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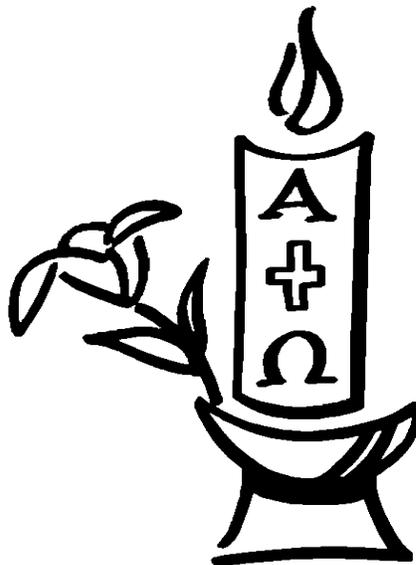
*Morning Prayer  
for the  
Triduum*

# *Holy Thursday*

## *Morning Prayer*

Morning Prayer is a communal prayer service that originated in the early church in local parishes on weekdays. Morning Prayer is most popular or characteristic of the Divine Office chanted in monasteries and seminaries. In recent years, parishes have begun to re-introduce these more ancient daily prayer services of song, communal prayer, and scripture reading.

Our Morning Prayer services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, take place at 9:00am. They are chanted by priest, cantor, and congregation. These services are becoming more popular in parishes from year to year. What better way to begin your day during the holiest time of the Christian calendar. We encourage all to come and pray with us.



## **Invitatory**

P. O Lord open my lips,

**R. and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

P. O God, come to my assistance.

**R. O Lord, make haste to help me.**

P. Save your people, O Lord our God.

**R. Have mercy on us; Lord, have mercy.**

## **Hymn: Were you There**

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## **Psalmody**

### **Psalm 51**

## **Antiphon:**

Have mercy on me, God, in your **kindness**,  
In your compassion, **blot** out my offense.

O wash me more and more **from** my guilt  
And **cleanse** me from my sin.

My offenses truly I **know** them  
My sin is **always** before me.

Against you, you alone, **have** I sinned  
What is evil in **your** sight I have done.

That you may be justified when you give **sentence**  
And be without **reproach** when you judge.

O see, in guilt **I** was born  
A **sinner** was I conceived.

Indeed you love truth **in** the heart;  
Then in the secret of my heart **teach** me wisdom.

O purify me, then I **shall** be clean;  
O wash me, I shall be **whiter** than snow.

Make me hear rejoicing and **gladness**  
That the bones you **have** crushed may thrill.

From my sins turn **away** your face  
And **blot** out all my guilt.

A pure heart create for **me**, O God,  
Put a steadfast **spirit** within me.

Do not cast me away from your **presence**,  
Nor deprive me of your **holy** spirit.

Give me again the **joy** of your help;  
With a spirit of  **fervor** sustain me.

That I may teach transgressors **your** ways  
And sinners **may** return to you.

O rescue me, God, my **helper**,  
And my tongue shall ring **out** your goodness.

O Lord, open **my** lips,  
And my mouth **shall** declare your praise.

For in sacrifice you take no **delight**,  
Burnt offering from **me** you would refuse.

My sacrifice, a contrite **spirit**,  
A humbled, contrite **heart** you will not spurn.

In your goodness, show favor to **Zion**;  
Rebuild the walls **of** Jerusalem.

Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrific**ice**,  
Burnt offerings wholly **consumed**,  
Then you will be offered young bulls **on** your altar.

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

**Antiphon:**

## Canticle of Moses

I will sing to Adonai who is gloriously triumphant,  
Horse and Chariot **are** cast into the sea.

My strength and my courage is Adonai,  
God **has** been my savior.

This is the **God** whom I praise,  
The God of my **forebears** whom I extol.

Adonai is a warrior.  
Adonai is the name of God.

Pharoah's chariots and army were **hurled** into the sea;  
the elite of his officers were **submerged** in the Red Sea.

The flood **waters** covered them,  
They sank **into** the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Adonai, magnificent in power,  
Your right hand has **shattered** the enemy.

In your great majesty you overthrow your **adversaries**;  
you loosed your wrath, **consume** them like stubble.

