul.

DAY 20: EVENING PRAYER

104

Benedic, anima mea | Concerning the structure of the world || For Rogations



%raise the ${\sf LORD}, {\sf O}$ ${\sf my}$ soul. *

O Lord my God, you have become exceedingly glorious; you are clothed with majesty and honor.

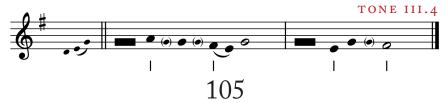
- ² You clothe yourself with light as **with** a **gar**ment, * and spread out the heavens **like** a **cur**tain.
- ³ You lay the beams of your chambers **in** the **wat**ers, * and make the clouds your chariot, and walk upon the **wings** of **the** wind.
- ⁴ You make **winds** your **mes**sengers, * and flames of **fire** your **minis**ters.
- ⁵ You laid the foundations of the earth, * that it never should move at any time.
- ⁶ You cover it with the deep as **with** a **gar**ment; * the waters **stand** above the hills.
- At your rebuke they fled; * at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
- They went up as high as the hills, and down to the valleys beneath,* even to the place you had appointed for them.
- ⁹ You have set bounds for them **which** they **shall** not pass; * neither shall they again **cov**er **the** earth.
- ¹⁰ You send the springs into the rivers, * which run among the hills.
- ¹¹ All beasts of the **field** drink **there**of,* and the wild **donk**eys **quench their** thirst.
- ¹² Beside them shall the birds of the air have their **habita**tion * and sing a**mong** the **branch**es.

- ¹³ You water the **hills** from **above**; * the earth is filled with the **fruit** of **your** works.
- You bring forth grass for the cattle,* and plants for the service of mankind,
- ¹⁵ That they may bring food out of the earth, and wine **that** makes **glad** the heart, * and oil to make a cheerful countenance, and bread to **strength**en **the** heart.
- ¹⁶ The trees of the LORD **al**so are **full** of sap,* even the cedars of Lebanon **which** he **plant**ed,
- Wherein the **birds** make **their** nests,* and the fir trees are a **dwelling for the** stork.
- ¹⁸ The high hills are a **ref**uge for **the** wild goats,* and so are the stony cliffs for **the** rock **badgers**.
- ¹⁹ You appointed the moon to **mark** the **seas**ons, * and the sun **knows** its **going** down.
- ²⁰ You make darkness **that** it **may** be night,* in which all the **beasts** of the **forest** move.
- ²¹ The lions, roaring **after their** prey, * seek **their** meat **from** God.
- ²² The sun arises, and they go away together, * and lay themselves down in their dens.
- ²³ Man goes **forth** to **his** work,* and to his labor un**til** the **eve**ning.
- O LORD, how manifold are your works; * in wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- ²⁵ So is the great and **wide** sea **also**,* in which are things creeping innumerable, crea**tures** both **small and** great.
- ²⁶ There go the ships, and there is **that** Leviathan,* whom you made to take its **pleas**ure **there**in.
- ²⁷ These all **wait** up**on** you,* that you may give them food **in** due **seas**on.

- When you give it to **them**, they **gath**er it, * and when you open your hand, they are **filled** with **good** things.
- When you hide your **face**, they are **troub**led; * when you take away their breath, they die, and are turned a**gain** to **their** dust.
- When you let your breath go **forth**, they **shall** be made, and you shall renew the **face** of **the** earth.
- The glorious majesty of the LORD shall endure for ever; the LORD shall rejoice in his works.
- ³² He looks at the **earth** and it **trembles**; * if he even touches the **hills**, they **shall** smoke.
- ³³ I will sing unto the LORD as **long** as **I** live; *
 I will praise my God **while** I **have my** being,
- ³⁴ And so shall **my** words **please** him; * my joy **shall** be **in the** LORD.
- As for sinners, they shall perish from the earth, and the ungodly shall **come** to **an** end.*

 Praise the LORD, O **my** soul. **Praise the** LORD.

DAY 21: MORNING PRAYER



Confitemini Domino | That Christ, the Lord God, pronounces his judgments

ive *thanks* unto the LORD and **call** upon *his* Name; * tell the peoples what **things** he has **done**.

O let your songs be of **him**, and *praise* him, * and let your speech be of all **his** wondrous **works**.



- ³ Rejoice in **his** ho*ly* Name; *
 - let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- ⁴ Seek the LORD and *his* strength; * seek his face **evermore**.
- ⁵ Remember the marvelous **works** that he *has* done, * his wonders, and the judg**ments** of his **mouth**,
- O seed of **Ab**raham his *servant*, * O children of Jacob **his** chosen.
- ⁷ He is **the** LORD *our* God; * his judgments are **in** all the **world**.
- ⁸ He has always been mindful **of** his cov*en*ant, * and the promise that he made to a thousand ge**nerations**,
- ⁹ Even the covenant that he made with Abraham, * and the oath that he swore to Isaac,
- Which he appointed to **Jac**ob for *a* law,* and to Israel for an everlasting testament,
- ¹¹ Saying, "To you will I give the **land** of *Ca*naan * to be the portion of your **in**heri**tance**."
- When there were **yet** but a few *of* them, and they were stran**gers** in the **land**,
- ¹³ And they wandered from **na**tion to *na*tion, * and from one kingdom to **a**noth**er**,
- ¹⁴ He allowed no **one** to do *them* wrong,* but reproved even kings **for** their **sakes**:
- ¹⁵ "Do not touch **my** An*oint*ed,* and do my pro**phets** no **harm**."
- Moreover, he called for a **fam**ine in *the* land * and destroyed all the provision of bread.
- ¹⁷ But he had sent a **man** be *fore* them: *

 Joseph, who was sold to be **a** bondser**vant**,
- ¹⁸ Whose feet they **hurt** in *the* stocks; * they put an iron collar **around** his **neck**.

- ¹⁹ Until the time came that his **say**ings were *ful*filled, * the word of the **LORD** tried **him**.
- ²⁰ The king sent **and** deliv*ered* him; * the ruler of the people let **him** go **free**.
- ²¹ He made him lord **ov**er *his* house, * and ruler of all his **pos**ses**sions**,
- ²² That he might instruct his princes according to *his* will * and teach his elders wisdom.
- ²³ Israel also came **into** *Egypt*,* and Jacob was a stranger in **the** land of **Ham**.
- ²⁴ And he increased his **peo**ple exceed*ing*ly,* and made them stronger than **their** enemies,
- Whose heart he turned, so that they **hat**ed his *people*, * and dealt deceitfully with **his** ser**vants**.
- ²⁶ Then he sent **Mos**es his *ser*vant,* and Aaron whom he **had** cho**sen**,
- ²⁷ And they worked his **signs** among them, * and wonders in **the** land of **Ham**.
- ²⁸ He sent darkness, **and** it *was* dark; * but they were not obedi**ent** to his **word**.
- ²⁹ He turned their **wat**ers in *to* blood * and caused **their** fish to **die**.
- Their land brought forth frogs, * even in their kings' chambers.
- ³¹ He spoke the word, and there came all **man**ner *of* flies, * and gnats in all **their** bor**ders**.
- ³² He gave them **hail**stones *for* rain, * and flames of fire **in** their **land**.
- ³³ He smote their vines also, **and** their *fig* trees, * and destroyed the trees that were in **their** bor**ders**.
- ³⁴ He spoke the word, and the grasshoppers came, and locusts innumerable, * which ate up all the grass in their land and devoured the fruit of their ground.
- 35 He smote all the **first**born in *their* land,* even the firstfruits **of** all their **strength**.



- ³⁶ He brought forth Israel with silver and gold; * in all their tribes there was not one who stumbled.
- ³⁷ Egypt was glad at **their** de*part*ing,* for they were **a**fraid of **them**.
- ³⁸ He spread out a cloud to **be** a cov*er*ing,* and fire to give light in **the** night sea**son**.
- ³⁹ At their desire **he** brought *qua*il, * and he filled them with the bread **of** heaven.
- ⁴⁰ He opened the rock, and the **wat**ers *flowed* out, * so that rivers ran in the **dry** places.
- ⁴¹ For he remembered his **ho**ly *pro*mise * and Abraham **his** servant.
- ⁴² And he brought forth his **peo**ple *with* joy, * and his chosen ones **with** glad**ness**,
- ⁴³ And gave them the lands **of** the *na*tions, * and they took the labors of the peoples in **pos**ses**sion**,
- ⁴⁴ That they might **keep** his *stat*utes * and observe his **laws**. Praise the **LORD**.



Confitemini Domino | Christ our salvation has visited us

give thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious, * and his mercy endures for ever.

Who can express the mighty acts of the LORD, * or show forth all his praise?

- Blessèd are those who act with justice,* and who always do righteousness.
- Remember me, O LORD, according to the favor that you show to **your** people; * O visit me with **your** salvation,
- ⁵ That I may see the felicity of **your** cho**sen**, * and rejoice in the gladness of your people, and give thanks with **your** *in***her**itance.
- We have sinned like our fathers; * we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.
- Our fathers regarded not your wonders in Egypt, neither did they keep your great goodness in remembrance,* but were disobedient at the sea, even at the Red Sea.
- Nevertheless, he saved them for his Name's sake, that he might make *his* power known.
- ⁹ He rebuked the Red Sea, and it **was** dried **up**; * so he led them through the deep as **through** *a* **wild**erness.
- And he saved them from the adversary's hand, * and delivered them from the hand of the enemy.
- ¹¹ As for those who troubled them, the waters overwhelmed them;* there was not **one** of them left.
- 12 Then they **be**lieved **his words** * and sang **praises unto** him.



- ¹³ But soon they **for**got **his works** * and would not wait for his counsel.
- ¹⁴ A craving came upon them in **the** wild**erness**,* and they tempted God in the desert.
- ¹⁵ So he gave **them** their **desire**, * and sent leanness into their soul.
- ¹⁶ They were envious of Moses also in the camp,* and of Aaron the holy one of the LORD.
- ¹⁷ So the earth opened and swallowed **up** Da**than** * and covered the company of Abiram,
- ¹⁸ And fire was kindled in **their** com**pany**; * the flame burnt up **the** *un***god**ly.
- ¹⁹ They made a calf **in** Horeb * and worshiped a molten image.
- ²⁰ Thus they exchanged **their** glory * for the image of a calf **that** feeds **on** hay.
- ²¹ And they forgot God their Savior,* who had done great things in Egypt,
- Wondrous works in **the** land **of Ham,** * and fearful things by the Red Sea.
- ²³ So he said he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before **him** in **the gap** * to turn away his wrathful indignation, lest he **should** *destroy* them.
- ²⁴ Then they scorned **that** plea**sant land** * and gave no **cred**ence **to** his word,
- 25 But murmured in their tents * and did not hearken to the voice of the LORD.
- ²⁶ Then he lifted up his hand against them * to overthrow them in the wilderness,
- ²⁷ To cast out their seed among **the** nations,* and to scatter **them** in all the lands.

- ²⁸ They joined themselves **to** Baal-**Peor*** and ate the offerings **to** the dead.
- ²⁹ Thus they provoked him to anger with **their** wan**ton deeds**, * and the plague broke **out** *a***mong** them.
- Then Phineas stood up and interceded, and so the plague was ended;
- And that was counted to him **as** right**eousness** * among all generations **for** *eve***r**more.
- They angered him also at the waters of strife, * so that he punished Moses for *their* misdeeds;
- For they provoked him **to** anger, * so that he spoke **rash**/y **with** his lips.
- ³⁴ Neither did they destroy **the** peo**ples** * as the **LORD** *commanded* them,
- But intermingled among the nations * and learned their heathen ways,
- ³⁶ So that they worshiped their idols, which became a snare to them; *

they offered their sons and their daughters to demons,

- And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of **their** daugh**ters**, * whom they offered to the idols of Canaan; and the land **was** *de***filed** with blood.
- ³⁸ Thus were they defiled **by** their **own works** * and went whoring **with** *their* **own** deeds.
- ³⁹ Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against **his** peo**ple**, * and he abhorred his **own** *in***her**itance,
- ⁴⁰ And he gave them over into the hands of **the** na**tions**, * and those who hated them **were** *lords* **ov**er them.
- ⁴¹ Their enemies **op**pressed **them** * and held them **in** *sub***ject**ion.
- ⁴² Many a time did he **deliver them**, *
 but they rebelled against him through their own devices,
 and were brought down **in** *their* **wick**edness.
- ⁴³ Nevertheless, when he saw their **ad**ver**sity**, * when he heard their **lam***en***ta**tion,



- ⁴⁴ He remembered his covenant and pitied them, according to the multitude of **his** mer**cies**; * he made all those who led them away captive **to** *pity* them.
- ⁴⁵ Deliver us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among **the** na**tions**, * that we may give thanks to your holy Name and make our **boast** of **your** praise.
- ⁴⁶ Blessèd be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting and world without end,* and let all the people say, "Amen." Praise the LORD.

