



THE CANONICAL OFFICE OF COMPLINE OF LAUDS

PRAYER BEFORE DIVINE OFFICE

O Lord, open our mouths that we may bless Your Holy Name. Cleanse us; enlighten our understanding, kindle our affections, that we may praise You with attention and devotion; and worthily be heard before the presence of Your Divine Majesty. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, in union with that Divine Intention where You praised God here on earth, we offer these Hours for the intentions of *those who seek our prayers.*

OPENING VERSICLES

℣. O God, ☩ come to my assistance;

℞. **O Lord, make haste to help me.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost. **As it was in the beginning, is now, * and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.**

Ant. Alleluia, * The Lord hath reigned, he is clothed with beauty, alleluia, alleluia.

PSALM 92 (93)

The Lord hath reigned, he is clothed with beauty: * the Lord is clothed with strength, and hath girded himself. **For he hath established the world * which shall not be moved.**

Thy throne is prepared from of old: * thou art from everlasting. **The floods have lifted up, O Lord: * the floods have lifted up their voice.**

The floods have lifted up their waves, * with the noise of many waters. **Wonderful are the surges of the sea: * wonderful is the Lord on high.**

Thy testimonies are become exceedingly credible: * holiness becometh thy house, O Lord, unto length of days. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost. **As it was in the beginning, is now, * and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

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*Ant. Shout with joy to God * all the earth, alleluia.*

PSALM 99 (100)

Sing joyfully to God, all the earth: * serve ye the Lord with gladness. **Come in before his presence * with exceeding great joy.**

Know ye that the Lord he is God: * he made us, and not we ourselves. **We are his people and the sheep of his pasture. * Go ye into his gates with praise, into his courts with hymns: and give glory to him.**

Praise ye his name: for the Lord is sweet, his mercy endureth for ever, * and his truth to generation and generation. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost. **As it was in the beginning, is now, * and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Ant. Shout with joy to God all the earth, alleluia.

*Ant. I will bless thee all my life long * and in thy name I will lift up my hands, alleluia.*

PSALM 62 (63)

O God, my God, * to thee do I watch at break of day. **For thee my soul hath thirsted; * for thee my flesh, O how many ways!**

In a desert land, and where there is no way, and no water: * so in the sanctuary have I come before thee, to see thy power and thy glory. **For thy mercy is better than lives: * thee my lips shall praise.**

Thus will I bless thee all my life long: * and in thy name I will lift up my hands. **Let my soul be filled as with marrow and fatness: * and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips.**

If I have remembered thee upon my bed, I will meditate on thee in the morning:
* because thou hast been my helper. **And I will rejoice under the covert of thy wings: my soul hath stuck close to thee: * thy right hand hath received me.**

But they have sought my soul in vain, they shall go into the lower parts of the earth: * they shall be delivered into the hands of the sword, they shall be the portions of foxes. **But the king shall rejoice in God, all they shall be praised that swear by him: * because the mouth is stopped of them that speak wicked things.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost. **As it was in the beginning, is now, * and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

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Ant. The three young boys * cast into the furnace by the king, fearing not the flames of fire, said: Blessed be God, alleluia.

DANIEL 3:57-88, 56

All ye works of the Lord, bless the Lord: * praise and exalt him above all for ever. **O ye angels of the Lord, bless the Lord: * O ye heavens, bless the Lord:**

O all ye waters that are above the heavens, bless the Lord: * O all ye powers of the Lord, bless the Lord. **O ye sun and moon, bless the Lord: * O ye stars of heaven, bless the Lord.**

O every shower and dew, bless ye the Lord: * O all ye spirits of God, bless the Lord. **O ye fire and heat, bless the Lord: * O ye cold and heat, bless the Lord.**

O ye dews and hoar frosts, bless the Lord: * O ye frost and cold, bless the Lord. **O ye ice and snow, bless the Lord: * O ye nights and days, bless the Lord.**

O ye light and darkness, bless the Lord: * O ye lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord. **O let the earth bless the Lord: * let it praise and exalt him above all for ever.**

O ye mountains and hills, bless the Lord: * O all ye things that spring up in the earth, bless the Lord. **O ye fountains, bless the Lord: * O ye seas and rivers, bless the Lord.**

