

### Prayers before Any Office

Grant, O Lord, that what we say with our lips we may believe in our hearts and practice in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Open, O Lord, my mouth to bless Thy holy Name; cleanse my heart from all vain, foolish, wandering thoughts; enlighten my understanding; enkindle my affections that I may say this office with attention and devotion and so may be meet to be heard before the presence of Thy divine majesty; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Prayers after Any Office

Guide us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help that in all our work begun, continued, and ended in Thee we may glorify Thy holy Name and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

To Thee, O Lord, I commend the service which I, an unworthy sinner, have offered up unto Thee, God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and according to the fulness of Thy love and wisdom fulfill my petitions; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Collect for Rorate coeli

Stir up, O Lord, we beseech Thee, Thy power, and come and help us with Thy great might, that by Thy grace whatsoever is hindered by our sins may be speedily accomplished through Thy mercy and satisfaction; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

### Collect for Advent

Stir up, we beseech Thee, Thy power, O Lord, and come, that by Thy protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Thy mighty deliverance; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



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*“And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways.” St. Luke 1:76*

## The Office of Vespers

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**Silent Prayer**

**The Hymn**

*“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”*

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**The Sermon**

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**“O” Antiphon**

*O Rex Gentium*

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\*—*An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings.*

### *O Rex Gentium*



O \_\_\_\_\_ King \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gen - tiles, and the De-sire of \_\_\_\_\_ all, \_\_\_\_\_



Who \_\_\_\_\_ art the cor - ner-stone \_\_\_\_\_ that binds \_\_\_\_\_ two \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ to one: Come, \_\_\_\_\_



and save \_\_\_\_\_ man - kind, \_\_\_\_\_ whom You fash-ioned out of clay.

## Hebrews 12:15-29

<sup>15</sup> Looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; <sup>16</sup> lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. <sup>17</sup> For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears. <sup>18</sup> For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. <sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure what was commanded: “And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow.” <sup>21</sup> And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.”) <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, <sup>23</sup> to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, <sup>24</sup> to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel. <sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, <sup>26</sup> whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, “Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven.” <sup>27</sup> Now this, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. <sup>29</sup> For our God is a consuming fire.

### St. Luke 1:57-80

<sup>57</sup> Now Elizabeth’s full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son.

<sup>58</sup> When her neighbors and relatives heard how the Lord had shown great mercy to her, they rejoiced with her. <sup>59</sup> So it was, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias. <sup>60</sup> His mother answered and said, “No; he shall be called John.” <sup>61</sup> But they said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name.” <sup>62</sup> So they made signs to his father—what he would have him called. <sup>63</sup> And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, “His name is John.” So they all marveled. <sup>64</sup> Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, praising God. <sup>65</sup> Then fear came on all who dwelt around them; and all these sayings were discussed throughout all the hill country of Judea. <sup>66</sup> And all those who heard them kept them in their hearts, saying, “What kind of child will this be?” And the hand of the Lord was with him. <sup>67</sup> Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying: <sup>68</sup> “Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people, <sup>69</sup> and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David, <sup>70</sup> as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, who have been since the world began, <sup>71</sup> that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us, <sup>72</sup> to perform the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember His holy covenant, <sup>73</sup> the oath which He swore to our father Abraham: <sup>74</sup> To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, <sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life. <sup>76</sup> And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, <sup>77</sup> to give knowledge of salvation to His people by the remission of their sins, <sup>78</sup> through the tender mercy of our God, with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; <sup>79</sup> To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.” <sup>80</sup> So the child grew and became strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel.

# The Responary

**P:**

For - ev - er, O Lord, Thy Word is set - tled in heav'n.

Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet, and a light un-to my path.

**C:**

Lord, I have loved the hab - i - ta - tion of Thy house, —

and the place where Thine hon - or — dwell - eth.

**P:**

Bless - ed are they that hear the Word of God — and keep it.

**C:**

Lord, I have loved the hab - i - ta - tion of Thy house, —

and the place where Thine hon - or — dwell - eth.

**P:**

Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost.

**C:**

Lord, I have loved the hab - i - ta - tion of Thy house, —

and the place where Thine hon - or — dwell - eth.