

The Proper of the Liturgy during the season of the great Lent

*(The alleluia is omitted in the recitation of the Hours from Ash
Wednesday to Holy Saturday.)*

Ash Wednesday

*(At the introduction to each Liturgical Hour, the verse: "Praise to
you, O Lord, king of eternal glory" is said in place of the alleluia.)*

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant You have mercy on all, Lord,* and hate none of the things which you
have made.

***V/. Turn back to the Lord and do penance,
R/. Be renewed in heart and spirit.***

2nd Noct

Ant You overlook the sins of men* for the sake of repentance, sparing them,
because you are the Lord our God.

***V/. He who does the truth come to the light,
R/. That his works may be seen as having been wrought in God.***

Lauds

Invitatory Turn away from sin, and keep the Lord's word.

Reading

Dt 7:6, 8-9

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God; the Lord your God chose
you to be a people for his own possession, out of all the peoples that are on the
face of the earth. It is because the Lord loves you, and is keeping the oath
which he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a
mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of
pharaoh, king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the
faithful God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him
and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

***Responsory God himself will free me from the hunter's net, God...
And from the evil word, * from the hunter's net,
Glory... God...***

C/Z When you fast,* do not become sad like the hypocrites.

Midday

Ant I The days of penance* have come upon us for the atoning of our sins and for the saving of our souls.

Ant II As I live, says the Lord, *I do not wish the death of the sinner, but rather that he turn back to me and live.

Ant III Armed with the justice of God's power,* let us commit ourselves to much patience

Ant IV Create a clean heart in me, O God,* and place a new and right spirit within me.

Reading

Zec 1: 3b-4b

Return to me, says the Lord of hosts, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. Be not like your fathers whom the former prophets warned: turn from your evil ways and your wicked deeds.

V/. Create a clean heart in me, O God,

R/. And breathe anew a steadfast spirit within me,

Vespers

Reading

Phil 2:12b-15a

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure, do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation.

Responsory

I begged the Lord, * have mercy on me, I...

Heal my spirit, for I have sinned against you,

**** have mercy on me... Glory... I...***

C/M When you pray,* pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Thursday after ash Wednesday

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant The Lord heard my voice* and freed me from those who are against me.

V/. I will give you understanding,

R/. And instruct you on the way you are to walk.

2nd Noct

Ant Lord,* you shall be pleased with due sacrifices upon your altar.

V/. He who reflects on the law of the Lord,

R/. Will bring forth fruit in due season.

Lauds

Invitatory Place your burden on to the Lord, that he bear you up.

Reading

1 Kgs 8:51-53a

We are your people and your inheritance, O Lord. May your eyes be open to the petition of your servant and your people Israel. Hear us whenever we call upon you, because you have set us apart among all the peoples of the earth for your inheritance.

Responsory **God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net,
God...
And from the evil word, * from the hunter's net.
Glory... God...**

C/Z Jesus said to all:* "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me."

Midday

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Reading

Dt 30:2-3a

Provided that you and your children return to the Lord, your God, and heed his voice with all your heart and with all your soul, just as I now command you, the Lord, your God, will change your lot; and taking pity on you, he will again gather you from all the nations.

V/. Create a clean heart in me, O God,

R/. And breathe anew a steadfast spirit within me,

Vespers

Reading

Jas 4:7-8,10

Submit to God; resist the devil and he will take flight. Draw close to God, and he will draw close to you, cleanse your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, you backsliders. Be humble in the sight of the Lord and he will raise you on high.

Responsory ***I begged the Lord, * have mercy on me, I...
Heal my spirit, for I have sinned against
you, * have mercy on me... Glory... I...***

C/M Whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words,* of him will the son of man be ashamed when he comes in his glory.

Friday after ash Wednesday

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant Serve the Lord with fear,* and rejoice before him with trembling.

V/. Look to the Lord and you will be radiant,

R/. And your faces will not blush with shame,

2nd Noct

Ant You shall call for help,* and the Lord will say: here I am!

V/. Turn back to the Lord your God,

R/. For he is kind and merciful.

Lauds

Invitatory The Lord heard me, and took pity on me.

Reading

Is 53:11b-12

Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear. Therefore I will give him his portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the mighty. Because he surrendered himself to death and was counted among the wicked, and he shall take away the sins of many, and win pardon for their offenses.

**Responsory God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net,
God...
And from the evil word, * from the hunter's net,
Glory... God...**

C/Z This is the fasting* that I wish: not turning your back on your own.

Midday

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Reading

Jer 3 :12 , 14a

Return, says the Lord, and I will not remain angry with you; for I am merciful, I will not continue my wrath forever. Return, rebellious children, says the Lord.

**V/. Create a clean heart in me, O God,
R/. And breathe anew a steadfast spirit within me,**

Vespers

Reading

Jas 5 :16, 19-20

Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed, the prayer of the righteous man has great power in its effects, my brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and some one brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Responsory *I begged the Lord, * have mercy on me, I...
Heal my spirit, for I have sinned against you,
* have mercy on me... Glory... I...*

C/M Can the wedding guests mourn* while the bridegroom is with them?
When the bridegroom is taken away from them, then they will fast.

Saturday after ash Wednesday

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant If you bestow your bread* on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted, then light shall rise for you in the darkness; then the Lord will guide you always.

**V/. Walk while you have the light,
R/. lest darkness will come over you.**

2nd Noct

Ant If you call the Sabbath a delight,* and the Lord's holy day honorable, then you shall delight in the Lord.

**V/. He who does the truth comes to the light,
R/. That his works may be seen as having been wrought in
God.**

Lauds

Invitatory The Lord came to call sinners not the righteous.

Reading

Is 1:16-18

Wash yourselves clean! Put away your misdeeds from before my eyes; cease doing evil; learn to do good. Make justice your aim; redress the wronged, hear the orphan's plea, defend the widow. Come now, let us set things right, says the Lord: though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow; though they be crimson red; they may become white as wool.

Responsory **God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net,
God...
And from the evil word, * from the hunter's net,
Glory... God...**

C/Z The Pharisees murmured:* "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus answered: "those who are well have no need of a physician but those who are sick."

Midday

- Ant I The days of penance* have come upon us for the atoning of our sins and for the saving of our souls.
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- Ant III Armed with the justice of God's power,* let us commit ourselves to much patience.
- Ant IV Create a clean heart in me, O God,* and place a new and right spirit within me.

Reading

Is 44:21-22

Remember this, you who are my servant! I formed you to be a servant to me. O Israel, by me you shall never be forgotten: I have brushed away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like a mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

**V/. Create a clean heart in me, O God,
R/. And breathe anew a steadfast spirit within me.**

Sunday I

First Vespers

Reading

2 Cor 6: 1-4a

We beg you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, "In an acceptable time I have heard you; on a day of salvation I have helped you." Now is the acceptable time! Now is the day of salvation! We avoid giving anyone offense, so that our ministry may not be blamed. On the contrary, in all that we do, we strive to present ourselves as ministers of God.

Responsory ***Listen to us, Lord, and have mercy, * for we have sinned against you, listen... Christ Jesus, hear our humble prayers, * for we have sinned against you, Glory... Listen...***

- A-C/M Because of man's trespass,* death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.
- B-C/M Baptism,* which corresponds to Noah's being saved through water, now saves you. The resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- C-C/M Jesus was led by the Spirit* into the wilderness for forty days, where he was tempted by the devil.

Vigils

Cycle "A"

1st Noct

Ant Create in me a clean heart, O God;* and renew a right spirit within me.

***V/. God will give his angels charge of you,
R/. To guard you in all your ways.***

2nd Noct

Ant Cast me not away* from your presence, O Lord; and do not take your holy spirit from me,

***V/. He will cover you with his pinions,
R/. And under his wings you will find refuge.***

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant God said to Noah* and to his sons with him, behold, I establish my covenant with you and your descendants after you.

**V/. God will give his angels charge of you,
R/. To guard you in all your ways.**

2nd Noct

Ant I establish my covenant with you,* that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood.

