

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given him anything that he may be repaid?" For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

RESPONSORY

Our hearts are filled with wonder as we contemplate your works, O Lord.
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We praise the wisdom which wrought them all,
— as we contemplate your works, O Lord.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
— Our hearts are filled with wonder as we contemplate your works, O Lord.
How wonderful are your works, O Lord.
— Fathomless your designs.

MAGNIFICAT

Antiphon: Those who welcome you are welcoming me, and those who welcome me are welcoming him who sent me.

INTERCESSIONS

We give glory to the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and in our weakness we pray:
— Lord, be with your people.
Holy Lord, Father all-powerful, let justice spring up on the earth,
— then your people will dwell in the beauty of peace.
Let every nation come into your kingdom,
— so that all peoples will be saved.
Let married couples live in your peace,
— and grow in mutual love.
Reward all who have done good to us, Lord,
— and grant them eternal life.
Lord, you attend the dying with great mercy,
— grant them an eternal dwelling.

*At this point, feel free to add your prayer intentions.
These intentions end with "We pray to the Lord" and the response is "Lord hear our prayer".*

Our Father...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Father,
you call your children to walk in the light of Christ.
Free us from darkness
and keep us in the radiance of truth.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

BLESSING

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

SATURDAY EVENING PRAYER for ORDINARY TIME WEEK I



INTROIT

God, come to my assistance.
— Lord, make haste to help me.

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

HYMN

Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this gracious God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
Preserve us in his grace,
And guide us in distress;
And free us from all sin,
Till heaven we possess.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given;
The Son and Spirit blest

Who reigns in highest heaven;
Eternal, Triune God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

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PSALMODY

Psalm 141: A prayer when in danger

An angel stood before the face of God, thurible in hand. The fragrant incense soaring aloft was the prayer of God's people on earth (Revelation 8:4)

Antiphon 1: *Like burning incense, Lord, let my prayer rise up to you.*

I have called to you, Lord; hasten to help me!
Hear my voice when I cry to you.
Let my prayer arise before you like incense,
the raising of my hands like an evening oblation.

Set, O Lord, a guard over my mouth;
keep watch, O Lord, at the door of my lips!
Do not turn my heart to things that are wrong,
to evil deeds with men who are sinners.

Never allow me to share in their feasting.
If a just man strikes or reproves me it is kindness
but let the oil of the wicked not anoint my head.
Let my prayer be ever against their malice.

Their princes were thrown down by the side of the rock;
then they understood that my words were kind.
As a millstone is shattered to pieces on the ground,
so their bones were strewn at the mouth of the grave.

To you, Lord God, my eyes are turned:
in you I take refuge; spare my soul!
From the trap they have laid for me keep me safe:
keep me from the snares of those who do evil.

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

Antiphon 1: *Like burning incense, Lord, let my prayer rise up to you.*

Psalm 142: You, Lord are my refuge

What is written in this Psalm was fulfilled by our Lord's passion (Saint Hilary)

Antiphon 2: *You are my refuge, Lord, you are all the I desire in life.*

With all my voice I cry to the Lord,
with all my voice I entreat the Lord.
I pour out my trouble before him;
I tell him all my distress
while my spirit faints within me.
But you, O Lord, know my path.

On the way where I shall walk
they have hidden a snare to entrap me.
Look on my right and see:
there is no one who takes my part.
I have no means of escape,
not one who cares for my soul.

I cry to you, O Lord.
I have said: You are my refuge
all I have in the land of the living."
Listen, then, to my cry
for I am in the depths of distress.

Rescue me from those who pursue me
for they are stronger than I.
Bring my soul out of this prison
and then I shall praise your name.
Around me the just will assemble
because of your goodness to me.

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

Antiphon 2: *You are my refuge, Lord, you are all the I desire in life.*

CANTICLE

Philippians 2:6-11: Christ, God's Holy Servant

Antiphon 3: *The Lord Jesus humbled himself, and God exalted him forever.*

Though he was in the form of God,
Jesus did not deem equality with God
something to be grasped at.

Rather, he emptied himself
and took the form of a slave,
being born in the likeness of men.

He was known to be of human estate
and it was thus that he humbled himself,
obediently accepting even death,
death on a cross!

Because of this,
God highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
above every other name,

So that at Jesus' name
every knee must bend
in the heavens, on the earth,
and under the earth,
and every tongue proclaim
to the glory of God the Father:
JESUS CHRIST IS 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 forever. Amen.

Antiphon 3: *The Lord Jesus humbled himself, and God exalted him forever.*

READING

Romans 11:25-36

Brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, so that you will not become wise in your own estimation: a hardening has come upon Israel in part, until the full number of the Gentiles comes in, and thus all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The deliverer will come out of Zion, he will turn away godlessness from Jacob; and this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins." In respect to the gospel, they are enemies on your account; but in respect to election, they are beloved because of the patriarchs. For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.

Just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy on all.