

THE ORDINARY OF THE ORDER OF SAINT LUKE
FOR A
VIGIL

The Vigil office may be prayed in several ways:

- 1) *On Saturday evenings or the evening before a feast day, holy day, or special commemoration, it may supersede Evening Prayer and Compline. This Ordinary is based on that use. Items specific to these “Resurrection Vigils” are marked [R]*
- 2) *It may serve as a mid-night office in its own right as one of the seven Lukan hours of the Daily Office. Items specific to these “Office Vigils” are marked [O].*

Let the people enter and remain in silence

[O] CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, come to our assistance.

O Lord, hasten to help us.

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and blessed:

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

[An office vigil continues with the *Venite Exultemus*]

[R] CALL TO WORSHIP

Light and peace in Jesus Christ!

Thanks be to God!

(see propers for the day)

[R] HYMN OF LIGHT

(Phos hilaron sung to Psalm Tone 1)

O gra=cious *Light*, pure brightness of our everlasting God in *heaven*,

O Je-sus *Christ*, holy and *blessed*!

Now as we come to the setting of the *sun*,

and our eyes behold the ves-per *light*,

we sing your praises O God: most holy and bles-ed *Trinity*.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by hap-py *voices*,

O Son of God, O Giver of *life*,

and to be glorified through all the *worlds*.

[FROM THE WORKS OF CHARLES MORTIMER GUILBERT, ADAP. TJC]

[R] THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIGHT

(see *propers of the day*)

(for Saturday and Sunday evenings, see **Daily Office, III, 28**)

[R] EVENING PRAYER CANTICLE (sung to Psalm Tone 2)

My prayers rise like incense, my
hands like the evening sacrifice.

Antiphon

I call on you, O God; come to me *quickly*;

Listen to my voice when I cry to you

Keep guard over my mouth; O Lord;

watch the door of my *lips*.

Keep my heart from slipping in-to evil,

let me not be busy with ev – il *doers*..

My eyes turn toward you, O Lord my *God*.

In you I take refuge; do not deprive me of *life*.

Antiphon

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[R] CONFESSION AND PARDON

(see *propers for the day*)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE TO GOD

[The *Venite Exultemus* sung to Psalm Tone 3]

[For a four-part musical version, see *UMH 91*]

[R] – the entrance of the light accompanies this canticle

**Come, sing with joy to *God*,
shout to our savior, our *rock*.
Enter God's presence with *praise*,
enter with shouting and *song*.**

**A great God is the Lord,
over the gods like a *king*.
God cradles the depths of the earth,
holds fast the moun-tain peaks,
God shaped the ocean and *owns it*.
formed the earth by *hand*.**

**Come, bow down and *worship*,
kneel to the Lord our *maker*.
This is our God, our *shepherd*,
we are the flock led with *care*.**

**Bring gifts to the temple,
bow down, all the *earth*,
tremble in God's ho-ly presence.
[The Lord] comes to judge the *nations*,
To set the world aright,
restoring the world to *order*.**

[ICEL]

THE BLESSING

Lord, grant us your blessing.

Silence

Let us pray:

Kindle in our hearts, O God,
the flame of that love which never ceases,
that it may burn in us, giving light to others.

May we shine forever in your temple,
set on fire with your eternal light, even your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior
and our Redeemer. **Amen.**

[St. Columba]

THE LESSONS

[For festivals or holy days, seven or nine lessons may be read, proclaiming salvation history (see propers for the day). Each reading is followed by a time of silence, after which an appropriate selection of music may be heard or sung. Otherwise, three lessons may be read, in addition to a psalm. The last reading should call forth the praise of the Church in the following canticle.]

CANTICLE OF THE HOLY TRINITY

[SIMPLIFIED ANGLICAN CHANT]

Te Deum Laudamus



You are God: we *praise you!*
You are the Lord: we *ac-claim you.*
You are the eternal God who has *cre-ated:*
All creation worships *you.*

To you all angels, all the pow'rs of *heaven,*
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless *praise:*
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and *might,*
heaven and earth are full of your *glory.*

The glorious company of apostles *praise you.*
The noble fellowship of prophets *praise you.*
The white-robed army of martyrs *praise you.*
Throughout the world the holy Church *ac-claims you;*

O creator God, of majesty *un-bounded,*
Your true and only Son, worthy of all *worship,*
and the Holy *Spirit,*
advocate and *guide.*

**You Christ, reign in *glory*,
the eternal Son of *God*.
When you came in the flesh to set us *free*
You did not shun the Virgin's *womb*.**

**You overcame the sting of *death*
and opened heaven to all *be-lievers*.
You are seated at God's right hand in *glory*.
We believe that you will come to be our *judge*.**

**Come then Lord, and help your *people*,
bought with the price of your own *blood*,
And bring us with your *saints*
to glory ever-*lasting*.**

[The following versicles and responses are traditionally used at the conclusion of the Te Deum.]