DAY 22: MORNING PRAYER

107

Confitemini Domino | Christ the Word healed us from the destruction of death

give thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious, *
and his mercy endures for ever.

Let those whom the LORD has redeemed give thanks, *
whom he has delivered from the hand of the enemy,

- And gathered them out of the lands, from the **east** and **from** the west, * from **the** north and **from the** south.
- ⁴ They went astray in the wilderness, even **in** the **des**ert, * and found no **ci**ty to **dwell** in;

- ⁵ They were hungry and thirsty, * and their soul fainted within them.
- ⁶ Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.
- ⁷ He led them forth **by** a **straight** path * until they came to a city where they **might** dwell.
- ⁸ Oh, that they would therefore praise the LORD **for** his **good**ness* and declare the wonders that he does for **the** children **of** men!
- For he satisfies the empty soul * and fills the hungry soul with goodness.
- ¹⁰ Some sat in darkness, and in the shadow of death, * being bound fast in misery and iron,
- ¹¹ Because they rebelled against the words of God * and lightly regarded the counsel of the Most High.
- ¹² He also brought down their **heart** with **heav**iness; * they fell down, and there **was** none to **help** them.
- ¹³ Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them out of their distress.
- For he brought them out of darkness, and out of the shadow of death,* and broke their bonds asunder.
- ¹⁵ Oh, that they would therefore praise the LORD **for** his **good**ness* and declare the wonders that he does for **the** children **of** men!
- For he has broken the gates of brass * and shattered the bars of iron asunder.
- ¹⁷ The foolish were **plagued** for **their** offense * and because of their wickedness.
- Their soul abhorred all manner of food,* and they were even close to death's door.
- 19 So when they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, * he delivered them out of their distress.
- ²⁰ He sent his **word** and **healed** them,* and they were **saved** from de**struct**ion.
- Oh, that they would therefore praise the LORD for his goodness* and declare the wonders that he does for the children of men!
- ²² That they would offer unto him the sacrifice **of** thanks**giv**ing * and tell of **his** works with **glad**ness!



- ²³ Those who go down **to** the **sea** in ships,* who carry out their business in great **wat**ers,
- ²⁴ They behold the works **of** the **LORD** * and **his** wonders **in the** deep.
- ²⁵ For at his word the stormy **wind** arises, * which *lifts* up **the** waves.
- ²⁶ They are carried up to heaven and down again **to** the **deep**; * their soul melts away because of the **tro**uble.
- ²⁷ They reel to and fro, and stagger **like** a **drunk**en man, * and **are** at their **wits**' end.
- ²⁸ So when they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, * he delivers them out of their distress.
- ²⁹ For he **makes** the **storm** to cease, * so **that** the waves **are** still.
- Then they are glad, because they are at rest,* and so he brings them into the haven where they desire to be.
- Oh, that they would therefore praise the LORD for his goodness* and declare the wonders that he does for the children of men!
- ³² That they would exalt him also in the congregation **of** the **peo**ple * and praise him in the **seat** of the **eld**ers!
- ³³ He turns rivers into a wilderness * and water-springs into thirsty ground,
- A fruitful land **he** makes **bar**ren,*
 because of the wickedness **of** those who **dwell** there.
- Again, he makes the wilderness into pools of water * and dry ground into water-springs;
- And there he **sets** the **hung**ry * that they may build a **ci**ty to **dwell** in,
- That they may sow their land and plant vineyards * to yield the fruits of increase.
- ³⁸ He blesses them, so that they multiply exceedingly, * and does not allow their cattle to decrease.

- ³⁹ And again, when they are diminished **and** brought **low**, * through oppression, through a**ny** plague or **trou**ble,
- Though he pours contempt on princes * and lets them wander in the pathless wilderness,
- ⁴¹ Yet he helps the poor **out** of **mis**ery * and increases their house**holds** like a **flock of** sheep.
- ⁴² The righteous will consider **this** and **re**joice, * and the mouth of all **wick**edness **shall be** stopped.
- Whoever is wise will **pond**er **these** things, * and shall understand the lov**ing**-kindness **of the** LORD.

DAY 22: EVENING PRAYER

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Paratum cor meum | The voice of the Church at Christ's enthronement

God, my heart is fixed, my heart is firmly fixed; *
I will sing and give praise with the best that I have.
Awake, my soul; awake, lute and harp; *

I myself will awaken the dawn.

- ³ I will give thanks unto you, O LORD, among the **peo**ples, * and I will sing praises unto you among the **nat**ions,
- ⁴ For the greatness of your mercy reaches **to** the **heav**ens, * and your **faith**fulness **to** the clouds.
- Exalt yourself, O God, above the heavens; * let your glory be over all the earth.
- ⁶ That your beloved may **be** delivered, * save me by your **right** hand, and **ans**wer me.



- God has spoken in his holiness: *
 "I will rejoice and divide Shechem, and parcel out the valley of Succoth.
- 8 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; * Ephraim also is the helmet for my head; Judah is my scepter.
- Moab is my wash-pot; over Edom will I cast my shoe; * over Philistia will I triumph."
- Who will lead me into **the** strong **cit**y, and who will bring **me** into **Ed**om?
- Have you not for**sak**en **us**, O God? *
 And will you not, O **God**, go forth **with** our hosts?
- ¹² O help us against the enemy, * for vain is the help of man.
- Through God we shall do great acts,* for it is he who shall tread down our enemies.

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Deus, laudem | Christ became a curse, to redeem us from the curse of the Law

old not your tongue, O **God** of **my** praise,* for the mouth of the ungodly, the mouth of the deceitful is **op**ened up**on** me.

- ² They have spoken against **me** with **false** tongues; * they encompassed me with words of hatred, and fought a**gainst** me with**out** a cause.
- ³ In return for the love that I had for them, they have become my **ad**ver**sar**ies; *

but I give myself to prayer.

- Thus have they rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.
- ⁵ Set an ungodly man to be **ruler over** him,* and let an accuser **stand** at his **right** hand.
- When judgment is given, **let** him **be** condemned, and let sentence be **passed** on him **for** guilt.
- ⁷ Let his days be few,*

and let another take his office.

- 8 Let his children be fatherless * and his wife a widow.
- ⁹ Let his children be vagabonds and **beg** their **bread**; * let them be driven out, even from **de**solate **pla**ces.
- Let the creditor consume all that he has,* and let strangers take his labor for spoil.
- ¹¹ Let there be no **one** to **pi**ty him,*
 nor to have compassion upon his **fath**erless **child**ren.
- Let his posterity **be** de**stroyed**,* and in the next generation let **his** name be **blot**ted out.
- Let the wickedness of his fathers be held in remembrance in the sight of the LORD,*

and let not the sin of his **moth**er be **blot**ted out.

¹⁴ Let them be always before the LORD,*

that he may root out the memorial of them from the earth,

- Because he was not minded to do good,* but persecuted to death the poor and needy, and those who were brokenhearted.
- His delight was in cursing; let curses come upon him; *

he loved not blessing;

therefore **let** it be **far** from him.

He clothed himself with cursing as **with** a **gar**ment,*

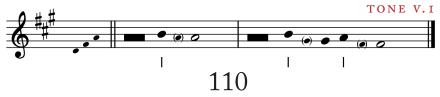
so let it soak into his body like water, and **like** oil into his bones.

- ¹⁸ Let it be to him as the cloak that **he** has **on** * and as the **belt** that he **al**ways wears.
- ¹⁹ Let this be the recompense from the LORD **to** my **en**emies, * and to those who speak **e**vil a**gainst** my soul.



- ²⁰ But deal with me, O LORD God, according to your Name; * for sweet is your mercy.
- ²¹ O deliver me, for I am help**less** and **poor**, * and my heart is **wound**ed with**in** me.
- ²² I disappear like the shadow that **length**ens, * and am shaken off **like** a grasshopper.
- My knees are weak through fasting; * my flesh is grown lean for want of nourishment.
- ²⁴ I have become a reproach to them; * when they look **on** me, they **shake** their heads.
- Help me, O LORD my God; * save me according to your mercy;
- ²⁶ And they shall know that **this** is **your** hand, * and that you, **O** LORD, have **done** it.
- ²⁷ Though they curse, **yet** you **bless**; * let them be confounded who rise up against me, but let **your** servant **re**joice.
- Let my adversaries be clothed with shame,* and let them cover themselves with their own disgrace as with a cloak.
- ²⁹ As for me,
 - I will give great thanks unto the **LORD** with **my** mouth,* and praise him **a**mong the **mul**titude,
- ³⁰ For he shall stand at the right hand **of** the **poor**, * to save their souls from the **un**righteous **judges**.

DAY 23: MORNING PRAYER



Dixit Dominus | The Son, begotten before all worlds, received the Father's promises

he LORD said unto my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, " until I make your enemies your footstool."

² The Lord shall send the scepter of your power out of **Zi**on: *

"Rule in the **midst** of your **en**emies."

³ In the day of your power the people, in holy raiment, shall offer you freewill **of**ferings; *

from the womb of the morning, the dew of your **youth** be**longs** to you.

⁴ The Lord has sworn and will **not** recant: *

"You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."

5 The Lord at your right hand *

shall smite kings in the **day** of **his** wrath.

6 He shall judge the nations; * he shall fill the lands with dead bodies, and strike down heads over many countries.

He shall drink from the brook by the way; * therefore shall he lift up his head.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world **without end**. Amen.

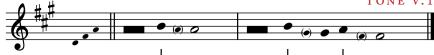
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Confitebor tibi | Christ gives the food of his word || St. Dunstan's dying words

raise the Lord.

I will give thanks unto the LORD with my **whole** heart,* in the company of the upright, and among the **con**gre**gat**ion.

² The works of the LORD are **great**,* sought out by all who have **ple**asure **in** them.



- His work is worthy to be praised and held in **hon**or,* and his righteousness endures for ever.
- ⁴ He has made his marvelous works to be had in remembrance; * The LORD is gracious and merciful.
- ⁵ He has given food to those who **fear** him; * he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.
- ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,* that he may give them the heritage of the nations.
- ⁷ The works of his hands are faithfulness and **just**ice; * all his commandments are true.
- They stand fast for ever and **ev**er, * and are done in **truth** and **eq**uity.
- ⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for ever; * holy and **awe**some **is** his Name.
- ¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of **wis**dom; * a good understanding have all those who live accordingly; his praise endures for ever.

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Beatus vir | Christ gives heavenly rewards to the poor

raise the Lord! Blessèd is the one who fears the Lord, * who has great delight in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty in the land; *

the generation of the **faith**ful **shall** be blessed.

³ Riches and plenteousness shall be in **his** house,* and his righteousness shall endure for ever.

- ⁴ For the upright, there rises light in the **dark**ness; * he is merciful, **lov**ing, and **right**eous.
- 5 It is good for him to be generous in lending * and to guide his words with discretion.
- ⁶ For he shall never be **moved**,*

and the righteous shall be kept in everlasting remembrance.

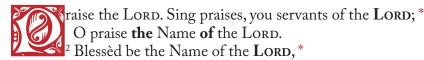
He will not be afraid of any evil tidings,* for his heart is steadfast and trusts in the LORD.

- ⁸ His heart is established, and will **not** fear; * at the last he shall see his desire up**on** his **en**emies.
- ⁹ He has given freely to the **poor**,* and his righteousness endures for ever; his horn shall be exalted with **hon**or.
- The ungodly shall see it, and shall be angry; * he shall gnash his teeth, and waste away; the desire of the ungodly shall perish.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world **without end**. Amen.