At the breath of your mouth the waters piled **up**,  
the flowing waters **stood** like a mound,  
the flood waters congealed **in** the midst of the sea.

The enemy boasted, I will pursue and **overtake** them;  
I will divide the spoils **and** have my fill of them.

I will **draw** my sword in strength,  
My **hand** shall despoil them.

When your wind blew **the** sea covered them,  
like lead they sank in **the** mighty waters.

Who is like to you among the **Gods**, O Adonai?  
Who is like to you magn**ificent** in holiness.

O terrible in renown, work**er** of wonders,  
When you stretched out your **hand** the earth swallowed  
them.

In your mercy you led them the **people** you redeemed;  
In your strength you guided them to **your** holy dwelling.

The **nations** heard and quaked:  
Anguish gripped the dwell**ers** in Philistia.

Then were the princes of **Edom** dismayed;  
Trembling seized the **chieftains** of Moab.

All the dwellers in Canaan **melted** away;  
Terror and **dread** fell upon them.

By the might of your arm they were frozen like **stone**,  
While your people, O Adon**ai**, passed over,  
While the people you had made **your** own passed over.

And you brought them in and planted them on the mountain  
of **your** inheritance;  
The place where you made **your** seat, O Adonai.

The sanctuary, O Adonai, which your **hands** established.  
Adonai shall reign **forever** and ever.

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

**Antiphon:**

**Psalm 146**

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My soul, give praise to **the Lord**/  
I will praise the Lord all **my** days  
Make music to my God **while** I live.

Put no trust in the **powerful**,  
Mere mortals in whom there **is** no help.

Take their breath, they **return** to clay  
And their plans that day **come** to nothing.

They are happy who are helped by **Jacob's** God,  
Whose hope is in the **Lord** their God.

Who alone made heaven **and** earth,  
The seas and all **they** contain.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for **ever**,  
Who is just to those who **are** oppressed.

It is God who gives bread to the **hungry**,  
The Lord, who sets **prisoners** free;

The Lord gives sight to **the** blind,  
Who raises up those who **are** bowed down.

The Lord who protects the **stranger**,  
And upholds the widow **and** orphan.

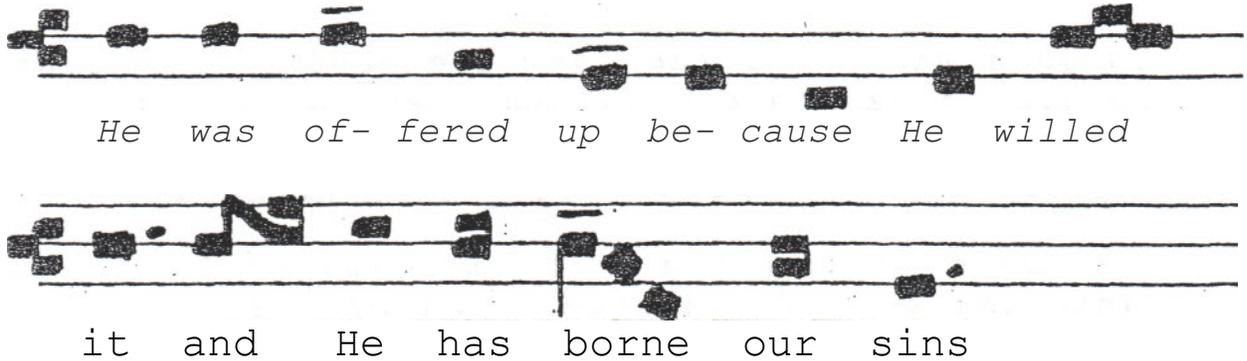
It is the Lord who **loves** the just,  
But thwarts the path **of** the wicked.

The Lord will reign for **ever**,  
Zion's God, from **age** to age.

Glory to the Father, and to **the** Son,  
And to the **Holy** Spirit.

