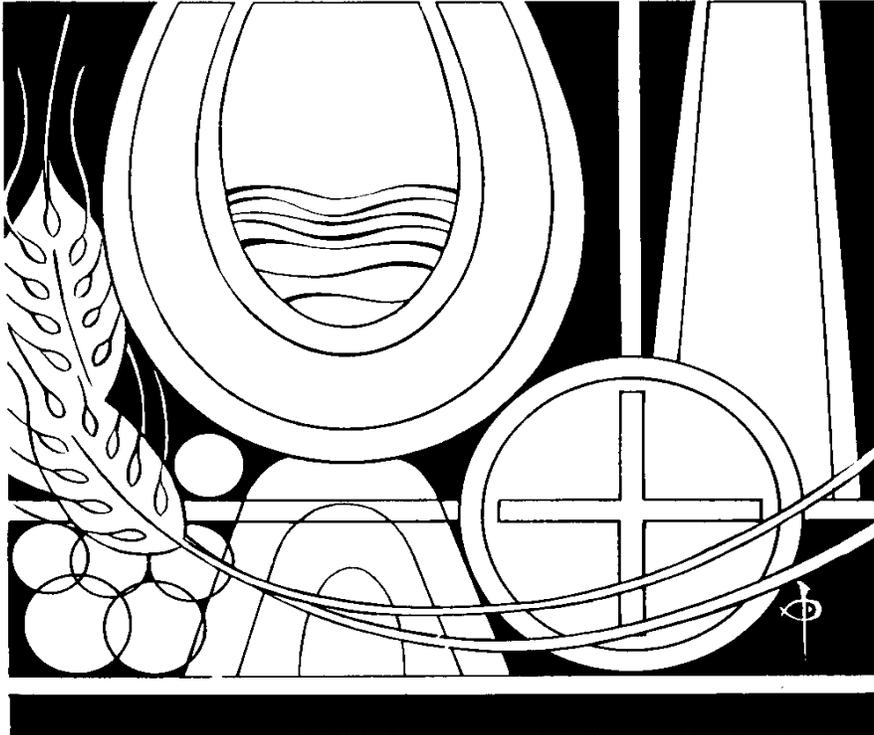
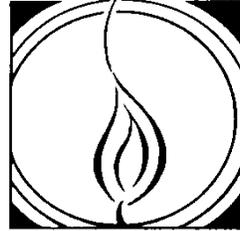


Holy Thursday Night Prayer

**"I MYSELF AM THE BREAD OF LIFE.
NO ONE WHO COMES TO ME SHALL
EVER BE HUNGRY, NO ONE WHO
BELIEVES IN ME SHALL EVER
THIRST."**

JOHN 6:35



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Introductory:

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 forever. Amen.

Night Hymn:

Day is Done

1. Day is done, but love unfailing
Dwells ever here;
Shadows fall, but hope, prevailing,
Calms ev'ry fear.
God, our Maker, none forsaking,
Take our hearts, of Love's own making,
Watch our sleeping, guard our waking,
Be always near.
2. Dark descends, but light unending
Shines through our night;
You are with us, ever lending
New strength to sight:
One in love, your truth confessing,
One in hope of heaven's blessing,
May we see, in love's possessing,
Love's endless light!
3. Eyes will close, but you unsleeping
Watch by our side;
Death may come, in love's safe keeping
Still we abide.
God of love, all evil quelling,
Sin forgiving, fear dispelling,
Stay with us, our hearts indwelling,
This eventide.

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Psalmody

Antiphon: Night holds no terror for me

sleeping under God's wing.

He who dwell in the shelter of the Most High
who abides in the shadow of the Almighty
says to the Lord, "My refuge,
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust."

It is he who will free you from snare
of the fowler who seeks to destroy you;
he will conceal you with pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge.

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 fall at your side,
ten thousand fall at your right,
you, it will never approach;
his faithfulness is buckler and shield.

Your eyes have only to look
to see how the wicked are repaid,
you who have said: "Lord, my refuge!"
and have made the Most High your swelling.

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
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 wiper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the dragon.

Since he clings to me in love, I will free him;
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: "I am with you."
I will save him in distress and give him glory.
With length of life I will content him;
I shall let him see my saving power.

Antiphon: Night hold's no terror for me
sleeping under God's wing.

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

Presider: For our sake Christ was obedient, accepting even death.

All: For our sake Christ was obedient, accepting even death.

Gospel Canticle

Luke 2:29-32

Antiphon

All: 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.

Antiphon

All: 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

Presider: Lord,
we beg you to visit our homes
and banish from them
all the deadly power of the enemy.
May your holy angels dwell with us

to keep us in peace,
and may your blessing be upon us always.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessing & Dismissal

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