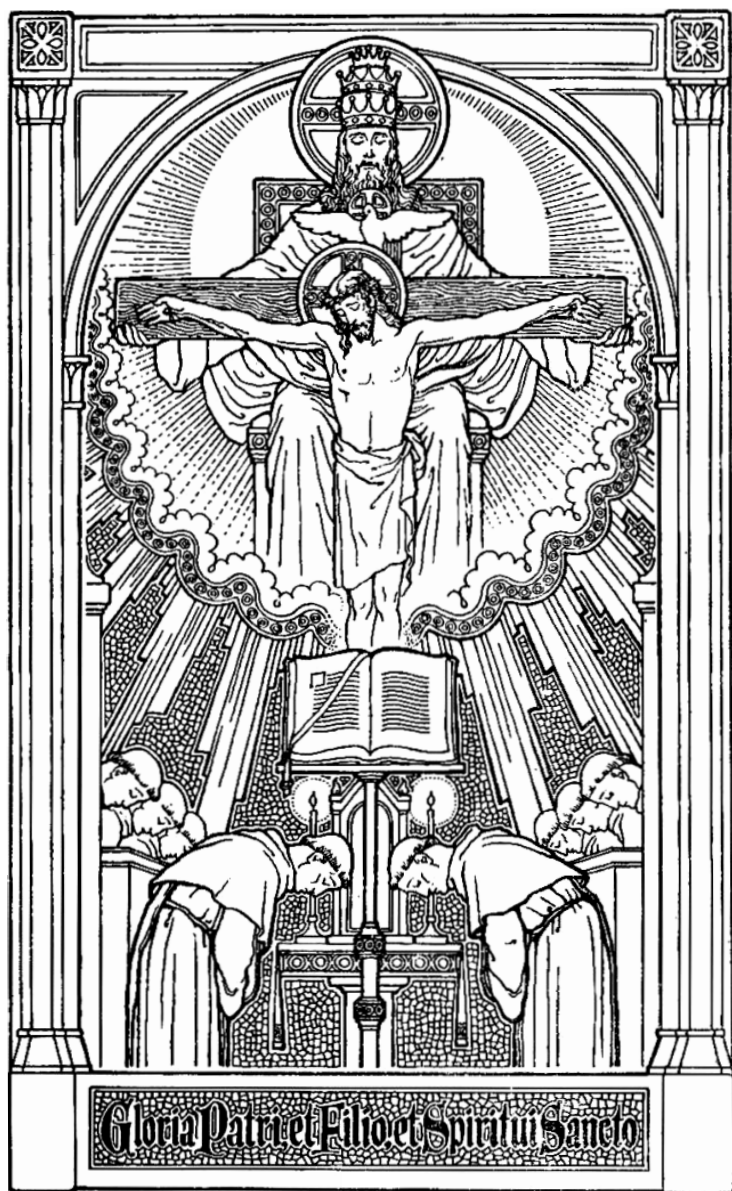


THE DIVINE OFFICE AT COMPLINE



INTRODUCTORY RITES

Kneel

O SACRED BANQUET, in which Christ becomes our food, the memory of his Passion is celebrated, the soul is filled with grace, and the pledge of future glory is given to us.

V. You gave them bread from heaven.

R. Containing every blessing.

Let us pray.

O God, in this wonderful Sacrament you have left us a memorial of your Passion. Help us, we beg you, so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may constantly feel within our lives the effects of your redemption. You who live and reign forever.

R. Amen.

Stand

Make the sign of the cross at the words, "O Lord, make haste..."

O God, come to my as-sistance. **R.** O Lord, make haste to

help me. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-

it: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forev-er. Amen.

Al-le-lu-ia.

Kneel

All pause for a silent examination of conscience.

I CONFESS to Almighty God, to Blessed Mary ever-Virgin, to Blessed Dominic, our father, to all the saints, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do. I beseech you to pray for me.

℣. May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, keep us safe and strengthen us in every good work, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

Stand

VIII

T

o you, before the close of day, ★ Cre-a-tor of the world, we

pray That, with accustomed kindness you Would guard and keep us

ev-er true. 2. May no ill dreams disturb our ease, No nightly fears

or fan-tasies; Tread underfoot our ghostly foe, That no defilement

we may know. 3. Almighty Father, this accord Through Je-sus Christ,

your Son Our Lord, Who, with the Ho-ly Spirit true, For ev-er reigns

in bliss with you. A-men.

PSALMODY

After the cantor intones the antiphon, all join in after the star.

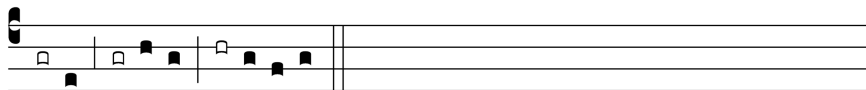
Ps 15:9

VIII



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n you, my God, ★ my bod-y will rest in hope.



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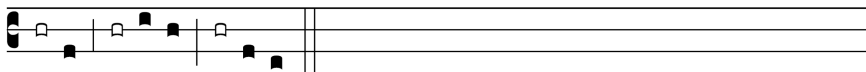
*During the Easter Season, the following antiphon
and psalm tone are used instead:*

VIII



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l-le-lú-ia, ★ al-le-lú-ia, al-le-lú-ia.



