

RITE OF RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST—THURSDAY, MARCH
23RD 2011

ENTRANCE HYMN # 637

LYONS

THE PEOPLE STANDING, THE OFFICIANT SAYS

BLESS THE LORD WHO FORGIVES ALL OUR SINS.

PEOPLE HIS MERCY ENDURES FOR EVER.

AN EXHORTATION

BELOVED IN THE LORD: OUR SAVIOR CHRIST, ON THE NIGHT BEFORE HE SUFFERED, INSTITUTED THE SACRAMENT OF HIS BODY AND BLOOD AS A SIGN AND PLEDGE OF HIS LOVE, FOR THE CONTINUAL REMEMBRANCE OF THE SACRIFICE OF HIS DEATH, AND FOR A SPIRITUAL SHARING IN HIS RISEN LIFE.

FOR IN THESE HOLY MYSTERIES WE ARE MADE ONE WITH CHRIST, AND CHRIST WITH US; WE ARE MADE ONE BODY IN HIM, AND MEMBERS ONE OF ANOTHER. HAVING IN MIND, THEREFORE, HIS GREAT LOVE FOR US, AND IN OBEDIENCE TO HIS COMMAND, HIS CHURCH RENDERS TO ALMIGHTY

GOD OUR HEAVENLY FATHER NEVER-ENDING THANKS FOR THE CREATION OF THE WORLD, FOR HIS CONTINUAL PROVIDENCE OVER US, FOR HIS LOVE FOR ALL MANKIND, AND FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE WORLD BY OUR SAVIOR CHRIST, WHO TOOK UPON HIMSELF OUR FLESH, AND HUMBLED HIMSELF EVEN TO DEATH ON THE CROSS, THAT HE MIGHT MAKE US THE CHILDREN OF GOD BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND EXALT US TO EVERLASTING LIFE. BUT IF WE ARE TO SHARE RIGHTLY IN THE CELEBRATION OF THOSE HOLY MYSTERIES, AND BE NOURISHED BY THAT SPIRITUAL FOOD, WE MUST REMEMBER THE DIGNITY OF THAT HOLY SACRAMENT. I THEREFORE CALL UPON YOU TO CONSIDER HOW SAINT PAUL EXHORTS ALL PERSONS TO PREPARE THEMSELVES CAREFULLY BEFORE EATING OF THAT BREAD AND DRINKING OF THAT CUP. FOR, AS THE BENEFIT IS GREAT, IF WITH PENITENT HEARTS AND LIVING

FAITH WE RECEIVE THE HOLY SACRAMENT, SO IS THE DANGER GREAT, IF WE RECEIVE IT IMPROPERLY, NOT RECOGNIZING THE LORD'S BODY. JUDGE YOURSELVES, THEREFORE, LEST YOU BE JUDGED BY THE LORD. EXAMINE YOUR LIVES AND CONDUCT BY THE RULE OF GOD'S COMMANDMENTS, THAT YOU MAY PERCEIVE WHEREIN YOU HAVE OFFENDED IN WHAT YOU HAVE DONE OR LEFT UNDONE, WHETHER IN THOUGHT, WORD, OR DEED. AND ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR SINS BEFORE ALMIGHTY GOD, WITH FULL PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT OF LIFE, BEING READY TO MAKE RESTITUTION FOR ALL INJURIES AND WRONGS DONE BY YOU TO OTHERS; AND ALSO BEING READY TO FORGIVE THOSE WHO HAVE OFFENDED YOU, IN ORDER THAT YOU YOURSELVES MAY BE FORGIVEN. AND THEN, BEING RECONCILED WITH ONE ANOTHER, COME TO THE BANQUET OF THAT MOST HEAVENLY FOOD. AND IF, IN YOUR PREPARATION, YOU NEED HELP AND COUNSEL, THEN GO AND OPEN YOUR GRIEF TO A DISCREET AND UNDERSTANDING PRIEST, AND CONFESS YOUR SINS, THAT YOU MAY RECEIVE THE BENEFIT OF ABSOLUTION, AND SPIRITUAL COUNSEL AND ADVICE; TO THE REMOVAL OF SCRUPLE AND DOUBT, THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON, AND THE CLOSING HYMN # 525

AURELIA

THE DISMISSAL GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD.

PEOPLE THANKS BE TO GOD.

