SOLEMN VESPERS

for

THE SEASON OF LENT

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Prelude

Procession

Kindle a Flame

Please stand as the procession begins.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949.

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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.*
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 deepen, Come and make our darkness bright. All creation still is groaning. For the dawn of your mighty, When the Sun of peace and justice fills the earth with radiant light.

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 might, When the Sun of peace and justice fills the earth with radiant light.

3. Show us Christ in one another, Make us 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 deepens, Come and make our darkness bright. All creation still is groaning. For the dawn of your mighty, When the Sun of peace and justice fills the earth with radiant light.

4. You shall be the path that guides us, You the dark, guides dark, darkness, er, us, our actions stall is groaning. For the dawn ing of your wake us from our sleeping, So our hearts cannot ignore 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 morn ing, Let each mind and body might, When the Sun of peace and justice fills the earth with radiant light.

5. Praise to you in day and darkness, You our praise of the us shall to Christ be you and in the day na curse one path and day of the an and dark ness, that in us burns; Shining deep with in all source and you our end; Praise to you who love and dark, guides dark, darkness, er, us, our actions stall is groaning. For the dawn ing of your wake us from our sleeping, So our hearts cannot ignore 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 morn ing, Let each mind and body might, When the Sun of peace and justice fills the earth with radiant light.

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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:

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:

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:

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:

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

Assembly:

A - men.

Psalm 110 (Please be seated.)

God Has Appointed Christ

Schola, then all:

God has appointed Christ to be the judge of the living 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 holy 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 
c. will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.

a. He shall drink from the stream by the wayside 
c. 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

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

The Lord of Hosts Protects Us

Schola, then all:

\[\text{The Lord of hosts protects us and sets us free,}\]

\[\text{He guides and saves His people.}\]

Schola:  
- a. When Israel came forth \textit{from} Egypt,
- b. Jacob’s sons from an \textit{alien} people
- b. Judah became \textit{the} Lord’s temple,
- c. Is-ra-el be-came his kingdom.

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

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

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

\[\text{All Bow:} \]

- a. \textit{Glory} to the Father, and to \textit{the} Son,
- b. \textit{and} to the \textit{Ho-ly} Spirit:
- b. \textit{as} it was in the begin-ning, \textit{is} now,
- c. \textit{and} will be forev-er. \textit{A-men}. \textbf{Antiphon}

\textbf{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 Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 2:4-10

The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom.

Brothers and sisters:
God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved —, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

Lector: The word of the Lord.
Assembly: Thanks be to God.
O light everlasting, O Love, never failing,  
Illumine our darkness and draw us to Thee.  
May we from the Spirit receive inspiration (O light everlasting)  
That brethren together Thy wisdom may see.  
Make known to all nations, Thy salvation! Thy peace and salvation.  
And help us, O Father, Thy temple to be.  
O light everlasting, O Love never failing,  
Illumine our darkness, and draw us to Thee.
**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.

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-ever.

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 forev-er. A-men. **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, ...)

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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.

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MARIAN ANTIPHON

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.

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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