

Prime - 6 am (Good Friday)

Opening responses

Lord, open our lips

and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to You Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit,

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

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and forever. **Amen.**

Psalm 11: 1-5, 7

In the Lord have I taken refuge; *

how then can you say to me, "Fly away like a bird to the hilltop;

**for see how the wicked bend the bow and fit their arrows to the string, *
to shoot from ambush at the true of heart.**

When the foundations are being destroyed, *
what can the righteous do?"

O Lord, you are in your holy temple and enthroned in heaven. *

Your eyes behold the inhabited world; your piercing eye weighs our worth.

You weigh the righteous as well as the wicked, *
but those who delight in violence you abhor.

**For you are righteous and delight in righteous deeds; *
and the just shall see your face.**

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Eternal Word and Holy Spirit,

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

Reading: 1 Peter 1:13-16

Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence

Litany

Let us ask the Lord for a day of fulfilment and peace.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us ask the Lord to teach us to love others as he has loved us.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us ask the Lord for peace and justice in the world.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us ask the Lord to strengthen and relieve those who are in need.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us ask the Lord to renew the Church through the power of his life-giving spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer (*translation or paraphrase of your choice*)

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen.**

Closing Prayer

Let us praise you, O Lord,
with voice and mind and deed throughout this day:
and since life itself is your gift,
may all we have and are be yours.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
And may the peace of God, which passes all understanding,
Be with us throughout this day,
And with all those we love. Amen.

(The Benedictine Handbook)

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.