

Fixed Hour Prayer

Thursday

The Office of Midnight To be observed between 10:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

The Call to Prayer

At midnight I rise to praise you, because of your righteous ordinances.
(Psalm 119:62)

The Request for Presence

I lie down and sleep; I wake again, for the Lord sustains me. (Psalm 2:5)

The Greeting

Our Father, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

The Psalm

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord. (Psalm 25:6-7)

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth.

The Small Verse

Then they came to Capernaum; and when He was in the house He asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then He took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in His arms, He said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me." (Mark 9: 33-37)

The Final Thanksgiving

Come to Him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into

a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2: 4-5)

The Petition

Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with you all. (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

The Office of Night Watch

To be observed between 1:30 and 4:30 a.m.

The Call to Prayer

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord! Lift up your hands to the holy place, and bless the Lord. May the Lord, maker of heaven and earth, bless you from Zion. (Psalm 134)

The Request for Presence

(Psalm 55:16-17)

I call upon God, and the Lord will save me. Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and He will hear my voice.

The Refrain for the Night Watch

Through the long night watches may your angels spread their bright wings above me, watching round my bed. (ELW #570)

The Prayer

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work or watch or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted, shield the joyous; all for your love's sake. Amen. (ELW p. 326)

The Thanksgiving

Nunc Dimittis

Now Lord, let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people; a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

The Final Petition

Now guide me waking, O Lord, and guard me sleeping; that awake I may watch with Christ and asleep, I may rest in peace. Amen. (ELW p. 324)

The Office of Dawn

To be observed between 4:30 and 7:30 a.m.

The Call to Prayer

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. (Matthew 5:6)

The Request for Presence

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. (Psalm 65:5)

The Greeting

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.

Morning Hymn ELW #438

Refrain: My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning; oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the trumpet sound to wake the nations underground, looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground, looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

The Psalm

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in Him. O fear the Lord, you His holy ones, for those who fear Him have no want. (Psalm 34:8-9)

The Small Verse

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then He called His disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." (Mark 12:41-44)

The Lord's Prayer

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 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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. (Titus 3:15)

The Morning Office

To be observed between 6 and 9 a.m.

The Call to Prayer

O Lord, open my lips. And my mouth shall proclaim your praise. (Psalm 51:15)

The Request for Presence

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. (Psalm 130:5-6)

The Greeting

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "to the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" (Revelation 5:13)

The Refrain for the Morning Lessons

You have been born and through the living and abiding word of God (ELW p. 302)

A Reading

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4: 8-9)

The Refrain for the Morning Lessons

You have been born anew through the living and abiding word of God
(ELW p. 302)

The Morning Psalm

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. (Psalm 46:1-3)

The Prayer of the Day

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new. Especially we thank you for the sustaining goodness of your creation; for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness; for the gifts of relationships with others, and for the communion of faith in your church. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. (ELW p. 304)

The Lord's Prayer

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The Blessing

(Colossians 3:12)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

The Midday Office

To be observed between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The Call to Prayer

Bless the Lord, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His bidding, obedient to His spoken word. Bless the Lord, all His hosts, His ministers who do His will. Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul. (Psalm 103:20-22)

The Request for Presence

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love to you, O Lord For you repay all according to their work. (Psalm 62:11-12)

The Greeting

We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. (2 Thessalonians 1:3)

The Refrain for the Midday Lesson

(1 John 2:6)

Whoever says, "I abide in Him," ought to walk just as He walked.

A Reading

"No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar, but on the lampstand so that those who enter may see the light. Your eye is the lamp of your body. If your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light; but if it is not healthy, your body is full of darkness. Therefore, consider whether the light in you is not darkness. If then your whole body is full of light, with no part of it in darkness, it will be as full of light as when a lamp gives you light with its rays." (Luke 11:33-36)

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The Midday Psalm

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you. Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion. Declare His deeds among the peoples. (Psalm 9: 9-11)

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The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

The Vespers Office

To be observed between 5 and 8 p.m.

The Call to Prayer

(Zephaniah 3:17-18a)

The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will renew you in His love; He will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

The Request for Presence

But I will call upon God, and the Lord will save me. (Psalm 55:16)

The Greeting

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will exalt you. (Psalm 118:28)

The Hymn

ELW #712

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need; who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship, not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless, still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

The Refrain for the Vespers Lesson

(Isaiah 6:3b)

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory.

The Reading

(Mark 8:22-26)

They came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to Jesus and begged Him to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village; and when he had put saliva on his eyes and laid His hands on him, He asked him, "Can you see anything?" And the man looked up and said "I can see people, but they look like trees, walking." Then Jesus laid His hands on His eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Then He sent him away to his home, saying, "Do not even go into the village."

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The Concluding Prayer of the Church

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. For into your hands, we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us. Amen. (ELW p. 318)

The Office of Compline

To be observed before bedtime

The Call to Prayer

(ELW p. 320)

Almighty God, grant us a quiet night and peace at the last. Amen

The Request for Presence

May our hearts dream of you, sense your presence in deep sleep, and always sing your glory with the approaching light. Amen. (*The Little Book of Hours* p. 243)

The Confession

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. (Psalm 51:1-4)

The Forgiveness

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, in whom we are forgiven. We rest now in the peace of Christ and rise in the morning to serve. (ELW p. 321)

The Reading

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:6-8)

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth.

The Small Verse

(Proverbs 17:17)

A friend loves at all times, and kinsfolk are born to share adversity.

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The Petition

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (ELW p. 325)

The Final Blessing

Hear my prayer, O Lord; listen to my cry. Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings. In righteousness I shall see you; when I awake, your presence will give me joy. (ELW p. 325)

