SOLEMN VESPERS
for
THE SEASON OF LENT
INTRODUCTORY RITES

Prelude
Procession

Please stand as the procession begins.

Kindle a Flame

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Lucenarium

Presider:

Light and peace through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assembly:

Thanks be to God

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*RECEIVE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST*
*THANKS BE TO GOD.*
1. God of day and God of darkness Now we stand before the night; As the shadows stretch and deepen, Come and make our darkness bright. All creation still is groaning For the dawning of your might, When the Sun of peace and justice

2. Still the nations curse the darkness, Still the rich oppress the poor; Still the earth is bruised and broken By the ones who still want more. Come and justice So we do what you would do. Let us people, Yours the love that we must learn. For our nurture As a father, mother, friend. Grant us

3. Show us Christ in one another, Make us call all people holy, Let us pledge our lives a-hearts shall wander restless 'Till they safe to you recall a peaceful resting, Let each mind and body

4. You shall be the path that guides us, You the peacemaker Shall the people rest in thy peace. So we rise refreshed to morrow, Fills the earth with radiant light. All your children at our door. Let us all be one in you. We shall all your face discern. Hearts renewed to Kingdom tend.
As day passes into evening we praise you, O God, giver of life, light, and darkness for your invisible majesty in all that surrounds us.

Gratefully we sing:

Schola:

Praise and thanks to you, God of mercy.

As flickering candles burn and pierce the darkness, we thank you, for the light that illumines our soul and gives us breath.

Gratefully we sing:

Schola:

Praise and thanks to you, God of wholeness.

As the evening sun moves toward the golden rays of dawn, we long for peace in our world, in our homes, and in our hearts.

Gratefully we sing:

Schola:

Praise and thanks to you, God of healing.

As we journey out of ashes to Easter joy, dispell the darkness of our hearts and shine your light within us so that we may proclaim unending praise to you.

Gratefully we sing:

Schola:

Praise and thanks to you, God of splendor.

Illumine our darkness and draw us to your unfailing light for to you all honor and glory is due forever and ever.

Schola:

Amen.


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Psalm 110  (Please be seated.)

Schola, then all:

God has appointed Christ to be the judge of the living and the dead.

The Lord’s revelation to my Master:
“Sit on my right:
your foes I will put beneath your feet.”

The Lord will yield from Zion
your scepter of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
“You are a priest forever,
priest like Melchizedek of old.”

The Master standing at your right hand
will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

All Bow: 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

Psalm Prayer  (Please stand.)
Psalm 114 (Please be seated.)

The Lord of Hosts Protects Us

Schola, then all:

The Lord of hosts protects us and sets us free,

He guides and saves His people.

When Israel came forth from Egypt,
Jacob’s sons from an alien people
Judah became the Lord’s temple,
Israel became his kingdom.

The sea fled at the sight:
the Jordan turned back on its course,
the mountains leapt like rams
and the hills like yearling sheep.

Why was it, sea, that you fled,
that you turned back, Jordan, on your course?
Mountains, that you leapt like rams;
—hills, like yearling sheep?

Tremble, O earth, before the Lord,
in the presence of the God of Jacob,
who turns the rock into a pool
and flint into a spring of water.

All Bow: 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

Psalm Prayer (Please stand.)
Canticle (Please remain standing.)

God Did Not Spare His Own Son

Schola, then all:

God did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all.

Christ suffered for you, and left you an example to have you follow in his footsteps. **Refrain**

He did no wrong; no deceit was in his mouth. When he was insulted, he returned no insult. **Refrain**

When he was made to suffer he did not counter with threats. Instead he delivered himself up to One who judges justly. **Refrain**

In his own body He brought your sins to the cross, so that all of us, dead to sin, could live in accord with God's will.

By His wounds you were healed. **Refrain**

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THE WORD OF GOD

**A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter** 3:18-22

Beloved:
Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

Lector: The word of the Lord.
For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever in Him believeth nevermore shall perish, but have eternal life to him given. Amen.

-John 3:16
Magnificat  (Please stand.)

The Schola will sing the antiphon; the assembly will repeat it.
The antiphon is sung by all after the doxology.

When I am lifted up from the earth,

I will draw all people to myself.

The Sign of the Cross is made at the beginning of the first verse.

+My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy.
The promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.

All Bow:

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
Intercessions

Please respond at the bidding of the cantor.

Cantor: Lord, save the people you have redeemed.

Assembly:

Lord, save the people you have redeemed.

Christ our Life, through the Sacrament of Baptism, we were buried with you and rose to life with you. May we walk today in newness of life. (Cantor: Lord,...)

Lord, you bestow upon us all that is good, keep us mindful of all your blessings. Help us share your concern for the good of all. (Cantor: Lord,...)

May we work together to build up the earthly city with our eyes fixed on the city that lasts forever. (Cantor: Lord,...)

Healer of body, mind, and soul, cure the sickness of our spirit, so that we may grow through your constant care. (Cantor: Lord,...)

May those who have died in your peace, give you everlasting glory in heaven; where we too, hope to praise you forever. (Cantor: Lord,...)
Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-lowed be thy name;
thy king-dom come; thy will be done on earth as it
is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread;
and for-give us our tres-pass-es as we for-give
those who tres-pass a- gainst us; and lead us not
in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.
For the king-dom, the pow’r, and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for ev-er. A-men.

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CONCLUDING RITE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Presider: May the blessing of God, the Father of Mercy, the Son of Redemption, and the Spirit of Light, be with us, now and forever.

Assembly: Amen.

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DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in the peace of Christ. Thanks be to God.

Assembly: Amen.

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MARIAN ANTIPHON

VERSICLE

Presider: My praise by thee accepted be, O hallowed Virgin.
Schola: Obtain for me strength against thine enemies.

COLLECT

Presider: Let us pray...through the same Christ our Lord.
Schola: Amen.
Presider: May help Divine + be with us all forever abiding.
Schola: Amen.

SIGN OF PEACE

Presider: Let us go in peace.
Schola: Thanks be to God.

Please extend to one another a sign of peace.

Hail, O Queen, on high enthroned, Hail, O Lady, by Angels owned: Jesse's rod; yea, heaven's portal Whence hath shone earth’s Light immortal: Hail, O Virgin, most renowned, For thy grace and beauty crowned: Hail, O truly worthy Maiden: Pray Christ for us so burden-laden.
FRIDAYS OF LENT

Eucharist:
7:00AM, Basilica
Noon, Basilica (Livestream)

Stations of the Cross 5:30PM
Basilica (Livestream)

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Morning Prayer 9:15 AM
Tuesdays & Thursdays of Lent
Zoom (log-in information @ mary.org)

Solemn Vespers 3:00PM
Sundays of Lent
Basilica, (Livestream)

PASSION SUNDAY CONCERT—SCHOLA CANTORUM

Sunday, March 28, 2:30PM
“Tears of the Soul”: A Palm Sunday Meditation Concert
Basilica (Livestream)

SACRAMENT OF HEALING

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 9:00AM
Saint Joseph Chapel

Taize with Individual Confessions
Tuesday, March 30, 5:30PM
Basilica (Livestream)

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