

ACN HOLY HOURS SERVICE SHEET December 2020

Greeting and welcome

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Hymn:

O Jesus Christ remember

O Jesus Christ remember when thou shalt come again,
Upon the clouds of heaven with all thy shining train,
When every eye shall see thee in deity reveal'd,
who now upon this altar in silence art concealed.

Remember then O saviour, I supplicate of thee,
That here I bow'd before thee upon my bended knee,
That here I owned thy presence and did not thee deny,
And glorified thy greatness thou hid from human eye.

Accept, divine redeemer the homage of my praise,
Be thou the light and honour and glory of my days,
Be thou my consolidation when death is drawing nigh,
Be thou my only treasure through all eternity.

Edward Caswell (1814-78)

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Response: Psalm 71

R. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

May the mountains bring forth peace for the people
and the hills, justice.

May he defend the poor of the people
and save the children of the needy. *R.*

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. *R.*

For he shall save the poor when they cry
And the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. *R.*

May his name be blessed for ever
And endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. *R.*

Reading/Reflection:

Star of Bethlehem - Fr.Werenfried van Straaten (1913-2003)

Silence

Reflection:

Watching – S. John Henry Newman (1801-90)

Silence

Music

Litany *God and Man*

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Christ, hear us
Christ graciously hear us

Father in heaven,
Son, redeemer of the world

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Christ, hear us
Christ graciously hear us

have mercy on us
have mercy on us

Holy Spirit, the paraclete,
Holy trinity, one God,

have mercy on us
have mercy on us

Jesus, true God, Son of the father,
Jesus, true man, born of Mary,
Jesus, redeemer of the world
Jesus, messiah and Saviour

praise and glory to you

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praise and glory to you

Jesus, the first and the last
Jesus, Lord of history
Jesus, universal judge
Jesus, living and coming

praise and glory to you

Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world
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Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world

have mercy on us

have mercy on us

have mercy on us

Silence

Reflection & Prayer *Behold the Man* – Fr. Richard Tobin, C.Ss.R

Silence

Intercessions

Lord, in your mercy: **℟.** hear our prayer

Intentions:

For ACN's the work ...

... of supporting education, especially in Armenia.

... of providing Child's Bibles, especially in Sierra Leone

... of providing food or hot meals for families, especially in Lebanon

... of providing Christmas parcels to displaced children, especially in Syria.

... of voice to the voiceless, especially in Pakistan.

...of helping to heal the pain of trauma ,especially in Sri Lanka.

... of providing a means of transport to priests and religious in India and S. America.

... of providing essential support in the poorest parts of the world to those affected by COVID-19.

... of providing support to religious sisters around the world enabling them to minister to those in great need.

... of supporting seminarians in their formation in the most challenging of countries, especially in central Africa and E. Europe

... of helping fund the construction of churches and chapel in the Amazon region

... of providing for a family displaced by cross-border or internal war, especially in Syria and the middle-East.

For those who have died – victims of a persecuted Church, our benefactors, workers, friends and supporters both here and in the nations of the world

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn:

Come, Adore This Wondrous Presence (Tantum ergo...)

Come, adore this wondrous presence,
bow to Christ, the source of grace.
Here is kept the ancient promise

of God's earthly dwelling-place.
Sight is blind before God's glory,
faith alone may see His face.

Glory be to God the Father,
praise to His co-equal Son,
adoration to the Spirit,
bond of love, in Godhead one.
Blest be God by all creation
joyously while ages run. Amen

S. Thomas Aquinas (1227-74)
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Prayer:

Let us pray.

Lord our God, in this great sacrament
we come into the presence of Jesus Christ, your Son,
born of the Virgin Mary
and crucified for our salvation.

May we who declare our faith in this fountain of love and mercy
drink from it the water of everlasting life.

We ask this through | Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen

Blessing

Deposition

Hymn:

Adoremus in aeternum

R. Adoremus in aeternum sanctissimum Sacramentum.

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes:

laudate Eum omnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia eius

Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.

R. Adoremus...

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto,
sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper
et in secula saeculorum. Amen.

R. Adoremus...

(Let us adore for eternity the most holy Sacrament.

Praise the Lord, all you nations:

praise him all you peoples.

Because his mercy is confirmed upon us:

And the truth of the Lord remains forever.

Let us adore...

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.

Let us adore...)

Marian Antiphon & Prayer:

Alma Redemptoris Mater

Alma Redemptóris Mater,
quæ pérvia cæli porta manes,
et stella maris,
succúrre cadénti,
súrgere qui curat, pópulo;
tu quæ genuísti, natúra miránte,
tuum sanctum Genitórem,
Virgo prius ac postérius,
Gabriélis ab ore
sumens illud Ave,
peccatórum miserére.

Mother of Christ! Hear thou thy
people's cry,
Star of the deep, and portal of the
sky!
Mother of him who thee from
nothing made,
Sinking we strive, and call to thee for
aid:
Oh, by that joy which Gabriel brought
to thee,
Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy
mercy see.

Ÿ. The Angel of the LORD brought tidings unto Mary

Ŕ. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray

O mother Mary, intercede for us, we pray,
that your Son, Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ,
may bind up the wounds of all those
who have suffered during the war in Syria,
and across all our countries.
We pray for those grieving lost loved ones,
those who have lost their homes and their whole way of life.
Our Lady of Sorrows, console them,

and implore your Son to heal them of all distress –
of mind, body and spirit.

We pray for the Christian people:

may they continue to bear witness to Christ,
in lands rich in the heritage

bestowed by the fathers of the Church.

May those who follow the Lord take up their Cross
and forgive those who have trespassed against them,
remaining steadfast in faith and hope.

We ask all this through the intercession of

Our Lady of Sorrows, consoler of the Syrians. Amen.

Our Lady of Sorrows, Consoler of Syrians. ACN

Thank you very much for joining us in prayer for suffering and persecuted
Christians around the world and for the work of ACN.