Holy Trinity Scottish Episcopal Church Stirling

ADDRESS & COMPLINE
HOLY WEEK 2025

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.[19] For it is written:
"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."
(1 Cor 1.18-19)

I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
(1 Corinthians 2.2)

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
[6] who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
[7] but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
[8] he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
[9] Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
[10] so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
[11] and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
(Ephesians 2.5-11)

And when the Gospel of peace had been recited and the offering to be consecrated had been placed on the altar, and the priest sang the praise of Almighty God, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts," which began the mystery of the sacred rites, heaven was suddenly opened and a fiery and inestimable brilliance descended over that offering and irradiated it completely with light, as the sun illuminates anything its rays shine through. And, thus illuminating it, the brilliance bore it on high into the secret places of heaven and then replaced it on the altar, as a person draws in a breath and lets it out again; and thus the offering was made true flesh and true blood, although in human sight it looked like bread and wine.

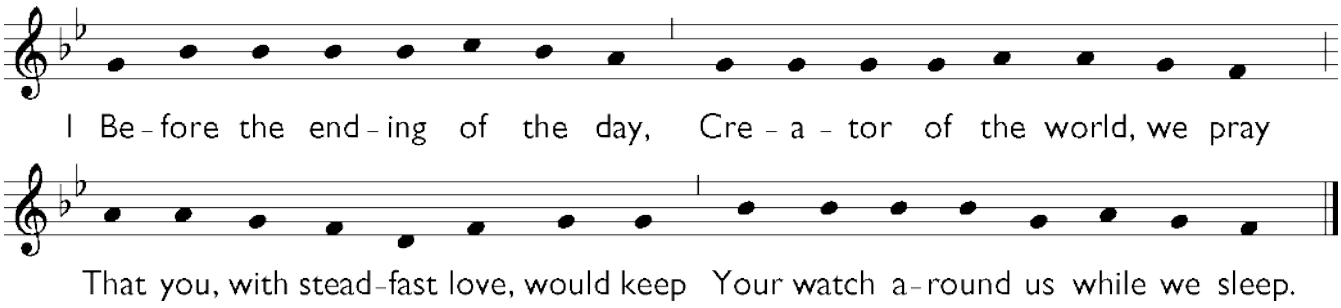
(Hildegard of Bingen, Scivias Part II, Vision 6)

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN



2 From evil dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Tread underfoot our deadly foe
That we no sinful thought may know.

3 O Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath
Our souls are raised to life from death.

PSALMODY Psalm 91

1 Those who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,*
abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 They shall say to the Lord, 'You are our refuge and our stronghold,*
our God in whom we put our trust.'

3 The Lord shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter*
and from the deadly pestilence.

4 The wings of the Lord shall cover you, and you shall find refuge under them;*
the faithfulness of God shall be a shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,*
nor of the arrow that flies by day:

6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness,*
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

7 A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your side.*
but it shall not come near you.

8 Your eyes have only to behold*
to see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge,*
and the Most High your habitation,

10 There shall no evil happen to you,*
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

11 For the angels of God shall have charge over you,*
to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands,*
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder;*
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

14 "Because they are bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver them;*
I will protect them, because they know my name.

15 They shall call upon me, and I will answer them;*
I am with them in trouble; I will rescue them and bring them to honour.

16 With long life will I satisfy them,*
and show them my salvation."

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Psalm 25.4-10

4 Show me your ways, O Lord,*
and teach me your paths.

5 Lead me in your truth and teach me,*
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

6 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,*
for they are from everlasting.

7 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;*
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

8 Gracious and upright are you, O Lord,*
therefore you teach sinners in your way.

9 You guide the humble doing right*
and teach the way to the lowly.

10 O Lord, all your paths are love and faithfulness*
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Psalm 134

1 Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,*
you that stand by night in the house of the Lord.

2 Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord;*
the Lord who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

READING:
For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. [17] Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. (John 3.16-17)

Thanks be to God.

Silence

Response (Ps. 31.5)
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
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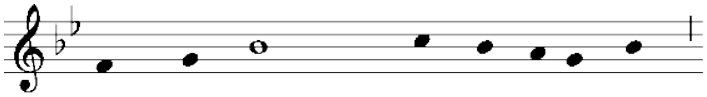
For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.
I commend my spirit.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Antiphon

Save us, O Lord, while wak-ing, and guard us while sleep-ing,

that a-wake we may watch with Christ and a-sleep may rest in peace.

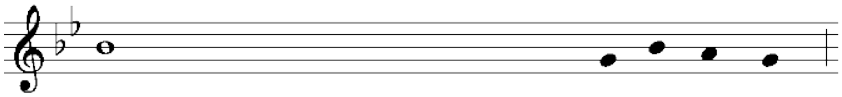
Canticle



1 Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace:

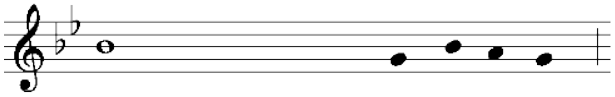
your word has been ful-filled.

2 My own eyes have seen the sal-va-tion

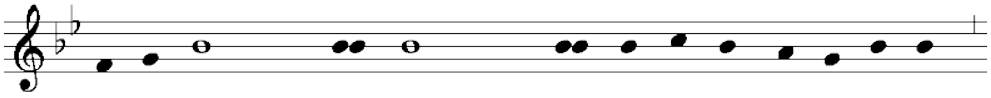


which you have prepared in the sight of ev'-ry peo-ple;

3 A light to re-veal you to the na-tions



and the glory of your peo-ple Is-rael.



Glo-ry to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit;

as it was in the begin-ning is now and shall be for ev-er. A-men.

Antiphon

Save us, O Lord, while wak-ing, and guard us while sleep-ing,

that a-wake we may watch with Christ and a-sleep may rest in peace.

PRAYERS

Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.** Lord have mercy.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Do not bring us to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who, in your tender love for the human race,
sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
to take our nature upon him,
and to suffer death upon the cross,
giving us the example of his great humility:
mercifully grant,
that we may both follow the example of his passion,
and also, be made partakers of his resurrection;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Conclusion

The Lord be with you; **and also with you.**
Let us bless the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

May the almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the
Son and the Holy Spirit, bless and keep us.
Amen.

Holy Week & Easter at Holy Trinity

Tuesday of Holy Week
7.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

We walk the set of stations of the cross we have on our church walls, featuring readings and reflections on the Passion.

Maundy Thursday
7.30 p.m. Sung Eucharist & Watch

We recall the Last Supper & the Washing of the Disciples Feet and watch with Christ in the Garden.

Good Friday
2 p.m. The Liturgy of Good Friday

We hear the passion Gospel and meditate on the cross as we hear the Reproaches and pray the ancient solemn intercessions for Good Friday.

Holy Saturday
9 p.m. Easter Vigil

We start with the Easter fire & Blessing of the Paschal Candle as we hear the story of salvation and journey from darkness to light. With the renewal of Baptismal Vows & the first Eucharist of Easter.

Easter Day
8.30 a.m. Holy Communion
10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

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