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Psalm 16

God is my portion, my inheritance

*The cantor intones the first two lines of the psalm. "Side I" is the same
side of the church as the cantor. "Side II" is the opposite side.*

Side I: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. †
I say to the Lord: "You are my God. ★
My happiness lies in you alone."

Side II: He has put into my heart a marvelous love ★
for the faithful ones who dwell in his land.

Side I: Those who choose other gods increase their sorrows. †
Never will I offer their offerings of blood. *
Never will I take their name upon my lips.

Side II: O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; *
it is you yourself who are my prize.

Side I: The lot marked out for me is my delight: *
welcome indeed the heritage that falls to me!

Side II: I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, *
who even at night directs my heart.

Side I: I keep the Lord ever in my sight: *
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

Side II: And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; *
even my body shall rest in safety.

Side I: For you will not leave my soul among the dead, *
nor let your beloved know decay.

Side II: You will show me the path of life, †
the fullness of joy in your presence, *
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Bow during the first two lines of the doxology in honor of the Trinity.

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

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

READING

1 Thess 5:23

May the God of peace make you perfect in holiness. May
he preserve you whole and entire, spirit, soul, and
body, irreproachable at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONSORY

Ps 30:6

VI

I

n-to your hands, Lord, ★ I commend my spir- it. R. Into. V. You

have redeemed us, Lord, God of truth. ★ I commend my spir- it.

V. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

R. In-to your hands, Lord, I commend my spir- it.

During the Easter Season, the following responsory is used instead:

Ps 30:6

VI

I

n-to your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit. ★ Al-le- lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia. R. In-to. V. You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth. ★

Al-le- lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. V. Glory to the Fa-ther, and to the Son,

and to the Ho-ly Spir-it. R. In-to.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Ecclesia

III a

P

ro-tect us Lord, as we stay awake; ★ watch o-ver us as we

sleep, that awake we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep rest

in his peace. T.P. Al-le- lú- ia. ★

Luke 2:29-32

Christ is the light of the nations and the glory of Israel

Side I: Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; ★
your word has been fulfilled:

Side II: my own eyes have seen the salvation ★
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:

Side I: a light to reveal you to the nations ★
and the glory of your people Israel.

Side II: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, ★
and to the Holy Spirit:

Side I: as it was in the beginning, is now, ★
and will be for ever. Amen.

All repeat the antiphon.

COLLECT

Ÿ. Let us pray.

Lord God, send peaceful sleep to refresh our tired bodies.
May your help always renew us and keep us strong in your
service. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

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

R. Amen.

*Compline ends with the antiphon **Salve Regina** in honor of the Blessed
Virgin Mary (or another seasonal Marian antiphon) and the antiphon
O Lumen Ecclesiae in honor of St. Dominic.*



FINAL ANTIPHONS

I

S

al- ve Re- gí- na, Ma-ter mi-se-ri-córdi- æ: Vi-

ta, dul- cé- do et spes nostra, sal- ve. Ad te clamá-

mus éxsu-les fí-li- i Ev- æ. Ad te suspi-rá- mus, geméntes,

et flen- tes in hac lacri-má-rum val- le. E- ia ergo advo-

cá- ta nostra, il-los tu- os mi-se-ri-cór- des ó-cu-los

ad nos con-vér- te; Et Je-sum, be-ne-díc- tum fructum ventris

tu- i, no-bis post hoc ex-í- li- um o- sténde. O cle- mens,

O pi- a, O dul-cis Virgo Ma-rí- a. *T.P.* Alle-

lú- ia.

VI

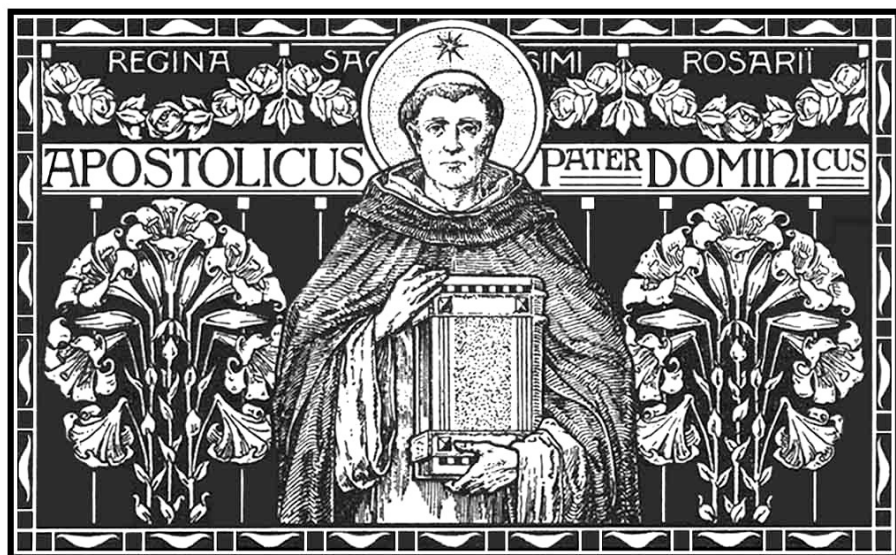
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lu-men Ec-clé-si-æ, Do-ctor ve-ri-tá-

tis, Ro-sa pa-ti-én-ti-æ, E-bur casti-tá-tis, A-

quam sa-pi-én-ti-æ pro-pi-násti gra-tis: Præ-di-cá-tor grá-ti-

æ, nos junge be-á-tis. T.P. Al-le-lú-ia.





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