

## Evening Prayer for Wednesday in Ordinary Time (Oct. 14)

God, come to my assistance.

— Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

— as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

### HYMN

[ a suitable Hymn chosen by our Choir Director will be sung ]

### PSALMODY

**Ant. 1** Lord, how wonderful is your wisdom, so far beyond my understanding.

O Lord, you search me and you know me,  
you know my resting and my rising,  
you discern my purpose from afar.  
You mark when I walk or lie down,  
all my ways lie open to you.

O where can I go from your spirit,  
or where can I flee from your face?  
If I climb the heavens, you are there.  
If I lie in the grave, you are there.

If I say: "Let the darkness hide me  
and the light around me be night,"  
even darkness is not dark for you  
and the night is as clear as the day.

Before ever a word is on my tongue  
you know it, O Lord, through and through.  
Behind and before you besiege me,  
your hand ever laid upon me.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,  
too high, beyond my reach.

If I take the wings of the dawn  
and dwell at the sea's furthest end,  
even there your hand would lead me,  
your right hand would hold me fast.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit:  
— as it was in the beginning, is now, and will  
be for ever. Amen.

**Ant.** Lord, how wonderful is your wisdom, so far beyond my understanding.

**Ant. 2** I am the Lord: I search the mind and probe the heart; I give to each one as his deeds deserve.

For it was you who created my being,  
knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I thank you for the wonder of my being,  
for the wonders of all your creation.

Already you knew my soul,  
my body held no secret from you  
when I was being fashioned in secret  
and molded in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes saw all my actions,  
they were all of them written in your book,  
every one of my days was decreed  
before one of them came into being.

To me, how mysterious your thoughts,  
the sum of them not to be numbered!  
If I count them, they are more than the sand;  
to finish, I must be eternal, like you.

O search me, God, and know my heart.  
O test me and know my thoughts.  
See that I follow not the wrong path  
and lead me in the path of life eternal.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit:  
— as it was in the beginning, is now, and will  
be for ever. Amen.

### Psalm-prayer

You watch over heaven and earth, Lord Jesus. Your death brought light to the dead; your resurrection gave joy to the saints; your ascension made the angels rejoice. Your power exceeds all power. Lead us to life eternal, and watch over us with your love. May your friends be filled with honor and join you in heaven.

**Ant.** I am the Lord: I search the mind and probe the heart; I give to each one as his deeds deserve.

**Ant. 3** Through him all things were made; he holds all creation together in himself.

Let us give thanks to the Father  
for having made you worthy  
to share the lot of the saints  
in light.

He rescued us  
from the power of darkness  
and brought us  
into the kingdom of his beloved Son.  
Through him we have redemption,  
the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the invisible God,  
the first-born of all creatures.  
In him everything in heaven and on earth was  
created,  
things visible and invisible.

All were created through him;  
all were created for him.  
He is before all else that is.  
In him everything continues in being.

It is he who is head of the body, the church!  
he who is the beginning,  
the first-born of the dead,  
so that primacy may be his in everything.

It pleased God to make absolute fullness  
reside in him  
and, by means of him, to reconcile everything  
in his person,  
both on earth and in the heavens,  
making peace through the blood of his cross.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

— as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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### READING 1 John 2:3-6

The way we can be sure of our knowledge of Christ  
is to keep his commandments.  
The man who claims, “I have known him,”  
without keeping his commandments,  
is a liar; in such a one there is no truth.  
But whoever keeps his word,  
truly has the love of God been made perfect in him.  
The way we can be sure we are in union with him  
is for the man who claims to abide in him  
to conduct himself just as he did.

**Sacred Silence** (indicated by a bell) – a moment to reflect and receive in our hearts the full resonance of the voice of the Holy Spirit and to unite our personal prayer more closely with the word of God and public voice of the Church.

### RESPONSORY

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye.  
— Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye.

Gather us under the shadow of your wings, and keep us,  
— as the apple of your eye.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
— Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye.

### CANTICLE OF MARY

**Ant.** Lord, with the strength of your arm scatter the proud and lift up the lowly.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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

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## INTERCESSIONS

With joyful hearts, let us praise the Eternal Father whose mercy toward his people is exalted to the heavens:

**Response:** *Let all who hope in you rejoice, Lord.*

Remember, Lord, that you sent your Son into the world to be its savior, not its judge,  
— let his glorious death bring us salvation.

**Response:** *Let all who hope in you rejoice, Lord.*

You ordained your priests to be ministers of Christ and stewards of your marvelous gifts,  
— fill them with fidelity, wisdom and love.

**Response:** *Let all who hope in you rejoice, Lord.*

You have called men and women to chastity for the sake of the kingdom,  
— let them faithfully follow your Son.

*Response: Let all who hope in you rejoice, Lord.*

From the beginning you intended husband and wife to be one,  
— keep all families united in sincere love.

*Response: Let all who hope in you rejoice, Lord.*

You sent Christ Jesus into the world to absolve the sins of men,  
— free all the dead from their sins.

*Response: Let all who hope in you rejoice, Lord.*

Our 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.

### **Concluding Prayer**

God our Father,  
you have filled the hungry with the good things of heaven.  
Keep in mind your infinite compassion.  
Look upon our poverty:  
and let us share the riches of your life and love.  
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.