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Laudate, pueri | Christ makes his once spiritually barren people fruitful

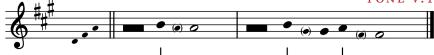


from this time **forth** for **ev**ermore.

³ The Lord's Name be **praised** *

from the rising up of the sun to the going down of the same.

- ⁴ The LORD is high above all **nat**ions, * and his glory above the **heav**ens.
- Who is like the LORD our God, who has his dwelling **so** high, and yet humbles himself to behold the things that are in **heav**en **and** earth?
- ⁶ He takes up the lowly out of the **dust**, * and lifts the poor out **of** the **ash**es,



- ⁷ That he may set them with the **princes**, * even with the princes **of** his **peo**ple.
- 8 He gives the barren woman a home to **dwell** in,* and makes her to be a joyful mother of **chil**dren. **Praise** the LORD.

DAY 23: EVENING PRAYER



In exitu Israel | The Apostle's narrating the wonders God did for the Jews

hen Israel came out of Egypt,*
and the house of Jacob from among a
people of a foreign tongue,

- ² Judah **was** God's sanc**tu**ary, * and Israel his **do**min*ion*.
- ³ The sea **be**held it **and** fled; * Jordan **was** driven *back*.
- ⁴ The **mount**ains skipped **like** rams, * and the little hills **like** young *sheep*.
- ⁵ What ailed you, **O** sea, that **you** fled? * O Jordan, that you **were** driven *back*?
- ⁶ You mountains, **that** you skipped **like** rams, * and you little hills **like** young *sheep*?

- ⁷ Tremble, O earth, at **the** presence **of** the LORD, * at the presence of the God **of** Jacob,
- Who turned the hard rock into **a** pool of **water**, and the flint stone into **a** springing *well*.

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Non nobis, Domine | The rebuke of idols || Victory song of martyrs

ot unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto your Name give the praise, *
for your loving mercy and for your truth's sake.

- Why **shall** the na**tions** say, *
 "Where **now** is their *God?*"
- ³ As for our God, **he** is in **heaven**; * he has done whatsoev**er** pleased *him*.
- ⁴ Their idols **are** silver **and** gold,* even the work **of** human *hands*.
- They have mouths, but they speak not; * eyes have they, but they see not.
- They have ears, but they hear not; * noses have they, but they smell not.
- They have hands, but they feel not; feet have they, but they walk not; * neither is there any sound in their throat.
- Those who make them are like them, and so are all who put their trust in them.
- ⁹ But you, O house of Israel, trust in the LORD; * he is their helper and defender.
- ¹⁰ You house of Aaron, put **your** trust in **the** LORD; * he is their helper and **de**fend*er*.
- ¹¹ You who fear the LORD, put **your** trust in **the** LORD; * he is their helper and **de**fend*er*.
- ¹² The LORD has been mindful of us, **and** he shall **bless** us; * he shall bless the house of Israel; he shall bless the house **of** Aaron;



- ¹³ He shall **bless** those who **fear** the LORD, * both small and great **to**geth*er*.
- The LORD shall **in**crease you **more** and more, you and your child**ren** after *you*.
- ¹⁵ You are **the** blessèd **of** the LORD, * who has made heav**en** and *earth*.
- The **heav**ens are **the** LORD's; * the earth has he given to the child**ren** of *men*.
- ¹⁷ The **dead** praise you **not**, O LORD, * neither all those who go down in**to** si*lence*.
- ¹⁸ But **we** will praise **the** LORD, * from this time forth for evermore. **Praise** the *LORD*.

DAY 24: MORNING PRAYER



Dilexi, quoniam | The voice of Christ and his members, rescued from Hades

love the Lord, *

because he heard the **voice** of **my** prayer,

² Because he inclined **his** ear **to me;** *

therefore will I call upon him as **long** as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me, and the pains of the Grave **laid** hold **of me**; *

I suffered trou**ble** and **sor**row.



- ⁴ Then I called upon the **Name** of **the LORD**: *
 "O LORD, I beseech you, **deliver** my soul."
- Gracious is the LORD and righteous; * indeed, our God is full of compassion.
- The Lord preserves the simple; *
 I was in misery, and he helped me.
- ⁷ Turn again to your **rest**, O **my soul**, * for the LORD **has** *re***ward**ed you.
- You have delivered my soul from death, * my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- ⁹ I will walk **be**fore **the** LORD * in the land **of** *the* **liv**ing.
- ¹⁰ I believed, and therefore will I speak: "I am greatly troubled."* I said in my haste, "All men are liars."
- What shall I give unto the LORD *
 for all the benefits that he has done unto me?
- ¹² I will lift up the cup of salvation * and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 13 I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence of all **his** people; *

 dear in the sight of the LORD is the **death** of **his** so

dear in the sight of the LORD is the **death** of **his** saints.

- O LORD, I am your servant; * I am your servant, and the child of your handmaid; you have broken my bonds asunder.
- ¹⁵ I will offer you the sacrifice of **thanks**giv**ing** * and will call upon the **Name** *of* **the** LORD.
- ¹⁶ I will pay my vows unto the LORD in the sight of all his people, * in the courts of the LORD's house, even in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. *Praise* the LORD.





Laudate Dominum | Christ calls forth praise from all the gentile nations

praise the Lord, all **you** nations; *
praise him, **all** *you* **peo**ples.

For great is his loving-kindness towards **us**, *
and the faithfulness of the Lord
endures for ever. *Praise* the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with**out** *end*. **A**men.

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Confitemini Domino | Christ is the Cornerstone, the Day, and the Gate

ive thanks unto the LORD, for he **is** gra**cious**; * his mercy en**dures** *for* **ev**er.

Let Israel now confess that he **is** gra**cious**, *

that his mercy endures for ever.

Let the house of Aaron now confess *

that his mercy endures for ever.

- ⁴ Indeed, let those who fear **the** LORD **confess** * that his mercy en**dures** *for* **ev**er.
- ⁵ I called upon the LORD **in** trou**ble**, * and the LORD heard me **and** *set* **me** free.
- ⁶ The LORD **is** on **my side**; *
 I will not fear what **man** *can* **do** to me.
- ⁷ The LORD takes my side with those **who** help **me**; * therefore shall I look in triumph **on** *my* **en**emies.
- 8 It is better to **trust** in **the LORD*** than to put any **confidence** in man.
- ⁹ It is better to **trust** in **the LORD** * than to put any confidence *in* **princes**.

- ¹⁰ All the nations **en**com**pass me**,*
 but in the Name of the LORD **will** *I* **cut** them off.
- They hem me in on every side; indeed, they hem me in on every side, *

but in the Name of the LORD will I cut them off.

They come about me like bees, and blaze like fire among the thorns,*

but in the Name of the LORD will I cut them off.

- ¹³ I was thrust aside so that I almost fell, * but the LORD was my help.
- ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength **and** my **song**, * and has become **my** *sal***va**tion.
- The voice of joy and deliverance is in the dwellings of **the** righ**teous**; *

the right hand of the LORD brings mighty things to pass.

The right hand of the LORD is exalted; * the right hand of the LORD brings mighty things to pass.

¹⁷ I shall not **die**, but **live**,*

and declare the works of the LORD.

- The LORD has chastened and corrected me, * but he has not given me over to death.
- ¹⁹ Open unto me the gates **of** righ**teousness**,* that I may go into them, and give **thanks** *un***to** the LORD.
- ²⁰ This is the **gate** of **the LORD**; * the righteous shall en**ter** *in***to** it.
- ²¹ I will thank you, for you **have** heard **me**, * and have become **my** *sal***va**tion.
- ²² The same stone which the **build**ers **refused** * has become the **chief** *corner*stone.
- ²³ This is the **LORD's** doing,* and it is marvelous *in* our eyes.
- ²⁴ This is the day that **the** LORD **has made**; * we will rejoice **and** *be* **glad** in it.
- ²⁵ Help **me** now, **O** LORD; *

O Lord, send us **now** *prosper*ity.

²⁶ Blessèd is he who comes in the **Name** of **the LORD**; * we bless you from the **house** of **the** LORD.



- ²⁷ God is the LORD, who **has** shown **us light;** * bind the sacrifice with cords, even to the horns **of** *the* **alt**ar.
- ²⁸ You are my God, and I will thank you; * you are my God, and I will exalt you.
- ²⁹ O give thanks unto the LORD, for he **is** gracious; * his mercy endures for ever.

DAY 24: EVENING PRAYER



Beati immaculati | Concerning mystical doctrine

les-*sèd* are those who are unde**filed** in **their ways**, * and walk in the **law** *of* **the** Lord.

Blessèd are those who keep his tes**ti**mo**nies** *

and seek him **with** *their* **whole** heart,

- ³ Even those who do **no** wick**edness** * and perfectly **walk** *in* **his** ways.
- ⁴ You have ordered **your** pre**cepts** * that we should dili**gent**/y **keep** them.
- ⁵ O that my ways were **made** so **direct** * that I might **keep** *your* **sta**tutes!
- ⁶ Then would I not **be** put **to shame** * while I give heed unto all **your** *command*ments.

- ⁷ I will thank you with **an** up**right heart**, * when I have learned your **right**eous **judg**ments.
- ⁸ I will keep **your** sta**tutes**; *

O do not for**sake** *me* **ut**terly.

In quo corrigit? | The voice of the young, recently believing

- 9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? * By ruling himself according to your word.
- With my whole heart I **have** sought **you**; *
 O let me not go astray from **your** *command*ments.
- Your words have I hidden within my heart, * that I may not sin against you.
- Blessèd are you, O LORD; * teach me your statutes.
- ¹³ With my lips have I been telling * of all the judgments of your mouth.
- ¹⁴ I have had greater delight in the way of your testimonies * than in all manner of riches.
- ¹⁵ I will meditate on your **com**mand**ments** * and have respect *for* all your ways.
- My delight will be in your statutes,* and I will not forget your word.

Retribue servo tuo | The voice of confessors

- ¹⁷ O do well unto **your** ser**vant**,* that I may **live**, *and* **keep** your word.
- Open my eyes that I may see * the wondrous things of your law.
- ¹⁹ I am a so**jour**ner **on earth**; *

O hide not your commandments from me.

- ²⁰ My soul is consumed with the **fer**vent **desire** * that it always has **for** *your* **judg**ments.
- ²¹ You have **re**buked **the proud**, * and cursed are those who stray from **your** *com***mand**ments.
- ²² O turn from me **shame** and **contempt**, * for I have kept your **tes***ti***mon**ies.



Though princes sit and speak against me,* yet will your servant meditate on your statutes;

²⁴ For your testimonies **are** my **delight**, * and they **are** my **couns**elors.

Adhæsit pavimento | The voice of Christians living in the world

²⁵ My soul **cleaves** to **the dust**; *

O revive me, according to your word.

- ²⁶ I have acknowledged my ways, and you heard me; * O teach me your statutes.
- ²⁷ Make me to understand the way of your **com**mand**ments**, * and so shall I meditate **on** *your* **wond**rous works.
- ²⁸ My soul melts away **for** heav**iness**; * comfort me ac**cord***ing* **to** your word.
- ²⁹ Take from me the way **of** ly**ing**, * and graciously **teach** *me* **your** law.
- ³⁰ I have chosen **the** way **of truth**, * and your judgments have I **set** *be***fore** me.
- ³¹ I hold fast to your testimonies; *
 O Lord, let me **not** *be* **put** to shame.
- ³² I will run the way of your **com**mand**ments** * when you enlarge my heart with **und***er***stand**ing.

DAY 25: MORNING PRAYER

119 PART II

Legem pone | The voice of monastics

each me, O LORD, the way of **your** sta**tutes**, * and I shall **keep** *it* **to** the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I **shall** keep **your law**; * indeed, I shall keep it **with** *my* **whole** heart.

- Make me go in the path of your commandments, * for therein is my desire.
- ³⁶ Incline my heart to your testimonies, * and not to **co**ve**tous** desires.
- ³⁷ O turn away my eyes, lest they be**hold** van**ity**, * and re**vive** *me* **in** your ways.
- ³⁸ Confirm your word to **your** servant,* and to all **those** *who* **fear** you.
- ³⁹ Take away the reproach that I am **a**fraid **of**, * for **your** *judg***ments** are good.
- ⁴⁰ Behold, my delight is in **your** pre**cepts**; * O revive me **in** *your* **right**eousness.

