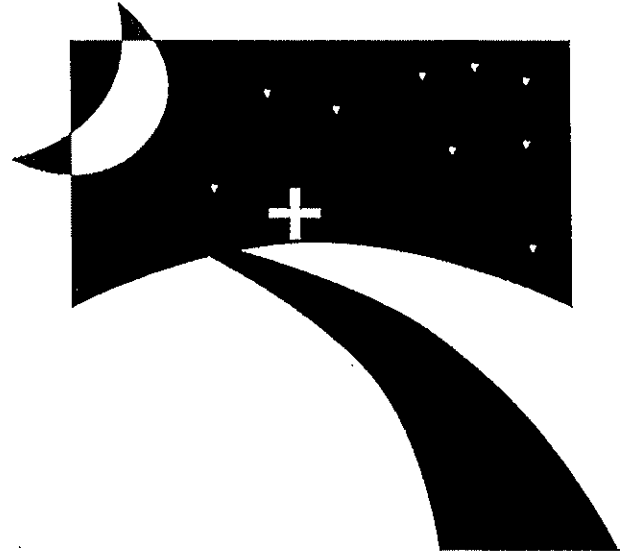


Holy Thursday

Night Prayer



Presider: God, come to my assistance.

All: Lord, make haste to help me.

Presider: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

All: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Penitential Rite

(Pause for a brief examination of conscience.)

All: I confess to almighty God, and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels & Saints and you my brothers & sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

Presider: May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

HYMN: ♪ *Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray.* ♪

Psalmody –Psalm 16

Antiphon: **Presider:** *In you, my God, my body will rest in hope.* **(All Repeat)**

Left: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to you Lord "You are my God. My happiness lies in you alone."

Right: You have put into my heart a marvelous love for the faithful ones who dwell in your land. Those who choose other gods increase their sorrows. Never will I offer their offerings of blood. Never will I take their name upon my lips.

Left: O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup, it is you yourself who are my prize.
The lot marked out for me is my delight,
welcome indeed the heritage that falls to me!

Right: I will bless you, Lord, you give me counsel, and even at night direct my heart.
I keep you, Lord, ever in my sight; since you are at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

Left: And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

Right: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Antiphon: *In you, my God, my body will rest in hope.*

READING: *1 Thessalonians 5: 23*

May the God of peace make you perfect in holiness. May he preserve you whole and entire, spirit, soul, and body, irreproachable at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONSORY

P: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

R: *Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.*

P: You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.

R: *I commend my spirit.*

P: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R: *Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.*

GOSPEL CANTICLE - Luke 2:29-32

Antiphon: *Protect us Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep,
that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace.*

Lord, now you 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.

Glory be 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.

Antiphon: *Protect us Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep,
that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace.*

PRAYER

Lord God,
send peaceful sleep
to refresh our tired bodies.
May your help always renew us
and keep us strong in your service.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

BLESSING

May the all-powerful Lord grant us a restful night and a peaceful death. Amen.

Antiphon of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

