

He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.
He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy,
The mercy promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his sons for ever.

Give praise to the Father Almighty, to His Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
To the Spirit who dwells in our hearts, both now and forever, Amen.

Magnificat ant. Saint Agnes opened her arms and prayed: I pray to you, holy Father;
behold, I am coming to you whom I have loved, whom I have sought, whom I have
always desired.

INTERCESSIONS

We express before God our longing for unity and our desire to work together with our
fellow Christians to hasten the day of unity. In faith we pray:

Response: You, Lord, are our light and our help.

1. For all who work and pray and suffer to bring Christians closer together: in faith
we pray: **R.**
2. For a renewal in our own parish of a desire for Christian unity: in faith we pray: **R.**
3. For a new commitment to take seriously to heart all that Christians have shared
for centuries: in faith we pray: **R.**
4. For a new commitment to take seriously to heart the new agreements Christians
are now able to reach: in faith we pray: **R.**
5. For Christians in our area, that God may keep us faithful to the gospel of our
Lord: in faith we pray: **R.**
6. For all who work to bring light and understanding where there have been dark-
ness or discord: in faith we pray: **R.**
7. *Pause for those who wish to add an intercession*
8. Grant to the dead eternal life: in faith we pray: **R.**

We are united in our baptismal consecration as we pray the prayer that Jesus gave
us: **OUR FATHER**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Almighty, ever-living God,
you choose what is weak in the world
to shame what is strong.

Grant that, as we celebrate the martyrdom of Saint Agnes,
we may follow her example of steadfastness in faith.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **R. Amen.**

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

EVENING PRAYER

21 January: SAINT AGNES Virgin and Martyr

V. O God, come to our aid

R. 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. Alleluia.

HYMN: BE THOU MY VISION

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
3. Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise,
be thou mine inheritance now and all days;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
the King of high heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.



PSALMODY

Ant. 1: The virgin of Christ was neither overcome by terror, nor won over by flattery.

Psalm 114 (116)

I love the Lórd for hé has héard*
the crý of my appéal;
for he túrned his éar to mé*
in the dáy when I cálléd him.

They surróunded me, the snáres of déath, †
with the ánguish of the tómb;*
they cáught me, sórrów and distréss.

I cálléd on the Lórd's name.*

O Lórd my Gód, delíver me!

How grácious is the Lórd, and júst;*
our Gód has compásson.
The Lórd protécts the simple héarts;*
I was hélpless so he sáved me.

Turn báck, my sóul, to your rést*
for the Lórd has been góod;
he has képt my sóul from déath, †
my éyes from téars*
and my féet from stúmbing.

I will wálk in the présence of the Lórd*
in the lánd of the líving.

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: The virgin of Christ was neither overcome by terror, nor won over by flattery.

Ant. 2: I trust in him alone, to him alone do I commit myself with all my love.

Psalm 115 (116)

I trústed, éven when I sáid: *
'I am sórely afflicted,'
and whén I sáid in my alárm:*
'No mán can be trústed.'

Now cán I repáy the Lórd*
for his góodness to mé?
The cúp of salvátió I will ráise;*
I will cáll on the Lórd's name.

My vóws to the Lórd I will fulfil*
befóre all his péople.
O précious in the éyes of the Lórd*
is the déath of his fáithful.

Your sérvant, Lord, your sérvant am I;*
you have lóosened my bónds.
A thánksgiving sácrifice I máke:*
I will cáll on the Lórd's name.

My vóws to the Lórd I will fulfil*
befóre all his péople,
in the cóurts of the hóuse of the Lórd,*
in your mídst, O Jerúsalem.

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: I trust in him alone, to him alone do I commit myself with all my love.

Ant. 3: I give you praise, Father of my Lord Jesus Christ, because you made your servant victorious through your Son.

Hymn of the redeemed

Canticle: Rev 4:11; 5:9,10,12

Worthy are you, our Lord and God,*
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,*
and by your will they existed and were created.

Worthy are you, O Lord,*
to take the scroll and to open its seals,
for you were slain, †
and by your blood you ransomed men for God*
from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

You have made us a kingdom and priests to our God,*
and we shall reign on earth.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,*
to receive power and wealth,
and wisdom and might,*
and honour and glory and blessing.

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. I give you praise, Father of my Lord Jesus Christ, because you made your servant victorious through your Son.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Pet 4:13-14

My dear people, if you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the spirit of glory, the spirit of God resting on you.

SHORT RESPONSORY

R. God chose her before she was born **Repeat R.**
V. He brought her to live in his own dwelling place. **R.**
Glory be. **R.**

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My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed.
The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him.