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.

Govern and uphold them now and always.

Day by day we bless you.

We praise your name for ever.

Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

for we put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope:

and we shall never hope in vain.

[THE AMBROSIAN HYMN; ATTRIBUTED TO BISHOP NICETA (392-414); ADAP.
TJC
WITH THE TRADITIONAL VERSICLES AND RESPONSES]

PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

- silence -

THE GREAT LITANY (selected portions)

I

O God, creator of heaven and earth, **have mercy upon us.**

O God, redeemer of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O God, sanctifier of the faithful, **have mercy upon us.**

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, **have mercy upon us.**

II

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forebears;

do not reward us according to our sins.

Spare us, good Lord, spare your people

whom you have redeemed with your most precious blood;

by your mercy preserve us forever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin;

from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart;

from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy;

from envy, hatred, and malice;

and from all want of charity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections;

and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism;

from hardness of heart and contempt of your Word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest;
from earthquake, fire, and flood;
from plague, pestilence, and famine,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, violence, battle, and murder;
and from dying suddenly and unprepared,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation
by your holy nativity;
by your baptism, fasting, and temptation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By your agony and bloody sweat;
by your cross and passion;
by your precious death and burial;
by your glorious resurrection and ascension;
and by the coming of your Holy Spirit,
Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation;
in all time of our prosperity;
in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

V

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
grant us your peace.

[ADAPTED FROM THE 1544 LITANY OF THOMAS CRANMER, WHICH WAS BAED ON THE SARUM
ROGATIONTIDE LITANY, LUTHER'S LATIN LITANY OF 1529, AND THE DEACON'S LITANY IN THE
LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM; BY DWV]

PRAYERS OF SPECIAL INTENTION

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE ORDER OF SAINT LUKE

Hear our prayer and let our cry come to you:

For _____, our Abbot;

For the Officers of the General Chapter;

For our Sisters and Brothers in the Order, [especially...];

For a sense of connectedness with others in the Order;

For grace to live for you and with each other
in keeping our Rule of Life and Service;

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

A COLLECT FOR THE ORDER OF SAINT LUKE

O Shepherd of us all,

who inspired your servant Saint Luke the physician

to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of Jesus:

Grant, we ask you, your Spirit to the Order of Saint Luke,

that we may proclaim faithfully the Apostolic hope,

magnify the Sacraments,

and bring your healing grace to the whole Church;

through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONCLUDING COLLECT *(see propers for the day and/or:)*

PRAYER OF AFFIRMATION

O God,

Because you are the source of all life and love and being,

we call you Creator.

Because we know the story of your presence among your Covenant

People, and we honor their tradition,

we call you Lord.

Because Jesus Christ, your obedient child,

knew you intimately and spoke of you so,

we call you Father.

Because you are present in the act of birth,

and because you shelter, nurture, and care for us,

we call you Mother.

Because you hold us up
and give us strength and courage when we are weak and in need,
we call you Sustainer.

Because we have known you in our pain and suffering,
we call you Comforter.

Because beyond pain lies your promise of all things made new,
we call you Hope.

Because you are the means of liberation and the way to freedom,
we call you Deliverer.

Because you have chosen to come among us
and share our common lot, — suffering and dying —
because you rose victorious, bringing new life,
we call you Redeemer.

Confident that you will hear,
we call upon you with all the Names that make you real to us:
names that create images in our minds and hearts —
images which our souls can understand and touch.
And yet we know that you are more than all of these.

Blessing and power, glory and honor be unto you, our God. Amen.

[TIMOTHY J. CROUCH, ALT. OFB]/

THE LORD'S PRAYER

[R] COMMENDATION

In peace we will lie down and sleep.

In the Lord alone we safely rest.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping,

that awake we may watch with Christ,

and asleep we may rest in peace.

May the divine help remain with us always.

And with those who are absent from us.

-- silence --

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

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

[SARUM BREVIARY; ADAPT.]

[R] CANTICLE OF SIMEON [Nunc Dimittis)

**Lord, you have now set your ser-vant free
to go in peace as you have *promised*;
for these eyes of mine have seen the Savior
Whom you have prepared for all the world to see,
a Light to en-lighten the *nations*,
And the glory of your peo-ple *Israel*.**

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

O Lord, hear my prayer,

And let my cry come to you.

Listen to the prayers of your servants;

Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace,

Amen.