

Fixed Hour Prayer
Monday of Holy Week (April 6)

The Morning Office to be observed between 6 and 9 a.m.

The Call to Prayer

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord. How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. (Psalm 36: 5-7)

The Request for Presence

O Lord, my God, my Savior, by day and night I cry to you. Let my prayer enter into your presence; incline your ear to my cry. (Psalm 88: 1-2)

The Greeting

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. (Psalm 25: 4-5)

The Refrain for the Morning Lesson

I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it? (Isaiah 43:13)

A Reading from John 12: 1-11

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for

three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)

Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.” When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

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The Morning Psalm

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. (Psalm 36:7-9)

A Hymn: Lamb of God

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent Him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God. Oh wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love we crucified. We laughed and scorned Him as He died. The humble king we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. (Refrain)

I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and rod and to be called a Lamb of God. (Refrain)

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 bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Concluding Prayer of the Day

O God, your Son chose the path that led to pain before joy and to the cross before glory. Plant His cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we may come at last to joy and glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Midday Office

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

The Call to Prayer

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; do not hold your peace at my tears. For I am your passing guest, an alien, like my forebears. (Psalm 39:12)

The Request for Presence

For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken. On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God. Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. (Psalm 62:5-8)

The Greeting

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. (Galatians 1: 3-5)

The Refrain for the Midday Lesson

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by a Son, whom He appointed heir of all things through whom He also created the worlds. (Hebrews 1: 1-2)

A Reading of Hebrews 9: 11-15

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who

through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

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The Cry of the Church

I call upon you, O Lord, come quickly to me; give ear to my voice when I call to you. (Psalm 141:1)

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The Call to Prayer

Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice. (Psalm 141:2)

The Request for Presence

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me. (Psalm 86:6-7)

The Hymn: Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream flows from Calvary's mountain.

Refrain: In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me.
(Refrain)

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. (Refrain)

Vespers Psalm

As the deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?" These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my help and my God. (Psalm 42: 1-6a)

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The Concluding Prayer

Be our light in the darkness, O God, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

