



# Holy Thursday

## Night Prayer

### INTRODUCTION

O God, come to our aid.

*O Lord, make haste to help us.*

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.

### Examination of Conscience

### Hymn

Christ, thou who art the light and day,  
Who chasest nightly shades away,  
Thyself the Light of Light confessed,  
And promiser of radiance blest:

O holy Lord, we pray to thee,  
Throughout the night our guardian be;  
In thee vouchsafe us to repose,  
All peaceful till the night shall close.

O let our eyes due slumber take,  
Our hearts to thee forever wake:  
And let thy right hand from above  
Shield us who turn to thee in love.

O strong defender, hear our prayers,  
Repel our foes and break their snares,  
And govern thou thy servants here,  
Those ransomed with thy life-blood dear.

Almighty Father, this accord  
Through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord,  
Who with the Holy Ghost and thee  
Doth reign through all eternity.

### Psalm 90 (91)

*He will conceal you with his wings; you will not fear the terror of the night.*

He who lives under the protection of the Most High  
dwells under the shade of the Almighty.

He will say to the Lord:  
“You are my shelter and my strength,  
my God, in whom I trust.”

For he will free you from the hunter’s snare,  
from the voice of the slanderer.  
He will shade you with his wings,  
you will hide underneath his wings.  
His faithfulness will be your armour and your shield.

You will not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
nor the plague that walks in the shadows,  
nor the death that lays waste at noon.

A thousand will fall at your side,  
at your right hand ten thousand will fall,  
but you it will never come near.  
You will look with your eyes  
and see the reward of sinners.

For the Lord is your shelter and refuge;  
you have made the Most High your dwelling-place.  
Evil will not reach you,  
harm cannot approach your tent;  
for he has set his angels to guard you  
and keep you safe in all your ways.

**They will carry you in their arms  
in case you hurt your foot on a stone.  
You walk on the viper and cobra,  
you will tread on the lion and the serpent.**

**Because he clung to me, I shall free him:  
I shall lift him up because he knows my name.  
He will call upon me and for my part, I will hear him:  
I am with him in his time of trouble.**

**I shall rescue him and lead him to glory.  
I shall fill him with length of days  
and show him my salvation.**

**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.**

*He will conceal you with his wings; you will not fear the terror of the night.*

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### **Short Reading - Apocalypse 22:4-5**

**They will see the Lord face to face, and his name will be written on their foreheads. It will never be night again and they will not need lamplight or sunlight, because the Lord God will be shining on them. They will reign for ever and ever.**

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### **Short Responsory**

**Christ humbled himself for us and, in obedience, accepted death.**

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### **Canticle - Nunc Dimittis**

*Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep; that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace.*

**At last, all powerful Master,  
you give leave to your servant  
to go in peace, according to your promise.**

**For my eyes have seen your salvation  
which you have prepared for all nations,  
the light to enlighten the Gentiles  
and give glory to Israel, your people.**

**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.**

***Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep; that we may keep  
watch with Christ and rest with him in peace.***

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**Let us pray:**

**Visit this house, we pray you, Lord:  
drive far away from it all the snares of the enemy.  
May your holy angels stay here and guard us in peace,  
and let your blessing be always upon us.  
Through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.**

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**The Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. Amen.**

**Marian Anthem**

**Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,  
our life, our sweetness and our hope!  
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.  
To thee do we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears!  
Turn, then, O most gracious Advocate,  
thine eyes of mercy toward us,  
and after this, our exile,  
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Amen**