

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord God,
in your mercy
you led Saint Clare to the love of poverty. Help us, by her intercession, to
follow Christ in poverty of spirit, so that, in the kingdom of heaven, we may
see you in your glory. (We make our prayer) through our Lord.

Amen

Leader: May the Lord Bless you and keep you.
May He turn his face to you,
and have mercy on you.
May He turn His countenance to you
and give you peace.
May the Lord Bless you: ✠
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.



Feast Day of St. Clare



11th Au-
Solemn
Morning
Prayer

Leader: We adore you,

**All: most holy Lord Jesus Christ,
here and in all your churches
throughout the world,
and we bless you
because by your holy cross
you have redeemed the world.**

Leader: O God come to our aid.

All: 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 ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

HYMN

**Ant. 1: The hand of the Lord has been her strength,
therefore she shall be blessed for ever.**

Psalm 62 (63):2-9

O God, you are my God, for you I long,*
for you my soul is thirsting
My body pines for you*
like a dry, weary land without water.
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary*
to see your strength and your glory.

**For your love is better than life,*
my lips will speak your praise.
So I will bless you all my life,*
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,*
my mouth shall praise you with joy.
On my bed I remember you.***

He will give light to those in darkness,
those who dwell in the shadow of death,*
and guide us into the way of peace.

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.

**Benedictus ant. The blessed Virgin Clare denied herself and took up
her cross, following the Lord, the spouse of virgins.**

Intercessions

Let us pray to the Father of all mercies, from whom comes all that is good,
all that is perfect, and humbly say to him:

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

You alone are holy and supremely good-multiply in your Church saints who
will love you and lead others to your love.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

You gave us blessed Clare as our mother and model-grant that we may fol-
low in her footsteps, serving you in poverty and humility.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

You are our way, our hope and our life; give to the Seraphic Order a
vigorous evangelical life-so that following St Clare's example, we may be
faithful children of the Church.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

You are the source of true wisdom; inflame our hearts with your love
-so that mindful of your words we may always seek the better part.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

You look to your loved ones to bring forth fruit in patience; grant us the
gifts of the Holy Spirit-that working with him we may bring peace and joy
to our brothers.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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Scripture Reading

Is. 58:10-II

Your light shall rise in the darkness, and the Lord will give you rest for ever; he will fill your soul with brightness, and you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring whose waters will not fail.

Short Responsory

R My soul will rejoice in the Lord. Repeat **R**
V And will delight in his salvation. **R** Glory be. **R**

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Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!
He has visited his people and redeemed them.

**He has raised up for us a mighty saviour*
in the house of David his servant,
as he promised by the lips of holy men,*
those who were his prophets from of old.**

A saviour who would free us from our foes,*
from the hands of all who hate us.
So his love for our fathers is fulfilled*
and his holy covenant remembered.

**He swore to Abraham our father to grant us,*
that free from fear, and saved from the hands of our foes,
we might serve him in holiness and justice*
all the days of our life in his presence.**

As for you, little child,*
you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High.
You shall go ahead of the Lord*
to prepare his ways before him,

**To make known to his people their salvation*
through forgiveness of all their sins,
the loving-kindness of the heart of our God*
who visits us like the dawn from on high.**



On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;*
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;*
your right hand holds me fast.

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.

**Ant. 1: The hand of the Lord has been her strength,
therefore she shall be blessed for ever.**

**Ant. 2: The Lord blessed her,
and through her brought his enemies to nought.**

Canticle Dan 3:57-88,56

O all you works of the Lord, O bless the Lord.*
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**And you, angels of the Lord, O bless the Lord.*
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, the heavens of the Lord, O bless the Lord.*
And you, clouds of the sky, O bless the Lord.
And you, all armies of the Lord, O bless the Lord.*
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**And you, sun and moon, O bless the Lord.*
And you, the stars of the heavens, O bless the Lord.
And you, showers and rain, O bless the Lord.*
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, all you breezes and winds, O bless the Lord.*
And you, fire and heat, O bless the Lord.
And you, cold and heat, O bless the Lord.*
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.



**And you, showers and dew, 0 bless the Lord.*
And you, frosts and cold, 0 bless the Lord.
And you, frost and snow, 0 bless the Lord.*
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, night-time and day, 0 bless the Lord. *
And you, darkness and light, 0 bless the Lord.
And you, lightning and clouds, 0 bless the Lord.*
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**0 let the earth bless the Lord. *
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, mountains and hills, 0 bless the Lord.*
And you, all plants of the earth, 0 bless the Lord.
And you, fountains and springs, 0 bless the Lord.*
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**And you, rivers and seas, 0 bless the Lord.*
And you; creatures of the sea, 0 bless the Lord.
And you, every bird in the sky, 0 bless the Lord.†
And you, wild beasts and tame, 0 bless the Lord. *
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, children of men, 0 bless the Lord. *
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**0 Israel, bless the Lord. 0 bless the Lord. *
And you, priests of the Lord, 0 bless the Lord.
And you, servants of the Lord, 0 bless the Lord.*
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, spirits and souls of the just, 0 bless the Lord.*
And you, holy and humble of heart, 0 bless the Lord.
Ananias, Azarias, Mizaël, 0 bless the Lord.*
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**Let us praise the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit:*
To you be highest glory and praise for ever.**



May you be blessed, 0 Lord, in the heavens.*
To you be highest glory and praise for ever.

**Ant. 2: The Lord blessed her, and through her brought his
enemies to nought.**

**Ant. 3: She cast all her cares on God:
she trusted in him and received help.**

Psalm 149

Sing a new song to the Lord, *
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in its Maker,*
let Sion's sons exult in their king.
Let them praise his name with dancing*
and make music with timbrel and harp.

**For the Lord takes delight in his people.*
He crowns the poor with salvation.
Let the faithful rejoice in their glory,*
shout for joy and take their rest.
Let the praise of God be on their lips*
and a two-edged sword in their hand,**

to deal out vengeance to the nations*
and punishment on all the peoples;
to bind their kings in chains*
and their nobles in fetters of iron;
to carry out the sentence pre-ordained:*
this honour is for all his faithful.

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.

**Ant. 3: She cast all her cares on God:
she trusted in him and received help..**

