

V. That it may please you to give *him* joy and gladness in your kingdom, with your saints in light,
R. We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

V. Jesus, Lamb of God:
R. Have mercy on *him*.

V. Jesus, bearer of our sins:
R. Have mercy on *him*.

V. Jesus, redeemer of the world:
R. Give *him* your peace.

Office of the Dead

All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make
our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where
sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life
everlasting.

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Litany at the Time of Death

Found on page 462 of the Book of Common Prayer

When possible, it is desirable that members of the family and friends come together to join in the Litany. A rubric on page 465 of the Book of Common Prayer allows this to be used at a Vigil. It is offered here as a devotion.

- V. God the Father,
R. Have mercy on your servant.
- V. God the Son,
R. Have mercy on your servant.
- V. God the Holy Spirit,
R. Have mercy on your servant.
- V. Holy Trinity, one God,
R. Have mercy on your servant.
- V. From all evil, from all sin, from all tribulation,
R. Good Lord, deliver *him*.
- V. By your holy Incarnation, by your Cross and Passion, by
your precious Death and Burial,
R. Good Lord, deliver *him*.
- V. By your glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the
Coming of the Holy Spirit,
R. Good Lord, deliver *him*.
- V. We sinners beseech you to hear us, Lord Christ: That it may
please you to deliver the soul of your servant from the
power of evil, and from eternal death,
R. We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.
- V. That it may please you mercifully to pardon all *his* sins,
R. We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.
- V. That it may please you to grant *him* a place of refreshment
and everlasting blessedness,
R. We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Prayers for a Vigil

Found on page 465 of the Book of Common Prayer

Dear Friends: It was our Lord Jesus himself who said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Let us pray, then, for our brother (sister) N., that he may rest from his labors, and enter into the light of God's eternal sabbath rest.

- V. Receive, O Lord, your servant, for *he* returns to you.
R. Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our brother (sister) N.
- V. Wash *him* in the holy font of everlasting life, and clothe *him* in *his* heavenly wedding garment.
R. Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our brother (sister) N.
- V. May *he* hear your words of invitation, "Come, you blessed of my Father."
R. Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our brother (sister) N.
- V. May *he* gaze upon you, Lord, face to face, and taste the blessedness of perfect rest.
R. Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our brother (sister) N.
- V. May angels surround *him*, and saints welcome *him* in peace.
R. Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our brother (sister) N.

The Officiant concludes

Almighty God, our Father in heaven, before whom live all who die in the Lord: Receive our *brother N.* into the courts of your heavenly dwelling place. Let *his* heart and soul now ring out in joy to you, O Lord, the living God, and the God of those who live. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

At Matins

Invitatory

Officiant Lord, Open our lips.
People and our mouth shall proclaim your praise

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit *
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
Except in Lent, add Alleluia

Invitatory Psalm: Venite

Antiphon

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

Psalm 95: 1-7

Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Antiphon

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

Psalms

Antiphon 1

My soul is athirst for the God, athirst for the living God; when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

Psalm 42

As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"

I pour out my soul when I think on these things; *
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house
of God,

With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among those who keep holy-day.

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?

Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my
countenance, and my God.

My soul is heavy within me; *
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, and
from the peak of Mizar among the heights of
Hermon.

One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; *
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.

The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; *
in the night season his song is with me, a prayer to the God
of my life.

I will say to the God of my strength, "Why have you forgotten
me? *
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?"

While my bones are being broken, *
my enemies mock me to my face;

The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing
through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Romans 15:13

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to
generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.
Amen.

Ephesians 3:20,21

Collect

O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers: Grant to the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of your Son; that on the day of his appearing they may be manifested as your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Or this

Almighty God, we remember before you today your faithful servant *N.*; and we pray that, having opened to *him* the gates of larger life, you will receive *him* more and more into your joyful service, that, with all who have faithfully served you in the past, *he* may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

At Vespers may be added

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. Amen.

Conclusion

Officiant Let us bless the Lord
People Thanks be to God

From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the preceding versicle and response.

All day long they mock me *
and say to me, "Where now is your God?"

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?

Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my
countenance, and my God.

The antiphon is repeated

My soul is athirst for the God, athirst for the living God; when
shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

Antiphon 2

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the
sea;

Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the
shields with fire.

"Be still, then, and know that I am God; *

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

The LORD of hosts is with us; *

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit *

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

Amen.

The antiphon is repeated

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God

First reading: Job 19:21-27a

Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends, for the hand of God has touched me! Why do you, like God, pursue me? Why are you not satisfied with my flesh? "Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were graven in the rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then from my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

First Canticle The Third Song of Isaiah

Antiphon

The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, *

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Suffrages

V. That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
R..We entreat you, O Lord.

V. That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,
R..We entreat you, O Lord.

V. That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,
R..We entreat you, O Lord.

V. That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,
R..We entreat you, O Lord.

V. That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,
R..We entreat you, O Lord.

V. That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of [_____ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,
R..We entreat you, O Lord.

The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

The antiphon is repeated

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never
turn away anyone who believes in me.

The Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

The antiphon is repeated

The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be
your glory.

Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-19, 31-39

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him?