Et veniat super me | The voice of priests

- ⁴¹ Let your loving mercy come **to** me, **O** LORD, * even your salvation, ac**cord***ing* **to** your word.
- ⁴² So shall I answer those **who** taunt **me**, * for my **trust** *is* **in** your word.
- ⁴³ O do not take the word of your truth utterly **out** of **my mouth**,* for my hope is **in** *your* **judg**ments.
- 44 So shall I always keep your law, * even for ever and ever;
- ⁴⁵ And I will walk **at** lib**erty,** * for I seek **your** *com***mand**ments.
- ⁴⁶ I will speak of your testimonies also, even **be**fore **kings**, * and **will** *not* **be** ashamed;

- ⁴⁷ And my delight shall be in your **com**mand**ments**, * which I have **loved** *exceed*ingly.
- ⁴⁸ My hands also will I lift up to your **com**mand**ments**, * and I will meditate **on** *your* **sta**tutes.

Memor esto verbi tui | The voice of a holy man, amidst the ungodly

- ⁴⁹ O remember your word to **your** ser**vant**,* in which you have caused **me** *to* **put** my trust.
- ⁵⁰ This is my comfort in **my** trou**ble**, * for your word has **giv**en **me** life.
- ⁵¹ The proud have held me exceedingly in **derision**, * yet I have not turned **a**side **from** your law.
- ⁵² For I have remembered, O LORD, your judgments from **of old**, * and by them I have **re***ceived* **com**fort.
- 53 I am filled with indignation,* because of the ungodly who forsake your law.
- ⁵⁴ Your statutes **have** been **my songs** * in the house **of** *my* **pil**grimage.
- ⁵⁵ I have thought upon your Name, O LORD, in the **night** season,* and I have *kept* your law.
- This has been my reward,* because I have kept your commandments.

Portio mea, Domine | The voice of the theological doctors, keeping watch

You are my portion, O LORD; *

I have promised **to** *keep* **your** law.

- ⁵⁸ I made my humble petition in your presence with **my** whole **heart**; * O be merciful to me, ac**cord** *ing* **to** your word.
- ⁵⁹ I have called my ways to **remembrance** * and turned my feet to your **tes***ti***mon**ies.
- 60 I made haste and did not delay * to keep your commandments.

- ⁶¹ The cords of the ungodly have **encircled me**, * but I have not **for***got***ten** your law.
- 62 At midnight I will rise to give **thanks** to **you**, * because of your **right**eous **judg**ments.
- ⁶³ I am a companion of all those **who** fear **you** * and keep **your** *com***mand**ments.
- ⁶⁴ The earth, O LORD, is full of **your** mercy; * O teach **me** *your* **sta**tutes.

Bonitatem fecisti | The voice of the saints in adversity

- 65 O Lord, you have dealt graciously with your servant, * according to your word.
- 66 O teach me true understanding and knowledge,* for I have believed your commandments.
- ⁶⁷ Before I was afflicted I went **astray**, * but **now** *I* **keep** your word.
- 68 You are good **and** gracious; *
 O teach **me** your **sta**tutes.
- ⁶⁹ The proud have slandered **me** with **lies**, * but I will keep your commandments **with** *my* **whole** heart.
- ⁷⁰ Their heart has become gross with fatness, * but my delight is *in* your law.
- ⁷¹ It is good for me that I have been **af**flict**ed**, * that I may **learn** *your* **sta**tutes.
- ⁷² The law of your mouth is dear**er** to **me** * than thousands in **gold** *and* **sil**ver.

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Manus tuæ fecerunt me | The voice of Bishops and Confessors

our hands have made me **and** fash**ioned me**; *
O give me understanding,
that I may learn **your** commandments.

- ⁷⁴ Those who fear you will be glad when **they** see **me**, * because I have put my **trust** *in* **your** word.
- ⁷⁵ I know, O Lord, that your judg**ments** are **right**, * and that in your faithfulness you have caused me to **be** *af***flict**ed.
- O let your merciful kindness be my comfort, according to your word to your servant.
- O let your loving mercies come to me, that I may live, for your law is my delight.
- The Let the proud be put to shame, for they go about wickedly to destroy me; *

but I will meditate on your commandments.

- 79 Let those who fear you turn to me, * even those who know your testimonies.
- 80 O let my heart be sound in **your** sta**tutes**, * that I may nev**er** *be* **put** to shame.

Defecit anima mea | The vows of the penitent

- My soul has longed for your **sal**va**tion**,* and I have a good hope **be***cause* **of** your word.
- 82 My eyes long sorely for your word, * saying, "O when will you comfort me?"
- ⁸³ For I have become like a wine**skin** in **the smoke**, * yet I do not for**get** *your* **sta**tutes.

- How many are the days of **your** servant? *
 When will you execute judgment on those who **persecute** me?
- 85 The proud have dug pits for me; * they do not walk after your law.
- All your commandments are true.*
 They persecute me falsely;
 O Lord, be my help.
- They had almost made an end of me on earth, but I have not forsaken your commandments.
- ⁸⁸ O revive me with your lov**ing**-kind**ness**, * and so shall I keep the testi**mo**nies **of** your mouth.

In æternum, Domine | The voice of those who serve in the Church

- 89 O Lord, your word endures for ever; * it stands fast in heaven.
- ⁹⁰ Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; * you have laid the foundation of the earth, and *it* abides.
- ⁹¹ Surely your ordinances **stand** firm **this day**, * for all things **are** *your* **serv**ants.
- 92 If my delight had not been in your law,* I should have perished in my affliction.
- ⁹³ I will never forget your **com**mand**ments**, * for with them you **have** *en***liv**ened me.
- ⁹⁴ I am yours; **O** save **me!** *

For I have sought **your** commandments.

- The ungodly lie in wait for me to destroy me, but I will consider your testimonies.
- ⁹⁶ I see that all things come to an end,* but your commandment has no bounds.

Quomodo dilexi! | The voice of teachers of the Faith

97 Lord, what love I have for your law; * all the day long I meditate on it.



You, through your commandment, have made me wiser than my enemies, *

for it is always with me.

- ⁹⁹ I have more understanding than **my** teach**ers**, * for your testimonies **are** *my* **stu**dy.
- ¹⁰⁰ I am wiser than **the** ag**éd**, * because I keep **your** *com***mand**ments.
- ¹⁰¹ I have restrained my feet from every evil way, * that I may keep your word.
- ¹⁰² I have not turned aside from **your** judg**ments**, * for you your**self** *have* **taught** me.
- ¹⁰³ Oh, how sweet are your **words** to **my taste**; * indeed, sweeter than **hon***ey* **to** my mouth.
- ¹⁰⁴ Through your commandments I get un**der**stand**ing**; * therefore I **hate** *all* **e**vil ways.

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.

DAY 26: MORNING PRAYER

119 PART IV

Lucerna pedibus meis | The voice of one opposed by false teachers

our word is a lan**tern** to **my feet** * and a **light** *up***on** my path.

¹⁰⁶ I have sworn and am steadfast**ly** pur**posed** *

to keep your righteous judgments.

¹⁰⁷ I am troubled above measure; * revive me, O Lord, according to your word.

- ¹⁰⁸ Let the freewill offerings of my mouth **please** you, **O** LORD; * and teach **me** *your* **judg**ments.
- 109 My life is always in my hand, * yet I do not *forget* your law.
- ¹¹⁰ The ungodly have laid **a** snare **for me**, * yet I have not strayed from **your** *command*ments.
- ¹¹¹ Your testimonies have I claimed as my heritage **for** ever, * and why? They are the very **joy** *of* **my** heart.
- ¹¹² I have applied my heart to fulfill your sta**tutes** always,* even **un**to **the** end.

Iniquos odio habui | The voice of the righteous in temptation

- ¹¹³ I hate those who are dou**ble**-mind**ed**,* but your **law** *do* **I** love.
- ¹¹⁴ You are my **defense and shield**, * and my **trust** *is* **in** your word.
- ¹¹⁵ Away from me, **you** wick**ed**. *
 I will keep the command**ments** *of* **my** God.
- ¹¹⁶ Establish me according to your word, **that** I **may live**, * and let me not be disap**point***ed* **in** my hope.
- ¹¹⁷ Hold me up, and **I** shall **be safe**; * indeed, my delight shall be ever **in** *your* **sta**tutes.
- ¹¹⁸ You have trodden down all those who depart from **your** sta**tutes**, * for they only **im***ag***ine** deceit.
- ¹¹⁹ You put away all the ungodly of **the** earth **like dross**; * therefore I love your **tes***ti***mo**nies.
- ¹²⁰ My flesh trembles **for** fear **of** you, * and I am afraid **of** your **judg**ments.

Feci judicium | The prayer of the faithful at the End

- O give me not over to **my** oppressors.
- ¹²² Be surety for **your** servant's **good**; *
 - O let not the arrogant oppress me.
- ¹²³ My eyes have wasted away with looking for your **sal**va**tion**, * and for the word **of** *your* **right**eousness.



- O deal with your servant according to your loving mercy, and teach **me** *your* **sta**tutes.
- ¹²⁵ I am your servant; O grant me un**der**stand**ing**, * that I may know your **tes***ti***mo**nies.
- ¹²⁶ It is time for you, O LORD, to act, * for they have **bro**ken your law.
- ¹²⁷ For I love your commandments above all things, * more than gold *and* precious stones.
- ¹²⁸ Therefore I hold all your commandments to be right, * and all false ways I utterly abhor.

Mirabilia | Thanks to God for his speaking words to the heart

- ¹²⁹ Your testimonies **are** won**derful**; * therefore does **my** *soul* **keep** them.
- ¹³⁰ When your word goes forth it gives light * and understanding to *the* simple.
- ¹³¹ I opened my mouth, and **drew** in **my breath**, * for my delight was in **your** *command*ments.
- O look upon me, and be merciful unto me, as you always do for those who love your Name.
- Order my steps according to your word,* and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.
- O deliver me from those who deal wrongfully, and so shall I keep your commandments.
- 135 Show the light of your countenance upon **your** servant, * and teach **me** *your* **sta**tutes.
- ¹³⁶ My eyes gush **out** wa**ter** * because of those who **do** *not* **keep** your law.

Justus es, Domine | The plea of one feeling crushed by opposition

¹³⁷ Righteous **are** you, **O** LORD, * and true **are** *your* **judg**ments.

¹³⁸ The testimonies that you have **com**mand**ed** * are exceedingly **right***eous* **and** true.

¹³⁹ My zeal has even **con**sumed **me**,* because my enemies have **for***got***ten** your words.

¹⁴⁰ Your word is tested to **the** ut**termost**, and therefore your **serv***ant* **loves** it.

¹⁴¹ I am small, and of no reputation,* yet I do not forget your commandments.

¹⁴² Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, * and your law *is* the truth.

¹⁴³ Trouble and heaviness have taken hold of me, * yet my delight is in your *command*ments.

¹⁴⁴ The righteousness of your testimonies is ev**er**last**ing**; * O grant me understanding, **and** *I* **shall** live.

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.

DAY 26 : EVENING PRAYER

119 PART V

Clamavi in toto corde meo | The voice of one confessing the faith a long time

call with **my** whole **heart**.*
Hear me, O Lord;
I will **keep** your **stat**utes.

Even unto **you** do **I call**;*

help me, and I shall keep your testimonies.

¹⁴⁷ Early in the morning do I **cry** un**to you**, * for in your **word** *is* **my** trust.



- ¹⁴⁸ My eyes open before the **night** watches,* that I may meditate on your words.
- ¹⁴⁹ Hear my voice, O Lord, according to your lov**ing**-kind**ness**; * give me life according to your judgments.
- 150 They draw nigh who in malice persecute me,* and **are** far **from** your law.
- ¹⁵¹ Be near at hand, O LORD, * for all your commandments are true.
- ¹⁵² Concerning your testimonies, I have **known** long **ago** * that you have founded **them** *for* **ev**er.