**V/. He will cover you with his pinions,
R/. And under his wings you will find refuge.**

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant I have come into the land* which the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.

**V/. God will give his angels charge of you,
R/. To guard you in all your ways.**

2nd Noct

Ant The Lord heard our voice,* saw our oppression, and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

**V/. He will cover you with his pinions,
R/. And under his wings you will find refuge.**

Lauds

Invitatory By making the Lord your refuge no evil shall befall you.

Ant I O Lord,* make me safe, Lord, make me prosper.

Ant II So I will worship you* all my life, O Lord, and in your name I will raise my hands in prayer.

Ant III Praise the Lord,* you heavens and all the waters.

Ant IV May you receive us, O Lord,* with a contrite heart and a humble spirit; and let our sacrifice be in your presence today, that we may be pleasing to you, O Lord our God.

Reading

Neh 8: 9-10

Today is holy to the Lord your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep; for today is holy to our Lord. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength!

Responsory **Christ, son of the living God, * have mercy on us, Christ...**
You were wounded for our offenses, * have mercy on us, Glory... Christ...

A-C/Z Jesus replied,* "Not on bread alone is man to live, but on every utterance that comes from the mouth of God."

B-C/Z The Spirit* immediately drove Jesus out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan.

C-C/Z Jesus answered the devil,* "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve."

Midday

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Ant II As I live, says the Lord,* I do not wish the death of the sinner, but rather that he turn back to me and live.

Ant III Armed with the justice of God's power,* let us commit ourselves to much patience.

Ant IV Create a clean heart in me, O God,* and place a new and right spirit within me.

Reading

Is 30:15,18

Thus said the Lord God, the holy one of Israel; by waiting and by calm you shall be saved, in quiet and in trust your strength lies. Yet the Lord is waiting to show you favor, and he rises to pity you; for the Lord is a God of justice: blessed are all who wait for him!

**V/. Turn your face away from my sins,
R/. Blot out all my transgressions.**

Second Vespers

Reading

I Cor 9: 24 - 25

Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

**Responsory Listen to us, Lord, and have mercy,
* for we have sinned against you, listen...
Christ Jesus, hear our humble prayers,
* for we have sinned against you, Glory... Listen...**

A-C/M For as by one man's disobedience* many weremade sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

B-C/M Jesus came into Galilee, preaching:* "The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

C-C/M The devil said to him,* "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here," Jesus replied, "It is written, you shall not tempt the Lord your God."

Monday I Vigils

1st Noct

Ant The Lord said to Moses,* speak to the Israelites and say: be holy for I the Lord your God am holy.

**V/. Turn to me and be gracious to me,
R/. For I am a lonely outcast.**

2nd Noct

Ant O Lord,* let the words of my mouth and thought of my heart find favor before you.

**V/. Do penance and believe the gospel,
R/. For the kingdom of God is coming.**

Lauds

Invitatory Our eyes look to the Lord, till he has mercy on us.

Reading

Ex 19: 4-6a

You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles wings and brought you to myself, now therefore, if you will obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my own possession among all peoples; for all the earth is mine, and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

Responsory **God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net,
God...
And from the evil word, * from the hunter's net,
Glory... God...**

C/Z The king* will say to those at his right hand: inherit the kingdom, as you did it to one of the least of my brethren, you did it to me.

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Reading

Ez 18:23

Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, says the Lord God, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?

**V/. Create a clean heart in me, O God,
R/. And breathe anew a steadfast spirit within me,**

Vespers

Reading

Rm 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, my brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Responsory ***I begged the Lord, * have mercy on me, I...
Heal my spirit, for I have sinned against you,
* have mercy on me... Glory... I...***

C/M Truly, I say to you,* as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.

Tuesday I Vigils

1st Noct

Ant Lord,* you have been our refuge through all generations, from everlasting to everlasting you are.

V/. *God himself is most merciful,*
R/. *And forgives us our sins,*

2nd Noct

Ant As the rain is,* so shall my word be; it shall not return to me void, but shall do my will.

V/. *Now is the acceptable time;*
R/. *Now is the day of salvation.*

Lauds

Invitatory Be gracious to me, Lord, and hear my prayer.

Reading

Jl 2:12-13

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments, return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

Responsory **God himself will free me,
* from the hunter's net. God...
And from the evil word,
* from the hunter's net. Glory... God...**

C/Z Jesus taught them:* "In praying do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do; your Father knows what you need before you ask him."

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Reading

Jer 3: 25b

We have sinned against the Lord, our God, from our youth to this day, we and our fathers also; we listened not to the voice of the Lord, our God.

**V/. Create a clean heart in me, O God,
R/. And breathe anew a steadfast spirit within me.**

Vespers

Reading

Jas 2:14, 17, 18b

What does it profit, my brothers, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

Responsory **I begged the Lord, * have mercy on me, I...
Heal my spirit, for I have sinned against you. *
have mercy on me... Glory... I...**

C/M If you forgive them* their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you.

Wednesday I

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant Lord,* remember that your compassion and kindness are from of old; deliver us from all our tribulations.

V/. Turn back to the Lord and do penance.

R/. Be renewed in heart and spirit.

2nd Noct

Ant Cast me not out* from your presence, and your holy spirit take not from me.

V/. He who does the truth come to the light,

R/. That his works may be seen as having been wrought in God.

Lauds

Invitatory Make me know your path, Lord; teach me your ways.

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Dt 7:6, 8-9

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God; the Lord your God chose you to be a people for his own possession, out of all the peoples that are on the face of the earth. It is because the Lord loves you, and is keeping the oath which he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of pharaoh, king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

**Responsory God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net.
God...
And from the evil word, * from the hunter's net.
Glory... God...**

C/Z This generation* is an evil generation; it seeks a sign, but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of Jonah.

Midday

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**Responsory I begged the Lord, * have mercy on me. I...
Heal my spirit, for I have sinned against you.
* have mercy on me... Glory... I...**

- C/M The men of Nineveh* shall arise at the judgment with this generation for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold one greater than Jonah is here.

Thursday I Vigils

1st Noct

Ant Splendor *and majesty go before him; praise and grandeur are in his sanctuary.

V/. I will give you understanding,

R/. And instruct you the way by which you are to walk.

2nd Noct

Ant Lord,* you chose Israel from among all people, and you fulfilled all your promises to them.

V/. He who reflects on the law of the Lord,

R/. Will bring forth fruit in due season.

Lauds

Invitatory Lead me in your truth, O God of my salvation.

Reading

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We are your people and your inheritance, O Lord. May your eyes be open to the petition of your servant and to the petition of your people Israel. Hear us whenever we call upon you, because you have set us apart among all the peoples of the earth for your inheritance.

Responsory **God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net.**
God...
And from the evil word, * from the hunter's net.
Glory... God...

C/Z Ask,* and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

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**Responsory I begged the Lord, * have mercy on me. I...
Heal my spirit, for I have sinned against you.
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C/M Whatever you wish* that men would do to you, do so to them; for this is the law and the prophets.

Friday I

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant The Lord said to Moses,* "Speak to the Israelites and tell them: be holy for I the Lord your God am holy."

**V/. Look to the Lord and you will be radiant,
R/. And your faces will not blush with shame.**

2nd Noct

Ant With the Lord there is kindness,* and with him is plenteous redemption.

**V/. Turn back to the Lord your God,
R/. For he is kind and merciful.**

Lauds

Invitatory Lord, remember me according to your steadfast love.

Reading

Is 53:11b-12

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Responsory ***God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net.
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Glory... God...***

C/Z Unless your righteousness* exceeds that of the scribes and pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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Responsory *I begged the Lord, * have mercy on me. I...
Heal my spirit, for I have sinned against you.
* have mercy on me... Glory... I...*

C/M If you are offering* your gift at the altar, and remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar; first be reconciled to your brother and then come and offer your gift.

