

# The Little Office of Our Holy Father Saint Dominic

*(Metrical Translation, by the late  
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[adapted from *Devotions to St. Dominic*\*]

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# Prayer to be said before the Office

Open, O Lord, my mouth, to bless Thy holy Name: cleanse also my heart from all vain, perverse and distracting thoughts. Enlighten my understanding, inflame my will, that I may be able worthily, attentively, and devoutly to recite this holy Office and may deserve to be heard in the presence of Thy divine Majesty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

O Lord, in union with that divine intention wherewith Thou didst offer praises on earth to God, I offer these Hours to Thee.

<u>Traditional</u>	<u>Modern</u>
Matins (midnight or 3am)	Office of Readings (anytime)
Lauds (Dawn)	Morning Prayer
Prime (6am)	suppressed
Terce (9am)	Mid-Morning Prayer
Sext (Noon)	Midday Prayer
None (3pm)	Mid-Afternoon Prayer
Vespers (6pm)	Evening Prayer
Compline (bedtime)	Night Prayer

*Septuagesima* is the  
ninth Sunday before Easter

# MATINS

Our Father. Creed, *in silence*.

V. Grant his prayer, sweet Lord, that we  
R. May still be pleasing unto Thee.

V. O Lord, open Thou my lips,  
R. And my mouth shall declare Thy  
praise.

V. Incline unto my aid, O God,  
R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc., Alleluia

*Or, after Septuagesima:* Praise be to Thee, O  
Lord, King of everlasting glory.

*Invitatory.* The King and Lord of confessors:  
O come, let us adore.

## FROM PSALM 94

O come, let us be glad in the Lord, let us  
joyfully sing to the God of our salvation: let us  
come before His presence with thanksgiving,  
and make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.

R. The King and Lord of confessors: O come,  
let us adore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to  
the Holy Ghost, etc.

R. O come let us adore. The King and Lord of  
confessors: O come, let us adore.

## HYMN

### *Gaude Mater Ecclesia*

Rejoice, sweet Mother Church, to whom  
This happy festal day is given,  
In mind of him who from thy womb  
Is born a saint this day to heaven.  
Our mighty father, who led forth  
And marshalled his great preacher  
host,  
With glory crowned now leaves this earth  
To dwell on heaven's blissful coast.  
To God, The Three and One, be praise  
And honor, strength and glory given;  
And may He deign our souls to raise  
Through our sweet father's prayers  
to heaven.

## FROM PSALM 1

Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners:

Nor sat in the chair of pestilence.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord;

And on his law will he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted near the running waters

That shall bring forth its fruit in due season.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

## ANTHEM

With Christ, the midnight vigil keeping,

Oft he prayed with floods of weeping;

He sought no couch, and hardly pressed

The bare cold ground for needful rest.

V. The Lord loved him and adorned him.

R. He clad him in a robe of glory.

Our Father, *in silence*.

Pray, Father, give the blessing.

*Blessing.* May our blessed father, Saint Dominic, make loving intercession for us.

R. Amen.

## LESSON 1

Holy and blessed father, Saint Dominic, our great parent and guide, despise not thine own work, but hear us in the day when we call upon thee, for great is thy loving-kindness. O deliver us from the power of our enemies visible and invisible. But do Thou, O Lord, have mercy on us. Thanks be to God.

R. Sworn to Christ a virgin knight,  
Virtue's pattern pure and bright,  
Thou with burning words of grace  
Seek'st thy heavenly dwelling-place.  
Sweetest odors fill the air,  
Angel hosts thy praise declare.

V. To thy sons, O blessed guide,  
Heaven's high portals open wide.

R. Sweetest odors fill the air,  
Angel hosts thy praise declare

Pray, Father, give the blessing.

*Blessing.* In all distress and tribulation may our holy father, St. Dominic, help us.

## LESSON 2

O Dominic, most holy father, rise and embrace our Savior's feet; reconcile us to Christ by thy holy and compassionate prayers, for thou seest how we have offended the eyes of our Creator. Obtain for us the pardon of our sins, rest for our souls, and the joys of heaven. But do Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Thanks be to God.

V. Rising from this vale of earth,  
Choirs of angels hymn his worth.

Grand his prayer, sweet Lord, that we  
May still be pleasing unto Thee.

R. Oft-times at his prayer of faith  
Thou didst loose the bonds of death;  
May his pleadings now obtain  
Freedom from our debt of pain.

Pray, Father, give the blessing.

*Blessing.* May blessed Dominic, the father and guide of the Order of Preachers, conduct us to the society of the heavenly citizens. R. Amen.

## LESSON 3

Saint Dominic, our own sweet father, have compassion on the afflicted; show thy tender love to us poor exiles and pilgrims to heaven; despise not our humble petitions, but deliver us from all dangers, and by thy holy intercession translate us to the kingdom of security and peace. But do Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Thanks be to God.

R. Sweet the hope thy fainting breath  
Gave to those who wept thy death,  
Promising, though life were flown,  
Thou wouldst still protect thine own.  
Father, keep thy gracious word,  
Pleading for us with our Lord.