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and will be for ever. Amen

**Repeat Antiphon**



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**The Lamentations of Jeremiah**

Response: **Jerusalem, Jerusalem!**

**Return to the Lord your God.**

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,  
proclaim it on distant coasts, and say:  
He who scattered Israel, now gathers them together,  
He guards them as a shepherd his flock. **(Response)**

The Lord shall ransom Jacob,  
He shall redeem him from the hand of his conquerer.  
Shouting, they shall mount the heights of Zion,  
They shall come streaming to the Lord's blessings:  
The grain, the wine, and the oil,  
The sheep and the oxen;  
They themselves shall be like watered gardens,  
Never again shall they languish. **(Response)**

Then the virgins shall make merry and dance,  
And young men and old as well.  
I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will console and gladden them after their sorrows.  
I will lavish choice portions upon the priests,  
And my people shall be filled with my blessings,  
Says the Lord. **(Response)**

## Reading

Hebrews 2:9b-10

We see Jesus crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, that through God's gracious will he might taste death for the sake of all men. Indeed, it was fitting that when bringing many sons to glory God, for whom and through whom all things exist, should make their leader in the work of salvation perfect through suffering.

## Canticle of Zachariah

**Antiphon:** I have longed to share this **meal** with you; On the Passover when it will all **be** accomplished.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of **Israel**, Who has visited and wrought red**em**ption for God's people.

and has raised up a horn of salvation **for** us,  
in the house of **David** God's servant.

As promised through the mouth of God's **holy** ones,  
the **prophets** from of old;

Salvation from our **enemies**,  
and from the **hands** of all who hate us;

to show mercy to our **forebears**,  
and to be mindful of his **holy** covenant;

of the oath that God swore to Abraham our **father**,  
that **God** would grant us;

that delivered from the hand of our **enemies**,  
we should **serve** God without fear,

in hol**iness** and justice,  
before **God** all our days;

and you, child, will be called the prophet of the  
**Most** High,  
for you will go before the Lord **to** prepare his way.

To give to God's people knowledge **of** salvation,  
through for**giveness** of their sins;

because of the loving kindness **of** our God,  
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To shine on those who sit in darkness and in the  
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## **Intercessions:**

The Father anointed Christ with the Holy Spirit to proclaim forgiveness to those in bondage. Let us humbly call upon the eternal priest:

- **Lord, have mercy on us.**

You went up to Jerusalem to suffer and so enter into your glory,

- **bring your Church to the Passover feast of heaven.**

You were lifted high on the cross and pierced by the soldier's lance,

- **heal our wounds.**

You made the cross the tree of life,

- **give its fruit to those reborn in baptism.**

On the cross you forgave the repentant thief,

- **forgive us our sins.**

The Christus factus est...

**Translation:** Christ became obedient for us, even to death, yes even death on a cross. Therefore, God has exalted him and given him a name above all other names.

## **Our Father...**

Prayer

God of infinite compassion,

To love you is to be made holy;

Fill our hearts with your love.

By the death of your Son

You have given us hope, born of faith;

By his rising again

Fulfill this hope

In the perfect love of heaven,

Where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

One God, for ever and ever.

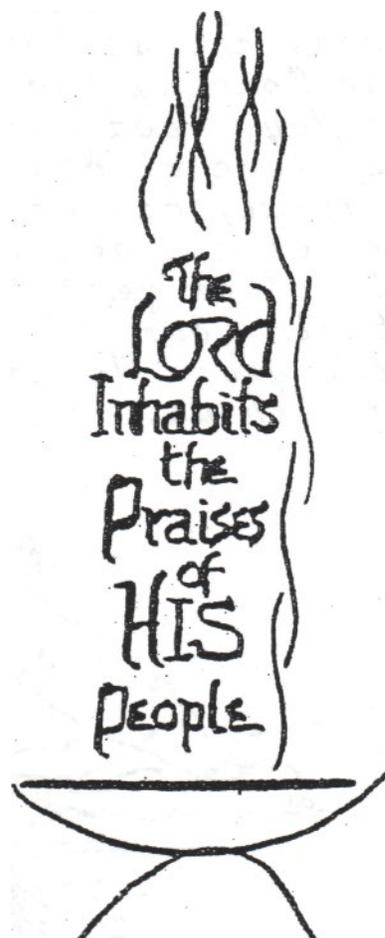
The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

May almighty God bless you,

the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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*Morning Prayer  
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*Good Friday*

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Then you will be pleased with lawful **sacrifice**,  
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**Canticle: Habakkuk 3:2-4, 13a, 15-19**

**Antiphon:**  
Jesus **Christ** loved us,  
and poured out his own blood **to** wash away our sins.

O Lord, I have heard your renown, and feared, O Lord,  
your work.  
In the course of **the** years revive it.

