Thursday at Vespers

Psalm 143
Prayer for victory and peace

Christ learned the art of warfare when he overcame the world,
as he said: "I have overcome the world" (Saint Hilary)

Lessed be the Lord, my rock who trains my arms for battle, who prepares my hands for war. Pause: save me; 

2. He is my love, my fortress; he is my stronghold, my savior,
3. my shield, my place of refuge. He brings peoples under my rule.
4. Lord, what is man that you care for him, mortal man, that you keep him in mind;
5. man, who is merely a breath, whose life fades like a shadow?
6. Lower your heavens and come down; touch the mountains; wreath them in smoke.
7. Flash your lightenings; route the foe, shoot your arrows and put them to flight.
8. Reach down from heaven and save me; draw me out from the mighty waters, from the hands of alien foes
9. whose mouths are filled with lies, whose hands are raised in perjury.
10. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
11. as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
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The Lord be with you. Amen.

Lord, hear the evening prayers we bring before you: help us to follow in the footsteps of your Son so that we may produce an abundant harvest of goodness in patience and in faith. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Dismissal

The Lord be with you. Amen.

And also with you.

AY almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O in peace. Amen.

Hymn

Magnae Deus potentiae

O God of pow’r and matchless force, Who set the waters in their course And draw from raging ocean strife A world of fresh and fertile life.

2. Who freely fill the sea and sky, With fish to swim and birds to fly,
Week IV

And give to each its proper place To leap and sing before your face.

3. Grant us, your new creation here, Adrift in chaos, sin, and fear,
To seek our anchor in the flood Of life that flows from Jesus' blood.

4. And make our faith as high and deep As birds of air and fish
you keep. Uplift our hope and drown our pride That grace and
love be multiplied.

5. O Father, this we ask be done Through Jesus Christ, your only
Son, Whom in the Spirit we adore: One God who reigns for
evermore. Amen.

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light those who have fallen asleep in the hope of resurrection:

R: Kyrie, eleison.

The Lord's Prayer

With longing for the coming of God's kingdom, let us offer our
prayer to the Father:

O UR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
10. Happy the people with such blessings; * 
   happy the people whose God is the Lord.
11. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * 
   and to the Holy Spirit ;
12. as it was in the beginning, is now, * 
   and will be for ever. Amen.

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**Canticle**

Rev 11:17-18; 12:10b-12a

OW * the victorious reign of our God has be-gun.

E praise you, the Lord God almighty, * who is and who was. Pause : raging in anger, /

2. You have assumed your great power, * 
   you have begun your reign.
3. The nations have raged in anger, / 
   but then came your day of wrath * 
   and the moment to judge the dead : 
4. the time to reward your servants the prophets / 
   and the holy ones who revere you, * 
   the great and the small alike.
5. Now have salvation and power come, * 
   the reign of our God / 
   and the authority of his Anointed One.
6. For the accuser of our brothers is cast out, * 
   who night and day accused them before God.
7. They defeated him by the blood of the Lamb / 
   and by the word of their testimony ; * 
   love for life did not deter them from death.
8. So rejoice, you heavens, * 
   and you that dwell therein!  
9. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * 
   and to the Holy Spirit.  
10. As it was in the beginning, is now, * 
    and will be for ever. Amen.

Anti-

phon.

Now the victorious reign of our God has begun.

Reading

Short Responsory

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HE Lord is my shepherd, * I shall want for noth-ing.

The Lord. Y He has brought me to green pastures * I shall.

Y. Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

The Lord.

At Magnificat. Antiphon II D

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F you hunger for ho- li-ness, * God will sat-is- fy your

long-ing, good measure, and flowing o- ver.

Gospel Canticle  Lk 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, * my

spirit rejoices in God my Savior

2. for he has looked with fa-vor * on his low-ly servant.

3. From this day all gener-a-tions * will call me blessed:

4. the Almighty has done great things for me, * and holy is his

Name.

5. He has mercy on those who fear him * in ev’ry gener-a-tion.

6. He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered the

proud in their conceit.
7. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, * and has lifted up the lowly.

8. He has filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he has sent away emp-ty.

9. He has come to the help of his servant, Is-ra-el * for he has remembered his promise of mer-cy.

10. the promise he made to our fathers, * to Abraham and his children for ev-er.

11. Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Ho-ly Spir- it.

12. As it was in the beginning, * is now, and will be for ev-er.

A- men.

Anti-phon.

If you hunger for ho- li-ness, God will sat-is- fy your long-ing, good measure, and flowing o- ver.

**Intercessions**

ET us pray to Christ, the light of the na-tions and the joy of ev’ry liv-ing crea-ture: R: Ky- ri- e, e- le- i- son.

Brilliant Light, Word of the Father, you came to save all men,—lead the catechumens of your Church in- to your mar-velous light.

R: Ky- ri- e, e- le- i- son.
Week IV

Overlook our sins, O Lord, -- for you are the source of forgive-
ness: R: Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.

Lord, it is your will that men use their minds to unlock nature’s 
secrets and mas-ter the world, -- may the arts and sciences advance 
your glory and the happiness of all peo-ple: R: Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.

Look kindly on those who have dedicated themselves to the service 
of their fel-low men, -- may they fulfill their work freely and com-
plete-ly: R: Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.

Lord, you open the way and no one can close it, -- lead into your 

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