



Night Prayer

HOLY THURSDAY



The Presider begins with the Taize chant: "Stay here and keep watch with me; the hour has come. Stay here at keep watch with me. Watch and pray." The assembly may join in singing. Then, the Presider invites the assembly to stand and continues:

Presider O God, come to my assistance.

Assembly O Lord, make haste to help me.

Presider Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit...

**Assembly as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.**

Presider Dear friends in Christ, we come before our Lord this night, present in the Eucharist, and we keep watch and await His glorious resurrection. We now pause, calling to mind our sinfulness and the times we have grieved our Lord's heart through what we have done, and what we have failed to do.

All pause in silence for a brief time. Then, the Presider continues:

Presider Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy upon me, a sinner.

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The assembly is seated for the praying of the psalmody.

PSALM 91

Presider Night holds no terrors for me, sleeping under God's wings.

Assembly He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: "My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust."

Presider It is he who will free you from the snare of the fowler who seeks to destroy you. He will conceal you with his pinions and under his wings you will find refuge.

Assembly You will not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the plague that prowls in the darkness nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.

Presider A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand fall at your right. You, it will never approach. His faithfulness is buckler and shield.

Assembly **Your eyes have only to look to see how the wicked are repaid, you who have said: “Lord, my refuge!” and have made the Most High your dwelling.**

Presider Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels to keep you in all your ways.

Assembly **They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon.**

Presider Since he clings to me in love, I will free him—protect him, for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: “I am with you.” I will save him in distress and give him glory.

Assembly **With length of life I will content him. I shall let him see my saving power.**

Presider Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit ...

Assembly **... as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

All **Night holds no terrors for me, sleeping under God’s wings.**

The lector proclaims the reading from Revelation 22:4-5.

They shall see him face to face and bear his name on their foreheads. The night shall be no more. They will need no light from lamps or the sun, for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever.

All pause in silence for a time. Then, the Presider continues:

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Presider Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake. Watch over us as we sleep. That awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in His peace.

All Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people. A light to reveal you to the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

Presider Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit ...

Assembly ... as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

All Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake. Watch over us as we sleep. That awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in His peace.

Presider Lord, we beg you to visit this house and banish from it all the deadly power of the enemy. May your holy angels dwell here to keep us in peace, and may your blessing be upon us always, through Christ our Lord.

All Amen

Presider May the all-powerful Lord grant us a restful night and a peaceful death.

All Amen.

Please follow the direction of the cantor for the singing of the Salve Regina. Following the conclusion of Night Prayer, those remaining are asked to help move chairs from the area of the Altar of Repose. Thank you for your