In the course of the **years** make it known:  
In your wrath **remember** compassion.

God **comes** from Teman,  
The Holy **One** from Mount Paran.

Covered are the **heavens** with his glory,  
And with his **praise** the earth is filled.

His splendor spreads like the light/  
    rays shine forth **from** beside him,  
where his **power** is concealed.

You come forth **to** save your people,  
To **save** your anointed.

You tread the **sea** with your steeds,  
Amid the churning **of** the deep waters.

I hear, and my **body** trembles;  
At the **sound**, my lips quiver.

Decay **invades** my bones,  
My legs **tremble** beneath me.

I await the **day** of distress,  
That will come upon the **people** who attack us.

For though the fig **tree** blossom not,  
Nor **fruit** be on the vine.

Though the yield **of** the olive fail,  
And the terraces **produce** no nourishment.

Though the flocks **disappear** from the fold,  
And there be **no** herd in the stalls.

Yet will I **rejoice** in the Lord,  
And **exult** in my saving God.

God, my Lord, is my strength/; he makes my feet swift **as**  
those of hinds,  
And enables me to **go** upon the heights.

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your holy resurrection,  
for the wood of the cross has brought joy **to** the world.

**Psalm 147: 12-20**

O praise the Lord Jerusalem!  
Zion, **praise** your God!

He has strengthened the bars **of** your gates,  
he has blessed the children **within** you.

He established peace on your **borders**,  
he feeds you with **finest** wheat.

He sends out his word **to** the earth,  
and swiftly runs **his** command.

He showers down snow **white** as wool,  
he scatters hoar-**frost** like ashes.

He hurls down hailstones **like** crumbs.  
The waters are frozen **at** his touch.

He sends forth his word and it **melts** them:  
at the breath of his mouth the **waters** flow.

He makes his world known to **Jacob**,  
to Israel his laws **and** decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other **nations**;  
he has not taught them **his** decrees.

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**Reading: Isaiah 52:13-15**

See, my servant shall prosper,  
He shall be raised high and greatly exalted.  
Even as many were amazed at him  
Se marred was his look beyond that of man,  
And his appearance beyond that of mortals.  
So shall he startle many nations,  
Because of him kings shall stand speechless;  
For those who have not been told shall see,  
Those who have not heard shall ponder it.

The word of the Lord.

**The Lamentations of Jeremiah**

Response: **Jerusalem, Jerusalem!**  
**Return to the Lord your God.**

Let my eyes stream with tears  
Day and night, without rest,  
Over the great destruction which overwhelms  
The virgin daughter of my people,  
Over her incurable wound **(response)**.

If I walk out into the field,  
Look! Those slain by the sword;  
If I enter the city,  
Look! Those consumed by hunger.  
Even the prophet and the priest  
Forage in a land they know not **(response)**.

Have you cast Judah off completely?  
Is Zion loathsome to you?  
Why have you struck us a blow  
That cannot be healed? **(response)**

We wait for peace to no avail;  
For a time of healing, but terror comes instead.  
We recognize, O Lord, our wickedness,  
The guilt of our fathers;  
That we have sinned against you **(response)**.

For your name's sake spurn us not,  
Disgrace not the throne of your glory;  
Remember your covenant with us,  
and break it not (**response**).

### **Canticle of Zachariah**

**Antiphon:** Over his head they hung their **accusation**:  
Jesus of Nazareth, **King** of the Jews.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of **Israel**, Who has visited  
and wrought red**em**ption for God's people.

and has raised up a horn of salvation **for** us,  
in the house of **David** God's servant.