WE GIVE GOD THANKS FOR OUR LEADERS IN THIS SERVICE:

CRUCIFER

TORCHES

GOSPEL/SERVER

READERS

USHERS

OBLATIONS

ORGANIST

ALTAR GUILD

PREACHER

CELEBRANT/OFFICIANT

ALL THIS WE ASK THROUGH YOUR SON JESUS CHRIST. BY HIM, AND WITH HIM, AND IN HIM, IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ALL HONOR AND GLORY IS YOURS, ALMIGHTY FATHER, NOW AND FOR EVER. *AMEN.*

AND NOW, AS OUR SAVIOR CHRIST HAS TAUGHT US, WE ARE BOLD TO SAY
OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME,
THY KINGDOM COME,
THY WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.
AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US.
AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.
FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY,
FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE CELEBRANT BREAKS THE CONSECRATED BREAD. A PERIOD OF SILENCE IS KEPT.

**ALLELUIA. CHRIST OUR PASSOVER IS SACRIFICED FOR US;
THEREFORE LET US KEEP THE FEAST. ALLELUIA.**

FACING THE PEOPLE, THE CELEBRANT SAYS THE FOLLOWING INVITATION
THE GIFTS OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD. TAKE THEM IN REMEMBRANCE THAT CHRIST DIED FOR YOU, AND FEED ON HIM IN YOUR HEARTS BY FAITH, WITH THANKSGIVING.

**THE COMMUNION HYMN # 304
LAND OF REST**

AFTER COMMUNION, THE CELEBRANT SAYS
LET US PRAY.

THE CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR FEEDING US WITH THE SPIRITUAL FOOD OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BODY AND BLOOD OF YOUR SON OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST; AND FOR ASSURING US IN THESE HOLY MYSTERIES THAT WE ARE LIVING MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF YOUR SON, AND HEIRS OF YOUR ETERNAL KINGDOM. AND NOW, FATHER, SEND US OUT TO DO THE WORK YOU HAVE GIVEN US TO DO, TO LOVE AND SERVE YOU AS FAITHFUL WITNESSES OF CHRIST OUR LORD. TO HIM, TO YOU, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE HONOR AND GLORY, NOW AND FOR EVER. AMEN.

THE BISHOP/CELEBRANT BLESSES THE PEOPLE

**THE BLESSING, MERCY AND GRACE OF GOD ALMIGHTY, THE FATHER, THE SON,
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE UPON YOU AND REMAIN WITH YOU FOR EVER.
*AMEN.***

THE STRENGTHENING OF YOUR FAITH. TO CHRIST OUR LORD WHO LOVES US, AND WASHED US IN HIS OWN BLOOD, AND MADE US A

KINGDOM OF PRIESTS TO SERVE HIS GOD AND FATHER, TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH EVERMORE. THROUGH HIM LET US OFFER CONTINUALLY THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE, WHICH IS OUR BOUNDEN DUTY AND SERVICE, AND, WITH FAITH IN HIM, COME BOLDLY BEFORE THE THRONE OF GRACE.

FIRST, HEAR THE WORD OF GOD TO ALL WHO TRULY TURN TO HIM.

JESUS SAID, "THE FIRST COMMANDMENT IS THIS: HEAR, O ISRAEL: THE LORD OUR GOD IS THE ONLY LORD. LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH. THE SECOND IS THIS: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF. THERE IS NO OTHER COMMANDMENT GREATER THAN THESE." *MARK 12:29-31*

SINCE WE HAVE A GREAT HIGH PRIEST WHO HAS PASSED THROUGH THE HEAVENS, JESUS, THE SON OF GOD, LET US WITH CONFIDENCE DRAW NEAR TO THE THRONE OF GRACE, THAT WE MAY RECEIVE MERCY AND FIND GRACE TO HELP IN TIME OF NEED. *HEBREWS 4:14, 16*

THE OFFICIANT SAYS

LET US CONFESS OUR SINS AGAINST GOD AND OUR NEIGHBOR.

ALL SAY TOGETHER

HAVE MERCY ON US, O GOD, ACCORDING TO YOUR LOVING-KINDNESS; IN YOUR GREAT COMPASSION BLOT OUT OUR OFFENSES. WASH US THROUGH AND THROUGH FROM OUR WICKEDNESS, AND CLEANSE US FROM OUR SIN. FOR WE KNOW OUR TRANSGRESSIONS ONLY TOO WELL, AND OUR SIN IS EVER BEFORE US.