Vide humilitatem | Supplication of the sorrowful

- ¹⁵³ O consider my adversity and **deliver me**,* for I do **not** forget your law.
- ¹⁵⁴ Plead my cause and **deliver me**; * give me life according to your word.
- ¹⁵⁵ Salvation is far from the **un**godly,* for they do not regard your statutes.
- ¹⁵⁶ Great is your mercy, O Lord; * give me life according **to** your **judg**ments.
- ¹⁵⁷ Many there are who trouble me and persecute me,* yet I do not swerve from your testimonies.
- 158 It grieves me when I see the transgressors,* because they **do** not **keep** your law.
- ¹⁵⁹ Consider, O Lord, how I love your **com**mand**ments**; * O give me life according to your **loving-kind**ness.
- ¹⁶⁰ Your word is true from everlasting; * all the judgments of your righteousness endure for evermore.

Principes persecuti sunt | The plea of one opposed by bishops

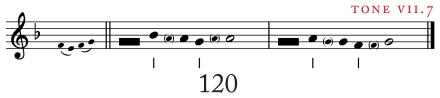
¹⁶¹ Princes have persecuted me without a cause,* but my heart stands **in** *awe* **of** your word.

- ¹⁶² I am as glad of your word * as one who finds great spoils.
- ¹⁶³ As for lies, I hate and **ab**hor **them**, * but your **law** *do* **I** love.
- ¹⁶⁴ Seven times a day do **I** praise **you**, * because of your **right**eous **judg**ments.
- ¹⁶⁵ Great is the peace they have **who** love **your law** * and find in **it** *no* **stumb**ling block.
- ¹⁶⁶ LORD, I have looked for **your** saving **health** * and have done **your** *command*ments.
- ¹⁶⁷ My soul has kept your testimonies,* and I have loved them *exceedingly*.
- ¹⁶⁸ I have kept your commandments and testimonies, * for all my ways are *be*fore you.

Approprinquet deprecatio | The remembrance of our frailty

- ¹⁶⁹ Let my complaint come before **you**, O **LORD**; * give me understanding, ac**cord***ing* **to** your word.
- ¹⁷⁰ Let my supplication come **be**fore **you**; *deliver me, ac**cord***ing* **to** your word.
- ¹⁷¹ My lips shall **pour** forth **your praise**, * when you have taught **me** *your* **sta**tutes.
- ¹⁷² Surely my tongue shall sing **of** your **word**,* for all your command**ments** *are* **right**eous.
- ¹⁷³ Let your hand be strong **to** help **me**,* for I have chosen **your** *command*ments.
- ¹⁷⁴ I have longed for your saving health, **O** LORD, * and in your **law** *is* **my** delight.
- ¹⁷⁵ O let my soul live, and it **shall** praise **you**; * and let your **judg***ments* **help** me.
- ¹⁷⁶ I have gone astray like a **sheep** that **is lost**; *
 O seek your servant, for I do not forget **your** *com***mand**ments.

DAY 27 (& 31): MORNING PRAYER



Ad Dominum | Step 1 of the Ascent: Weariness of worldly companionship

hen I was in trouble I called upon the LORD, * and he hearkened to my calling.

Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips * and from a deceitful tongue.

- What reward shall be given or done unto **you**, O **false** tongue? *
 Even mighty and sharp arrows, **with** hot **burning** coals.
- ⁴ Woe is me, that I am constrained to **dwell** in **Mesh**ech, * and to have my habitation among the **tents** of **Ke**dar.
- My soul has long dwelt among those * who are enemies of peace.
- ⁶ I labor for peace, but when I speak **to** them **of** it, * they make themselves **ready** for **bat**tle.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the **Ho**ly **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world **with**out **end**. Amen.

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Levavi oculos | Step 2 of the Ascent: Hope in the promised life everlasting

will lift up my eyes unto the hills; *
from whence comes my help?

My help comes from the LORD, *
who has made heaven and earth.

- ³ He will not **let** your **foot** be moved, * and he who **keeps** you **will not** sleep.
- ⁴ Behold, **he** who keeps **Is**rael * shall neither **slumb**er **nor** sleep.
- ⁵ The Lord himself is your keeper; * the Lord is your defense upon your right hand,

- 6 So that the sun shall not burn you by day, * neither the moon by night.
- ⁷ The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; * indeed, it is he who shall keep your soul.
- ⁸ The LORD shall preserve your going **out** and your **com**ing in, * from this time **forth** for **ever**more.

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Lætatus sum | Step 3 of the Ascent: Love for the People of God

was glad when they **said** un**to** me,*
"We will go into the **house** of **the** LORD."

Now our **feet** are **stand**ing *

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

- ³ Jerusalem is built **as** a **ci**ty * that is at uni**ty** in **it**self.
- ⁴ For there the tribes go up, even the **tribes** of **the** LORD, * as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks unto the **Name** of **the** LORD.
- ⁵ For there is the **throne** of **judg**ment, * even the throne of the **house** of **Da**vid.
- O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; * they shall prosper that love you.
- Peace be within your walls * and plenteousness within your palaces.
- For my brethren and companions' sakes, * I will wish you prosperity.
- ⁹ Indeed, because of the house of the LORD our God, * I will seek to do you good.



Ad te levavi oculos meos | Step 4 of the Ascent: Perseverance in prayer

nto you I **lift** up **my** eyes, *
you who are enthroned **in** the **heav**ens.

Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand **of** their **mast**ers, *

and as the eyes of a maiden to the hand of her mistress,

- Even so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God,* until he show us his favor.
- ⁴ Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have **mer**cy up**on** us, * for we have suffered more **than** enough contempt.
- ⁵ Long has our soul suffered the **scorn** of the **wealth**y * and the spitefulness of **the** proud.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the **Ho**ly **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world **without end. A**men.

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Nisi quia Dominus | Step 5 of the Ascent: Gratitude for deliverance

f the LORD himself had not been on our side, now may **Is**ra**el** say: *
if the LORD himself had not been on our side,

when men rose up against us,

² Then would they have **swal**lowed us **up** alive,* when they were so wrathfully **dis**pleased **with** us;

Then the waters would have drowned us, and the **tor**rent gone **ov**er us; *

then the raging waters would have gone clean over us.

⁴ But **praised** be **the** LORD, * who has not given us over to be **prey** for **their** teeth.

- We escaped like a bird out of the **snare** of the **fowl**er; the snare is broken, and we have **been** delivered.
- Our help is in the Name of the LORD,* the maker of heaven and earth.

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Qui confidunt | Step 6 of the Ascent: Remanining faithful in suffering

hose who put their trust in the LORD shall be **like** Mount **Zi**on, *
which cannot be moved, but stands **fast** for **ev**er.

² The hills stand a**bout** Jerusalem * even as the Lord stands round about his people, from this time **forth** for **ever**more.

³ For the scepter of the ungodly shall not rest upon the land allotted **to** the **right**eous, *

lest the righteous put forth their hand to do wickedness.

⁴ Do good, O LORD, unto **those** who **are** good, * unto those who are **good** and **true of** heart.

As for those who turn aside to their own wicked ways, the LORD shall lead them away with the **e**vil**do**ers; * but peace shall **be** upon **Isra**el.

DAY 27 (& 31): EVENING PRAYER



In convertendo | Step 7 of the Ascent: The hope of the reward of eternal joys

hen the LORD overturned the captivity of **Zi**on, * then were we like **those** who **dream**.

Then was our mouth filled with **laugh**ter * and our tongue **with** shouts **of joy**.

Then they said among the **na**tions, *

"The LORD has done great things for them."

- ⁴ Indeed, the LORD has done great things for us already, * whereof we rejoice.
- ⁵ Overturn our captivity, O LORD, * as when streams refresh the deserts of the south.
- Those who sow in tears * shall reap with songs of joy.
- ⁷ He who goes on his way weeping and bears **good** seed * shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring **his** sheaves **with him**.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with**out** end. **Amen.**

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Nisi Dominus | Step 8 of the Ascent: Trust in Christ alone to build up his Church

nless the Lord builds the **house**,* their labor is in **vain** who **build it**. Unless the Lord keeps the **ci**ty,*

the watchman keeps vigil in vain.

It is in vain that you rise up early, and take rest so late, and eat the bread of **toil**, *

for he gives to his belovèd sleep.

- ⁴ Behold, children are a heritage from the **LORD**, * and the fruit of the womb is a gift **that** comes **from him**.
- ⁵ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, * so are the children of one's youth.
- ⁶ Happy is the man who has his quiver **full** of them; * he shall not be ashamed when he speaks with his enemies in **the gate.**

128

Beati omnes | Step 9 of the Ascent: Help in prayer by those who fear the Lord

lessèd are all those who fear the LORD *
and walk in his ways.

For you shall eat of the labors of your hands; *

it shall be well with you, and happy you shall be.

- Your wife shall be as a fruitful **vine** * upon the **walls** of **your house**,
- ⁴ Your children like the olive **branch**es * round a**bout** your **table**.
- Indeed, thus shall the man be blessed * who fears the LORD.
- May the LORD bless you out of Zion; * may you see Jerusalem in prosperity all your life long.
- ⁷ May you see your children's **child**ren,* and may there be peace up**on** Is**rael.**





Sæpe expugnaverunt | Step 10 of the Ascent: Christ will fight for you

any a time have they fought against me from my youth on,"*
may Israel now say;

- ² "Indeed, many a time have they afflicted me from my youth **on**,* but they have not prevailed **a**gainst **me**.
- ³ The plowers plowed up**on** my back, * and **made** long **furrows**.
- ⁴ But the righteous **LORD** * has hewn the snares of the ungod**ly** in **pieces**."
- Let them be ashamed and turned backward,* as many as hate Zion.
- ⁶ Let them be as the grass growing upon the **house**tops, * which withers before **it** grows **up**,
- Which does not fill the hand of the **reap**er,* neither the bosom of him who **binds** up **the sheaves**,
- So that those who go by say not so much as, "The LORD **pros**per you.*

We bless you in the Name of the LORD."

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with**out** end. **Amen.**

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De profundis | Step 11 of the Ascent: Continual repentance | Penitence for envy

ut of the deep have I called unto you, O LORD; *
Lord, **hear** my **voice**.

O let your ears consider **well** *

the voice of my supplications.

- If you, LORD, were to mark what is done amiss, * O Lord, who could abide it?
- ⁴ For there is mercy with **you**; * therefore **you** shall **be feared.**
- ⁵ I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for **him**; * in his word **is** my **trust**.
- My soul waits for the Lord,* more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.
- ⁷ O Israel, trust in the LORD, for with the LORD there is **mer**cy, * and with him is plente**ous** re**demption**;
- 8 And he shall redeem **Is**rael * from **all** their **sins**.

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Domine, non est | Step 12 of the Ascent: Marian reverence from humility

LORD, I am not haughty; *

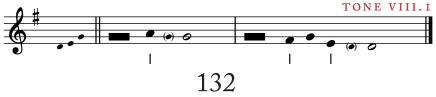
I have no proud looks.

I do not occupy myself with great matters, *

or with things that are too high for me.

- But I have stilled and quieted my soul, like a weaned child upon his mother's breast; * so is my soul quieted within me.
- ⁴ O Israel, trust in the LORD * from this time forth for **evermore**.

DAY 28: MORNING PRAYER



Memento, Domine | Step 13 of the Ascent: A glimpse of the Vision Glorious

ORD, remember **Da**vid,*
and all his **tribula**tions,

How he swore unto the **LORD**,*

and vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob:

- ³ "I will not come within the tabernacle of **my** house,* nor climb up **in**to **my** bed,
- ⁴ I will not allow my eyes to sleep, nor my eyelids to **slumb**er, * neither the temples of my head **to** take **any** rest,
- ⁵ Until I find a place for the temple of the LORD, * a habitation for the mighty **God** of **Ja**cob."
- ⁶ Lo, we heard of the ark at **Eph**rathah * and **found** it **in** the wood.
- We will go into his tabernacle,* and fall low on our knees before his footstool.
- ⁸ Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, * you and the ark of your strength.
- ⁹ Let your priests be clothed with **right**eousness, * and let **your** saints **sing** with joy.
- ¹⁰ For your servant **Da**vid's sake,* turn not away the presence of **your** A**noint**ed.
- The LORD has made a faithful oath unto David, and he shall not shrink from it:
- ¹² "Of the fruit of your **bo**dy * shall I **set** up**on** your throne.
- ¹³ If your children will keep my covenant, and my testimonies that I shall **teach** them,*

their children also shall sit upon your throne for evermore."

