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**Liturgy of the Hours**

**COMPLINE**
1. O most kind and gracious Lord!
2. Who from virgin womb didst spring!
3. That our faith may e'er increase.
4. Faith alone can make it clear
5. Jesus Christ and give Him birth,
6. She shall never, ever fail;

1. Praising Thee for all Thy blessings
2. By Thy glorious Resurrection,
3. Helping us God's love to witness,
4. That our Savior here is present
5. She is mother of all peoples,
6. Though the powers of hell as sail her,

1. Is our duty, our reward.
2. Thou hast saved us from death's sting!
3. Grant us courage, hope, and peace!
4. In these holy gifts most dear!
5. Queen of heaven, Queen of earth!
6. God shall e'er see her prevail!
Praise Be to the Heavenly Father

O God, come to my assistance. R. O Lord make haste to help me. 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. (T.P. Alleluia)

Penitential Rite

We now pause to remember our sins and ask God for forgiveness.

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 in 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 and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May Almighty God have mercy on us and forgive us our sins; may he free us from all evil, strengthen and confirm us in every good work, and bring us to life everlasting.

— Amen.
O CHRIST, YOU ARE THE LIGHT AND DAY

1. O Christ, you are the light and day
2. As now the evening shadows fall
3. Remember us, poor mortal men,

1. Which drives away the night,
2. Please grant us, Lord, we pray,
3. We humbly ask, O Lord,

1. The ever shining Sun of God
2. A quiet night to rest in you
3. And may your presence in our souls

1. And pledge of future light.
2. Until the break of day.
3. Be now our great reward.

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Additional Hymns
All Praise to Thee O God This Night

1. All praise to thee, O God, this night,
2. Forgive us, Lord, through Christ thy Son,
3. Enlighten us, O blessed Light,

Or:

1. For all the blessings of the light;
2. Whatever wrong this day we've done;
3. And give us rest throughout this night.

Or:

1. Keep us, we pray, O King of kings,
2. Thy peace give to the world, O Lord,
3. O strengthen us, that for thy sake,

Or:

1. Beneath thine own almighty wings.
2. That man might live in one accord.
3. We all may serve thee when we wake.

Dómi-num, qui te-cum in perpétu-um regnat cum Sancto


1. 3. Thy healing life, O Lord, bestow; restore to us thy warming glow. And may the brightness of thy light
4 Compline

illuminate the dreadful night. 4. O Father, that we ask be

done, through Jesus Christ, thine only Son, who, with the


For more options, see p. 52.
Now at the Daylight’s Ending

1. Now at the day-light’s ending
2. To you in ado-ra-tion,
3. The gift you gave at day-light
4. Take all its joys and sor-row,
5. With watch-ful eyes, O Shep-herd,
6. Cone down, O Ho-ly Spi-rit,
7. We praise you, heav’n-ly Fa-ther:
8. We praise you, Je-sus, Sa-vior,

Psalmody

Psalm 4
Thanksgiving

The resurrection of Christ was God’s supreme and wholly marvelous work (Saint Augustine).

I called, the God of justice gave me answer;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

Children of man, how long will my glory be dis-honored,
will you love what is futile and seek what is false?

Know that the Lord works wonders for his faith-ful one;
the Lord will hear me whenever I call him.

Tremble, do not sin: ponder on your bed and be still.
Offer right sacrifice, and trust in the Lord.

“What can bring us happiness?” many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

You have put into my heart a greater joy
than abundance of grain and new wine can pro-vide.

In peace I will lie down and fall asleep,
for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.
Psalm 134
Evening prayer in the temple
Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great (Revelation 19:5).

I

In the silent hours of night, * bless the Lord.

II

O come, bless * the Lord,
all you servants of * the Lord,
who stand by night in the courts
of the house of * the Lord.
Lift up your hands to the holy place,
and bless * the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Sion,
he who made both heaven and earth.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. *Amen.*
During Paschal Time, see p. 44.