HOLY GOD, HOLY AND MIGHTY, HOLY IMMORTAL ONE, HAVE MERCY UPON US.

OFFICIANT

MAY GOD IN HIS LOVE ENLIGHTEN YOUR HEARTS, THAT YOU MAY REMEMBER IN TRUTH ALL YOUR SINS AND HIS UNFAILING MERCY.

AMEN.

ALL SAY TOGETHER

HOLY GOD, HEAVENLY FATHER, YOU FORMED US FROM THE DUST IN YOUR IMAGE AND LIKENESS, AND REDEEMED US FROM SIN AND DEATH BY THE CROSS OF YOUR SON JESUS CHRIST. THROUGH THE WATER OF BAPTISM YOU CLOTHED US WITH THE SHINING GARMENT OF HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ESTABLISHED US AMONG YOUR CHILDREN IN YOUR KINGDOM. BUT WE HAVE SQUANDERED THE INHERITANCE OF YOUR SAINTS, AND HAVE WANDERED FAR IN A LAND THAT IS WASTE. ESPECIALLY, WE CONFESS TO YOU AND TO THE CHURCH . . .

WE PRAISE YOU FOR YOUR SAINTS WHO HAVE ENTERED INTO JOY,
MAY WE ALSO COME TO SHARE IN YOUR HEAVENLY KINGDOM.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR OWN NEEDS AND THOSE OF OTHERS...

THE PEOPLE PRAY, EITHER SILENTLY OR ALOUD...

ALL CONCLUDE WITH

HEAVENLY FATHER, YOU HAVE PROMISED TO HEAR WHAT WE ASK IN
THE NAME OF YOUR SON: ACCEPT AND FULFILL OUR PETITIONS,
WE
PRAY, NOT AS WE ASK IN OUR IGNORANCE, NOR AS WE DESERVE
IN OUR
SINFULNESS, BUT AS YOU KNOW AND LOVE US IN YOUR SON
JESUS
CHRIST OUR LORD. *AMEN.*

THE PEACE THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE ALWAYS WITH YOU.
PEOPLE AND ALSO WITH YOU.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE OFFERTORY HYMN # 474

ROCKINGHAM

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING—EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

THE PEOPLE REMAIN STANDING. THE CELEBRANT FACES THEM AND SAYS
THE LORD BE WITH YOU.
AND ALSO WITH YOU.
LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS.
WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.
LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD.

PEOPLE IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE HIM THANKS AND PRAISE.
IT IS RIGHT, AND A GOOD AND JOYFUL THING, ALWAYS AND
EVERYWHERE TO GIVE THANKS TO YOU, FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR
OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

BECAUSE IN JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD YOU HAVE RECEIVED US AS YOUR
SONS AND DAUGHTERS,
MADE US CITIZENS OF YOUR KINGDOM, AND GIVEN US THE HOLY
SPIRIT TO GUIDE US INTO ALL TRUTH.

THEREFORE WE PRAISE YOU, JOINING OUR VOICES WITH ANGELS AND
ARCHANGELS AND WITH ALL THE COMPANY OF HEAVEN, WHO FOR
EVER SING THIS HYMN TO PROCLAIM THE GLORY OF YOUR NAME:

THE CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE SING—S-125

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A READING FROM DEUTERONOMY 30: 11-20

SURELY, THIS COMMANDMENT THAT I AM COMMANDING YOU
TODAY IS NOT TOO HARD FOR YOU, NOR IS IT TOO FAR AWAY. IT IS
NOT IN HEAVEN, THAT YOU SHOULD SAY, "WHO WILL GO UP TO
HEAVEN FOR US, AND GET IT FOR US SO THAT WE MAY HEAR IT AND
OBSERVE IT?" NEITHER IS IT BEYOND THE SEA, THAT YOU SHOULD SAY,
"WHO WILL CROSS TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SEA FOR US, AND GET
IT FOR US SO THAT WE MAY HEAR IT AND OBSERVE IT?" NO, THE WORD
IS VERY NEAR TO YOU; IT IS IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART
FOR YOU TO OBSERVE. SEE, I HAVE SET BEFORE YOU TODAY LIFE AND
PROSPERITY, DEATH AND ADVERSITY. IF YOU OBEY THE

COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD YOUR GOD THAT I AM COMMANDING
YOU TODAY, BY LOVING THE LORD YOUR GOD, WALKING IN HIS
WAYS, AND OBSERVING HIS COMMANDMENTS, DECREES, AND
ORDINANCES, THEN YOU SHALL LIVE AND BECOME NUMEROUS, AND
THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL BLESS YOU IN THE LAND THAT YOU ARE
ENTERING TO POSSESS. BUT IF YOUR HEART TURNS AWAY AND YOU
DO NOT HEAR, BUT ARE LED ASTRAY TO BOW DOWN TO OTHER GODS
AND SERVE THEM, I DECLARE TO YOU TODAY THAT YOU SHALL PERISH;
YOU SHALL NOT LIVE LONG IN THE LAND THAT YOU ARE CROSSING
THE JORDAN TO ENTER AND POSSESS. I CALL HEAVEN AND EARTH TO
WITNESS AGAINST YOU TODAY THAT I HAVE SET BEFORE YOU LIFE
AND DEATH, BLESSINGS AND CURSES. CHOOSE LIFE SO THAT YOU AND
YOUR DESCENDANTS MAY LIVE, LOVING THE LORD YOUR GOD,
OBEYING HIM, AND HOLDING FAST TO HIM; FOR THAT MEANS LIFE TO
YOU AND LENGTH OF DAYS, SO THAT YOU MAY LIVE IN THE LAND
THAT THE LORD SWORE TO GIVE TO YOUR ANCESTORS, TO ABRAHAM,
TO ISAAC, AND TO JACOB.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. *PEOPLE THANKS BE TO GOD.*

PSALM 63: 1-8 *DEUS, DEUS MEUS—TO BE SUNG...S-415*

1 O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; EAGERLY I SEEK YOU; * MY SOUL THIRSTS
FOR YOU, MY FLESH FAINTS
FOR YOU, AS IN A BARREN AND DRY LAND WHERE THERE IS NO
WATER.

2 THEREFORE I HAVE GAZED UPON YOU IN YOUR HOLY PLACE, * THAT
I MIGHT BEHOLD YOUR POWER
AND YOUR GLORY.

3 FOR YOUR LOVING-KINDNESS IS BETTER THAN LIFE ITSELF; * MY LIPS
SHALL GIVE YOU PRAISE.

4 SO WILL I BLESS YOU AS LONG AS I LIVE * AND LIFT UP MY HANDS IN
YOUR NAME.

5 MY SOUL IS CONTENT, AS WITH MARROW AND FATNESS, * AND MY MOUTH PRAISES YOU WITH JOYFUL LIPS,

6 WHEN I REMEMBER YOU UPON MY BED, * AND MEDITATE ON YOU IN THE NIGHT WATCHES.

7 FOR YOU HAVE BEEN MY HELPER, * AND UNDER THE SHADOW OF YOUR WINGS I WILL REJOICE.

8 MY SOUL CLINGS TO YOU; * YOUR RIGHT HAND HOLDS ME FAST.

A READING FROM ST. PAUL'S SECOND LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS 5: 17-19

SO IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, THERE IS A NEW CREATION: EVERYTHING OLD HAS PASSED AWAY; SEE, EVERYTHING HAS BECOME NEW! ALL THIS IS FROM GOD, WHO RECONCILED US TO HIMSELF THROUGH CHRIST, AND HAS GIVEN US THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION; THAT IS, IN CHRIST GOD WAS RECONCILING THE WORLD TO HIMSELF, NOT COUNTING THEIR TRESPASSES AGAINST THEM, AND ENTRUSTING THE MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION TO US.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. *PEOPLE THANKS BE TO GOD.*

SEQUENCE HYMN # 516
DOWN AMPNEY

THE OFFICIANT READS THE GOSPEL, FIRST SAYING

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE 15: 11-32

PEOPLE GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.

