

Wednesday Vespers

Opening Prayer

In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be the one holy and living God.

We worship you O Christ, here and at all your churches which are in all the world. We bless you, for, by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. Amen

Our Vocational Prayer (required)

Most High Glorious God, enlighten the darkness in our hearts.

Create in us, genuine faith, certain hope and flawless love,

Lord, grant us wisdom and understanding, so that in all things, we may fulfil your holy and perfect will. Amen

Praises said at all hours (required)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was and who is to come.

Worthy art Thou, O Lord, our God, to receive praise, glory and honour and benediction.

Let us praise and exalt Him above all forever.

The Lamb that was slain is worthy to receive power and divinity and wisdom and strength and honour and benediction.

Let us bless the Father and the Son with the Holy Spirit.

Let us praise and exalt Him above all forever.

All ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord.

Give praise to God all ye His servants and you that fear Him, little and great.

Let us praise and exalt Him above all forever.

Let the heavens and the earth praise Him, the Glorious, and let every creature which is in heaven and on earth and under the earth, in the seas and all that are in them praise and exalt Him.

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

Let us praise and exalt Him above all forever.

Short period of silence

Magnificat (optional)

My life glorifies God,

And my spirit revels in my Redeemer,
For God has seen my humble state and now all people will call me
blessed.

The Almighty has wondrously blest me, and The Lord's name is Holy.

Mercy flows on those who, from age to age, venerate God.

The strength of God' arm is revealed and has dispersed the haughty.

The Almighty has displaced the arrogant from their high places, and has
enthroned the meek.

The hungry fed with manna and the rich, spurned

Recalling mercy, God has ministered to Israel; the servant;

As the Lord had vowed to our ancestors, and to our descendants.

From the Office's of the Church or as desired.

1st Reading of the day (optional)

Psalm of the day (required)

2nd Reading of the Day (optional)

Francis' Psalm according to the hours. (required)

| Season | Psalms |
|---|--------|
| Advent to Nativity | 7 |
| Nativity to Epiphany (Christmas Season) | 15 |
| Epiphany to Lent | 7 |
| Lent | 7 |
| Easter to Pentecost | 7 |
| Pentecost to Advent | 7 |

Biblical Psalms

Psalm 56

1 Be merciful unto me, O God, for man goeth about to devour me * he
is daily fighting, and troubling me.

2 Mine enemies are daily in hand to swallow me up * for they be many
that fight against me, O thou most Highest.

3 Nevertheless, though I am sometime afraid * yet put I my trust in
thee.

4 I will praise God, because of his word * I have put my trust in God,
and will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

5 They daily mistake my words * all that they imagine is to do me evil.

6 They hold all together, and keep themselves close * and mark my
steps, when they lay wait for my soul.

- 7 Shall they escape for their wickedness * thou, O God, in thy displeasure shalt cast them down.
- 8 Thou tellest my flittings; put my tears into thy bottle * are not these things noted in thy book?
- 9 Whosoever I call upon thee, then shall mine enemies be put to flight * this I know; for God is on my side.
- 10 In God's word I will rejoice * in the Lord's word will I comfort me.
- 11 Yea, in God have I put my trust * I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.
- 12 Unto thee, O God, will I pay my vows * unto thee will I give thanks.
- 13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, and my feet from falling * that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

At the conclusion of the Psalm say:

Glory to God, Creator, Redeemer, Consoler and Our Saviour.

As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forevermore. Amen.

Intercessions (required)

The Our Father (required)

Our Father, who is in heaven, holy is your name; your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us when we are tempted and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Phos Hilaron (optional)

O Gladsome Light of the holy glory of the Immortal Father, heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.

Now we have come to the setting of the sun and behold the light of evening.

We praise God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

For it is right at all times to worship Thee with voices of praise,

O Son of God and Giver of Life, therefore all the world glorifies Thee.

Admonitions according to the date. (required if not said at Morning Prayer)

At the conclusion of the Admonition say:

For the words of our Holy Father, St Francis of Assisi, we give thanks to God.

Prayer at end of office (required)

Let us bless the Lord God, living and true; let us always return unto Him
praise, glory, honour, blessing and all good things.

Amen. **Amen.**

Let it be. **Let it be.**