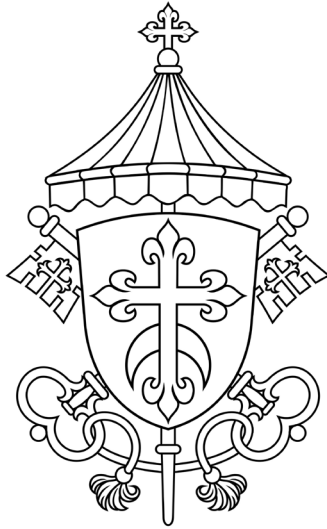


# ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



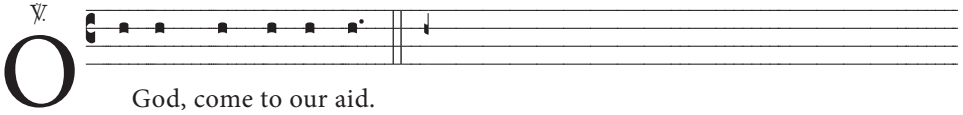
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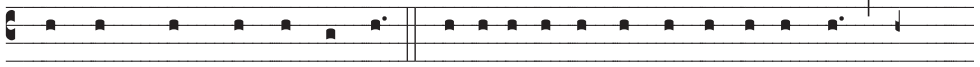
The Office of Night Prayer

MAUNDY THURSDAY

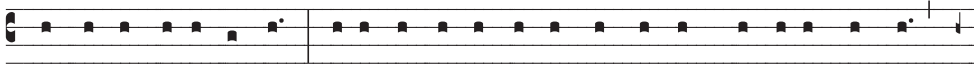
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## THE INTRODUCTION

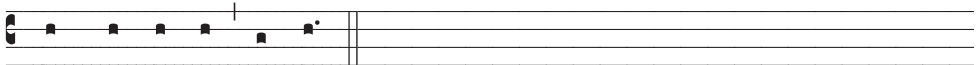
 **O** God, come to our aid.



**℟:** O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son



and to the Holy Spi-rit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,



world without end. A-men.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

*The Celebrant invites all to make an examination of conscience, saying*

Brethren (brothers and sisters),  
having been brought to the end of this day,  
let us acknowledge our sins.

*After a brief silence, the celebrant leads the Penitential Act*

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**℟:** For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**℟:** And grant us your salvation.

*The Celebrant gives the absolution, saying*

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**℟:** Amen.

# THE OFFICE HYMN

*All sing the Office Hymn*

**T**o you be-fore the close of light, Cre-a-tor of all things, we pray:

Be our pro-tec-tor, keep us safe in your un-fail-ing cle-men-cy.

2. In-cline our hearts to dream of you, to sense your presence as we sleep;

as light returns, so let us sing your praise and glory ev-er-more.

3. Grant us the grace of health and strength, renew our warmth and joy of life

and let your ra-diant light di-spel the dread-ed darkness of the night.

4. Almighty Father, grant our prayer through Je-sus Christ your Son our Lord,

who reigns with you from age to age, one with the Spi-rit, e-ver blest.

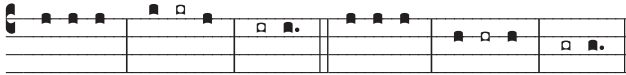
A- men.

ANTIPHON

**Q**UI habitat in adiutorio Altissimi, in protectione  
Dei cæli commorabitur.

*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, will abide  
in the protection of the God of heaven.*

PSALM 90 (91)



- Cantor* 1 He who dwells in the shelter | of the | Most High \*  
and abides in the shade of | the Al- | mighty
- All* 2 **says to the | Lord: My | refuge, \***  
**my stronghold, my God in | whom I | trust!**
- 3 It is he who will free you | from the | snare \*  
of the fowler who | seeks to de- | stroy you;
- 4 **he will conceal you | with his | pinions \*  
and under his wings you | will find | refuge.**
- 5 You will not fear the terror | of the | night \*  
nor the arrow that | flies by | day,
- 6 **nor the plague that | prowls in the | darkness \*  
nor the scourge that lays | waste at | noon.**
- 7 A thousand may | fall at your | side, \*  
ten thousand | fall at your | right,
- 8 **you, it will | never ap- | proach; \*  
his faithfulness is | buckler and | shield.**
- 9 Your eyes have | only to | look \*  
to see how the wicked | are re- | paid,
- 10 **you who have | said: Lord, my | refuge! \*  
and have made the Most | High your | dwelling.**

- 11 Upon you no | evil shall | fall, \*  
no plague ap- | proach where you | dwell.
- 12 **For you has he com- | manded his | angels, \***  
**to keep you in | all your | ways.**
- 13 They shall bear you u- | pon their | hands \*  
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a | stone.
- 14 **On the lion and the viper | you will | tread \*  
and trample the young | lion and the | dragon.**
- 15 Since he clings to me in | love, I will | free him; \*  
protect you for he | knows my | name.
- 16 **When he calls I shall answer: | I am | with you, \***  
**I will save him in distress and | give him | glory.**
- 17 With length of life I | will con- | tent him; \*  
I shall let him see my | saving | power.
- 18 **Glory be to the Father and | to the | Son \*  
and to the | Holy | Spirit,**
- 19 as it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be, \*  
world without | end. A- | men.