- ¹⁴ For the LORD has chosen Zion **for** himself; * he has longed for her to be his **habitation**:
- ¹⁵ "This shall be my rest for **ev**er; * here will I dwell, for I have **a** de**light** therein.
- ¹⁶ I will bless her provisions with **in**crease, * and will satisfy **her** poor **with** bread.
- ¹⁷ I will clothe her priests with salvation, * and her saints **shall** re**joice** and sing.
- ¹⁸ There shall I make the horn of David **flour**ish; * I have prepared a lantern for **my** Anointed.
- ¹⁹ As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with **shame**; * but upon his head shall **his** crown **flour**ish."

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Ecce, quam bonum! | Step 14 of the Ascent: Delight in the gifts of the Church

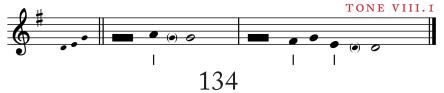
ehold, how good and joyful a thing it **is** * when brethren dwell toge**ther** in **un**ity.

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the **beard**, *

even Aaron's beard,

and went down to the edges of his clothing,

- Like the dew of Hermon,* which falls upon the hills of Zion.
- ⁴ For there the LORD promised his **bles**sing,* even **life** for **ev**ermore.



Ecce nunc | Step 15: Entering the Church Triumphant | St. Oswald's last song

ehold now, praise the LORD, *
all you **serv**ants **of** the LORD,

You that stand by night in the house of the LORD, *
even in the courts of the **house** of **our** God.

- Lift up your hands in the sanctuary * and sing praises unto the LORD.
- ⁴ The LORD who made heaven and **earth** * give you blessing **out** of **Zion**.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world **without end**. Amen.

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Laudate Nomen | Christ, by his Name, turns us from heathen idolatry

praise the LORD. Praise the Name of the LORD; * offer praise, you **serv**ants **of** the LORD, * You who stand in the house of the **LORD**, * in the courts of the **house** of **our** God.

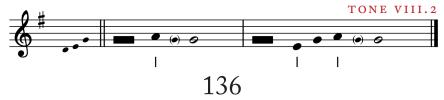
- O praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; * sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.
- ⁴ For the LORD has chosen Jacob **for** himself* and Israel for his **own** pos**ses**sion.
- ⁵ For I know that the LORD is **great**,* and that our Lord **is** above all gods.
- Whatsoever the LORD pleases he does, in heaven and on **earth**, in the seas and in all **the** deep **pla**ces.
- ⁷ He brings forth clouds from the ends of the earth * and sends forth lightning with the rain, bringing the wind out of his treasuries.

- It was he who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,* both of man and beast.
- ⁹ He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O land of Egypt, * against Pharaoh and all his servants.

¹⁰ He smote many **na**tions, * and **slew** migh**ty** kings:

- ¹¹ Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og the king of **Ba**shan, * and all the king**doms** of **Can**aan.
- ¹² And he gave their land to be an inheritance, * an inheritance for Israel his people.
- Your Name, O LORD, endures for ever; * so does your renown, O LORD, from one generation to another.
- ¹⁴ For the LORD will avenge his **peo**ple * and have compassion up**on** his **serv**ants.
- ¹⁵ As for the idols of the nations, they are but silver and **gold**, * the **work** of **hu**man hands.
- They have mouths, but they speak not; * eyes have they, but they see not;
- ¹⁷ They have ears, and yet they **hear** not, * neither is there any **breath** in **their** mouths.
- Those who make them are like them,* and so are all who put their trust in them.
- ¹⁹ Praise the LORD, O house of **Is**rael; * praise the LORD, O **house** of **Aar**on.
- ²⁰ Praise the LORD, O house of **Levi**; * you who fear **the** LORD, **praise** the LORD.
- ²¹ Praised be the LORD from **Zion**,* who dwells in Jeru**sa**lem. **Praise** the LORD.

DAY 28: EVENING PRAYER



Confitemini | *The voice of the Holy Spirit, calling the Church to thanksgiving* This psalm is best sung antiphonally by half-verse.

give thanks unto the LORD, for he is **gra**cious, * for his mercy en**dures** for **ev**er.

O give thanks unto the God of **all** gods, *

for his mercy endures for ever.

- ³ O give thanks unto the Lord of **all** lords, * for his mercy endures for ever.
- ⁴ Who alone does great **wond**ers, * for his mercy endures for **ever**.
- Who by his excellent wisdom made the **heavens**, for his mercy endures for ever.
- Who laid out the earth above the waters, for his mercy endures for ever.
- Who made the great **lights**,* for his mercy endures for ever.
- The sun to rule the day,* for his mercy endures for ever.
- The moon and the stars to govern the **night**, for his mercy endures for ever.
- Who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, for his mercy endures for ever.
- ¹¹ And brought out Israel from a**mong** them, * for his mercy en**dures** for **ev**er.
- ¹² With a mighty hand and an outstretched **arm**, * for his mercy endures for **ev**er.
- ¹³ Who divided the Red Sea in **two** parts, * for his mercy en**dures** for **eve**r.

- And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, for his mercy endures for ever.
- But as for Pharaoh and his host, he overthrew them in the **Red** Sea,* for his mercy endures for ever.
- Who led his people through the wilderness, for his mercy endures for ever.
- ¹⁷ Who smote **great** kings, * for his mercy en**dures** for **ev**er.
- ¹⁸ And slew **migh**ty kings, * for his mercy en**dures** for **ev**er.
- Sihon king of the Amorites, * for his mercy endures for ever.
- ²⁰ And Og the king of **Ba**shan,* for his mercy en**dures** for **ev**er.
- ²¹ And gave away their land for an inheritance, * for his mercy endures for ever.
- ²² Even for an inheritance for Israel his **serv**ant, * for his mercy en**dures** for **eve**r.
- Who remembered us when we were in **trou**ble, for his mercy en**dures** for **ev**er.
- And delivered us from our **en**emies,* for his mercy en**dures** for **ev**er.
- Who gives food to all flesh,* for his mercy endures for ever.
- O give thanks unto the God of heaven, for his mercy endures for ever.
- ²⁷ O give thanks unto the **Lord** of lords * for his mercy en**dures** for **eve**r.



Super flumina | That Christ may bring us out of the corruption of this flesh

y the waters of Babylon we sat down and **wept**, *
when we remembered **you**, O **Zi**on.

As for our harps, we hung **them** up *

upon the trees that are therein.

- ³ For those who led us away captive required of us a song and melody in our **heav**iness: *

 "Sing us one of the **songs** of **Zion**."
- ⁴ How shall we sing the LORD's song * in the land of our captivity?
- 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, * let my right hand forget its skill.
- ⁶ If I do not remember you, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my **mouth**, *

if I prefer not Jerusalem above my dearest joy.

- Remember the children of Edom, O LORD, in the day of Jerusalem, * how they said, "Down with it, down with it, even to the ground."
- O daughter of Babylon, wasted with misery, happy shall be the one who rewards you as you have done to us.
- 9 Blessèd shall he be who takes your children * and throws them against the stones.

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Confitebor tibi | The Church promises to sing to the Lord in the sight of the angels

will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my **whole** heart; * even before the gods will I sing **prai**ses **to** you.

I will worship toward your holy temple and praise your Name, because of your loving-kindness and **truth**, * for you have magnified your Name

for you have magnified your Name and your **word** above all things.

When I called upon you, you **heard** me * and gave me **in**crease **of** strength.

- ⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, * for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- ⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, * that great is the **glo**ry **of** the LORD.
- ⁶ For though the LORD be high, yet he has respect for the **low**ly;* as for the proud, he be**holds** them **from** afar.
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shall you re**fresh** me; * you shall stretch forth your hand upon the furiousness of my enemies, and your right **hand** shall **save** me.
- The LORD shall make good his loving-kindness toward me; your mercy, O LORD, endures for ever; despise not the works of your own hands.



Domine, probasti | Christ, conquering hell, has made the night as day || In Labor

LORD, you have searched me **out** and **known** me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you understand **my** thoughts *from* afar.

You examine my path and my places of rest,* and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a **word** on **my** tongue, * but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

⁴ You have enclosed me behind and before,* and have laid your **hand** upon me.

Such knowledge is too **won**der**ful** for me,* so excellent I can**not** at*tain* to it.

⁶ Where shall I go then **from** your **Spi**rit,* or where shall I flee **from** your *pres*ence?

⁷ If I climb up to **heav**en, **you** are there; * if I make my bed in the Grave, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there shall **your** hand **lead** me,* and your right **hand** shall *hold* me.

¹⁰ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,"* then shall my **night** be turned to day.

¹¹ Even the darkness is not dark to you, and the night is as **clear** as **the** day; * the darkness and the light to you are both alike.

¹² For you yourself **made** my **in**most parts; * you knit me together in my mother's womb.

- ¹³ I will give thanks to you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; * marvelous are your works, and my soul knows it very well.
- ¹⁴ My bones were not hidden from you * when I was made in secret and fashioned in the depths of the earth.
- ¹⁵ Your eyes beheld my substance, while **I** was **yet** unformed; * and in your book were all my **mem**bers *writ*ten,
- Which day by **day** were **fash**ioned, * when as yet **there** was *none* of them.
- ¹⁷ How dear to me **are** your **thoughts**, O God.* How great **is** the *sum* of them!
- ¹⁸ If I were to count them, they would be more in **num**ber **than** the sand.* When I wake up, I am **pre**sent with you.
- Oh, that you would slay the **wick**ed, **O** God! * Depart from me, **you** blood*thirsty* men.
- ²⁰ For they speak unrighteously against you; * your enemies take your *Name* in vain.
- ²¹ Do I not hate those, O LORD, who hate you, * and do I not loathe those who rise **up** against you?
- ²² Indeed, I hate them with a **per**fect **ha**tred; * they have become **my** own *en*emies.
- ²³ Search me, O **God**, and **know** my heart; * try me and examine *my* thoughts.
- Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me, * and lead me in the way everlasting.





Eripe me, Domine | That Christ may deliver us from the poison of evil thoughts

Teliver me, O Lord, from **ev**il**do**ers, * and preserve me from the violent, 🚰 Who imagine **ev**il **in** their hearts * and stir up strife all the day long.

- They have sharpened their tongues **like** a **ser**pent; * adders' poison is **und**er *their* lips.
- Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the ungodly; * preserve me from the violent, who have purposed to overthrow my steps.
- ⁵ The proud have laid a snare for me and spread **out** a **net** with cords; * they have set **traps** in my way.
- I said unto the LORD, "You are my God; * hear the voice of my prayers, O LORD."
- ⁷ O Lord God, the strength of **my** salvation, * you have covered my head in the day of battle.
- Let not the ungodly have their desire, O LORD; * let not their evil imagination prosper, **lest** they *be* too proud.
- Let not those who encompass me **lift** up **their** heads; * let the evil of their own **lips** consume them.
- ¹⁰ Let hot burning coals **fall** up**on** them; * let them be cast into the fire and into the pit, that they may never rise up again.
- ¹¹ A slanderer shall not **pros**per up**on** the earth; * evil shall hunt the wicked person to **ov**er*throw* him.
- ¹² I am sure that the Lord will avenge the poor * and maintain the cause **of** the *help*less.
- ¹³ Surely, the righteous shall give thanks unto your Name, * and the just shall continue in your sight.

DAY 29: EVENING PRAYER



Domine, clamavi | The voice of the Church against false teachers

ord, *I* call upon you; **hast**en un*to* me, *
and hear my voice when I **cry** unto **you**.