**Holy God, We Praise Thy Name**

1. Holy God, we praise thy name;
2. Hark! the loud celestial hymn
3. Lo! the apostolic train
4. Holy Father, Holy Son,

1. Lord of all, we bow before thee!
2. Angel choirs above are raising,
3. Join the sacred name to hallow;
4. Holy Spirit, Three we name thee;

1. All on earth thy scepter claim,
2. Cherubim and seraphim,
3. Prophets swell the loud refrain,
4. While in essence only One,

1. All in heav’n above adore thee;
2. In unceasing chorus praising;
3. And the white robed martyrs follow;
4. Undivided God we claim thee;

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**Reading**

Deuteronomy 6:4–7

Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today. Drill them into your children. Speak of them at home and abroad, whether you are busy or at rest.

**Responsory**

V. You have redeemed us, Lord, God of truth. R. I commend my spirit. V. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. R. Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

During Paschal Time, see p. 44.
Canticle of Simeon

Christ is the light of the nations and the glory of Israel

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. (T.P. Al-le-lu-ia.)

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 to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

O Radiant Light, O Sun Divine

1. O radiant Light, O Sun divine of God the Father's deathless face, O image of the Light sublime that fills the heav'nly dwelling place.

2. O Son of God, the source of life, praise is your due by night and day. Our happy lips must raise the strain of your esteemed and splendid name.

3. Lord Jesus Christ, as daylight fades, as shine the lights of eventide, we praise the Father with the Son, the Spirit blest, and with them one. Amen.
Before the Ending of the Day

Before the ending of the day, Creator of the world,
we pray that with thy gracious favor thou wouldst be
our Guard and Keeper now.

2. From fears and terrors of the night defend us, Lord, by thy great might;
and when we close our eyes in sleep let hearts, with Christ, their vigil keep.

3. O Father, this we ask be done through Jesus Christ, thine only Son, who, with the Paraclete and thee, now lives and reigns eternally.

Concluding Prayer

Lord,
be with us throughout this night.
When day comes may we rise from sleep to rejoice in the resurrection of your Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
— Amen.

Or, on solemnities that do not occur on Sunday:
Lord,
we beg you to visit this house and banish from it all the deadly power of the enemy.
May your holy angels dwell here to keep us in peace, and may your blessing be upon us always. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
— Amen.

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

Continue with an antiphon in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, p. 34.
AFTER VESPERS II ON SUNDAYS

PSALMODY

Psalmody

Psalm 91
Safe in God’s sheltering care

I have given you the power to tread upon serpents and scorpions (Luke 10:19).

VIII  ...

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, and abides in the shade of the Almighty, says to the Lord, “My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!”

He will free you from the snare of the fowler, from the destructive plague; he will conceal you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge. His faithfulness is buckler and shield.

You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the plague that prowls in the darkness, nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand fall at your right: you it will never approach.

Your eyes have only to look to see how the wicked are repaid. For you, O Lord, are my refuge. You have made the Most High your dwelling.

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach your tent.

O CHRIST, THOU ART OUR LIGHT AND DAY

O Christ, thou art our Light and Day who drive night’s terror far away! We know thee as the Light of Light, illuminating mortal sight.

2. And while our eyes their slumber take, still be the heart to thee a-wake; be thy right hand upheld above thy servants resting in thy love.

3. O Father, this we ask be done through Jesus Christ, thine only Son, who, with the Paraclete and thee, now lives and reigns eternally. Amen.
In Paschal Time, on Sundays and Feasts:

For you has he commanded his angels to keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you upon their hands, lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread, and trample the young lion and the serpent. Since he clings to me in love, I will free him, protect him, for he knows my name. When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will be with him in distress; I will deliver him, and give him glory. With length of days I will content him; I will show him my saving power. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**Reading**

Revelation 22:4–5

They shall see him face to face and bear his name on their foreheads. The night shall be no more. They will need no light from lamps or the sun, for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever.