THEN JESUS SAID, "THERE WAS A MAN WHO HAD TWO SONS. THE YOUNGER OF THEM SAID TO HIS FATHER, 'FATHER, GIVE ME THE SHARE OF THE PROPERTY THAT WILL BELONG TO ME.' SO HE DIVIDED HIS PROPERTY BETWEEN THEM. A FEW DAYS LATER THE YOUNGER SON GATHERED ALL HE HAD AND TRAVELED TO A DISTANT COUNTRY, AND

THERE HE SQUANDERED HIS PROPERTY IN DISSOLUTE LIVING. WHEN HE HAD SPENT EVERYTHING, A SEVERE FAMINE TOOK PLACE THROUGHOUT THAT COUNTRY, AND HE BEGAN TO BE IN NEED. SO HE WENT AND HIRED HIMSELF OUT TO ONE OF THE CITIZENS OF THAT COUNTRY, WHO SENT HIM TO HIS FIELDS TO FEED THE PIGS. HE WOULD GLADLY HAVE FILLED HIMSELF WITH THE PODS THAT THE PIGS WERE EATING; AND NO ONE GAVE HIM ANYTHING. BUT WHEN HE CAME TO HIMSELF HE SAID, 'HOW MANY OF MY FATHER'S HIRED HANDS HAVE BREAD ENOUGH AND TO SPARE, BUT HERE I AM DYING OF HUNGER! I WILL GET UP AND GO TO MY FATHER, AND I WILL SAY TO HIM, 'FATHER, I HAVE SINNED AGAINST HEAVEN AND BEFORE YOU; I AM NO LONGER WORTHY TO BE CALLED YOUR SON; TREAT ME LIKE ONE OF YOUR HIRED HANDS.' ' SO HE SET OFF AND WENT TO HIS FATHER. BUT WHILE HE WAS STILL FAR OFF, HIS FATHER SAW HIM AND WAS FILLED WITH COMPASSION; HE RAN AND PUT HIS ARMS AROUND HIM AND KISSED HIM. THEN THE SON SAID TO HIM, 'FATHER, I HAVE SINNED AGAINST HEAVEN AND BEFORE YOU; I AM NO LONGER WORTHY TO BE CALLED YOUR SON.' BUT THE FATHER SAID TO HIS SLAVES, 'QUICKLY, BRING OUT A ROBE--THE BEST ONE--AND PUT IT ON HIM; PUT A RING ON HIS FINGER AND SANDALS ON HIS FEET. AND GET THE FATTED CALF AND KILL IT, AND LET US EAT AND CELEBRATE; FOR THIS SON OF MINE WAS DEAD AND IS ALIVE AGAIN; HE WAS LOST AND IS FOUND!' AND THEY BEGAN TO CELEBRATE. "NOW HIS ELDER SON WAS IN THE FIELD; AND WHEN HE CAME AND APPROACHED THE HOUSE, HE HEARD MUSIC AND DANCING. HE CALLED ONE OF THE SLAVES AND ASKED WHAT WAS GOING ON. HE REPLIED, 'YOUR BROTHER HAS COME, AND YOUR FATHER HAS KILLED THE FATTED CALF, BECAUSE HE HAS GOT HIM BACK SAFE AND SOUND.' THEN HE BECAME ANGRY AND REFUSED TO GO IN. HIS FATHER CAME OUT AND BEGAN TO PLEAD WITH HIM. BUT HE ANSWERED HIS FATHER, 'LISTEN! FOR ALL THESE YEARS I HAVE BEEN WORKING LIKE A SLAVE FOR YOU, AND I HAVE NEVER DISOBEYED YOUR COMMAND; YET YOU HAVE NEVER GIVEN ME EVEN A YOUNG GOAT SO THAT I MIGHT CELEBRATE WITH MY FRIENDS. BUT WHEN THIS SON OF YOURS CAME BACK, WHO HAS DEVoured YOUR PROPERTY WITH

PROSTITUTES, YOU KILLED THE FATTED CALF FOR HIM! THEN THE FATHER SAID TO HIM, 'SON, YOU ARE ALWAYS WITH ME, AND ALL THAT IS MINE IS YOURS. BUT WE HAD TO CELEBRATE AND REJOICE, BECAUSE THIS BROTHER OF YOURS WAS DEAD AND HAS COME TO LIFE; HE WAS LOST AND HAS BEEN FOUND.' ”

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.
PEOPLE PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.

