

TERCE

Nunc, Sancte, nobis (Weeks I & III)

Now, Holy Spirit, come, descend,
one with the Father and the Son;
come swiftly in and fill our hearts
with your full flood of holiness.

In mind and mouth, with heart and tongue,
with strength and sense, may praise resound,
May charity with ardor blaze
and kindle others with its flame.

Now through your presence may we know
and love the Father and the Son,
and you, the Spirit of them both,
may we profess throughout all time. Amen.

Certum tenentes ordinem (Weeks II & IV)

We keep the order of the day
with loving heart and earnest prayer;
at this third hour we humbly beg
the glory of your threefold pow'r.

That we may be a dwelling place
where God the Holy Spirit dwells,
who at this hour, in parted tongues,
on each Apostle came to rest.

Throughout the course of daily hours
the Author of the heavn'ly realm
with splendor has adorned all things
to be our everlasting crown.

To God the Father glory be,
all honor to his only Son,
one with the Spirit Paraclete,
from age to age for evermore. Amen.

SEXT

Rector potens, verax Deus (Weeks I & III)

O mighty Ruler, God of truth,
for days and seasons setting bounds,
you clothe with splendor morning light
and midday skies with brilliant heat.

Extinguish flames of bitter strife,
all harmful passion take away,
grant health unto our mortal frame,
and on our hearts bestow true peace.

Most loving Father, hear our prayer,
and you, O Christ coequal Son,
who with the Spirit Paraclete
now reign for all eternity. Amen.

Dicamus laudes Domino (Weeks II & IV)

Let us sing praises to the Lord
with willing mind and fervent heart;
the noonday hour returns again
and summons us once more to prayer.

For to the faithful at this hour
true saving glory was restored
by off'ring of the blessed Lamb
and by the power of his Cross.

The Cross obscures the noonday sun
by its most clear and brilliant light;
let us receive with all our heart
the gift of such resplendent grace.

To God the Father glory be,
all honor to his only Son,
one with the Spirit Paraclete,
from age to age for evermore. Amen.

NONE

Rerum Deus, tenax vigor (Weeks I & III)

O God, our firm and steadfast strength,
remaining in yourself unmoved,
you rule the span of daily light
and guide the course of all the hours.

Bestow at eventide a light
by which our life may never fail;
may endless glory be the crown
that follows on a holy death.

Most loving Father, hear our prayer,
and you, O Christ, coequal Son,
who with the Spirit Paraclete
now reign for all eternity. Amen.

Ternis horarum terminis (Weeks II & IV)

Three times the cycle of the hours
returns to us by gift of God;
let us devoutly sing to him
who is the perfect Three in One.

We keep with pure and faithful hearts
the sacred myst'ry of our God;
this is the rule that Peter taught
and showed with wondrous, healing signs.

Let us sing psalms with heart and mind
and to the Apostles let us cling,
that they may guide with pow'r from Christ
our feeble steps that falter still.

To God the Father glory be,
all honor to his only Son,
one with the Spirit Paraclete,
from age to age for evermore. Amen.

COMPLINE

Te lucis ante terminum

To you before the close of light,
Creator of all things, we pray:
Be our protector, keep us safe
in your unfailing clemency.

Incline our hearts to dream of you,
to sense your presence as we sleep;
as light returns, so let us sing
your praise and glory evermore.

Grant us the grace of health and strength,
renew our warmth and joy of life;
and let your radiant light dispel
the dreaded darkness of the night.

Almighty Father, grant our prayer
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who reigns with you from age to age,
one with the Spirit, ever blest. Amen.

CLOSING VERSICLES

After Office of Readings and Daytime Prayer:

Let us bless the Lord.
℞. Thanks be to God.

After Lauds and Vespers:

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and lead us to everlasting life.
℞. Amen.

After Compline:

May the almighty Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.
℞. Amen.