

## NIGHT PRAYER

*[Side 1: Baptismal font side, Side 2: Choir-side]*

### INTRODUCTION

*Fr. Matt:* God, + come to my assistance.

– **All:** Lord, make haste to help me.

*Fr. Matt:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

– **All:** as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

*A brief examination of conscience may be made. In the communal celebration of the office, a penitential rite using the formulas of the Mass may be inserted here.*

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have  
failed to do,

*And, striking their breast, they say:*

through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;

*Then they continue:*

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

*The absolution by the Priest follows:*

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins, and bring us to  
everlasting life. – Amen.

## PSALMODY

*Fr. Matt: Ant.* Night holds no terrors for me sleeping under God's wings.

### Psalm 91: Safe in God's sheltering care

*Fr. Matt:* He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

*Side 1:* and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: "My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!"

*Side 2:* 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.

*Side 1:* 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.

*Side 2:* A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand fall at your right, you, it will never approach; his faithfulness is buckler and shield.

*Side 1:* 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.

*Side 2:* 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.

*Side 1:* 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.

*Side 2:* 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.

*Side 1:* With length of life I will content him; I shall let him see my saving power.

*Side 2:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

*Side 1:* as it was in the beginning, is now, \* and will be for ever. Amen.

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### **READING: Revelation 22:4-5**

They shall see the Lord 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.

*In place of the responsory the following is said:*

**All: Ant.** For our sake Christ was obedient, accepting even death.

### **GOSPEL CANTICLE**

*Fr. Matt: Ant.* 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.

**Canticle of Simeon: Luke 2:29-32**

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.

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.

**All: Ant.** 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.

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

*Fr. Matt: Let us pray.* 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. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
– Amen.

### **BLESSING**

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

### **Antiphon or song in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Loving mother of the Redeemer, gate of heaven, star of the sea, assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again. To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator, yet remained a virgin after as before. You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting, have pity on us poor sinners.