O ye whales, and all that move in the waters, bless the Lord: * O all ye fowls of the air, bless the Lord. **O all ye beasts and cattle, bless the Lord: * O ye sons of men, bless the Lord.**

O let Israel bless the Lord: * let them praise and exalt him above all for ever. **O ye priests of the Lord, bless the Lord: * O ye servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.**

O ye spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord: * O ye holy and humble of heart, bless the Lord. **O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord: * praise and exalt him above all for ever.**

(Bow head) Let us bless the Father and the Son, with the Holy Ghost; * let us praise and exalt him above all for ever. **Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven: * and worthy of praise, and glorious for ever.**

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Ant. Alleluia, * praise ye the Lord from the heavens, alleluia, alleluia.

PSALM 48 (49)

Praise ye the Lord from the heavens * praise ye him in the high places. **Praise ye him, all his angels: * praise ye him, all his hosts.**

Praise ye him, O sun and moon: * praise him, all ye stars and light. **Praise him, ye heavens of heavens: * and let all the waters that are above the heavens, praise the name of the Lord.**

For he spoke, and they were made: * he commanded, and they were created. **He hath established them for ever, and for ages of ages: * he hath made a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

Praise the Lord from the earth, * ye dragons, and all ye deeps: **Fire, hail, snow, ice, stormy winds * which fulfil his word:**

Mountains and all hills, * fruitful trees and all cedars: **Beasts and all cattle: * serpents and feathered fowls:**

Kings of the earth and all people: * princes and all judges of the earth: **Young men and maidens: let the old with the younger, praise the name of the Lord: * For his name alone is exalted.**

The praise of him is above heaven and earth: * and he hath exalted the horn of his people. **A hymn to all his saints: to the children of Israel, a people approaching him.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost. **As it was in the beginning, is now, * and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

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CHAPTER

Revelations 7:12

Benediction, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, honour, and power, and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.

℞. Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Lo, the dim shadows of the night are waning;
Lightsome and blushing, dawn of day returneth;
Fervent in spirit, to the world's Creator
Pray we devoutly:

That he may pity sinners in their sighing,
Banish all troubles, kindly health bestowing;
And may he grant us, of his countless blessings,
Peace that is endless.

This be our portion, God forever blessed,
Father eternal, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Whose is the glory, which through all creation
Ever resoundeth.
Amen.

VERSE

℣. The Lord reigns, he is clothed with beauty.

℞. **The Lord is clothed with strength, and has girded himself.**

Ant. As Jesus went into the house * of one of the chief Pharisees, to eat bread on the Sabbath Day, behold, there was a certain man before Him which had the dropsy and He took him, and healed him, and let him go.

LUKE 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord ✠ God of Israel; * because he hath visited and wrought the redemption of his people: **And hath raised up an horn of salvation to us, * in the house of David his servant:**

As he spoke by the mouth of his holy Prophets, * who are from the beginning:
Salvation from our enemies, * and from the hand of all that hate us:

To perform mercy to our fathers, * and to remember his holy testament, **The oath, which he swore to Abraham our father, * that he would grant to us,**

That being delivered from the hand of our enemies, * we may serve him without fear, **In holiness and justice before him, * all our days.**

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: * for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways: **To give knowledge of salvation to his people, * unto the remission of their sins:**

Through the bowels of the mercy of our God, * in which the Orient from on high hath visited us: **To enlighten them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death: * to direct our feet into the way of peace.**

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PRAYER

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer.

℞. **And let my cry come unto thee.**

Let us pray.

Lord, we pray thee, that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. **Amen.**

CONCLUSION

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer.

℞. **And let my cry come unto thee.**

℣. Let us bless the Lord.

℟. **Thanks be to God.**

℣. May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

℟. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER DIVINE OFFICE

To the Most Holy and undivided Trinity, to the Manhood of our Lord Jesus Christ Crucified, to the fruitful Virginity of the most blessed and most glorious Mary and to the holiness of all the Saints be ascribed everlasting praise, honour, and glory, by all creatures, and to us be granted the forgiveness of all our sins, world without end. **Amen.**