

# HOLY WEEK AT HOME

## MAUNDY THURSDAY: Evening Prayer

### INTRODUCTION

O God, come to our aid.  
O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### HYMN

O thou our reminder of Christ crucified,  
Living Bread, the life of us for whom he died,  
Lend this life to me then: feed and feast my mind,  
There be thou the sweetness man was meant to find.

Bring the tender tale true of the Pelican;  
Bathe me, Jesu Lord, in what thy bosom ran –  
Blood whereof a single drop has power to win  
All the world forgiveness of its world of sin.

Jesu, whom I look at shrouded here below,  
I beseech thee send me what I thirst for so,  
Some day to gaze ón thee face to face in light  
And be blest for ever with thy glory's sight.

### FIRST PSALM

Psalm 71 (72)

Christ is the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He has made us a kingdom for his God and Father.

O Gód, give your júdgement to the kíng, \*  
to a kíng's son your jústice,  
that he may júdge your péople in jústice \*  
and your póor in right júdgement.

May the móuntains bring forth péace for the péople \*  
and the hills, jústice.  
May he defénd the póor of the péople †  
and save the children of the néedy \*  
and crúsh the oppréssor.

He shall endúre like the sún and the móon \*  
from áge to áge.  
He shall descénd like ráin on the méadow, \*  
like ráindrops on the éarth.

In his dáys jústice shall flóurish \*  
and péace till the móon fails.  
He shall rúle from séa to séa, \*  
from the Great Ríver to earth's bóunds.

Befóre him his énemies shall fáll, \*  
his fôes lick the dúst.  
The kíngs of Társhish and the séa coasts \*  
shall páy him tribute.

The kíngs of Shéba and Séba \*  
shall bríng him gifts.  
Before him all kíngs shall fall próstrate, \*  
all nátions shall sérve him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

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### SECOND PSALM

Psalm 71 (72)

The Lord shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.

For he shall sáve the póor when they crý \*  
and the néedy who are hélpless.  
Hé will have píty on the wéak \*  
and save the líves of the póor.

From oppréssion he will réscue their líves, \*  
to hím their blood is déar.  
Lóng may he líve, \*  
may the góld of Shéba be gíven him.

They shall práy for hím without céasing \*  
and bléss him all the dáy.  
May córn be abúndant in the lánd \*  
to the péaks of the móuntains.

May its frúit rústle like Lébanon; †  
may men flóurish in the cíties \*  
like gráss on the éarth.  
May his náme be bléssed for éver \*  
and endúre like the sún.

Every tríbe shall be bléssed in hím, \*  
all nátions bless his náme.  
Bléssed be the Lórd, God of Ísrael, \*  
who alóne works wónders,  
ever bléssed his glórious náme. \*  
Let his glóry fill the éarth.  
Amén! Amén!

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and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

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### CANTICLE

Apocalypse 11

The saints have triumphed by the sacrifice of the Lamb, and by the testimony which they uttered.

We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, \*  
who are and who were,  
that you have taken your great power \*  
and begun to reign.

The nations raged, \*  
but your wrath came,  
and the time for the dead to be judged, \*

for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints,  
and those who fear your name, \*  
both small and great.

Now the salvation and the power †  
and the kingdom of our God \*  
and the authority of his Christ have come,  
for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown  
down, \*  
who accuses them day and night before our God.

And they have conquered him \*  
by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony, \*  
for they loved not their lives even unto death.

Rejoice, then, O heaven, \*  
and you that dwell therein.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

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Lamb, and by the testimony which they uttered.

#### SHORT READING

Hebrews 13:12-15

Jesus suffered outside the gate to sanctify the  
people with his own blood. Let us go to him, then,  
'outside the camp', and share his degradation. For  
there is no eternal city for us in this life but we look  
for one in the life to come. Through him, let us offer  
God an unending sacrifice of praise, a verbal  
sacrifice that is offered every time we acknowledge  
his name.

#### SHORT RESPONSORY

Christ humbled himself for us and, in obedience,  
accepted death.

#### CANTICLE

The Magnificat

As they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he  
had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to his  
disciples.

My soul glórífies the Lórd, \*  
my spirit rejóices in Gód, my Sáviour.  
He looks on his sérvant in her lówliness; \*  
henceforth all áges will cáll me bléssed.

The Almíghty works márvels for me. \*  
Hóly his náme!  
His mércy is from age to áge, \*  
on thóse who féar him.

He púts forth his árm in stréngth \*  
and scátters the proud-héarted.  
He casts the míghty from their thrónes \*  
and ráises the lówly.

He fills the stárving with good thíngs, \*  
sends the rích away émpy.  
He protects Ísrael, his sérvant, \*  
remémbering his mércy,

the mércy prómised to our fáthers, \*  
to Ábraham and his sóns for éver.

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and to the Holy Spirit,  
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#### PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

Let us adore our Saviour, who at the Last Supper,  
on the night he was betrayed, entrusted to the  
Church the memorial of his death and resurrection  
to be celebrated throughout the ages. Confident  
that he will hear us, we pray: Sanctify the people  
whom you redeemed by your blood.

Christ, our Redeemer, let us share in your passion  
by works of penance; let us attain the glory of your  
resurrection. Sanctify the people whom you  
redeemed by your blood.

Grant us the protection of your Mother, the  
comforter of the afflicted; may we bring to others  
the consolation you have given us. Sanctify the  
people whom you redeemed by your blood.

Unite the faithful to your passion in times of trouble  
and distress; let the power of your salvation shine  
forth in their lives. Sanctify the people whom you  
redeemed by your blood.

You humbled yourself even to accepting death,  
death on a cross; grant to your servants obedience  
and patience. Sanctify the people whom you  
redeemed by your blood.

Share with the dead your bodily glory; let us rejoice  
one day with them in the fellowship of the saints.  
Sanctify the people whom you redeemed by your  
blood.

#### 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.

#### FINAL PRAYER

Lord God, since for your glory and our salvation you  
willed Christ your Son to be the eternal High Priest,  
grant that the people he gained for you by his blood  
may be strengthened by his cross and resurrection  
when they take part in his memorial sacrifice. Who  
lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and  
bring us to everlasting life. Amen.