

# Holy Thursday

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 15(16)

**Antiphon:** My body shall rest in safety.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: "You are my God.  
My happiness lies in you alone."

He has put into my heart a marvellous love  
for the faithful ones who dwell in his land.  
Those who choose other gods increase their sorrows.  
Never will I offer their offerings of blood.  
Never will I take their name upon my lips.

O Lord, it is you yourself who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.  
The lot marked out for me is my delight:  
welcome indeed the heritage that falls to me!

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

**Antiphon:** My body shall rest in safety.

## Scripture Reading

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

By oppression and judgment he was taken away.  
Yet who of his generation protested?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living;  
for the transgression of my people he was punished.  
He was assigned a grave with the wicked,  
and with the rich in his death,

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness 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 ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

though he had done no violence,  
nor was any deceit in his mouth

Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to  
suffer,  
and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin,  
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,  
and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.

## 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 . . .

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)

## Concluding Prayer

Lord our God,  
restore us again by the repose of sleep  
after the fatigue of our daily work:  
so that, continually renewed by your help,  
we may serve you in body and soul.  
Through Christ our Lord. 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