THE SERMON

HYMN # 657
HYFRYDOL

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—FORM III

FATHER, WE PRAY FOR YOUR HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH;
THAT WE ALL MAY BE ONE.
GRANT THAT EVERY MEMBER OF THE CHURCH MAY TRULY AND HUMBLY SERVE YOU;
THAT YOUR NAME MAY BE GLORIFIED BY ALL PEOPLE.
WE PRAY FOR ALL BISHOPS, PRIESTS, AND DEACONS;
THAT THEY MAY BE FAITHFUL MINISTERS OF YOUR WORD AND SACRAMENTS.
WE PRAY FOR ALL WHO GOVERN AND HOLD AUTHORITY IN THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD;
THAT THERE MAY BE JUSTICE AND PEACE ON THE EARTH.
GIVE US GRACE TO DO YOUR WILL IN ALL THAT WE UNDERTAKE;
THAT OUR WORKS MAY FIND FAVOR IN YOUR SIGHT.
HAVE COMPASSION ON THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM ANY GRIEF OR TROUBLE;
THAT THEY MAY BE DELIVERED FROM THEIR DISTRESS.
GIVE TO THE DEPARTED ETERNAL REST;
LET LIGHT PERPETUAL SHINE UPON THEM.
EACH PRAYS EITHER SILENTLY OR ALOUD IN HIS/HER OWN WORDS...

THEN, TOGETHER, IS SAID
THEREFORE, O LORD, FROM THESE AND ALL OTHER SINS AND OFFENCES WE CANNOT NOW REMEMBER, WE TURN TO YOU IN SORROW AND REPENTANCE. RECEIVE US AGAIN INTO THE ARMS OF YOUR MERCY, AND RESTORE US TO THE BLESSED COMPANY OF YOUR FAITHFUL PEOPLE; THROUGH HIM IN WHOM YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD, YOUR SON OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. AMEN.

THE OFFICIANT THEN ASKS
WILL YOU TURN AGAIN TO CHRIST AS YOUR LORD?
THE PEOPLE RESPOND WE WILL.

OFFICIANT
DO YOU, THEN, FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER AND ALL WHO HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU?
THE PEOPLE RESPOND WE FORGIVE THEM.

OFFICIANT
MAY ALMIGHTY GOD IN MERCY RECEIVE YOUR CONFESSION OF SORROW AND OF FAITH, STRENGTHEN YOU IN ALL GOODNESS, AND BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT KEEP YOU IN ETERNAL LIFE. AMEN.

THE OFFICIANT CONCLUDES
NOW THERE IS REJOICING IN HEAVEN; FOR YOU WERE LOST, AND ARE FOUND; YOU WERE DEAD,
AND ARE NOW ALIVE IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD. LET US CONTINUE OUR LIFE TOGETHER IN PEACE.
THE LORD HAS PUT AWAY ALL OUR SINS.
THE PEOPLE RESPOND THANKS BE TO GOD.

HYMN OF PRAISE # 429
OLD 113TH

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY
THE LORD BE WITH YOU.
AND ALSO WITH YOU.
LET US PRAY. GRACIOUS FATHER, WE PRAY FOR THY HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH. FILL IT WITH ALL TRUTH, IN ALL TRUTH WITH ALL PEACE. WHERE IT

IS CORRUPT, PURIFY IT; WHERE IT IS IN ERROR, DIRECT IT; WHERE IN ANY THING IT IS AMISS, REFORM IT. WHERE IT IS RIGHT, STRENGTHEN IT; WHERE IT IS IN WANT, PROVIDE FOR IT; WHERE IT IS DIVIDED, REUNITE IT; FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST THY SON OUR SAVIOR. *AMEN.*

AND/OR: ALMIGHTY GOD, WHO CREATED US IN YOUR OWN IMAGE: GRANT US GRACE FEARLESSLY TO CONTEND AGAINST EVIL AND TO MAKE NO PEACE WITH OPPRESSION; AND, THAT WE MAY REVERENTLY USE OUR FREEDOM, HELP US TO EMPLOY IT IN THE MAINTENANCE OF JUSTICE IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND AMONG THE NATIONS, TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. *AMEN.*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

THE PEOPLE STAND OR KNEEL

THEN THE CELEBRANT CONTINUES

HOLY AND GRACIOUS FATHER: IN YOUR INFINITE LOVE YOU MADE US FOR YOURSELF; AND, WHEN WE HAD FALLEN INTO SIN AND BECOME SUBJECT TO EVIL AND DEATH, YOU, IN YOUR MERCY, SENT JESUS CHRIST, YOUR ONLY AND ETERNAL SON, TO SHARE OUR HUMAN NATURE, TO LIVE AND DIE AS ONE OF US, TO RECONCILE US TO YOU, THE GOD AND FATHER OF ALL. HE STRETCHED OUT HIS ARMS UPON THE CROSS, AND OFFERED HIMSELF IN OBEDIENCE TO YOUR WILL, A PERFECT SACRIFICE FOR THE WHOLE WORLD.