## ANTIPHON

**Q**UI habitat in adiutorio Altissimi, in protectione  
Dei cæli commorabitur.

*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, will abide  
in the protection of the God of heaven.*

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.

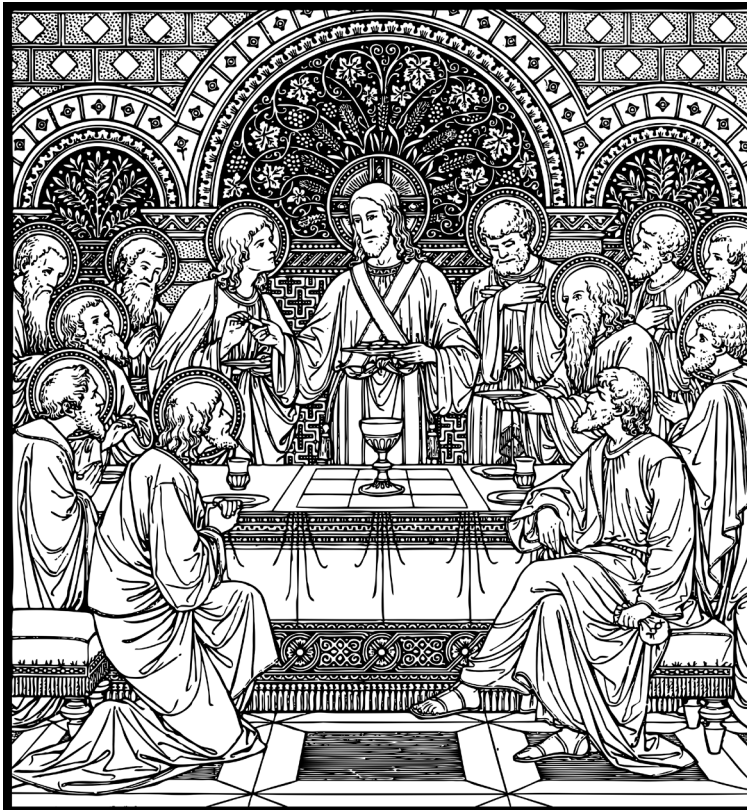
*The Choir sings*

### THE RESPONSORY

Christus factus est pro nobis obœdiens usque ad mortem.

*Christ humbled himself for us and, in obedience, accepted death.*

*Felice Anerio (1560–1614)*



## ANTIPHON

**S**ALVA nos, Domine, vigilantes, custodi nos dormientes, ut  
vigilemus cum Christo et requiescamus in pace.

*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.*

## NUNC DIMITTIS

Tertii toni

*Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)*

Nunc dimittis      *At last, all-powerful Master,*  
servum tuum, Domine,      *you give leave to your servant*  
secundum verbum tuum in pace,      *to go in peace, according to your promise.*

quia viderunt oculi mei      *For my eyes have seen*  
salutare tuum,      *your salvation*

quod parasti      *which you have prepared*  
ante faciem omnium populorum,      *for all nations,*

lumen ad revelationem gentium      *the light to enlighten the Gentiles*  
et gloriam plebis tuæ Israel.      *and give glory to Israel, your people.*

Gloria Patri et Filio,      *Glory be to the Father and to the Son*  
et Spiritui Sancto.      *and to the Holy Spirit,*

Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper      *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*  
et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.      *world without end. Amen.*

## ANTIPHON

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## COLLECT

Let us pray.

**V**ISIT 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.**

The Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

℟: **Amen.**

*All sing*

### THE ANTIPHON TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**A** -ve, Re-gí-na cæ-ló-rum, \* **ave, Dómi-na ange-lórum, salve, ra-dix,**  
*Hail, Queen of Heaven, beyond compare, to whom the angels homage pay; Hail, Root of*



**salve, porta, ex qua mundo lux est orta. Gaude, Virgo glo-ri- ó-sa, su-per**  
*Jesse, Gate of Light, that opened for the world's new Day. Rejoice, O Virgin unsurpassed, in whom*



**omnes spe-ci- ó-sa; va-le, o valde de-có-ra, et pro no-bis Christum exó- ra.**  
*our ransom was begun, for all your loving children pray to Christ, our Saviour, and your Son.*

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