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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 Vespers

- *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.

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.*

The First Lesson

- *After the Psalter, the lector reads from the Old Testament, announcing and ending as at Matins.*
- *Then shall be said or sung:*

Magnificat

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.

Vespers

And His mercy is on them that fear Him * throughout all generations.

He hath showed 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.*

The Second Lesson

- *The lector reads the lesson from the New Testament as appointed, announcing and ending as at Matins.*

- *Then may be said or sung:*

Nunc dimittis

LORD, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, * according to Thy word.

For mine eyes have seen * Thy salvation,

Which Thou hast prepared * before the face of all people;

To be a Light to lighten the Gentiles, * and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

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.*

Vespers

- *Here may, at the preference of the officiant, be substituted the Nicene Creed, as it appears on page 65.*

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.*

- *Then 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

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. *Amen.*

• Then the officiant shall say:

- P. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with thy spirit.
- P. Let us pray.

• Then shall follow the collect for the day, closing collects, and other prayers at the discretion of the officiant. In particular, prayers commonly used in this portion of the office appear in the section beginning on page 27.

Collect for Peace

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

DEFEND us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, from all perils of mind and body; and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious Mary, the ever-Virgin Mother of God, of blessed Joseph, of Thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, of blessed Andrew and of all the Saints, graciously bestow upon us both peace and safety, that all adversity and error being done away with, Thy Church may serve Thee in untroubled freedom. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

- 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.

Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name, Thou will grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting. *Amen.*

Benediction

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