ON THE NIGHT HE WAS HANDED OVER TO SUFFERING AND DEATH, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST TOOK BREAD; AND WHEN HE HAD GIVEN THANKS TO YOU, HE BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, AND SAID, "TAKE, EAT: THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU. DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

AFTER SUPPER HE TOOK THE CUP OF WINE; AND WHEN HE HAD GIVEN THANKS, HE GAVE IT TO THEM, AND SAID, "DRINK THIS, ALL OF YOU: THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. WHENEVER YOU DRINK IT, DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

THEREFORE WE PROCLAIM THE MYSTERY OF FAITH:

THE CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE

CHRIST HAS DIED.

CHRIST IS RISEN.

CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.

THE CELEBRANT CONTINUES

WE CELEBRATE THE MEMORIAL OF OUR REDEMPTION, O FATHER, IN THIS SACRIFICE OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING. RECALLING HIS DEATH, RESURRECTION, AND ASCENSION, WE OFFER YOU THESE GIFTS.

SANCTIFY THEM BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT TO BE FOR YOUR PEOPLE THE BODY AND BLOOD OF YOUR SON, THE HOLY FOOD AND DRINK OF NEW AND UNENDING LIFE IN HIM. SANCTIFY US ALSO THAT WE MAY FAITHFULLY RECEIVE THIS HOLY SACRAMENT, AND SERVE YOU IN UNITY, CONSTANCY, AND PEACE; AND AT THE LAST DAY BRING US WITH ALL YOUR SAINTS INTO THE JOY OF YOUR ETERNAL KINGDOM.

AN ORDER FOR COMPLINE

THE OFFICIANT BEGINS

**THE LORD ALMIGHTY GRANT US A PEACEFUL NIGHT
AND A PERFECT END.**

AMEN.

OFFICIANT **OUR HELP IS IN THE NAME OF THE
LORD;**
PEOPLE **THE MAKER OF HEAVEN AND
EARTH.**

THE OFFICIANT THEN SAYS

LET US CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD.

SILENCE MAY BE KEPT.

OFFICIANT AND PEOPLE

**O GOD, THE FATHER OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS
CHRIST...SANCTIFY, O LORD, OUR SOULS AND
BODIES AND SPIRITS, SEARCH OUR CONSCIENCES,
AND CAST OUT OF US EVERY EVIL THOUGHT, EVERY
BASE DESIRE, ALL ENVY AND PRIDE, ALL WRATH
AND ANGER, AND ALL THAT IS CONTRARY TO
YOUR HOLY WILL. AND GRANT US, O LORD...WITH
A PURE HEART AND CONTRITE SOUL, TO CALL
UPON YOU, OUR HOLY GOD AND FATHER WHO IS
IN HEAVEN. *AMEN.***

**(LITURGY OF ST. JAMES, 2ND5TH CENTURIES; *PRAYERS
ACROSS THE CENTURIES*)**

OFFICIANT

**MAY THE ALMIGHTY GOD GRANT US FORGIVENESS OF
ALL OUR SINS, AND THE GRACE AND COMFORT OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT. *AMEN.***

OFFICIANT

O GOD, MAKE SPEED TO SAVE US.

PEOPLE

O LORD, MAKE HASTE TO HELP US.

OFFICIANT AND PEOPLE

**GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO
THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

**AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE
FOR EVER. *AMEN.* ALLELUIA.**

**WE PRAY YOU, O CREATOR OF EVERYTHING, AT
THIS HOUR PRECEDING NIGHT, THAT YOU BE
CLEMENT AND WATCH OVER US. LET DREAMS AND
PHANTOMS OF THE NIGHT BE SCATTERED. KEEP US
SAFE FROM OUR
ENEMIES AND MAKE US PURE! *AMEN.***

**(ST. AMBROSE, 4TH CENTURY; *PRAYERS ACROSS
THE CENTURIES*)**

**LOOK UPON US, O LORD, AND LET ALL THE
DARKNESS OF OUR SOULS VANISH BEFORE THE
BEAMS OF YOUR BRIGHTNESS. FILL US WITH HOLY
LOVE, AND OPEN TO US THE TREASURES OF YOUR
WISDOM. ALL OUR DESIRE IS KNOWN UNTO YOU,
THEREFORE PERFECT WHAT YOU HAVE BEGUN, AND
WHAT YOUR
SPIRIT HAS AWAKENED US TO ASK IN PRAYER. WE
SEEK YOUR FACE; TURN YOUR FACE UNTO US AND
SHOW US YOUR GLORY, THEN SHALL OUR LONGING
BE SATISFIED, AND OUR PEACE SHALL BE PERFECT;
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. *AMEN.* (ST.
AUGUSTINE, 4TH-5TH CENTURIES; *PRAYERS ACROSS THE
CENTURIES*)**

**GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT: *
AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOR EVER. AMEN.**

**LORD, YOU ARE IN THE MIDST OF US, AND WE ARE CALLED BY YOUR NAME;
DO NOT FORSAKE US, O LORD OUR GOD. JEREMIAH 14:9,
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PEOPLE THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**MAY THE GOD OF PEACE, WHO BROUGHT AGAIN FROM THE DEAD OUR LORD JESUS, THE GREAT SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP, BY THE BLOOD OF THE ETERNAL COVENANT, EQUIP YOU WITH EVERYTHING GOOD THAT YOU MAY DO HIS WILL, WORKING IN YOU THAT WHICH IS PLEASING IN HIS SIGHT, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST; TO WHOM BE GLORY FOR EVER AND EVER.
HEBREWS 13:20-21
PEOPLE THANKS BE TO GOD.**

THEN FOLLOWS

**V. INTO YOUR HANDS, O LORD, I COMMEND MY SPIRIT;
R. FOR YOU HAVE REDEEMED ME, O LORD, O GOD OF TRUTH.
V. KEEP US, O LORD, AS THE APPLE OF YOUR EYE;
R. HIDE US UNDER THE SHADOW OF YOUR WINGS.**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY. CHRIST, HAVE MERCY.
LORD, HAVE MERCY.**

OFFICIANT AND PEOPLE

**OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME,
YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.
GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD. FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS,
AS WE ALSO HAVE FORGIVEN OUR DEBTORS.
AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE.
FOR THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND THE GLORY ARE YOURS, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.**

*OFFICIANT LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER;
PEOPLE AND LET OUR CRY COME TO YOU.
OFFICIANT LET US PRAY.*

BE PRESENT, O MERCIFUL GOD, AND PROTECT US THROUGH THE HOURS OF THIS NIGHT, SO THAT WE WHO ARE WEARIED BY THE CHANGES AND CHANCES OF THIS LIFE MAY REST IN YOUR ETERNAL CHANGELESSNESS; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

HELP US, O LORD, ALWAYS TO WAIT FOR YOU, TO WISH FOR YOU, AND TO WATCH FOR YOU, THAT AT YOUR COMING AGAIN YOU MAY FIND US READY; FOR YOUR SAKE WE ASK IT. AMEN. (—PRAYERBOOK, 5TH CENTURY; PRAYERS ACROSS THE CENTURIES)

SILENCE MAY BE KEPT, AND FREE INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS MAY BE OFFERED.

THE SERVICE CONCLUDES WITH THE SONG OF SIMEON WITH THIS ANTIPHON, WHICH IS SUNG OR SAID BY ALL

**GUIDE US WAKING, O LORD, AND GUARD US
SLEEPING;
THAT AWAKE WE MAY WATCH WITH CHRIST,
AND ASLEEP WE MAY REST IN PEACE.**

**LORD, YOU NOW HAVE SET YOUR SERVANT FREE *
TO GO IN PEACE AS YOU HAVE PROMISED; FOR
THESE EYES OF MINE HAVE SEEN THE SAVIOR, *
WHOM YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ALL THE WORLD
TO SEE: A LIGHT TO ENLIGHTEN THE NATIONS, *
AND THE GLORY OF YOUR PEOPLE ISRAEL.**

**GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO
THE HOLY SPIRIT: *
AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE
FOR EVER. *AMEN.***

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

**GUIDE US WAKING, O LORD, AND GUARD US
SLEEPING; THAT AWAKE
WE MAY WATCH WITH CHRIST, AND ASLEEP WE
MAY REST IN PEACE.**

OFFICIANT **LET US BLESS THE LORD.**
PEOPLE **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

THE OFFICIANT CONCLUDES
**THE ALMIGHTY AND MERCIFUL LORD, FATHER, SON, AND
HOLY SPIRIT, BLESS US AND KEEP US. *AMEN.***

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