Saturday I Vigils

1st Noct

Ant Today,* you are making this agreement with the Lord: he is to be your God, and you are to walk in his ways and to hearken to his voice.

V/. *Walk while you have the light,*
R/. *Lest darkness will come over you.*

2nd Noct

Ant Provided* you keep all his commandments, you will be a people sacred to the Lord, your God.

V/. *He who does the truth comes to the light,*
R/. *That his works may be seen as having been wrought in God.*

Lauds

Invitatory For your name's sake, Lord, pardon my guilt.

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Wash yourselves clean! Put away your misdeeds from before my eyes; cease doing evil; learn to do good. Make justice your aim; redress the wronged, hear the orphan's plea, defend the widow. Come now, let us set things right, says the Lord: though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow; though they be crimson red; they may become white as wool.

Responsory *God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net.
God...
And from the evil word, * from the hunter's net.
Glory... God...*

C/Z Love your enemies* and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your father who is in heaven.

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V/. Create a clean heart in me, O God,

R/. And breathe anew a steadfast spirit within me.

Sunday II

First Vespers

Ant I Jesus' face* was as radiant as the sun, while his clothing became white as snow.

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2 Cor 6:1-4a

We beg you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, "In an acceptable time I have heard you; on a day of salvation I have helped you. " Now is the acceptable time! Now is the day of salvation! We avoid giving anyone offense, so that our ministry may not be blamed. On the contrary, in all that we do, we strive to present ourselves as ministers of God.

Responsory ***Listen to us, Lord, and have mercy, * for we have sinned against you. Listen... Christ Jesus, hear our humble prayers, * for we have sinned against you. Glory... Listen...***

A-C/M Jesus took with him Peter* and James and John, his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them.

B-C/M Jesus took with him Peter* and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves, and was transfigured before them.

C-C/M While Jesus was praying,* the appearance of his countenance was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white.

Vigils

Cycle "A"

1st Noct

Ant The right hand of the Lord* has done mighty things; the right hand of the Lord has exalted me.

***V/. Your word is a lamp to my feet,
R/. And a light to my path.***

2nd Noct

Ant Lord, it is good* for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here.

***V/. The revelation of your words enlightens,
R/. And gives understanding to the little ones.***

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant God tested Abraham,* and said to him: "Take your son and offer him as a burnt offering upon the mountain."

***V/. Your word is a lamp to my feet,
R/. And a light to my path.***

2nd Noct

Ant When they came* to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there.

**V/. The revelation of your words enlightens,
R/. And gives understanding to the little ones.**

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant As the sun was going down,* a trance fell on Abram, and a great darkness fell upon him.

**V/. Your word is a lamp to my feet,
R/. And a light to my path.**

2nd Noct

Ant Our commonwealth is in heaven,* and from it we await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

**V/. The revelation of your words enlightens,
R/. And gives understanding to the little ones.**

Lauds

Invitatory Lord, I love the place where your glory dwells.

Ant I The right hand of the Lord* has struck with power; the right hand of the Lord has exalted me.

Ant II My God* has become my helper.

Ant III Let us sing the hymn* which the three young men sang in the fiery furnace, praising God.

Ant IV He established them forever and ever;* and he set a law which will never perish.

Reading

Neh 8:9-10

Today is holy to the Lord your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep; for today is holy to our Lord. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength!

Responsory **Christ, son of the living God, * have mercy on us.**
Christ...
You were wounded for our offenses,
*** have mercy on us. Glory... Christ...**

A-C/Z Jesus was transfigured before them,* and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light.

B-C/Z A cloud overshadowed them,* and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved son; listen to him."

C-C/Z Moses and Elijah appeared in glory,* and spoke of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Midday

Ant I The days of penance* have come upon us for the atoning of our sins and for the saving of our souls.

Ant II As I live, says the Lord,* I do not wish the death of the sinner, but rather that he turn back to me and live.

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Thus said the Lord God, the holy one of Israel; by waiting and by calm you shall be saved, in quiet and in trust your strength lies. Yet the Lord is waiting to show you favor, and he rises to pity you; for the Lord is a God of justice: blessed are all who wait for him!

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I Cor 9:24-25

Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

Responsory ***Listen to us, Lord, and have mercy, * for we have sinned against you. Listen... Christ Jesus, hear our humble prayers, * for we have sinned against you. Glory... Listen...***

A-C/M Jesus commanded them:* "Tell no one of the vision, until the son of man is raised from the dead."

B-C/M Jesus charged his apostles* to tell no one what they had seen, until the son of man should have risen from the dead.

C-C/M Peter said to Jesus, "Master,* it is good for us to be here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.

Monday II Vigils

1st Noct

Ant Great and awesome God,* you keep your merciful covenant toward those who love you and keep your commandments.

V/. Turn to me and be gracious to me,
R/. For I am a lonely outcast.

2nd Noct

Ant Justice, O Lord,* is on your side; yours are compassion and forgiveness.

V/. Do penance and believe the gospel,
R/. For the kingdom of God is coming.

Lauds

Invitatory Be gracious to me, Lord, while you test my heart and mind.

Reading

Ex 19: 4-6a

You have seen what I did to the Egyptian, and how I bore you on eagles wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my own possession among all peoples; for all the earth is mine, and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

Responsory **God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net.
God...
And from the evil word, * from the hunter's net.
Glory... God...**

C/Z Be compassionate* as your Father is compassionate; pardon and you shall be pardoned.

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Ez 18:23

Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, says the Lord God, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?

**V/. Create a clean heart in me, O God,
R/. And breathe anew a steadfast spirit within me.**

Vespers

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Rm 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, my brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Responsory *I begged the Lord, * have mercy on me. I...
Heal my spirit, for I have sinned against you.
* have mercy on me... Glory... I...*

C/M Give, and it shall be given to you.* For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you.

Tuesday II Vigils

1st Noct

Ant To you, Lord,* my heart speaks, I walk faithfully toward you.

**V/. God himself is most merciful,
R/. And forgives us our sins.**

2nd Noct

Ant I am aware* of your steadfast love, O God; and I seek your presence.

**V/. Now is the acceptable time;
R/. Now is the day of salvation.**

Lauds

Invitatory Lord, hide not your face from me.

Reading

Jl 2:12-13

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

Responsory *God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net.
God...
And from the evil word, from the hunter's net.
Glory... God...*

C/Z You are all brothers,* for you have one Father, who is in heaven.

Midday

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Reading

Jer 3: 25b

We have sinned against the Lord, our God, from our youth to this day, we and our fathers also; we listened not to the voice of the Lord, our God.

V/. Create a clean heart in me, O God,

R/. And breathe anew a steadfast spirit within me.

Vespers

Reading

Jas 2 :14, 17, 18b

What does it profit, my brothers, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

Responsory

***I begged the Lord, * have mercy on me. I...
heal my spirit, for I have sinned against you.
* have mercy on me,,, glory... I...***

- C/M He who is the greatest* among you shall be your servant; whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Wednesday II

Vigils

1st Noct

- Ant I will declare your wondrous deeds,* I will sing praise to your name most high.

V/. Turn back to the Lord and do penance.
R/. Be renewed in heart and spirit.

2nd Noct

Ant The Lord is just;* the upright shall see his face.

V/. He who does the truth come to the light,
R/. That his works may be seen as having been wrought in God.

Lauds

Invitatory Make haste to help me, my saving Lord.

Reading

Dt 7:6, 8-9

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God; the Lord your God chose you to be a people for his own possession, out of all the peoples that are on the face of the earth. It is because the Lord loves you, and is keeping the oath which he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of pharaoh, king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

Responsory **God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net.**
God...
And from the evil word, * from the hunter's net.
Glory,.. God...

C/Z We are going up to Jerusalem;* and the son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death.

Midday

Ant I The days of penance* have come upon us for the atoning of our sins and for the saving of our souls.

Ant II As I live, says the Lord,* I do not wish the death of the sinner, but rather that he turn back to me and live.

Ant III Armed with the justice of God's power,* let us commit ourselves to much patience.

