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We pray that the attentive use of these authorized liturgies and other rites and ceremonies by the Western rite clergy and laity of our beloved Archdiocese will be the cause of a spiritual and liturgical renewal within our church in North America.

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\*... the Disciples were called Christians first in Antioch\* ACTS 11:26

## The Order for Matins

- *All standing, the officiant begins:*

P. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

R. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

P. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

P. Praise ye the Lord.

R. The Lord's Name be praised.

- *Then shall be said or sung the following Canticle:*

### *Venite (Psalm 95)*

**O** COME let us sing unto the Lord; \* let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; \* and show ourselves glad in Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God; \* and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are all the corners of the earth; \* and the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, and He made it; \* and His hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, \* and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is the Lord our God; \* and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Today if you will hear His voice, harden not your hearts; \* as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

When your fathers tempted Me, \* proved Me, and saw My works.

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Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, \* It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known My ways.

Unto whom I sware in My wrath, \* that they should not enter into My rest.

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.*

- *Note - in non-penitential seasons, after the words "the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand", the remainder of the canticle may be replaced with the following:*

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \* let the whole earth stand in awe of Him.

For He cometh, for He cometh to judge the earth; \* and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with His truth.

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.*

## Psalter

- *Then follows the portion of the psalter appointed for the day. After each psalm shall be said:*

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.*

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### The First Lesson

- *After the Psalter shall be the first lesson appointed for the day. The lector announces the reading, saying:*

Here beginneth the *NUMBER* verse of the *NUMBER* chapter of the book of *NAME*.

- *NOTE - Should the reading begin with the first verse of a chapter, the words "the first verse of" may be omitted in introducing the reading. Should the reading begin with the beginning of a book, the words "the first chapter of" may be similarly omitted.*
- *At the conclusion of the lesson the lector says:*

Here endeth the first lesson.

- *Then shall be said or sung:*

### Te Deum Laudamus

**W**E praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.  
To Thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the Powers therein;

To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.  
The noble army of Martyrs praise Thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee;

The Father, of an infinite Majesty;  
Thine adorable, true, and only Son;  
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

**T**HOU art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man, Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a Virgin.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious Blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints, in glory everlasting.

**O** LORD save Thy people, and bless Thine heritage. Govern them, and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify Thee;

And we worship Thy Name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

- *Or the following may be said:*

*Benedictus es, Domine*

**B**LESSED art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers: \* praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art Thou for the Name of Thy Majesty: \* praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art Thou in the temple of Thy holiness: \* praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art Thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the Cherubim: \* praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art Thou on the glorious throne of Thy kingdom: \* praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art Thou in the firmament of heaven: \* praised and exalted above all 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.*

*The Second Lesson*

- *The New Testament lesson is then read, the lector introducing the reading in a fashion similar to that of the first lesson, saying*

Here beginneth the *NUMBER* verse of the *NUMBER* chapter of the Epistle of *NAME* to *NAME* (Gospel according to *NAME*).

- *At the conclusion of the reading he says:*

Here endeth the second lesson.

- *Then shall be said or sung the hymn following:*

*Benedictus*

**B**LESSED be the Lord God of Israel; \* for He hath visited and redeemed His people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, \* in the house of His servant David;

As He spake by the mouth of His holy Prophets, \* which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies, \* and from the hand of all that hate us.

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, \* and to remember His holy covenant;

To perform the oath which He sware to our forefather Abraham, \* that He would give us;

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, \* might serve Him without fear;

In holiness and righteousness before Him, \* all the days of our life.

And thou child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: \* for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto His people \* for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God; \* whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, \* and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.*

- *On days when the Liturgy does not follow, the Nicene Creed on page 65 may be said here. Otherwise, all may recite together:*

### *The Apostles' Creed*

**I** BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

- *After the creed is said, or otherwise after the Benedictus, the officiant begins:*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

- *All recite together:*

### *The Lord's Prayer*

**O**UR 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. *Amen.*

- *The officiant shall say:*

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. Let us pray.

**O** GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom, defend us Thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in Thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Thy

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mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by Thy governance, may be righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

- *Other prayers may be added at this point. In particular, prayers commonly used in this portion of the office appear in the section beginning on page 27.*

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

P. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

- *The officiant concludes with:*

*Benediction*

**T**HE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

## ***The Order for Vespers***

