

**SAINTS MARTHA, MARY  
AND LAZARUS**



**VESPERS**

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## VESPERS

O God, come to our aid,  
O Lord, make haste to help us.  
Glory be 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. Alleluia!

### HYMN

Scottish Psalter, 1615

Our Lord and God is at the door,  
He knocks, a humble guest:  
Come quick - ly, all who seek his face,  
To - day your house is blest!

Unlock the door for Christ who comes,  
Your heart and house prepare;  
His bread, his life, his wine, himself  
He brings for all to share.

So poor a host, he has no room  
But what our love supplies;  
So rich a guest, his word is food  
For earth and sea and skies.

Come quickly, all who seek his face,  
For God is at our door:  
To him be welcome, love and praise  
On earth and evermore.

**ANTIPHON 1:** Mary \* listened to the Lord's word, and Martha did the serving.

Psalm 15



( Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.  
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.  
My happiness lies in you alone.'

He has put into my heart a marvellous love  
for the faithful ones who dwell in his land.

( Those who choose other gods increase their sorrows.  
Never will I offer their offerings of blood.  
Never will I take their name upon my lips.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.  
The lot marked out for me is my delight:  
welcome indeed the heritage that falls to me!

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay.

( You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Glory be to the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit,  
both now and for ever, amen.

**ANTIPHON 1:** Mary \* listened to the Lord's word, and Martha did the serving.

**ANTIPHON 2:** Those \* who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we shall come to them.

Psalm 22



The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

Glory be 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.

**ANTIPHON 2:** Those \* who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we shall come to them.

**ANTIPHON 3:** If we share \* in the Lord's dying, we shall rise with him in glory.

NT Canticle 6 (Romans 8:14-17)



Everyone moved by the Spirit  
is a son of God.

You received, not the spirit of slaves,  
to bring back fear into your lives

but the spirit of sons  
which makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!'

The Spirit bears witness with our spirit  
that we are truly children of God.

And if we are children, then we are heirs:  
heirs of God, who share in Christ's inheritance.

We share in his sufferings  
that we may also come to share his glory.

Glory be to the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit,  
both now and for ever, amen.

**ANTIPHON 3:** If we share \* in the Lord's dying, we shall rise with him in glory.

**ANTIPHON 4:** Behold, \* I stand at the door and knock: if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you.

Psalm 115



I trusted, even when I said:  
'I am sorely afflicted,'  
and when I said in my alarm:  
'No man can be trusted.'

How can I repay the Lord  
for his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people.  
O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Glory be 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.

**ANTIPHON 4:** Behold, \* I stand at the door and knock: if you hear my voice  
and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you.

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

## **RESPONSORY**

Jesus said: Your brother will rise from the dead. *(repeat)*

Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the  
living God:

Your brother will rise from the dead.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said: Your brother will rise from the dead.



## INTERCESSIONS

**OUR FATHER**

*(said by the Superior)*

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

LET US BLESS THE LORD  
THANKS BE TO GOD

May the divine assistance remain always with us.  
And with our absent brothers and sisters. Amen.