Ant IV Create a clean heart in me, O God,* and place a new and right spirit within me.

Reading

Zec 1:3b-4b

Return to me, says the Lord of hosts, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. Be not like your fathers whom the former prophets warned: turn from your evil ways and your wicked deeds.

V/. Create a clean heart in me, O God,

R/. And breathe anew a steadfast spirit within me.

Vespers

Reading

Phil 2:12b-15a

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation.

Responsory

I begged the Lord, * have mercy on me. I...

Heal my spirit, for I have sinned against you.

**** have mercy on me... Glory... I...***

C/M Whoever would be first among you* must be your slave; even as the son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Thursday II

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant Cursed is the man* who trusts in man; blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord.

V/. I will give you understanding,

R/. And instruct you the way by which you are to walk.

2nd Noct

Ant I the Lord* search the mind and try the heart; to give to every man according to his ways.

V/. He who reflects on the law of the Lord,

R/. Will bring forth fruit in due season.

Lauds

Invitatory Deliver us from our sins, O Lord, for the glory of your name.

Reading

1 kgs 8:51-53a

We are your people and your inheritance, Lord. May your eyes be open to the petition of your servant and to the petition of your people Israel. Hear us whenever we call upon you, because you have set us apart among all the peoples of the earth for your inheritance.

Responsory **God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net.
God...
And from the evil word, * from the hunter' net.
Glory... God...**

C/Z Abraham said to the rich man:* "Son remember that you in your lifetime received good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things; now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish."

Midday

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Reading

Dt 30:2-3a

Provided that you and your children return to the Lord, your God, and heed his voice with all your heart and with all your soul, just as I now command you, the Lord, your God, will change your lot; and taking pity on you, he will again gather you from all the nations.

**V/. Create a clean heart in me, O God,
R/. And breathe anew a steadfast spirit within me.**

Vespers

Reading

Jas 4:7-8,10

Submit to God; resist the devil and he will take flight. Draw close to God, and he will draw close to you, cleanse your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, you backsliders. Be humble in the sight of the Lord and he will raise you on high.

Responsory ***I begged the Lord, * have mercy on me. I...
Heal my spirit, for I have sinned against you.
* have mercy on me... Glory... I...***

C/M If they do not hear* Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.

Friday II Vigils

1st Noct

Ant The householder* will let out the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him the fruits in their seasons.

V/. *Look to the Lord and you will be radiant,*
R/. *And your faces will not blush with shame.*

2nd Noct

Ant The very stone,* which the builders reject has become the head of the corner; this was the lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eye.

V/. *Turn back to the Lord your God,*
R/. *For he is kind and merciful.*

Lauds

Invitatory Save your servant, O God, and be attentive to my prayer.

Reading

Is 53:11b-12

Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear. Therefore I will give him his portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the mighty. Because he surrendered himself to death and was counted among the wicked. And he shall take away the sins of many, and win pardon for their offenses.

Responsory **God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net,
God...
And from the evil word, * from the hunter's net.
Glory... God...**

C/Z When the tenants* saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance."

Midday

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Ant IV Create a clean heart in me, O God,* and place a new and right spirit within me.

Reading

Jer 3:12,14a

Return, says the Lord, and I will not remain angry with you; for I am merciful, I will not continue my wrath forever. Return, rebellious children, says the Lord.

**V/. Create a clean heart in me, O God,
R/. And breathe anew a steadfast spirit within me.**

Vespers

Reading

Jas 5:16, 19-20

Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous man has great power in its effects, my brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and some one brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Responsory **I begged the Lord, * have mercy on me. I...
Heal my spirit, for I have sinned against you.
* have mercy on me... Glory... I...**

C/M Jesus said to them:* "the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it.

Saturday II

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant Who is there like you,* the God who removes guilt, and delights rather in clemency.

V/. Walk while you have the light,

R/. Lest darkness will come over you.

2nd Noct

Ant You will cast* into the depths of the sea all our sins; you will show faithfulness to Jacob, and grace to Abraham.

V/. He who does the truth comes to the light,

R/. That his works may be seen as having been wrought in God.

Lauds

Invitatory The precepts of the Lord are right and gladden the heart.

Reading

Is 1:16-18

Wash yourselves clean! Put away your misdeeds from before my eyes, cease doing evil; learn to do good. Make justice your aim; redress the wronged, hear the orphan's plea, defend the widow. Come now, let us set things right, says the Lord: though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow; though they be crimson red; they may become white as wool.

Responsory God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net.

God...

And from the evil word, * from the hunter's net.

Glory... God...

C/Z The father said to his servants:* let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.

Midday

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Ant IV Create a clean heart in me, O God,* and place a new and right spirit within me.

Reading

Is 44:21-22

Remember this, you who are my servant! I formed you to be a servant to me. O Israel, by me you shall never be forgotten: I have brushed away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like a mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

V/. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

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Sunday III **First Vespers**

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Responsory

Listen to us, Lord, and have mercy,

*** for we have sinned against you. Listen...**

Christ Jesus, hear our humble prayers,

*** for we have sinned against you. Glory... Listen...**

A-C/M Jesus said to the Samaritan woman:* "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst."

B-C/M Jesus told those who sold the pigeons,* "Take these things away; you shall not make my father's house a house of trade."

C-C/M Do you think* that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered thus? No; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

Cycle "A"

1st Noct

Ant Let us sing joyfully to the Lord,* let us acclaim him the rock of our salvation.

V/. Open my eyes,

R/. And I will behold the wonders of your law.

2nd Noct

Ant Lord,* give me this water, that I may not thirst.

V/. Never will I forget your precepts,

R/. Because through them you have given me life.

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant I, the Lord,* am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

V/. Open my eyes,

R/. And I will behold the wonders of your law.

2nd Noct

Ant Jews demand signs;* Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified.

V/. Never will I forget your precepts,

R/. Because through them you have given me life.

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant He said,* "I am the God of your father, of Abraham." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

V/. Open my eyes,

R/. And I will behold the wonders of your law.

2nd Noct

Ant I have seen* the affliction of my people; and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians.

**V/. Never will I forget your precepts,
R/. Because through them you have given me life.**

Lauds

Invitatory Lord, turn to me in my loneliness and affliction.

Ant I Do good, O Lord,* to Sion in your good pleasure; that the walls of Jerusalem will be rebuilt.

Ant II The Lord is my helper,* so I do not fear what anyone can do to me.

Ant III Sun and moon,* praise God; because his name is exalted above all else.

Ant IV I cling fast* to you, my God!

Reading

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Responsory **Christ, son of the living God,
* have mercy on us. Christ...
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A-C/Z The hour is coming* and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the father in spirit and truth, for such the father seeks to worship him.

B-C/Z The Jews said to him,* "What sign have you to show us for doing this?" Jesus answered: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

C-C/Z These three years* I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none. Cut it down; why should it use up the ground?

Midday

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A-C/M God is spirit,* and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

B-C/M Many believed* in his name when they saw the signs which he did; but Jesus did not trust himself to them.

C-C/M The vine dresser answered,* "Leave it alone this year til I dig about it and put on manure. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

Monday III

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant Elisha* sent word to the king of Israel: why have you torn your garments?
Let Naaman come to me and find out that there is a prophet in Israel.

V/. Turn to me and be gracious to me,
R/. For I am a lonely outcast.

2nd Noct

Ant Naaman* stood before the man of God and said: now I know that there
is no God in all the earth except in Israel.

V/. Do penance and believe the gospel,
R/. For the kingdom of God is coming.

Lauds

Invitatory I trust the Lord God whose word I praise.

Reading

Ex 19:4-6a

You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my own possession among all peoples; for all the earth is mine, and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

Responsory **God himself will free me, * from the hunter' net.**
God...
And from the evil word, * from the hunter's net.
Glory... God...

C/Z Jesus came to Nazareth* where he had been brought up and said to
them: truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his own country.

Midday

Ant I The days of penance* have come upon us for the atoning of our sins and
for the saving of our souls.

