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LITTLE OFFICE OF THE HOLY ANGELS



Matins.

Ant. God hath given His angels charge of thee, that they keep thee in all thy ways.

Amen.

O Lord, open Thou my lip,
And my tongue shall declare Thy praise.

O God, incline unto my aid.

O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc. Alleluia.

From Septuagesima to Holy Thursday, instead of Alleluia, is said, Praise be to Thee, O Lord, Thou King of everlasting glory.

Hymn.

O Lord, permit us here to raise our voice;
And wast before Thy throne our feeble praise,
And thank Thee for those angels whom Thy
choice
Hath lent our weakness to direct its ways,
And free us from the envious foes that lurk
To spoil the beauty of Thy cherished work.

Ant. O holy angels, our guardians, defend us
in the combat, that we perish not in the
dreadful judgment.

V. In sight of Thy angels I will sing to Thee,
my God.

R. I will adore at Thy holy temple, and
confess to Thy name.

Prayer.

O God, Who, in Thine ineffable providence,
hast deigned to send Thy holy angels to watch
over us: vouchsafe to Thy suppliants in all our
days to find safety in their protection, and in
eternity to share their happiness. Amen.

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Amen.

O God, incline unto my aid.

O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc. Alleluia.

Hymn.

For Satan, driven from the happy land,
Where once he shone in splendor, ill can brook
The kindly justice of the almighty hand,
That gives to man the throne that he forsook;
And seeks to drag into his own
Poor mortals thus designed to fill his place.

Ant. O holy angels, our guardians, etc.

V. In sight of Thy angels I will sing unto Thee,
my God.

R. I will adore at Thy holy temple, and confess
to Thy name.

Prayer.

O God, Who in Thine ineffable providence, etc.

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O God, incline unto my aid.

O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc. Alleluia.

Hymn.

Bright Spirit! whom a God supremely wise
Hath given to be the guardian of this land,
Come, arm'd with all Thy power from the
skies,

And bear its children harmless in Thy hand-
Safe from all evil that denies the soul,
Safe from disunion's withering control.

Ant. O holy angels, our guardians, etc.
V. In sight of Thy angels, etc.
R. I will adore at Thy holy temple, etc.

Prayer.

O God, Who in Thine ineffable providence, etc.

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Ant. God hath given His angels etc.
O God, incline unto my aid.
O Lord, make haste to help me.
Glory be to the Father, etc. Alleluia.

Hymn.

O Jesus! glory of the angelic choirs,
Light of their brightness, sweetness of their
bliss;
Thou Who didst leave a world where nothing
tires,
To taste the pains and miseries of this;
Be these same pains, endured to set us free,
The germ of endless happiness with Thee.

Ant. O holy angels, our guardians, etc.
V. In sight of Thy angels, etc.
R. I will adore at Thy holy temple, etc.

Prayer.

O God, Who in Thine ineffable providence, etc.

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Ant. God hath given His angels etc.
O God, incline unto my aid.
O Lord, make haste to help me.
Glory be to the Father, etc. Alleluia.

Hymn.

Angel of peace! come, Michael, to our aid;

Thou who didst once chase discord from the
sky;
Come, calm those boisterous passions that
have made
Such havoc here as they have made on high;
Drive strife and rancor to their kindred gloom,
To hell, their fitting, their eternal tomb.

Ant. O holy angels, our guardians, etc.
V. In sight of Thy angels, etc.
R. I will adore at Thy holy temple, etc.

Prayer.

O God, Who in Thine ineffable providence, etc.

Vespers.

Ant. God hath given His angels etc.
O God, incline unto my aid.
O Lord, make haste to help me.
Glory be to the Father, etc. Alleluia.
Glory. Alleluia.

Hymn.

Spirit of might, O Gabriel, display
Thy matchless power against our ancient foes;
Visit those sacred temples where we pray
'Twas at thy potent word those temples rose;
Whose worship raised these shrines
throughout the earth;
Thou wert the heralds of His future birth.

Ant. O holy angels, our guardians, etc.
V. In sight of Thy angels, etc.
R. I will adore at Thy holy temple, etc.

Prayer.

O God, Who in Thine ineffable providence, etc.

Compline.

Ant. God hath given His angels etc.
V. Convert us, O God, our Saviour.
R. And avert Thy anger from us.
O God, incline unto my aid.
O Lord, make haste to help me.
Glory be to the Father, etc. Alleluia.

Hymn.

And Raphael! of the glorious seven who stand
Before the throne of Him Who lives and
reigns;
Angel of health! the Lord hath filled thy hand
With balm from heaven to soothe or cure our
pains,
Heal or console the victim of disease,
And guide our steps when doubtful of our
ways.

Ant. O holy angels, our guardians, etc.
V. In sight of Thy angels, etc.
R. I will adore at Thy holy temple, etc.

Prayer.

O God, Who in Thine ineffable providence, etc.

Commendation.

O holy Guardian! at thy feet
This wreath of humble flowers I lay;
O that their odor were, as sweet,
As he desires, who sings the lay,
Protect me at death's awful hour,
Receive my soul to thy embrace,
Rich with the wonders of thy power,
To thank, to praise thee, face to face. Amen.

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