SOLEMN VESPERS
for
THE SEASON OF LENT

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Prelude

Procession

Please stand as the procession begins.

Kindle a Flame

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Lucenarium

Presider:

Assembly:

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RECEIVE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

THANKS BE TO GOD.
Hymn

God of Day and God of Darkness

1. God of day and God of darkness Now we stand before the night; As the shadows stretch and rich oppress the poor; Still the earth is bruised and servants strong and true; Give us all your love of light that in us burns; Shining deep within all source and you our end; Praise to you who love and deepen, Come and make our darkness bright. All crossings 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

2. Still the nations curse the darkness, Still the hearts shall wander restless 'Till they safe to you recall a peaceful resting, Let each mind and body might, When the Sun of peace and justice nore All your people lost and broken, new, Make us one with all the lowly, turn; Finding you in one another, mend, 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 King-dom tend.
**Evening Thanksgiving**

Presider: 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:

_Assembly:_

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Praise and thanks to you, God of mercy.
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Presider: 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:

_Assembly:_

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Praise and thanks to you, God of wholeness.
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Presider: 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:

_Assembly:_

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Praise and thanks to you, God of healing.
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Presider: 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:

_Assembly:_

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Praise and thanks to you, God of splendor.
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Presider: Illumine our darkness and draw us to your unfailing light for to you all honor and glory is due forever and ever.

_Assembly:_

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A-men.
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Psalm Prayer (Please stand.)

~ PSALMODY ~

**Psalm 110** (Please be seated.)

**God Has Appointed Christ**

Schola, then all:

God has ap-point-ed Christ to be the judge of the liv-ing and the dead.

Schola:  

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

Assembly:  

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

a. A prince from the day of your birth  
b. on the ho-ly mountains;  
c. from the womb before the dawn I be-got you.  

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

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

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

All Bow:  

a. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spirit:  
b. as it was in the beginning, is now,  
c. and will be forever. A-men. **Antiphon**


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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.

Schola: a. When Israel came forth from Egypt,
   b. Jacob's sons from an alien people
   b. Judah became the Lord's temple,
   c. Israel became his kingdom.

Assembly: a. The sea fled at the sight:
   b. the Jordan turned back on its course,
   b. the mountains leapt like rams
   c. and the hills like year-ling sheep.

Schola: a. Why was it, sea, that you fled,
   b. that you turned back, Jordan, on your course?
   b. Mountains, that you leapt like rams;
   c. —hills, like year-ling sheep?

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

All Bow: a. Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
   b. and to the Holy Spirit:
   b. as it was in the beginning, is now,
   c. 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 Paul to the Corinthians

1:22-25

The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom.

Brothers and sisters:
Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.
Choral Meditation

Love Bade Me Welcome

David Hurd (b.1950)

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sinne.
But quick-ey’d Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
If I lacked anything.

‘A guest,’ I answer’d, ‘worthy to be here:’
Love said, ‘You shall be he.’
‘I, the unkinde, ungratefull? Ah, my deare,
I cannot look on Thee.’
Love took my hand and smiling did reply,
‘Who made the eyes, but I?’

‘Truth, Lord but I have marr’d them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.’
‘And know you not,’ sayes Love, ‘Who bore the blame?’
‘My deare, then I will serve.’
‘You must sit down,’ sayes Love, ‘and taste my meat.’
So I did sit and eat.

-George Herbert (1593-1633)
MAGNIFICAT (Please stand.)

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

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

Schola:  
a. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
c. my spirit re-joices in God my Savior.  
d. for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

Assembly:  
a. From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
c. the Al-mighty has done great things for me,  
d. and holy is his name.

Schola:  
a. He has mercy on those who fear him  
b. in every gen-er-ation.  
c. He has shown the strength of his arm,  
d. he has scattered the proud in their con-ceit.

Assembly:  
a. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
b. and has lifted up the lowly  
c. He has filled the hungry with good things,  
d. and the rich he has sent a-way empty.

Assembly:  
a. He has come to the help of his servant Israel,  
b. for he has remembered his pro-mise of mercy.  
c. The promise he made to our fathers,  
d. to Abraham and his chil-dren for-er.

All Bow:  
a. Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
b. and to the Ho-ly Spirit:  
c. as it was in the beginning, is now,  
d. and will be for-ev-er. A-men. Antiphon
THE PRAYERS

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, ...)

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The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it
is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us; and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the pow’r, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

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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.

DISMISSAL

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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.
FRIDAYS OF LENT

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

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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Morning Prayer 9:15AM
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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