Ant II "As I live," says the Lord,* "I do not wish the death of the sinner, but
rather that he turn back to me and live."

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Responsory

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C/M All in the synagogue* were filled with wrath, and they led Jesus to the brow of the hill to throw him down headlong. But passing through the midst of them he went away.

Tuesday III

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant Lord, God of our fathers* and worthy of praise, do not withdraw your mercy from us, nor break your covenant.

V/. God himself is most merciful,

R/. And forgives us our sins.

2nd Noct

Ant Deliver us* in accordance with your marvelous works, and give glory to your name, O Lord!

V/. Now is the acceptable time;
R/. Now is the day of salvation.

Lauds

Invitatory Lord, let my eyes see your justice.

Reading

Jl 2 :12-13

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C/Z Peter said:* "Lord, how often shall I forgive my brother?" Jesus said, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven."

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Reading

Jas 2 :14, 17, 18b

What does it profit, my brothers, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead, show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

Responsory ***I begged the Lord, * have mercy on me. I...
Heal my spirit, for I have sinned against you,
* have mercy on me... Glory... I...***

C/M In anger* his Lord delivered the wicked servant to the jailers till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.

Wednesday III

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant Praise your God,* O Zion; he has blessed your children within you.

V/. *Turn back to the Lord and do penance,*
R/. *Be renewed in heart and spirit.*

2nd Noct

Ant O Israel* give heed to the statutes and ordinances of the Lord; that you may live.

V/. *He who does the truth come to the light,*
**R/. *That his works may be seen as having been wrought in
God.***

Lauds

Invitatory Lord show your wondrous love to those who seek refuge.

Reading

Dt 7: 6, 8-9

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God; the Lord your God chose you to be a people for his own possession, out of all the peoples that are on the face of the earth, it is because the Lord loves you, and is keeping the oath which he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of pharaoh, king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

Responsory **God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net.
God...
and from the evil word, * from the hunter's net.
Glory... God...**

C/Z Jesus said to his disciples:* "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets, I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them."

Midday

- Ant I The days of penance* have come upon us for the atoning of our sins and for the saving of our souls.
- Ant II As I live, says the Lord,* I do not wish the death of the sinner, but rather that he turn back to me and live.
- Ant III Armed with the justice of God's power,* let us commit ourselves to much patience.
- Ant IV Create a clean heart in me, O God,* and place a new and right spirit within me.

Reading

Zec 1: 3b-4b

Return to me, says the Lord of hosts, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts, be not like your fathers whom the former prophets warned: turn from your evil ways and your wicked deeds.

**V/. Create a clean heart in me, O God,
R/. And breathe anew a steadfast spirit within me.**

Vespers

Reading

Phil 2:12b-15a

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure, do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation.

Responsory ***I begged the Lord, * have mercy on me. I...
Heal my spirit, for I have sinned against you.
* have mercy on me... Glory... I...***

C/M He who does these commandments,* and teaches them shall be great in the kingdom of heaven.

Thursday III Vigils

1st Noct

Ant Listen to my voice;* then I will be your God and you shall be my people.

V/. *I will give you understand,*
R/. *And instruct you the way by which you are to walk.*

2nd Noct

Ant Walk in all the ways* that I command you, so that you may prosper.

V/. *He who reflects on the law of the Lord,*
R/. *Will bring forth fruit in due season.*

Lauds

Invitatory Lord, your protection is my shield.

Reading

1 Kgs 8:51-53a

We are your people and your inheritance, O Lord. May your eyes be open to the petition of your servant and to the petition of your people Israel. Hear us whenever we call upon you, because you have set us apart among all the peoples of the earth for your inheritance.

Responsory **God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net.
God...
And from the evil word, * from the hunter's net.
Glory... God...**

C/Z Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said:* "If it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you."

Midday

Ant I The days of penance* have come upon us for the atoning of our sins and for the saving of our souls.

Ant II As I live, says the Lord,* I do not wish the death of the sinner, but rather that he turn back to me and live.

Ant III Armed with the justice of God's power,* let us commit ourselves to much patience.

Ant IV Create a clean heart in me, O God,* and place a new and right spirit within me.

Reading

Dt 30:2-3a

Provided that you and your children return to the Lord, your God, and heed his voice with all your heart and with all your soul, just as I now command you, the Lord, your God, will change your lot, and taking pity on you, he will again gather plain you from all the nations.

**V/. Create a clean heart in me, O God,
R/. And breathe anew a steadfast spirit within me.**

Vespers

Reading

Jas 4:7-8,10

Submit to God; resist the devil and he will take flight. Draw close to God, and he will draw close to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, you backsliders. Humble in the sight of the Lord and he will raise you on high.

Responsory **I begged the Lord, * have mercy on me. I...
Heal my spirit, for I have sinned against you.
* have mercy on me... Glory... I...**

C/M He who is not with me* is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters.

Friday III

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant Return, O Israel,* to the Lord your God; who will heal your defection and love you freely.

V/. Look to the Lord and you will be radiant,
R/. And your faces will not blush with shame.

2nd Noct

Ant The Lord says:* my wrath is turned away; I will be like the dew for Israel so she shall blossom like the lily.

V/. Turn back to the Lord your God,
R/. For he is kind and merciful.

Lauds

Invitatory Lord, in your goodness listen to my pleading cry.

Reading

Is 53:11b-12

Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear. Therefore I will give him his portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the mighty. Because he surrendered himself to death and was counted among the wicked. And he shall take away the sins of many, and win pardon for their offenses.

Responsory **God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net.**
God...
And from the evil word, * from the hunter's net.
Glory... God...

C/Z The scribe said to Jesus:* "You are right, teacher; you have truly said that he is one and to love him and one's neighbor is much more than all whole-burnt offerings and sacrifices."

Midday

Ant I The days of penance* have come upon us for the atoning of our sins and for the saving of our souls.

Ant II As I live, says the Lord,* I do not wish the death of the sinner, but rather that he turn back to me and live.

Ant III Armed with the justice of God's power,* let us commit ourselves to much patience.

Ant IV Create a clean heart in me, O God,* and place a new and right spirit within me.

Reading

Jer 3:12,14a

Return, says the Lord, and I will not remain angry with you; for I am merciful, I will not continue my wrath forever. Return, rebellious children, says the Lord.

V/. Create a clean heart in me, O God,

R/. And breathe anew a steadfast spirit within me.

Vespers

Reading

Jas 5:16, 19-20

Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous man has great power in its effects. My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and some one brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Responsory

I begged the Lord, * have mercy on me. I...

Heal my spirit, for I have sinned against you.

**** have mercy on me... Glory... I...***

C/M When Jesus saw* that the scribe answered wisely, he said to him: "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

Saturday III

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant The Lord* will revive us after two days; on the third day he will raise us up, to live in his presence.

V/. Walk while you have the light,

R/. Lest darkness will come over you.

2nd Noct

Ant It is love that I desire,* not sacrifice; and knowledge of God rather than holocausts.

**V/. He who does the truth comes to the light,
R/. That his works may be seen as having been wrought in
God.**

Lauds

Invitatory May the merciful and gracious God have pity on me.

Reading

Is 1: 16-18

Wash yourselves clean! Put away your misdeeds from before my eyes; cease doing evil; learn to do good. Make justice your aim; redress the wronged, hear the orphan's plea, defend the widow. Come now, let us set things right, says the Lord: though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow; though they be crimson red; they may become white as wool.

**Responsory God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net.
God...
And from the evil word, * from the hunter's net.
Glory... God...**

C/Z The tax collector* would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast saying: "God, be merciful to me a sinner!"

Midday

Ant I The days of penance* have come upon us for the atoning of our sins and for the saving of our souls.

Ant II As I live, says the Lord,* I do not wish the death of the sinner, but rather that he turn back to me and live.

Ant III Armed with the justice of God's power,* let us commit ourselves to much patience.

Ant IV create a clean heart in me, O God,* and place a new and right spirit within me.

