**Office of the Dead**

**Evening Prayer**

**Introduction**

God, come to my assistance.

* Lord, make haste to help me.

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. Amen.

**Hymn**

For all the saints who from their labors rest,

Who thee by faith before the world confessed,

Thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;

Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;

Thou in the darkness drear their one true light:

Alleluia, alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!

We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;

Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine:

Alleluia, alleluia!

But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;

The saints triumphant rise in bright array:

The King of glory passes on his way:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Psalmody**

Ant. 1 The Lord will keep you from all evil. He will guard your soul.

**Psalm 121**

**The guardian of the people**

I líft up my éyes to the móuntains: \*

from whére shall come my hélp?

My hélp shall cóme from the Lórd \*

who made héaven and éarth.

May he néver állow you to stúmble! \*

Let him sléep not, your gúard.

Nó, he sléeps not nor slúmbers, \*

Ísrael’s gúard.

The Lórd is your gúard and your sháde; \*

at your ríght side he stánds.

By dáy the sún shall not smíte you \*

nor the móon in the níght.

The Lórd will gúard you from évil, \*

he will gúard your sóul.

The Lord will gúard your góing and cóming \*

both nów and for éver.

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. Amen.

Ant. The Lord will keep you from all evil. He will guard your soul.

Ant. 2 If you kept a record of our sis, Lord, who could escape condemnation?

**Psalm 130**

**Out of the depths**

Out of the dépths I crý to you, O Lórd, \*

Lórd, hear my vóice!

O lét your éars be atténtive \*

to the vóice of my pléading.

If you, O Lórd, should márk our gúilt, \*

Lórd, who would survíve?

But with yóu is fóund forgíveness: \*

for thís we revére you.

My sóul is wáiting for the Lórd. \*

I cóunt on his wórd.

My sóul is lónging for the Lórd \*

more than wátchman for dáybreak.

Let the wátchman cóunt on dáybreak \*

and Ísrael on the Lórd.

Becáuse with the Lórd there is mércy \*

and fúllness of redémption,

Ísrael indéed he will redéem \*

from áll its iníquity.

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. Amen.

Ant. If you kept a record of our sis, Lord, who could escape condemnation?

Ant. 3 As the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so the Son gives life to whom he wills.

**Canticle Phil 2:6-11**

Though he was in the form of God, \*

Jesus did not count equality with God

something to be grasped at.

Rather, he emptied himself, †

And took tthe form of a slave, \*

being born in the likeness of men.

He was known to be of human estate, †

And it was thus he humbled himself,

obedient accepting even death, \*

death on a cross!

Because of this,

God highly exalted him \*

and bestowed on him the name

above every other name,

so that at Jesus’ name

every knee must bend \*

in the heavens, on the earth,

and under the earth,

to the glory of God the Father:

JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

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. Amen.

Ant. As the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so the Son gives life to whom he wills.

**Reading** 1 Cor 15:55-57

O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? But thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Responsory**

In you, Lord, is our hope. We shall never hope in vain.

* In you, Lord, is our hope. We shall never hope in vain.

We shall dance and rejoice in your mercy.

* We shall never hope in vain.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit,

* In you, Lord, is our hope. We shall never hope in vain.

**Canticle of Mary**

Ant. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I shall not turn away.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

the Almighty has done great things for me,

and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him

in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,

and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,

and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

the promise he made to our fathers,

to Abraham and his children for ever.

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. Amen.

Ant. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I shall not turn away.

**Intercessions**

We acknowledge Christ the Lord through whom we hope that our lowly bodies will be made like his in glory, and we say:

Lord, you are our life and resurrection.

Christ, Son of the living God, who raised up Lazarus, your friend, from the dead,

* raise up to life and glory the dead whom you have redeemed by your precious blood.

Christ, consoler of those who mourn, you dried the tears of the family of Lazarus, of the widow's son, and the daughter of Jairus,

* comfort those who mourn for the dead.

Christ, Savior, destroy the reign of sin in our earthly bodies, so that just as through sin we deserved punishment,

* so through you we may gain eternal life.

Christ, Redeemer, look on those who have no hope because they do not know you,

* may they receive faith in the resurrection and in the life of the world to come.

You revealed yourself to the blind man who begged for the light of his eyes,

* show your face to the dead who are still deprived of your light.

When at last our earthly home is dissolved,

* give us a home, not of earthly making, but built of eternity in heave.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us,

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

**Prayer**

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord,

and, as our faith in your Son,

raised from the dead, is deepened,

so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants

also find new strength.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

**Dismissal**

May the Lord bless us,

Protect us from the evil

And bring us to everlasting life.

* Amen.

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