**Responsory**

Responsory

God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever. They shall see him face to face and bear his name on their foreheads. The night shall be no more. They will need no light from lamps or the sun, for the Lord
Compline

Holy Spirit. R. Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

During Paschal Time, see p. 44.

**Canticle of Simeon**  
Luke 2:29–32

Christ is the light of the nations and the glory of Israel

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. (T.P. Al-le-lu-ia.)

**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 to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.

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**Te Lucis ante Terminum**

On Solemn Feasts:

12 Compline

**Canticle of Simeon**

Luke 2:29–32

**On Solemn Feasts:**

**Te Lucis ante Terminum**

Additional Hymns
ADDITIONAL HYMNS

CHRISTE, QUI, SPLENDOR ET DIES

Lord,
we have celebrated today
the mystery of the rising of Christ to new life.
May we now rest in your peace,
safe from all that could harm us,
and rise again refreshed and joyful,
to praise you throughout another day.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
— Amen.

Or, on solemnities that do not occur on Sunday:
Lord,
we beg you to visit this house
and banish from it
all the deadly power of the enemy.
May your holy angels dwell here
to keep us in peace,
and may your blessing be upon us always.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
— Amen.

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

Continue with an antiphon in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, p. 34.
Psalmody

Psalm 86
Poor man’s prayer in trouble

Blessed be God who comforts us in all our trials (2 Corinthians 1:3,4).

VIII

O Lord, our God, * unwearied is your love for us.

Turn your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.
Preserve my soul, for I am faithful;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.

Have mercy on me, O LORD,
for I cry to you all the day long.
Gladden the soul of your servant,
for I lift up my soul to you, O LORD.

O LORD, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.
Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer,
and attend to my voice in supplication.

In the day of distress, I will call to you,
and surely you will answer me.
Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD,
nor works to compare with yours.
All the nations you have made shall come;
they will bow down before you, O LORD,
and glorify your name,
for you are great and do marvelous deeds,
you who alone are God.

Prayer

Dismissal

Dominican Form:
During the Easter Octave:

Hæc dies * quam fecit Domi-nus: exul-té-mus et læ-té-mur in ea.

Canticle of Simeon

Luke 2:29–32

Salva nos, * Domi-ne, vigi-lantes, custodi nos dormi-éntes:
ut vi-gi-lémus cum Christo et requi-escá-mus in pa-ce.

T.P. Alle-lu-ia.

Unc dimittis servum tu-um Domi-ne, se-cúndum
verbum tu-um in pa-ce: 2. Qui-a vi-dé-runt ocu-li me-i
sa-lu-ta-re tu-um: 3. Quod pa-rásti ante fá-ci- em ómni-um

Teach me, O LORD, your way,
so that I may walk in your truth,
single-hearted to fear your name.

I will praise you, LORD my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forever.

Your mercy to me has been great;
you have saved me from the depths of the grave.

The proud have risen against me, O God;
a band of the ruthless seeks my life.
To you they pay no heed.

But you, O God, are compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, O LORD,
abundant in mercy and fidelity;
turn and take pity on me.

O give your strength to your servant,
and save the son of your handmaid.

Show me the sign of your favor,
that my foes may see to their shame
that you, O LORD, give me comfort and help.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.
**READING**

God has destined us for acquiring salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us, that all of us, whether awake or asleep, together might live with him.

**RESPONSORY**

VI. You have redeemed us, Lord, God of truth. R. I commend my spirit. 

V. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. R. Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

*During Paschal Time, see p. 44.*

**CANTICLE OF SIMEON**

Luke 2:29–32

Christ is the light of the nations and the glory of Israel

Pray for us, Lord, as we stay awake; Watch over us as we
Hymn
Psalmody
Reading
Responsory

During the Year:

I n manus tu-as, Dó-mi-ne, * Comméndo spí-ri-tum me- um. ij.