Let my prayer be set forth in your **sight** as *incense*, *
and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

- ³ Set a watch, O LORD, before *my* mouth, * and keep the door **of** my **lips**.
- O let not my heart be inclined to **any** evil thing; * let me not be occupied in ungodly works with those who work wickedness, lest I eat of such things **as** please **them**.
- ⁵ Rather, let the **right**eous *smite* me, * and in their loving-kindness **re**prove **me**.
- ⁶ But let not the oil of the un**right**eous anoint *my* head; * while I live, I will pray against **their** wicked**ness**.
- Let their rulers be overthrown in **sto**ny *places*,* that they may hear my words, **for** they are **sweet**.
- ⁸ Let their bones lie scattered at the **mouth** of *the* grave, * as when the ploughman scatters the earth **in** fur**rows**.
- ⁹ But my eyes look unto **you**, O *Lord* God; * in you is my refuge; O do not cast **out** my **soul**.
- ¹⁰ Keep me from the snare which **they** have laid *for* me, * and from the traps of the evildoers.
- ¹¹ Let the ungodly fall into their own **nets** to *geth*er, * and let me ever **es**cape **them**.



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Voce mea ad Dominum | Christ to the Father, in his passion || St. Francis' last

cried unto the **LORD** with *my* voice; *
even unto the LORD I made my sup**pli**ca**tion**.
I poured out my comp**laints** be*fore* him, *
and showed him **my** trou**ble**.

- When my spirit was in heaviness, **you** knew *my* path; * in the way wherein I walked they had secretly laid **a** snare for **me**.
- ⁴ I looked also **to** my *right* hand * and saw there was no one who **would** know **me**.
- ⁵ I had no **place** to *flee* to, * and no one cared **for** my **soul**.
- ⁶ I cried out to you, **O** LORD, *and* said, *

 "You are my refuge, and my portion in the land of **the** liv**ing**."
- Onsider my complaint, for I am brought very low.
- 8 O deliver me from my **per**se*cu*tors, * for they are **too** strong for **me**.
- ⁹ Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks unto your Name. * When you show me your loving-kindness, then shall the righteous gather around me.

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Domine, exaudi | The voice of Christ to the Father | Penitence: Sloth

ear my prayer, O LORD, and consider my **sup**plications; *
hearken to me, for your truth and righ**teous**ness' **sake**.

Enter not into judgment **with** your *serv*ant, *

for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

- For the enemy has persecuted my soul; he has smitten my **life** down to *the* ground; he has laid me in the darkness, like those who **have** been long **dead**.
- ⁴ Therefore my spirit **faints** with *in* me, * and my heart within me **is** deso**late**.
- ⁵ Yet I remember the time past; I muse up**on** all *your* works; * indeed, I meditate on the works **of** your **hands**.
- 6 I stretch forth my hands to you; * my soul gasps for you as a thirsty land.
- ⁷ Hear me, O LORD, and very soon, for my **spi**rit *grows* faint; * hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down in**to** the **pit.**
- ⁸ O let me hear your loving-kindness in the morning, for in you **have** I put *my* trust; * show me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my **soul** unto **you**.
- Obliver me, O LORD, from my enemies, for I flee unto you to hide me.
- ¹⁰ Teach me to do the thing that pleases you, for **you** are *my* God;* let your loving Spirit lead me forth into the land **of** righteous**ness**.
- ¹¹ Revive me, O LORD, **for** your *Name's* sake; * and for your righteousness' sake bring my soul out **of** trou**ble**.
- ¹² Of your goodness **slay** my e*ne*mies, * and destroy all those who afflict my soul, for I am **your** serv**ant**.



Benedictus Dominus | Christ, teach us how to defeat spiritual wickedness

les-sèd be the Lord my strength,* who teaches my hands to war and my fingers to fight, 2 My hope and my fortress, my stronghold and deliverer, my defender in whom I trust,*

who subdues **the** peoples **under** me.

- O LORD, what is man, that you have shown such respect to him,* or the son of man, that you so regard him?
- ⁴ Man is like a **thing** of **nought**; * his time passes away like a shadow.
- ⁵ Bow your heavens, O LORD, and come down; * touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.
- ⁶ Cast forth your light**ning** and **scat**ter them; * shoot out your arrows and consume them.
- ⁷ Send down your hand **from** above; * deliver me, and take me out of the great waters, from the hand of strangers,
- 8 Whose mouth talks of vain things,* and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- I will sing a new song unto you, O God,* and sing praises unto you upon a ten-stringed lute.
- ¹⁰ You have given victory to kings,* and have delivered David your servant from **the** peril **of the** sword.
- ¹¹ Save me, and deliver me from the **hand** of **strangers**, * whose mouth talks of vain things, and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood;
- ¹² That our sons may grow **up** as **young** plants,* and that our daughters may be as the polished corners of the temple,

That our storehouses may be full and plenteous with all manner of grain, *

that our sheep may bring forth thousands and **ten** thousands **in our** fields,

- ¹⁴ That our oxen may be strong to labor, that there be **no** de**cay**, * no leading into captivity, and **no** outcry **in our** streets.
- Happy are the people of whom this is so; * indeed, blessèd are the people who have the LORD for their God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the **Ho**ly **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Exaltabo te, Deus | The Christ may give us spiritual sustenance in due season

🤯 will magnify you, O God my King, *

and I will praise your Name for **ev**er and **ev**er.

Every day will I give thanks to you,*

and praise your Name for ever and ever.

- Great is the LORD, and most worthy to be praised; * there is no end of his greatness.
- One generation shall praise your works to another, and shall declare your power.
- As for me, I will be talking of the glorious splendor of your majesty,*
 - and **of** all your **wondrous** works. They shall speak of the might of your man
- ⁶ They shall speak of the might of your marvelous acts, * and I also will tell of your greatness.
- ⁷ The remembrance of your abundant goodness **shall** they **pro**claim, * and they shall **sing** of your **righteous**ness.
- The LORD is gracious and merciful, * long-suffering, and of great kindness.
- ⁹ The LORD is loving to everyone, * and his mercy is over all his works.



- All your works praise you, O LORD,* and your faithful servants give thanks to you.
- They speak of the glory of your kingdom * and talk of your power,
- ¹² That your power may be known to the **child**ren **of** men, * even the glorious splen**dor** of your **king**dom.
- ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, * and your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- The Lord upholds all those who fall * and lifts up all those who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of all wait upon **you**, O **Lord**, * and you give them their **food** in due **seas**on.
- ¹⁶ You open **wide** your **hand**,* and fill all things living **with** plente**ous**ness.
- ¹⁷ The LORD is righteous in **all** his **ways** * and mer**ci**ful in **all his** works.
- ¹⁸ The LORD is near to all those who **call** up**on** him, * to all who call **up**on him **faithful**ly.
- ¹⁹ He will fulfill the desire of **those** who **fear** him; * he also will hear their **cry** and will **help** them.
- The LORD preserves all those who love him, * but he will destroy all the ungodly.
- My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; * and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

146

Lauda, anima mea | The voice of Christ, that the Church may always give praise

raise the Lord, **O** my **soul**; *
while I **live** I will **praise the** Lord.
Indeed, as long as I **have** my **be**ing, *

I will sing praises unto my God.

- ³ Put not your trust in princes, nor in **any child** of man, * for **there** is no **help in** them.
- ⁴ For when one breathes his last, he shall return again **to** the **earth**, * and in that day **all** his thoughts **per**ish.
- ⁵ Blessèd is the one who has the God of Jacob for his help * and whose hope is in the LORD his God,
- Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that **is** there**in**; who keeps his **pro**mise for **eve**r;
- Who does right to those who suffer wrong; * and who feeds the hungry.
- The LORD sets prisoners free; * the LORD gives sight to the blind.
- ⁹ The LORD helps those **who** have **fal**len; * the **LORD** loves the **right**eous.
- The LORD cares for the strangers in the land; he defends the fatherless and widow; * but the way of the ungodly he makes crooked.
- ¹¹ The LORD shall be **King** for **ev**ermore, * even your God, O Zion, throughout all ge**ner**ations. **Praise the** LORD.

DAY 30: EVENING PRAYER



Laudate Dominum | The voice of Christ, creator of the stars, to the Church

raise the LORD, for it is a good thing to sing praises **un**to **our** God; * indeed, a joyful and pleasant thing it **is** to be **thank**ful.

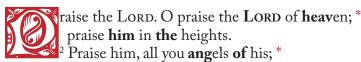
² The LORD builds **up** Jerusalem,* and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

- ³ He heals those who are **bro**ken **in** heart, * and **binds** up **their** wounds.
- ⁴ He counts the **numb**er **of** the stars, * and calls them **all** by **their** names.
- Great is our LORD, and great is his power; * indeed, his wisdom is infinite.
- ⁶ The LORD **lifts** up **the** meek,* and brings the ungodly **down** to **the** ground.
- O sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praises with the harp unto our God,
- Who covers the heavens with clouds, and prepares **rain** for **the** earth, * and makes the grass to grow upon the mountains, and plants **for** the **use of** men,
- Who gives food to the cattle * and feeds the young ravens that call upon him.
- ¹⁰ He has no pleasure in the **strength** of **a** horse; * neither does he delight in **any man's** strength.
- ¹¹ But the LORD's delight is in **those** who **fear** him * and put their **trust** in his **mer**cy.
- ¹² Praise the LORD, **O** Jerusalem; * praise your **God**, **O Zi**on.

- For he has made strong the bars of your gates * and has blessed your children within you.
- He makes **peace** in your **bord**ers * and fills you with the **fin**est **of** wheat.
- ¹⁵ He sends forth his commandment upon the earth, * and his word runs very swiftly.
- He gives snow like wool * and scatters the white frost like ashes.
- ¹⁷ He casts **forth** his **ice** like crumbs; *
 who is able **to** abide his frost?
- ¹⁸ He sends out his **word** and **melts** them; * he blows with his wind, **and** the **waters** flow.
- ¹⁹ He declares his word **unto Ja**cob, * his statutes and ordinances **unto Isra**el.
- ²⁰ He has not dealt so with **other nations**; * neither have they knowledge of **his** laws. **Praise the** LORD.

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Laudate Dominum | That all things were made through Christ and for Christ



praise **him**, all **his** host.

Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you stars of light.

- ⁴ Praise him, all you **high**est **heav**ens, * and you waters that are above the **heav**ens.
- ⁵ Let them praise the **Name** of **the** LORD, * for he spoke the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they **were** created.
- ⁶ He has made them stand fast for **ev**er and **ev**er; * he has given them a law which shall **not** be **bro**ken.



- Praise the LORD upon earth, * you sea monsters and all deeps;
- Fire and hail, snow and fog,* wind and storm, fulfilling his word;
- Mountains and all hills,* fruitful trees and all cedars;
- Beasts and all cattle,* creeping things and birds of the air;
- Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
- ¹² Young **men** and **maid**ens,* old men and child**ren** to**geth**er.
- Let them praise the Name of the LORD, * for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.
- He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his faithful shall praise him, * the children of Israel, the people who are near him. Praise the LORD.

149

Cantate Domino | The voice of Christ to the Faithful, of future consolation

raise the LORD. O sing unto the LORD a new song; * let the congregation of the faithful praise him.

Let Israel rejoice in the one who made him, *

and let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise his Name in the dance; * let them sing praises unto him with timbrel and harp.

- ⁴ For the LORD has pleasure **in** his **peo**ple * and gives victory to **those** who **are op**pressed.
- Let the faithful be joyful with glory; * let them rejoice upon their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their mouth * and a two-edged sword in their hands,
- ⁷ To inflict vengeance on the nations, * and to rebuke the peoples,
- ⁸ To **bind** their **kings** in chains, * and their nobles with **links** of **ir**on,
- ⁹ That they may execute judgment upon them, **as** it is **writ**ten; * this is the honor of all his **serv**ants. **Praise the** LORD.

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Laudate Dominum | That Christ is to be praised in spiritual harmony

raise the LORD. Praise God **in** his **ho**liness; * praise him in the **firm**ament **of his** power.

Praise him **for** his **might**y acts; *

praise him for his excellent greatness.

- Praise him with the **sound** of the **trump**et; * praise him up**on** the **lute and** harp.
- Praise him with the timbrels and dances; * praise him upon the strings and pipe.
- ⁵ Praise him with the resounding cymbals; * praise him with the loud cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. *
 O praise the LORD.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the **Ho**ly **Spi**rit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world **with**out **end**. Amen.

