

Good Friday

Verse O God, come to our aid.

Response 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. (Alleluia).

Hymn

A suitable hymn may be sung, or said.

Psalmody:

Psalm 87(88)

Antiphon: Lord, my God, I call for help by day; I cry at night before you.

Lord my God, I call for help;
cry at night before you.

Let my prayer come into your presence.

O turn your ear to my cry.

For my soul is filled with evils;
my life is on the brink of the grave.
I am reckoned as one in the tomb:
I have reached the end of my strength,

like one alone among the dead;
like the slain lying in their graves;
like those you remember no more,
cut off, as they are, from your hand.

You have laid me in the depths of the tomb,
in places that are dark, in the depths.
Your anger weighs down upon me:
I am drowned beneath your waves.

You have taken away my friends
and made me hateful in their sight.
Imprisoned, I cannot escape;
my eyes are sunken with grief.

I call to you, Lord, all the day long;
to you I stretch out my hands.
Will you work your wonders for the dead?
Will the shades stand and praise you?

Antiphon: Lord, my God, I call for help by day; I cry at night before you.

Will your love be told in the grave
or your faithfulness among the dead?
Will your wonders be known in the dark
or your justice in the land of oblivion?

As for me, Lord, I call to you for help:
in the morning my prayer comes before you.
Lord, why do you reject me?
Why do you hide your face.

Wretched, close to death from my youth,
I have borne your trials; I am numb.
Your fury has swept down upon me;
your terrors have utterly destroyed me.

They surround me all the day like a flood,
they assail me all together.
Friend and neighbour you have taken away:
my one companion is darkness

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.

Scripture Reading

See, my servant will act wisely;
he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted

After he has suffered,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.
For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Short Responsory

Response Into your hands, Lord I commend my spirit. R/

Verse You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth. R/

Verse Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. R/

Canticle

The Nunc Dimittis Luke 2:29-32

Antiphon: Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep; that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace. (Alleluia)

At last, all powerful Master,
you give leave to your servant
to go in peace, according to your promise.

For my eyes have seen your salvation
which you have prepared for all nations,

the light to enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel, your people.

Glory be to the Father . . .

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Concluding Prayer

Give us grace, almighty God,
so to unite ourselves in faith with your only Son,
who underwent death and lay buried in the tomb
that we may rise with again in newness of life with him,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. Amen.

Anthem to our Blessed Lady

The Office usually concludes with an anthem to our Lady, such as the Salve Regina here