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MORNING PRAYER

DAYTIME PRAYER

(Selections)

EVENING PRAYER

NIGHT PRAYER

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ADVENT SEASON
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Psalter, Week I

Evening Prayer I

HYMN, no. 61 or 62.

Ant. 1 Proclaim the good news among the nations: Our
God will come to save us.

Psalms and canticle from Sunday, Week I, 701.

Ant. 2 Know that the Lord is coming and with him all his
saints; that day will dawn with a wonderful light,
alleluia.

Ant. 3 The Lord will come with mighty power; all mortal
eyes shall see him.

READING

1 Thessalonians 5:19-24

Do not stifle the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies.
Test everything; retain what is good. Avoid any semblance
of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect in holiness.
May he preserve you whole and entire, spirit, soul, and
body, irreproachable at the coming of the Lord Jesus
Christ. He who calls us is trustworthy, therefore he will do
it.

RESPONSORY

Lord, show us your mercy and love.
— Lord, show us your mercy and love.

And grant us your salvation,
— your mercy and love.

Glory to the Father . . .
— Lord, show us . . .

CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. See the Lord coming from afar; his splendor fills
the earth.



LENTEN SEASON ASH WEDNESDAY

Psalter, Week IV

Morning Prayer

Psalms and canticle, with their antiphons, may be taken from Friday, Week III, 906.

READING

Deuteronomy 7:6, 8-9

You are a people sacred to the Lord, your God; he has chosen you from all the nations on the face of the earth to be a people peculiarly his own. It was because the Lord loved you and because of his fidelity to the oath he had sworn to your fathers, that he brought you out with his strong hand from the place of slavery, and ransomed you from the hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt. Understand, then, that the Lord, your God, is God indeed, the faithful God who keeps his merciful covenant down to the thousandth generation toward those who love him and keep his commandments.

RESPONSORY

God himself will set me free, from the hunter's snare.

— God himself will set me free, from the hunter's snare.

From those who would trap me with lying words

— and from the hunter's snare.

Glory to the Father . . .

— God himself will . . .



EASTER TRIDUUM OF THE PASSION AND RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

HOLY THURSDAY

Evening Prayer

Evening Prayer is said only by those who do not participate in the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

HYMN, no. 108 or 107.

Ant. 1 Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth, has made us a royal people to serve his God and Father.

Psalms and canticle from Thursday, Week II, 830.

Ant. 2 The Lord will be the champion of the helpless; he will free the poor from the grip of the powerful.

Ant. 3 The saints won their victory over death through the blood of the Lamb and the truth to which they bore witness.

READING

Hebrews 13:12-15

Jesus died outside the gate, to sanctify the people by his own blood. Let us go out to him outside the camp, bearing the insult which he bore. For here we have no lasting city; we are seeking one which is to come. Through him let us continually offer God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips which acknowledge his name.

PENTECOST

Solemnity

Evening Prayer I



HYMN, no. 127 or 21.

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 On the day of Pentecost they had all gathered together in one place, alleluia.

Psalm 113

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting
praised be the name of the Lord!

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from his misery he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.
To the childless wife he gives a home
and gladdens her heart with children.