During Advent:

I n manus tu-as, Dó-mi-ne, * Comméndo spí-ri-tum me- um. ij.

V. Rede-mí-sti nos, Dó-mi-ne, De-us ve-ri-tá-tis. R. Comméndo

Concluding Prayer

Lord,
give our bodies restful sleep
and let the work we have done today
bear fruit in eternal life.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
— Amen.

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

Continue with an antiphon in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, p. 34.
**TUESDAY**

**Psalmody**

Psalm 143:1–11  
Prayer in distress

*Only by faith in Jesus Christ is a man made holy in God’s sight. No observance of the law can achieve this* (Galatians 2:16).

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**Penitential Rite**

*We now pause to remember our sins and ask God for forgiveness.*

Confiteor Deo omnipotenti  
et vobis, fratres, quia peccavi nimis  
cogitatione, verbo, opere et omissione:  
mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa.

Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Virginem,  
omnes Angelos et Sanctos, et vos, fratres,  
orare pro me ad Dominum Deum nostrum.

Misereatur nostri, omnipotens Deus, et dimittat nostris omnia peccata nostra,  
liberet nos ab omnium malo, salvet et confirmet nos in omnium opere bono, et perducat nos ad vitam aeternam.  
— Amen.
**THE ORDINARY IN LATIN**

**Introduction**

*Gregorian Tone:*


*Dominican Tone:*


**Reading**

1 Peter 5:8–9a

Stay sober and alert. Your opponent the devil is prowling like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, solid in your faith.

**Respondsory**

I n-to your hands, Lord, I commend my spi-rit. *ij.*

V. You have redeemed us, Lord, God of truth. R. I commend my
Psalm Tones for Paschal Time

Antiphon 1:
A
VI
l-le-lu-ia, * alle-lu-ia, alle-lu-ia.

Antiphon 2:
A
VII

Antiphon 3:
A
II

Canticle of Simeon

Christ is the light of the nations and the glory of Israel

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. (T.P. Al-le-lu-ia.)

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 to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
SEASONAL PARTS OF THE ORDINARY

Responsory

From Easter until after Vespers I of Low Sunday:

This is the day the Lord has made; * let us rejoice and be glad, al-le-lu-ia.

After Vespers II of Low Sunday until after Vespers I of Pentecost:


Lord, Fill this night with your radiance.
May we sleep in peace and rise with joy
to welcome the light of a new day in your name.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
— Amen.

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

Continue with an antiphon in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, p. 34.
Psalmody

Psalm 31:1–6
Trustful prayer in adversity

*Father, into your hands I commend my spirit* (Luke 23:46).

In you, O **Lord**, I take refuge.
Let me never be put to shame.
In your justice, *set me free*;
incline your ear to me, and speedily *rescue* me.

Be a rock of *refuge* for me,
a mighty stronghold to *save* me.
For you are my *rock*, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of *your* name.

Release me from the *snare* they have hidden,
for you indeed are *my* refuge.
Into your hands I *commend* my spirit.
You will redeem me, O **Lord**, O faithful **God**.

Glory to the Father, and *to the Son*,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. **Amen**.
Hail, Mary, full of grace, * the Lord is with thee!

Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit

of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray

for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; L ORD, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive to the sound of my pleadings.
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, that you may be revered.

I long for you, O Lord, my soul longs for his word.
My soul hopes in the Lord more than watchmen for daybreak.
More than watchmen for daybreak, let Israel hope for the Lord.

For with the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.
It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
**Reading**

If you are angry, let it be without sin. The sun must not go down on your wrath; do not give the devil a chance to work on you.

**Responsory**

Gethsemani Tone

VI

O Queen of heaven, * rejoice now, al-le-lu-ia; rejoice! for he to whom you once gave birth, al-le-lu-ia, is now risen, as he foretold, al-le-lu-ia: pray for us to the Father, al-le-lu-ia.