Reading

Is 44:21-22

Remember this, you who are my servant! I formed you to be a servant to me. O Israel, by me you shall never be forgotten: I have brushed away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like a mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

V/. Create a clean heart in me, O God,

R/. And breathe anew a steadfast spirit within me.

Sunday IV

First Vespers

Reading

2 Cor 6 :1-4a

We beg you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, "In an acceptable time I have heard you; on a day of salvation I have helped you." Now is the acceptable time! Now is the day of salvation! We avoid giving anyone offense, so that our ministry may not be blamed. On the contrary, in all that we do, we strive to present ourselves as ministers of God.

Responsory

Listen to us, Lord, and have mercy,

*** for we have sinned against you. Listen...**

Christ Jesus, hear our humble prayers,

*** for we have sinned against you. Glory... Listen...**

A-C/M Jesus answered:* "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him."

B-C/M As Moses lifted up the serpent* in the wilderness, so must the son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

C-C/M The younger son* coming to himself, said: I perish here with hunger; I will arise and go to my father.

Vigils

Cycle "A"

1st Noct

Ant Not as man sees* does God see, the Lord looks into the heart.

V/. Within my heart treasure your words,

R/. That I may not sin against you.

2nd Noct

Ant Light produces* every kind of justice and goodness and truth. Live as children of the light.

**V/. Make me understand the way of your precepts,
R/. And I will reflect on your marvelous works.**

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant Out of the great love* with which he loved us, God made us alive together with Christ.

**V/. Within my heart treasure your words,
R/. That I may not sin against you.**

2nd Noct

Ant God lifts us up in Christ,* that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace toward us in Christ Jesus.

**V/. Make me understand the way of your precepts,
R/. And I will reflect on your marvelous works.**

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant The Israelites* were encamped in Gilgal, and they kept the Passover in the plains of Jericho.

**V/. Within my heart treasure your words,
R/. That I may not sin against you.**

2nd Noct

Ant If anyone is in Christ,* he is a new creation; the old has passed away, the new has come.

**V/. Make me understand the way of your precepts,
R/. And I will reflect on your marvelous works.**

Lauds

Invitatory Rejoice, O Jerusalem; come together all who love her.

- Ant I Then shall you be pleased* with due sacrifice, if you avert your face from my sins.
- Ant II It is better* to hope in the Lord than to trust in rulers.
- Ant III Kings of the earth,* and all peoples, praise God.
- Ant IV You have the power, O Lord,* to rescue us from a strong hand; deliver us, O Lord our God.

Reading

Neh 8:9-10

Today is holy to the Lord your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep; for today is holy to our Lord. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength!

Responsory ***Christ, son of the living God,
* have mercy on us. Christ...
You were wounded for our offenses,
* have mercy on us. Glory... Christ...***

- A-C/Z Jesus* anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "go, wash in the pool of siloam." He went and washed and came back seeing.
- B-C/Z God so loved the world* that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
- C-C/Z The father said to his servants,* let us eat and make merry; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.

Midday

- Ant I The days of penance* have come upon us for the atoning of our sins and for the saving of our souls.
- Ant II As I live, says the Lord,* I do not wish the death of the sinner, but rather that he turn back to me and live.
- Ant III Armed with the justice of God's power,* let us commit ourselves to much patience.
- Ant IV Create a clean heart in me, O God,* and place a new and right spirit within me.

Reading

Is 30:15,18

Thus said the Lord God, the holy one of Israel; by waiting and by calm you shall be saved, in quiet and in trust your strength lies. Yet the Lord is waiting to show you favor, and he rises to pity you; for the Lord is a God of justice: blessed are all who wait for him!

**V/. Turn your face away from my sins,
R/. Blot out all my transgressions.**

Second Vespers

Reading

I Cor 9: 24-25

Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but imperishable.

**Responsory Listen to us, Lord, and have mercy, * for we
have sinned against you. Listen...
Christ Jesus, hear our humble prayers, * for
we have sinned against you. Glory... Listen...**

- A-C/M Jesus* found the young man and said: "Do you believe in the son of man?" He answered, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him.
- B-C/M He who does what is true* comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God.
- C-C/M "My son,"* replied the father to the older son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

Monday IV Vigils

1st Noct

Ant I am about to create* new heavens and a new earth; the things of the past shall not be remembered.

**V/. Turn to me and be gracious to me,
R/. For I am a lonely outcast.**

2nd Noct

Ant I create Jerusalem* to be a joy. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and exult in my people.

**V/. Do penance and believe the gospel,
R/. For the kingdom of God is coming.**

Lauds

Invitatory Justify me, O God, by your might.

Reading

Ex 19:4-6a

You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my own possession among all peoples; for all the earth is mine, and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

**Responsory God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net.
God...
And from the evil word, * from the hunter's net.
Glory... God...**

C/Z Jesus said to the official:* "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe. The official said: "Sir, come down before my child dies."

Midday

Ant I The days of penance* have come upon us for the atoning of our sins and for the saving of our souls.

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Ant IV Create a clean heart in me, O God,* and place a new and right spirit within me.

Reading

Ez 18:23

Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, says the Lord God, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?

V/. Create a clean heart in me, O God,
R/. And breathe anew a steadfast spirit within me.

Vespers

Reading

Rm 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, my brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Responsory ***I begged the Lord, * have mercy on me. I...
Heal my spirit, for I have sinned against you.
* have mercy on me... Glory... I...***

C/Z The father knew* that it was at the seventh hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live!" And he himself believed and all his household.

Tuesday IV

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant The angel said:* "Wherever the rivers flow, every sort of living creature that can multiply shall live."

V/. God himself is most merciful,
R/. And forgives us our sins.

2nd Noct

Ant Every month* shall the fruit tree bear fresh fruit, for they shall be watered by the flow from the sanctuary.

V/. Now is the acceptable time;
R/. Now is the day of salvation.

Lauds

Invitatory Be attentive to me, Lord for my heart is filled with anxiety.

Reading

Jl 2:12-13

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

Responsory **God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net,
God...
And from the evil word, * from the hunter's net.
Glory... God...**

C/Z Jesus said* to the man whom he cured: "See you, are well! Sin no more that nothing worse befall you."

Midday

- Ant I The days of penance* have come upon us for the atoning of our sins and for the saving of our souls.
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- Ant IV Create a clean heart in me, O God,* and place a new and right spirit within me.

Reading

Jer 3: 25b

We have sinned against the Lord, our God, from our youth to this day, we and our fathers also; we listened not to the voice of the Lord, our God.

**V/. Create a clean heart in me, O God,
R/. And breathe anew a steadfast spirit within me.**

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Responsory ***I begged the Lord, * have mercy on me. I...
Heal my spirit, for I have sinned against you,
* have mercy on me... Glory... I...***

C/M This was why* the Jews sought all the more to kill Jesus, because he not only broke the Sabbath, but also called God his father, making himself equal with God.

Wednesday IV

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant The Lord* who pities them, leads them and guides them besides springs of water.

V/. Turn back to the Lord and do penance,

R/. Be renewed in heart and spirit,

2nd Noct

Ant Can a mother* forget her infant; even should she forget, I the Lord will never forget you.

V/. He who does the truth come to the light,

***R/. That his works may be seen as having been wrought in
God.***

Lauds

Invitatory Come children; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Reading

Dt 7: 6, 8-9

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Responsory ***God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net,
God...
And from the evil word, * from the hunter' net,
Glory... God...***

C/Z Truly, I say to you,* "The Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever he does, that the Son does likewise."

Midday

Ant I The days of penance* have come upon us for the atoning of our sins and for the saving of our souls.

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Responsory

I begged the Lord, * have mercy on me, I...

Heal my spirit, for I have sinned against you,

**** have mercy on me... Glory... I...***

C/M Truly I say to you,* "He who hears my word and believes him who sent me, has eternal life; he does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."

Thursday IV

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant Moses* implored the Lord his God, "Why should your wrath blaze up against your people, relent in punishing your people."