As promised through the mouth of God's **holy** ones,  
the **prophets** from of old;

Salvation from our **enemies**,  
and from the **hands** of all who hate us;

to show mercy to our **forebears**,  
and to be mindful of his **holy** covenant;

of the oath that God swore to Abraham our **father**,  
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and rose again. With heartfelt love let us adore him, and  
pray:

- **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Christ our teacher, for our sake you were obedient even  
accepting death,

- **teach us to obey the Father's will in all things.**

Christ our life, by your death on the cross you destroyed  
the power of evil and death,

- **may we die with you, to rise with you in glory.**

Christ our King, you became an outcast among us, a worm and no man,

- **teach us the humility by which you saved the world.**

Christ our salvation, you gave yourself up to death out of love for us,

- **help us to show your love to one another.**

Christ our Savior, on the cross you embraced all time with your outstretched arms,

- **unite God's scattered children in your kingdom of salvation.**

The Christus factus est...

**Translation:** Christ became obedient for us, even to death, yes even death on a cross. Therefore, God has exalted him and given him a name above all other names.

**Our Father...**

**Prayer:**

Father,

Look with love upon your people,

The love which our Lord Jesus Christ showed us

When he delivered himself to evil men

And suffered the agony of the cross,

For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

One God, for ever and ever.

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## **Psalmody**

### **Antiphon:**

## Psalm 92

It is good to **give** thanks to the Lord;  
to sing praise to your name Most **High**.

To proclaim your **kindness** at dawn,  
and your faithfulness throughout **the** night.

With ten-stringed **instrument** and lyre,  
with melody upon **the harp**.

For you make me glad, O **Lord** by your deeds,  
at the works of your hands I **rejoice**.

How great **are** your works, O Lord!  
How very deep are **your** thoughts!

The **senseless** know not,  
nor do fools understand **this**.

Though the wicked **flourish** like grass,  
and all evildoers **thrive**.

They are destined for **eternal** destruction,  
while you, O Lord, are Most High **forever**.

For behold your **enemies** shall perish,  
all evildoers shall be **scattered**.

You have exalted my horn **like** the wild bulls,  
you have anointed me with rich **oil**.

And my eye has looked **down** upon my foes,  
and my ears have heard of the fall of my wicked  
**adversaries**.

The just shall flourish **like** the palm tree,  
like a cedar of Lebanon shall **they** grow.

They that are planted in the **house** of the Lord,  
shall flourish in the courts of **our** God.

They shall bear fruit **even** in old age,  
vigorous and sturdy shall **they** be.

Declaring how just **is** the Lord, my rock,  
in whom there is **no** wrong.

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**

**Repeat Antiphon:**

**Canticle of Isaiah 38:10-20**

**Antiphon:**

From the gate of hell, de- li- ver my soul, O Lord.

Once I said, "in the noontime of **life**/  
I must depart to the gates of the **nether** world;  
I am bereft of the rest **of** my years."

I said, "I shall see the Lord no more in the land of  
the **living**."  
No longer shall I behold my fellows among those who  
dwell **in** the world.

My dwelling, like a **shepherd's** tent,  
is struck down and borne **away** from me.

I fold up my life like a **weaver**/  
you cut me off **from** the thread;  
day and night you give me over **to** torment.

Like a swallow I utter **shrill** cries;  
I moan **like** a dove.

My eyes grow weak gazing **heavenward**;  
O Lord I am in straits/; be **my** surety

What shall I say?/For you have told me you have done  
**it**/I shall go on through **all** my years, Despite the  
bitterness **of** my soul.

Those live whom the Lord **protects**/  
and among them the life of my spirit **will** go on;  
you have healed me and kept **me** alive.

This is my bitterness transformed into salvation/;  
you have preserved my life from the pit of **destruction**,  
when you cast behind you **all** my sins.

For it is not the nether world that gives you **thanks**/  
nor death that **praises** you; Neither do those who go  
down into the pit **await** your kindness.

The living, the living give you thanks, as I **do** today;  
parents declare to their children your **faithfulness**.

The Lord keeps **me/** and so we **sing** your psalms,  
all the days of our life in the house **of** the Lord.

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**Repeat Antiphon:**

From the gate of hell, de- li- ver my soul, O Lord.

**Antiphon:**  
**Psalm 150**

Praise the Lord in the **sanctuary**,  
Praise God in the firmament of strength.