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies; who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For thy sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Silence

Third Reading

To this end Christ died and rose to life that he might be Lord both of the dead and the living. But God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. That is why the dead, now under the dominion of one who has risen to life, are no longer dead but alive. Therefore life has dominion over them and, just as Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again, so too they will live and never fear death again. When they have been thus raised from the dead and freed from decay, they shall never again see death, for they will share in Christ's resurrection just as he himself shared in their death.

This is why Christ descended into the underworld, with its imperishable prison bars: to shatter the doors of bronze and break the bars of iron and, from decay to raise our life to himself by giving us freedom in place of servitude.

But if this plan does not yet appear to be perfectly realized – for men still die and bodies still decay in death – this should not occasion any loss of faith. For, in receiving the first-fruits, we have already received the pledge of all the blessings we have mentioned; with them we have reached the heights of heaven, and we have taken our place beside him who has raised us up

Reading: John 14:1-6

Jesus said, "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me.

Gospel Cantic Magnificat

Antiphon on Magnificat

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

- ✠ MY SOUL PROCLAIMS the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

Antiphon 2

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he that shall keep you safe.

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

The antiphon is repeated

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he that shall keep you safe.

with himself, as Paul says: In Christ God has raised us up with him, and has made us sit with him in the heavenly places.

And the fulfillment will be ours on the day predetermined by the Father, when we shall put off our childish ways and come to *perfect manhood*. For this is the decree of the Father of the ages: the gift, once given, is to be secure and no more to be rejected by a return to childish attitudes.

There is no need to recall that the Lord rose from the dead with a spiritual body, since Paul, in speaking of our bodies bears witness that they are *sown as animal bodies and raised as spiritual bodies*: that is, they are transformed in accordance with the glorious transfiguration of Christ who goes before us as our leader.

The Apostle, affirming something he clearly knew, also said that this would happen to all mankind through Christ, *who will change our lowly body to make it like his glorious body*. If this transformation is a change into a spiritual body and one, furthermore, like the glorious body of Christ, then Christ rose with a spiritual body, a body that was *sown in dishonor*, but the very body that was transformed in glory. Having brought this body to the Father as the first-fruits of our nature, he will also bring the whole body to fulfillment. For he promised this when he said: *I, when I am lifted up, will draw all men to myself*.

Anastasius of Antioch, Oratio 5, de Resurrectione Christi

Gospel Canticle *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Antiphon on the Benedictus

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die. And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith, shall not die for ever.

✠ BLESSED BE THE LORD, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would
save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of
death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

The antiphon is repeated

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has
faith in me shall have life, even though he die. And
everyone who has life, and has committed himself to
me in faith, shall not die for ever.

Gracious is the LORD and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.
The LORD watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
Turn again to your rest, O my soul. *
for the LORD has treated you well.
For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the LORD *
in the land of the living.
I believed, even when I said,
"I have been brought very low." *
In my distress I said, "No one can be trusted."
How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.
O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have
freed me from my bonds.
I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the LORD'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

The antiphon is repeated

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

At Vespers (or Evensong)

Invitatory

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit *
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
Except in Lent, add Alleluia

Phos hilaron

O gracious light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praised, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Psalms

Antiphon 1

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Psalms 116

I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *

because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *

I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *

"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

The Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

O ur 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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Suffrages

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
- V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your name for ever.
- V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
- V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.
- V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

Collect

O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers: Grant to the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of your Son; that on the day of his appearing they may be manifested as your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Or this

Almighty God, we remember before you today your faithful servant *N.*; and we pray that, having opened to *him* the gates of larger life, you will receive *him* more and more into your joyful service, that, with all who have faithfully served you in the past, *he* may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Conclusion

Officiant Let us bless the Lord
People Thanks be to God

The Prayers

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

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. Amen.

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;
People And let our cry come to you.
Officiant Let us pray.

Collect

O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers: Grant to the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of your Son; that on the day of his appearing they may be manifested as your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Or this

Almighty God, we remember before you today your faithful servant *N.*; and we pray that, having opened to *him* the gates of larger life, you will receive *him* more and more into your joyful service, that, with all who have faithfully served you in the past, *he* may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord
People Thanks be to God

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the LORD will sustain me.

Show me your way, O LORD; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those
who speak malice.

What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the
LORD *
in the land of the living!

O tarry and await the LORD'S pleasure; be strong, and he shall
comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the LORD.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

The antiphon is repeated

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of
the living

Short Reading

Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so,
through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen
asleep

1 Thessalonians 4:14

*From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may be
added to the preceding versicle and response.*

The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing
through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Romans 15:13

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to
generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.
Amen.

Ephesians 3:20,21

At Noonday

Invitatory

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit *
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Except in Lent, add Alleluia

Psalms

Antiphon 1

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall fear no evil; for you are with me

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort
me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who
trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running
over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of
my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The antiphon is repeated

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall fear no evil; for you are with me

Antiphon 2

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of
the living

Psalm 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I
fear? *

the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I
be afraid?

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and
fell.

Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of
my life;

To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe
in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me
high upon a rock.

Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of
great gladness; *

I will sing and make music to the LORD. Harken to my voice,
O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.