V/. I will give you understanding,

R/. And instruct you the way by which you are to walk,

2nd Noct

Ant The Lord relented* in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people.

V/. He who reflects on the law of the Lord,

R/. Will bring forth fruit in due season.

Lauds

Invitatory Giving thanks to the Lord, rely on the power of his word.

Reading

1 kgs 8:51-53a

We are your people and your inheritance, O Lord, may your eyes be open to the petition of your servant and to the petition of your people Israel, hear us whenever we call upon you, because you have set us apart among all the peoples of the earth for your inheritance.

Responsory God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net.

God...

And from the evil word, * from the hunter's net.

Glory... God...

C/Z The works* which the Father has granted me to accomplish, these very works which I am doing, bear me witness that the father has sent me.

Midday

Ant I The days of penance* have come upon us for the atoning of our sins and for the saving of our souls.

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Responsory

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Heal my spirit, for I have sinned against you.

**** have mercy on me... Glory... I...***

C/M If you believed Moses,* you would believe me, for he wrote of me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?

Friday IV

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant The wicked said:* "Let us beset the just one; because he sets himself against our doing."

V/. Look to the Lord and you will be radiant,

R/. And your faces will not blush with shame.

2nd Noct

Ant If the just one be the son of God,* God himself will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes.

**V/. Turn back to the Lord your God,
R/. For he is kind and merciful.**

Lauds

Invitatory To take refuge in the Lord is better than to trust princes.

Reading

Is 53: 11b-12

Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear. Therefore I will give him his portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the mighty because he surrendered himself to death and was counted among the wicked, and he shall take away the sins of many, and win pardon for their offenses.

**Responsory God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net,
God...
And from the evil word, * from the hunter's net.
Glory... God...**

C/Z Jesus proclaimed:* "You know me, but I have not come of my own accord; he who sent me is true, and him you do not know."

Midday

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Heal my spirit, for I have sinned against you
* Have mercy on me... Glory... I...*

C/M They sought to arrest Jesus,* but no one laid hands on him, because his hour had not yet come.

Saturday IV Vigils

1st Noct

Ant I, like a trusting lamb* led to slaughter, had not realized that they were hatching plots against me.

**V/. Walk while you have the light,
R/. Lest darkness will come over you.**

2nd Noct

Ant You, Lord of hosts,* just judge, searcher of mind and heart, to you I have entrusted my cause!

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Lauds

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Reading

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Responsory **God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net.**
God...
And from the evil word, * from the hunter's net.
Glory... God...

C/Z Nicodemus said:* "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing?" They replied: "Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from galilee."

Midday

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Reading

Is 44:21-22

Remember this, you who are my servant! I formed you to be a servant to me. O Israel, by me you shall never be forgotten: I have brushed away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like a mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

V/. Create a clean heart in me, O God,
R/. And breathe anew a steadfast spirit within me.

Sunday V First Vespers

Reading

1 Pt 1:18-21

You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was made manifest at the end of time for your sake. Through him you have confidence in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Responsory ***Listen to us, Lord, and have mercy, * for we have sinned against you. Listen... Christ Jesus, hear our humble prayers, * for we have sinned against you. Glory... Listen...***

- A-C/M Jesus said to Martha:* "I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."
- B-C/M If anyone serves me,* he must follow me; if anyone serves me, the father will honor him.
- C-C/M Jesus said to the scribes* who led a woman forward who had been caught in adultery, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her."

Vigils

Cycle "A"

1st Noct

Ant You shall know* that I am the Lord, when I raise you from your graves and bring you home into the land of Israel.

V/. *Let me live, that I may praise you,*
R/. *And let your precepts help me.*

2nd Noct

Ant Our friend Lazarus* has fallen asleep, but I go to awake him out of sleep.

V/. *I have kept your decrees,*
R/. *And have loved them dearly.*

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant They shall all know me,* for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

V/. Let me live, that I may praise you,

R/. And let your precepts help me.

2nd Noct

Ant Although he was a Son,* Jesus learned obedience through what he suffered.

V/. I have kept your decrees,

R/. And have loved them dearly.

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant Whatever I had,* I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

V/. Let me live, that I may praise you,

R/. And let your precepts help me.

2nd Noct

Ant I press on* to make the resurrection my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

V/. I have kept your decrees,

R/. And have loved them dearly.

Lauds

Invitatory Come to adore the Lord who is our resurrection and life.

Ant I Look upon my misery, O Lord,* for my enemy has triumphed.

Ant II In my difficulties* I called upon the Lord, and he answered me by setting me free.

Ant III My people,* what have I done to you, or in what have I grieved you?
Answer me!

Ant IV Must good be repaid* with evil that they should dig a pit to take my life?

Reading

Lv 23:4-7

These are the festivals of the Lord which you shall celebrate at their proper time with a sacred assembly. The Passover of the Lord falls on the fourteenth day of the first month, at the evening twilight. The fifteenth day of this month is the Lord's feast of unleavened bread. For seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first of these days you shall hold a sacred assembly and do no sort of work.

Responsory **Christ, son of the living God. * Have mercy on us. Christ...**
You were wounded for our offenses. * Have mercy on us. Glory... Christ...

- A-C/Z Jesus said to Martha:* "Did I not tell you that if you would believe, you would see the glory of God!"
- B-C/Z What shall I say?* "Father, save me from this hour? No, for this purpose I have come to this hour."
- C-C/Z Jesus said to the woman,* "Has no one condemned you?" She said, no one, Lord."

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Reading

1 Pt 4:13-14

Rejoice in the measure that you share Christ's sufferings. When his glory is revealed, you will rejoice exultantly. Happy are you when you are insulted for the sake of Christ, for then God's spirit in its glory has come to rest on you.

V/. Turn your face away from my sins,
R/. Blot out all my transgressions.

Second Vespers

Reading

Acts 13:26-30a

My brothers, it was to us that this message of salvation was sent forth. The inhabitants of Jerusalem and their rulers failed to recognize him and in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets which we read Sabbath after Sabbath. Even though they found no charge against him which deserved death, they begged Pilate to have him executed. Once they had brought about all that had been written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. Yet God raised him from the dead.

Responsory ***Listen to us, Lord, and have mercy, * for we have sinned against you. Listen... Christ Jesus, hear our humble prayers, * for we have sinned against you. Glory... Listen...***

A-C/M Jesus cried with a loud voice:* "Lazarus come out! The dead man came out. Jesus said to them, unbind him and let him go."

B-C/M Now is the judgment of this world,* and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.

C-C/M Neither do I condemn you;* go, and do not sin again.

Monday V Vigils

1st Noct

Ant Eternal God,* you know what is hidden and are aware of all things before they come to be.

**V/. Turn to me and be gracious to me,
R/. For I am a lonely outcast.**

2nd Noct

Ant The Lord says,* the innocent and the just you shall not put to death.

**V/. Do penance and believe the gospel,
R/. For the kingdom of God is coming.**

Lauds

Invitatory Lord, teach me to do your will.

Reading

Jer 11:19-20

Yet, I, like a trusting lamb led to slaughter, had not realized that they were hatching plots against me: "Let us destroy the tree in its vigor; let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will be spoken no more." But you, O Lord of hosts, O just judge, searcher of mind and heart, let me witness the vengeance you take on them, for to you I have entrusted my cause!

Responsory **God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net.
God...
And from the evil word, * from the hunter's net.
Glory... God...**

C/Z When they persisted in their questioning,* Jesus straightened up and said to them: "Let the man among you who has no sin be the first to cast a stone at her."

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Reading

Jer 18:20b

Remember that I stood before you to speak in their behalf, to turn away your wrath from them.

**V/. Create a clean heart in me, O God,
R/. And breathe anew a steadfast spirit within me.**

Vespers

Reading

Rm 5:8-9

It is precisely in this that God proves his love for us: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Now that we have been justified by his blood, it is all the more certain that we shall be saved by him from God's wrath.