**Ave Maria**

Simple Tone

Ave Ma-ri-a, * grá-ti-a plena, Dómi-nus te-cum, be-


**Canticle of Simeon**

Luke 2:29–32

Christ is the light of the nations and the glory of Israel

Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; Watch over us as we sleep: That awake we may keep watch with Christ and asleep...
Concluding Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have given your followers an example of gentleness and humility, a task that is easy, a burden that is light. Accept the prayers and work of this day, and give us the rest that will strengthen us to render more faithful service to you who live and reign for ever and ever. — Amen.

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

Continue with an antiphon in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, p. 34.
THURSDAY

Psalmody

Psalm 16

God is my portion, my inheritance

The Father raised up Jesus from the dead and broke the bonds of death (Acts 2:24).

I

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

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord.
My happiness lies in you alone.”

As for the holy ones who dwell in the land,
they are noble, and in them is all my delight.
Those who choose other gods increase their sorrows.
I will not take part in their offerings of blood.
Nor will I take their names upon my lips.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
you yourself who secure my lot.
Pleasant places are marked out for me:
a pleasing heritage indeed is mine!
I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord before me always;
with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my flesh shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to hell,
nor let your holy one see corruption.
During Paschal Time, see p. 44.

### Reading

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

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand, bliss forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

#### Thursday

1 Thessalonians 5:23

*During Paschal Time, see p. 44.*
Canticle of Simeon

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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 to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Concluding 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. — Amen.
Thursday 29

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

Continue with an antiphon in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, p. 34.
FRIDAY

PSALMODY

Psalm 88
Prayer of a very sick person

This is your hour when darkness reigns (Luke 22:53).

O Lord and God of my salvation,
I cry before you day and night.
Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry.
For my soul is filled with evils;
my life is on the brink of the grave.
I am reckoned as one in the tomb;
I am like a warrior without strength,
like one roaming among the dead,
like the slain lying in their graves,
like those you remember no more,
cut off, as they are, from your hand.
You have laid me in the depths of the pit,
in regions that are dark and deep.
Your anger weighs down upon me;
I am drowned beneath your waves.
You have taken away my friends;
to them you have made me hateful.
Imprisoned, I cannot escape;
my eyes are sunken with grief.
I call to you, Lord, all day long;
to you I stretch out my hands.

Solemn Tone

Salve, * Regina, mater misericordiae: Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamamus,
éxu-les, fili- i He- va. Ad te suspi-rá- mus, geméntes et
flentes in lacrimárum valle. E- ia ergo, Advo- cá- ta
nostra, illos tuos misericórdes ócu- los ad nos convé- te.
Et Je- sum, bene- dic tum fructum ventris tu- i, no- bis post hoc
exst- li- um osténde. O de- mens: O pi- a: O
dul- cis * Virgo Marí- a.
Will you work your wonders for the dead?
Will the shades rise up to praise you?
Will your mercy be told in the grave,
or your faithfulness in the place of perdition?
Will your wonders be known in the dark,
your justice in the land of oblivion?

But I, O Lord, cry out to you;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.
Why do you reject me, O Lord?
Why do you hide your face from me?

I am wretched, close to death from my youth.
I have borne your trials; I am numb.
Your fury has swept down upon me;
your terrors have utterly destroyed me.
They surround me all the day like a flood;
together they close in against me.
Friend and neighbor you have taken away:
my one companion is darkness.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.
Friday 33

Reading

Jeremiah 14:9a

You are in our midst, O Lord,
your name we bear:
do not forsake us, O Lord, our God!

Responsory

rest in his peace. (T.P. Al-le-lu-ia.)

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 to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

Concluding Prayer

All-powerful God,
keep us united with your Son
in his death and burial
so that we may rise to new life with him,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
— Amen.

Continue with an antiphon in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, p. 34.