Praise God for such **mighty** deeds.  
Praise God for **sovereign** Majesty.

Praise God with the blast of the **trumpet**.  
Praise God with **lyre** and harp.

Praise God with timbrel **and** dance.  
Praise God **with** strings and pipe.

Praise God with the sounds of cymbals/ praise God with  
clanging **cymbals**;  
let everything that has **breath** praise the Lord.

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

**Repeat Antiphon:**

**Reading: Hosea 5:15b-16:2**

Thus says the Lord,  
in their affliction, they shall look for me:  
"Come, let us return to the Lord,  
For it is he who has rent, but he will heal us;  
he has struck us, but he will bind up our wounds.  
He will revive us after two days;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
to live in his presence."

The word of the Lord.

## **The Lamentations of Jeremiah**

Response: **Jerusalem, Jerusalem!**

**Return to the Lord your God!**

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,  
Proclaim it on distant coasts, and say:  
He who scattered Israel, now gathers them together,  
He guards them as a shepherd his flock **(response)**.

The Lord shall ransom Jacob,  
He shall redeem him from the hand of the conquerer.  
Shouting, they shall mount the heights of Zion,  
They shall come streaming to the Lord's blessings:  
The grain, the wine, and the oil,  
The sheep and the oxen;  
They themselves shall be like watered gardens,  
Never again shall they languish **(response)**.

Then the virgins shall make merry and dance,  
And young men and old as well.  
I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will console and gladden them after their sorrows.  
I will lavish choice portions upon the priests,  
And my people shall be filled with my blessings,  
Says the Lord **(response)**.

## **Canticle of Zachariah**

**Antiphon:** The women at the **sepulcre**,  
Were weeping and **lamenting** for the Lord.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of **Israel**, Who has visited  
and wrought **redemption** for God's people.

and has raised up a horn of salvation **for** us,  
in the house of **David** God's servant.

As promised through the mouth of God's **holy** ones,  
the **prophets** from of old;

Salvation from our **enemies**,  
and from the **hands** of all who hate us;

to show mercy to our **forebears**,  
and to be mindful of his **holy** covenant;

of the oath that God swore to Abraham our **father**,  
that **God** would grant us;

that delivered from the hand of our **enemies**,  
we should **serve** God without fear,

in **holiness** and justice,  
before **God** all our days;

and you, child, will be called the prophet of the  
**Most** High,  
for you will go before the Lord **to** prepare his way.

To give to God's people knowledge **of** salvation,  
through **forgiveness** of their sins;

because of the loving kindness **of** our God,  
wherewith the Orient from on **high** has visited us.

To shine on those who sit in darkness and in the  
**shadow** of death,  
to guide our feet **into** the way of peace.

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

**Repeat Antiphon:**

The women at the **sepulcre**,  
Were weeping and **lamenting** for the Lord.

**Intercessions:**

Our Redeemer suffered and was buried for us in order to rise again. With sincere love we adore him, and aware of our needs we cry out:

- **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Christ our Savior, your sorrowing Mother stood by you at your death and burial,

- **in our sorrows may we share your suffering.**

Christ our Lord, like the seed buried in the ground, you brought forth for us the harvest of grace.

- **may we die to sin and live for God.**

Christ the Good Shepherd, in death you lay hidden from the world.

- **Teach us to love a life hidden with you in the Father.**

Christ, the new Adam, you entered the kingdom of death to release all the just since the beginning of the world.

- **May all who lie dead in sin hear your voice and rise to life.**

Christ, Son of the living God, through baptism we were  
buried with you,  
**- Risen also with you in baptism, may we walk in  
newness of life.**

**The Christus factus est..**

**Translation:** Christ became obedient for us even to  
death, yes death on a cross. Therefore, God has exalted  
him and given him a name above all other names.

**Our Father..**

**Prayer**

All powerful and ever-living God,  
your only Son went down among the dead  
and rose again in glory.  
In your goodness  
raise up your faithful people,  
buried with him in baptism,  
to be one with him  
in the eternal life of heaven,  
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

May almighty God bless you,  
The Father, + and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**