Responsory ***I begged the Lord, * have mercy on me, I...
Heal my spirit, for I have sinned against you,
* have mercy on me... Glory... I...***

C/M Jesus said to the woman:* "Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she answered. Jesus said, "Nor do I condemn you, you may go but from now on, avoid this sin."

Tuesday V

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant We have sinned* in complaining against the Lord, pray the Lord to take the serpents from us.

V/. *God himself is most merciful,*
R/. *And forgives us our sins.*

2nd Noct

Ant Make a seraph* and mount it on a pole, and if anyone who has been bitten looks at it, he will recover.

V/. *Now is the acceptable time;*
R/. *Now is the day of salvation.*

Lauds

Invitatory Be stouthearted and wait for the Lord, our light and salvation.

Reading

Zec 12:10-11a

I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and petition; and they shall look on him whom they have thrust through, and they shall mourn for him as one mourns for an only son, and they shall grieve over him as one grieves over a firstborn. On that day, the mourning in Jerusalem shall be great.

Responsory **God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net,
God...
And from the evil word, * from the hunter's net,
Glory... God...**

C/Z When you have lifted up the Son of man,* then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak thus as the father taught me.

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Reading

1 Cor 1:22-24

Yes, Jews demand "Signs" and Greeks look for "Wisdom", but we preach Christ crucified — a stumbling block to Jews, and an absurdity to gentiles; but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

V/. Create a clean heart in me, O God,

R/. And breathe anew a steadfast spirit within me.

Vespers

Reading

1 Cor 1: 27b-30

God singled out the weak of this world to shame the strong. He chose the world's low born and despised, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who were something; so that mankind can do no boasting before God. God it is who has given you life in Christ Jesus. He has made him our wisdom and also our justice, our sanctification, and our redemption.

Responsory **I begged the Lord, * have mercy on me, I...**

Heal my spirit, for I have sinned against you.

*** have mercy on me... Glory... I...**

C/M He who sent me is with me;* he has not left me alone, for I always do what is pleasing to him.

Wednesday V Vigils

1st Noct

Ant If our God,* whom we serve, can save us from the white-hot furnace, may he save us .

V/. Turn back to the Lord and do penance.

R/. Be renewed in heart and spirit.

2nd Noct

Ant Blessed be* the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who sent his angel to deliver the servants that trusted in him.

V/. He who does the truth come to the light,

R/. That his works may be seen as having been wrought in God.

Lauds

Invitatory I will exalt you, Lord, for you have healed me.

Reading

Is 50:4b-7

The Lord God opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Responsory **God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net.**

God...

And from the evil word, * from the hunter's net.

Glory... God...

C/Z "If you continue in my word,* you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

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Reading

Rm 15:3

Thus, in accord with scripture, Christ did not please himself: "The reproaches they uttered against you fell on me."

V/. Create a clean heart in me, O God,

R/. And breathe anew a steadfast spirit within me.

Vespers

Reading

Eph 4:32-5:2

Be kind to one another, compassionate, and mutually forgiving, just as God has forgiven you in Christ. Be imitators of God as his dear children. Follow the way of love, even as Christ loved you. He gave himself for us as an offering to God, a gift of pleasing fragrance.

Responsory

I begged the Lord, * have mercy on me. I...

Heal my spirit, for I have sinned against you.

**** have mercy on me... Glory... I...***

- C/M If God were your Father,* you would love me, for I proceeded and came forth from God.

Thursday V

Vigils

1st Noct

- Ant Your name shall be Abraham,* for I am making you the father of a host of nations. I will make nations of you.

V/. I will give you understanding,
R/. And instruct you the way by which you are to walk.

2nd Noct

Ant I will maintain my covenant with you* and your descendants after you throughout the ages as an everlasting pact, to be your God and the God of your descendants.

V/. He who reflects on the law of the Lord,
R/. Will bring forth fruit in due season.

Lauds

Invitatory Give glory to your name, O God.

Reading:

Heb 2: 9-10

We see Jesus crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, that through god's gracious will he might taste death for the sake of all men. Indeed, it was fitting that when bringing many sons to glory God, for whom and through whom all things exist, should make their leader in the work of salvation perfect through suffering.

Responsory **God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net,**
God...
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Glory... God...

C/Z Jesus answered,* "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing; it is my father who glorifies me, of whom you say that he is your God."

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Reading

Heb 7: 26-27

It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; our Lord Jesus Christ did that once for all when offered himself.

**V/. Create a clean heart in me, God,
R/. And breathe anew a steadfast spirit within me.**

Vespers

Reading

Heb 13:12 - 15

Jesus died outside the gate, to sanctify the people by his own blood. Let us go to him outside the camp, bearing the insult which he bore. For here we have no lasting city; we are seeking one which is to come. Through him let us continually offer God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips which acknowledge his name.

**Responsory I begged the Lord, * have mercy on me. I...
Heal my spirit, for I have sinned against you.
* have mercy on me... Glory... I...**

C/M The Jews objected:* "You are not yet fifty, and have you seen Abraham?"
Jesus answered: "Truly I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."

Friday V

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant The Lord is with me,* like a mighty champion; my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph.

**V/. Look to the Lord and you will be radiant,
R/. And your faces will not blush with shame.**

2nd Noct

Ant Sing to the Lord,* for he has rescued the life of the poor, from the power of the wicked.

**V/. Turn back to the Lord your God,
R/. For he is kind and merciful.**

Lauds

Invitatory Lord, treat us according to the abundance of your mercy.

Reading

Is 52: 13-15

See, my servant shall prosper, he shall be raised high and greatly exalted. Even as many were amazed at him — so marred was his look beyond that of man. And his appearance beyond that of mortals — so shall he startle many nations, because of him kings shall stand speechless; for those who have not been told shall see, those who have not heard shall ponder it.

Responsory **God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net.
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C/Z "If he called them gods* to whom the word of God came, do you say of him whom the father consecrated and sent into the world: "You are blaspheming" because I said, I am the son of God."

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Reading

Is 53:4-5

Yet it was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured, while we thought of him as stricken, as one smitten by God and afflicted. But he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins. Upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed.

**V/. Create a clean heart in me, O God,
R/. And breathe anew a steadfast spirit within me.**

Vespers

Reading

1 Pt 2:21-24

Christ suffered for you and left you an example, to have you follow in his footsteps. He did no wrong; no deceit was found in his mouth. When he was insulted, he returned no insult. When he was made to suffer, he did not counter with threats. Instead, he delivered himself up to the one who judges justly. In his own body he brought your sins to the cross, so that all of us, dead to sin, could live in accord with god's will. By his wounds you were healed.

Responsory ***I begged the Lord, * have mercy on me. I...
Heal my spirit, for I have sinned against you.
* have mercy on me... Glory... I...***

C/M If I do the works of my Father,* believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.

Saturday V

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant I will deliver them* from all their sins of apostasy and cleanse them, and there shall be one shepherd for them all.

V/. *Walk while you have the light,*
R/. *Lest darkness will come over you.*

2nd Noct

Ant I will make with them a covenant of peace;* my dwelling shall be with them; I will be their God and they shall be my people.

V/. *He who does the truth comes to the light,*
R/. *That his works may be seen as having been wrought in God.*

Lauds

Invitatory Lord, let me not be put to shame in calling upon you.

Reading

Is 65:1b-3a

I said: here I am! Here I am! To a nation that did not call upon my name. I have stretched out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in evil paths and follow their own thoughts, people who provoke me continually, to my face.

Responsory **God himself will free me, * from the hunter's net.
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Glory... God...**

C/Z Caiphas addressed them:* "You do not understand that it is expedient for you that one should die for the people, and that the whole nation should not perish."

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Reading

1 Jn 2:1b-2

We have, in the presence of the Father, Jesus Christ, an intercessor who is just. He is an offering for our sins, and not for our sins only, but for those of the whole world.

**V/. Create a clean heart in me, O God,
R/. And breathe anew a steadfast spirit within me.**

