

The Order for CHORAL EVENING PRAYER

We ask God in the words of Psalm 70 to help us as we pray.

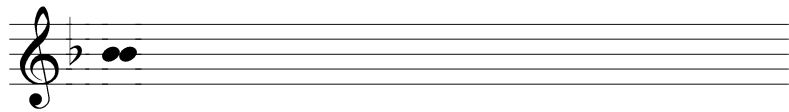
All stand as the Choir and ministers enter the Chapel. The opening responses are sung.



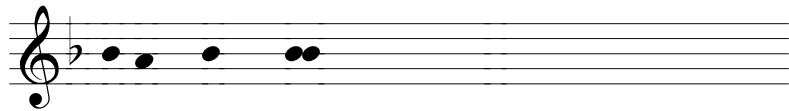
O God, make speed to save us.



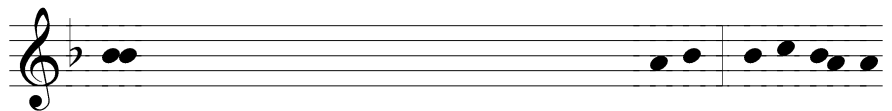
O Lord, make haste to help us.



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the



Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now,



and ever shall be; world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

A HYMN is sung, as announced.

[All our] feelings we find expressed in the Psalms so that by seeing whatever happens as in a very clear mirror we understand it better.

St John Cassian

*The choir sings the **PSALMODY** of the day, as announced. The texts can be found in the Prayer Books in the stalls. All stand as ‘Glory be to the Father...’ is sung at the end of each psalm.*

The LORD is in his holy temple;
let all the earth keep silence
before him! *Habakkuk 2.20*

*All sit for the **READING**, followed by a period of silence.*

*The choir sings a choral **ANTHEM** or a chanted **RESPONSORY**.*

*All stand as the **MAGNIFICAT**, or Song of Mary, is sung. It may follow these or similar words in traditional language or Latin, and may be preceded and followed by an **ANTIPHON**:*

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant
Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and
his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy
Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be: world without end. Amen.

Prayers and thanksgivings are prayed. These responses may be used:

Lord, in thy mercy **or** Lord, hear us.
hear our prayer **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Should some temporal affliction happen to trouble our mind, let us remember that 'he exalts the humble'.

Amalarius of Metz

Pray for signs of God's kingdom on earth. Pray to be fed and nourished by God today. Pray for forgiveness for the burdens you are carrying.

Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.
Matthew 6.8

All sing together the Lord's Prayer.

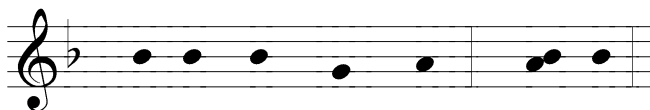
Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; In earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.



...for ever and ever. **A-men.**

Each week of the year, and each feastday, has its own special Collect, a prayer which gathers together our intentions.

The concluding prayer of the day is sung, to which all reply Amen.

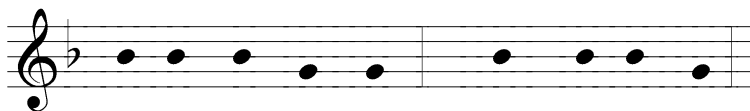


...Jesus Christ our Lord. **A-men.**

The office concludes as the officiant and Choir sing:



The Lord be with you. *And with thy spirit.*



Let us bless the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

All stand as the ministers and Choir depart.

