

## NIGHT PRAYER: HOLY THURSDAY & GOOD FRIDAY

### OPENING VERSES:

Leader: O God come to our aid

All: O Lord make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son...

**OPENING HYMN:** Day is done / God of day and God of Darkness /  
Lord of all hopefulness / Taize chant...Jesus Remember me, when  
you come into your kingdom...

### PSALM 90

*Antiphon:* (leader) He will conceal you with his wings; you will not  
fear the terror of the night

*(This psalm may be recited through be everyone/half the assembly on  
alternate verses/ two voices alternately)*

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
And abides in the shade of the Almighty  
Say to the Lord: "My refuge  
My stronghold, my God in whom I trust!"

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.

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.

A thousand may fall at your side,  
Ten thousand fall at your right,  
You, it will never approach,  
His faithfulness is buckler and shield.

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.  
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.

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.

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.

*Antiphon:* (all) He will conceal you with his wings; you will not  
fear the terror of the night

**SILENCE**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Revelations 22:4-5  
(reader) They will see the Lord face to face, and his name will be  
written on their foreheads. It will never be night again and they  
will not need lamplight or sunlight, because the Lord God will be  
shining on them. They will reign for ever and ever.

**SHORT RESPONSORY:**

(Reader) Christ humbled himself for us, and, in obedience,  
accepted death, [*Good Friday add* – even death on a cross].

**NUNC DIMITTIS:**

*Antiphon:* (Leader) Save us Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep; that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace.

*(This reading can be recited through be everyone/half the assembly on alternate verses/ two voices alternately)*

At last all powerful Master,  
You give leave to your servant  
to go in peace, according to your promise.

For my eyes have seen your salvation  
which you have prepared for all nations,  
the light to enlighten the Gentiles  
and give glory to Israel, your people.

*Antiphon:* (All) Save us Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep; that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace.

**CONCLUDING PRAYER:**

(Leader) Visit this house, we pray you Lord:  
Drive far away from it all the snares of the enemy.  
May your holy angels stay here and guard us in peace,  
and let your blessing be always upon us.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**BLESSING:**

(Leader) The Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. AMEN.