The Psalms appointed for Day 31 are the same as Day 27

PSALMS FOR PENANCE ACCORDING TO THE COMMANDMENT VIOLATED

from H.H. Bogert's 'Confessor's Handy Guide' (1909)

I: OTHER GODS

11, 14, 16, 25, 53, 57, 61, 63, 65, 84, 96

II: idols

4, 5, 6, 9, 19, 20, 27, 44, 46, 55, 61, 76, 85, 86, 95, 111, 122, 132, 145

III: LORD'S NAME IN VAIN

4, 9, 16, 20, 30, 32, 34, 36, 39, 44, 50, 52, 63, 66, 72, 86, 111, 139, 145

IV: SABBATH

5, 11, 23, 25, 26, 27, 29, 38, 42, 43, 50, 61, 66, 73, 80, 85, 95, 103, 116, 118, 132, 141

V: FATHER AND MOTHER

1, 6, 7, 15, 19, 24, 25, 28, 34, 37, 39, 51, 52, 62, 101, 112, 119:1-8, 139

VI: MURDER

6, 7, 10, 12, 15, 19, 24, 32, 36, 37, 50, 52, 101, 107, 116, 120, 130, 133, 141

VII: ADULTERY

1, 15, 19, 24, 25, 34, 37, 38, 51, 73, 139, 141

VIII: THEFT

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IX: FALSE WITNESS

4, 5, 10, 12, 15, 24, 31, 34, 35, 36, 52, 55, 62, 64, 101, 112, 120

X: covetousness

15, 16, 19, 24, 25, 30, 34, 37, 49, 50, 52, 62, 102, 112, 143

SELECTIONS OF PSALMS

from The Book of Common Prayer

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God the Redeemer: 33, 103, 111, 126, 113, 114, 130, 138
God the Judge: 1, 11, 7, 46, 97, 50, 62, 82, 75, 76, 90, 96, 98
God's Glory: 18, 29, 99, 46, 148, 150
God's Sovereignty: 24, 93, 46, 47, 72, 89, 96, 97, 98, 99, 112, 145, 146
God's Wisdom: 33, 104 111, 113, 139, 145, 147
God's Law: 19, 50, 62, 111, 119, 147
God's Providence: 23, 121, 33, 34, 124, 89, 139, 145, 146, 147
God's Mercy: 23, 100, 32, 130, 57, 61, 62, 63, 73, 77, 85, 86, 103,
  118, 145
The Incarnation: 2, 110, 8, 113, 85, 111, 89, 132
The Passion: 22, 40, 42, 54, 130, 69, 88, 116
The Church: 46, 111, 48, 84, 122, 133, 147
Worship: 5, 26, 43, 63, 65, 66, 67, 122, 84, 138, 96, 100, 116
Thanksgiving: 30, 67, 65, 92, 100, 98, 111, 103, 107, 116, 134, 138,
  145, 147, 148, 150
Prayer: 4, 5, 17, 20, 28, 31, 54, 61, 84, 86, 141, 142
Trust in God: 27, 31, 57, 146, 62, 63, 71, 73, 77, 91, 118, 121, 124,
  125, 123, 143
God our Refuge: 4, 20, 17, 37, 46, 49, 54, 61, 71, 91, 103, 121, 146
Divine Guidance: 25, 43, 85, 80, 111, 112
In Time of Trouble: 3, 11, 12, 13, 18, 20, 46, 30, 146, 40, 49, 57, 85,
  62, 63, 80, 86, 90, 107, 118, 144
Righteousness: 1, 15, 11, 12, 18:21-35, 19, 26, 34, 40, 92, 111, 112
Peace: 29, 46, 76, 85, 98, 100, 124, 125, 126
The Transitoriness of Life: 39, 49, 90
The Hope of Immortality: 16, 146, 30, 121, 42, 49, 66, 73, 103, 116, 139
Morning: 3, 20, 5, 63, 90, 143
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  86, 130, 133, 139
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  110, 103, 118, 145, 150
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PSALMS IN THE EUCHARIST

The Sunday Lectionary of the *Book of Common Prayer* (2019), in keeping with the Revised Common Lectionary, provides a Psalm between the Old Testament and Epistle lessons. This is the ancient place of the 'Gradual' psalm, and it may be recited by the congregation, or sung by a choir. This 'Gradual' Lectionay has been here reproduced, together with the addition of a suggested Introit psalm. This arrangement of Introits is adapted from the Introit table created by Thomas Cranmer for the first Prayerbook of 1549. Special thanks to Brandon LeTourneau for discovering and proposing this collection of Introits.

	INTROIT	YEAR A	GRADUAL YEAR B	YEAR C
	A	DVENT		
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT	I	122	80 or 80:1-7	50 or 50:1-6
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT	120	72:1-15 (16-19)	85	126
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT	4	146	126	85
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT	5	24	132:(1-7) 8-19	80:1-7
	СН	RISTMA	A S	
CHRISTMAS DAY I	98		96	
CHRISTMAS DAY II	8		97	
CHRISTMAS DAY III	8		98	
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	III		147:12-20	
THE CIRCUMCISION & HOLY NAME	I 2 2		8	
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	III		84	

INTROIT GRADUAL
YEAR A YEAR B YEAR C

	EP	PIPHANY		
THE EPIPHANY	96		72 <mark>or</mark> 72:1-11	
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	13		89:1-29 or 89:20-29	
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	14	40:1-11	63:1-9 (10-12)	96
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	15	139:1-18	130	113
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	2	37:1-11	III	71:11-20
PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE	134		84	
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	20	27	142	85
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	23	119:(1-8) 9-16	42:1-7 (8-15)	I
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	3	71 or 71:11-23	32	37:(1-7) 8-17
THE EIGHTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	23	62	103 or 103:1-14	92

	INTROIT	YEAR A	GRADUAL YEAR B	YEAR C
THE SECOND TO LAST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	24	67	86:8-13	96
THE LAST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	26	99	27	99
		LENT		
ASH WEDNESDAY	6		103 or 103:8-14	
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	32	51 or 51:1-12	25 or 25:3-9	91 or 91:9-16
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT	130	33:12-21	16 or 16:6-12	27 or 27:9-17
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT	43	95	19:7-14	103 or 103:1-12
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT	46	23	I 2 2	34 or 34:1-8
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	54	130	51 or 51:10-15	126
	НО	LY WEE	K	
PALM SUNDAY: LITURGY OF THE PALMS			118:19-29	
PALM SUNDAY	-		22:I-2I Or 22:I-II	

	INTROIT	GRADUAL YEAR A YEAR B YEAR C
MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK	-	36:5-10
TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	-	71:1-11
WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	-	69:6-14,21-22
MAUNDY THURSDAY	-	78:15-26
GOOD FRIDAY	22	22:1-11 or 40:1-16 or 69:1-22
HOLY SATURDAY	88	130 or 31:1-6
	E	ASTER
THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER	-	
EASTER DAY: EARLY SERVICE	16	114
EASTER DAY: PRINCIPAL SERVICE	3	118:14-17, 22-24
EASTER DAY: EVENING SERVICE	-	136
MONDAY OF EASTER WEEK	62	16
TUESDAY OF EASTER WEEK	113	33:17-21

INTROIT	GRADUAL		
	YEAR A	YEAR B	YEAR C

WEDNESDAY OF EASTER WEEK	-		105:1-8	
THURSDAY OF EASTER WEEK	-		8	
FRIDAY OF EASTER WEEK	-		116:1-9	
SATURDAY OF EASTER WEEK	-		118:14-18	
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	112		III	
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	70	116:11-16	98 or 98:1-5	33 or 33:1-11
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	75	23	23	100
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	82	66:1-11 or 66:1-8	66:1-11 or 66:1-8	145 or 145:1-9
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	84	148 <mark>or</mark> 148:7-14	33 or 33:1-8, 18-22	67
ASCENSION DAY	47		47 or 110:1-5	
THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY	93		68:1-20 or 47	
PENTECOST	145		104:24-35	

INTROIT GRADUAL
YEAR A YEAR B YEAR C

ТНЕ	SEASON	AFTER	PENTEC	DST
TRINITY SUNDAY	67	150	93	29
PROPER I	-	119:1-16	42	I
PROPER 2	-	71 or 71:11-23	32	37:(1-6) 7-17
PROPER 3	-	62	103 or 103:1-14	92
PROPER 4	-	31 or 31:18-27	81:1-10 (11-16)	96
PROPER 5	II9 ALEPH	50	130	30
PROPER 6	119 BETH	100	92	32:1-6 (7-12)
PROPER 7	II9 GIMEL	69:1-15 (16-18)	107:1-3 (4-22) 23-32	63
PROPER 8	II9 DALETH	89:1-18	I I 2	16
PROPER 9	119 HE	145:1-13 (14-21)	123	66 or 66:1-8
PROPER 10	II9 WAW	65	85	25:I-I4 (I5-2I)

	INTROIT	YEAR A	GRADUAL <u>YEAR B</u>	YEAR C
PROPER II	I I 9 ZAYIN	86	22:23-31	15
PROPER 12	119 НЕТН	119:121- 136	114	138
PROPER 13	119 TETH	78:(1-13) 14-26	78:(1-13) 14-26	49:1-12 (13-21)
PROPER 14	119 YODH	29	34:(1-7) 8-15 (16-22)	33(1-9) 10-21
PROPER 15	119 KAPH	67	147	82
PROPER 16	I I 9 LAMEDH	138	16	46
PROPER 17	II9 MEM	26	15	I I 2
PROPER 18	II9 NUN	119:33-48	146	I
PROPER 19	I I 9 SAMEKH	103 or 103:1-14	116:1-9 (10-16)	51:1-17
PROPER 20	II9 AYIN	145:(1- 13) 14-21	54	138
PROPER 21	119 PE	25:I-I4 (I5-2I)	19:(1-6) 7-14	146
PROPER 22	119 SADHE	80:(1-6)7- 19	8	37:1-17
PROPER 23	II9 QOPH	23	90:1-12 (13-17)	113

	INTROIT	YEAR A	GRADUAI YEAR B	YEAR C
PROPER 24	II9 RESH	96	91	I 2 I
PROPER 25	119 SHIN	I	13	84
ALL SAINTS' DAY	149		149	
PROPER 26	II9 TAW	43	119:1-16	32
PROPER 27	124	70	146	17
PROPER 28	125	90:1-12 (13-17)	16	98
PROPER 29	127	95	93	46
	НО	LY DAY	S	
ST. ANDREW	129		19	
ST. THOMAS	128		126	

ST. STEPHEN	52	31
ST. JOHN	II	92
HOLY INNOCENTS	79	124
HOLY NAME	I 2 2	8
CONFESSION OF ST. PETER	-	23
CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL	138	67
THE PRESENT- ATION	134	84
ST. MATTHIAS	140	15

ST. JOSEPH	-	89
THE ANNUN-CIATION	131	40
ST. MARK	141	2
STS. PHILIP & JAMES	133	119:33-40
THE VISITATION	-	113
ST. BARNABAS	142	112
THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	143	85
ST.S PETER & PAUL	144	87

ST. MARY MAGDALENE	146	42
ST. JAMES	148	7
THE TRANS- FIGURATION	-	99
ST. MARY THE VIRGIN	-	34
ST. BARTH- OLOMEW	115	91
HOLY CROSS DAY	-	98
ST. MATTHEW	117	119:33-40
HOLY MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS	113	103

ST. LUKE	137	147
ST. JAMES OF JERUSALEM	-	I
STS. SIMON & JUDE	150	119:89-96
ALL SAINTS	149	149

CIGDT VERSES OF ST. BERNARD

A Daily Prayer for a Good Death

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Give light to my eyes, that I sleep not in death

 $\label{eq:commend} Into \ your \ hands \ I \ commend \ my \ spirit, \\ for \ you \ have \ redeemed \ me, O \ Lord, O \ God \ of \ truth. \\$

31:5

I spoke with my tongue: "LORD, let me know my end." 39:48-5A

What is the number of my days? That I may learn how short my life is.

39:5B

Show me some token of your favor, that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed, because you, LORD, have been my helper and comforter.

86:17

You have broken my bonds asunder. I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call upon the Name of the LORD.

116:14

I had no place to flee to, and no one cared for my soul.

142:5

I cried out to you, O Lord, and said, "You are my refuge, and my portion in the land of the living."

142:6