V. Who so oft was wont to shine  
Midst the sick with powers divine,  
To our languid souls apply  
Christ's restoring remedy.

R. Father, keep thy gracious word,  
Pleading for us with our Lord.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;

R. Father, keep thy gracious word,  
Pleading for us with our Lord.

FROM THE "TE DEUM"

We praise Thee, O God;  
we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship Thee,  
the Father everlasting.  
To Thee all angles cry aloud,  
the heavens and all the powers therein.  
To Thee cherubim and seraphim,  
continually do cry.  
Holy, Holy, Holy,  
Lord God of Sabaoth.

V. Pray for us, O blessed father Dominic,  
R. That we may be made worthy of the  
promises of Christ.

LAUDS

V. Incline unto my aid, O God,  
R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc., Alleluia

*Or, after Septuagesima:* Praise be to Thee, O  
Lord, King of everlasting glory.

PSALM 150

Praise ye the Lord in His holy places:  
Praise Him in the firmament of His  
power.  
Praise ye Him for His mighty acts:  
Praise Him according to the multitude  
of His greatness.  
Praise Him with the sound of trumpet:  
Praise Him with psaltery and harp.  
Praise Him with the timbrel and the dance:  
Praise Him with strings and organs.  
Praise Him on high-sounding cymbals:  
Praise him on cymbals of joy.  
Let every spirit praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

ANTHEM

*Pie Pater*

Holy Father, cast thy mind  
On the work thy hands designed.  
In the Judge's presence stand  
For thy poor and lowly band.

LITTLE CHAPTER

*Ecclus. L, 6.7*

As the morning star in the midst of a cloud,  
and as the moon in the days of her fullness,  
and as the sun when it shineth, so shone he in  
the temple of God.

R. Thanks be to God.

## HYMN

### *Carnis liber ergastulo*

From prison of the flesh set free,  
See how he shines with beams from  
heaven!  
And for his garb of poverty  
A robe of royalty is given.  
The fragrant tomb, the frequent sign,  
Clear proof to all mankind afford  
How much of grace and power divine,  
Christ's servant shareth with his Lord.  
To God, the Three and One, be praise  
And honor, strength and glory given;  
And may He deign our souls to raise,  
Through our sweet father's prayers to  
heaven.  
Amen.

V. Thou didst appear glorious in the sigh of the  
Lord.

R. Therefore the Lord hath clothed thee with  
beauty.

### FROM THE "BENEDICTUS"

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel:  
For He hath visited and wrought the  
redemption of His people  
And hath raised up a horn of salvation for us  
In the house of David, His servant.  
As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets,  
Who were from the beginning.  
Glory be to the Father, etc.

## ANTHEM

### *Carnis viror*

In the flesh a virgin true,  
In desire a martyr, too;  
O'er the earth thy words have run.  
Now thy earthly course is done,  
Stripped of all for Christ's dear sake,  
O turn thee to thy rest, and take  
The prize of life divine which thou hast won.  
V. O Lord, hear my prayer  
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

## LET US PRAY

O God, who didst vouchsafe to enlighten  
Thy Church by the merits and teaching of  
our blessed father Dominic, Thy confessor,  
grant that through his intercession we may be  
provided against all temporal necessities, and  
ever increase in spiritual good. Through our  
Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and  
reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy  
Ghost, for ever and ever. Amen.

## COMMEMORATION OF ST. AUGUSTINE

May all who venerate  
In thee their father blest,  
Find, too, in thee their certain guide  
To that blest life, where glorified  
The saints forever rest.  
V. The just man shall spring up like the lily,  
R. And shall flourish for ever before the  
Lord.

## LET US PRAY

Give ear to our supplications, Almighty God,  
and through the intercession of blessed  
Augustine, Thy confessor and bishop,  
graciously show forth unto us the effect  
of Thine accustomed mercy, whom Thou  
indulgest in the confident hope of Thy loving  
kindness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy  
Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the  
unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end.  
Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Father, keep thy gracious word,

R. Pleading for us with our Lord.

## PRIME

V. Grant his prayer, sweet Lord, that we  
R. May still be pleasing unto Thee.  
V. Incline unto my aid, O God,  
R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc., Alleluia

*Or, after Septuagesima:* Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of everlasting glory.

### HYMN

#### *Novus athleta Domini*

Raise to the champion of our Lord,  
Great Dominic, our loud acclaim,  
Whose lordly work, the Gospel-word,  
So well doth suit his lordly name.\*  
With watchful eye and careful hand  
He kept the lily all unstained;  
His zeal burned like a flaming brand,  
For souls that Satan else had gained.  
To God, the Three and One, be praise,  
And honor, strength and glory given;  
And may He deign our souls to raise  
Through our sweet father's prayers to  
heaven.

Amen.

\*"Dominicus" from "dominus," a lord.

### FROM PSALM 53

Save me, O God, by Thy Name:  
And judge me in Thy strength.  
O God, hear my prayer:  
Give ear to the words of my mouth,  
For strangers have risen up against me, and  
the mighty have sought after my soul;  
And they have not set God before their  
eyes.  
Glory be to the Father, etc.

## ANTHEM

### *Gemma*

A gem of purest ray  
That in its casket lay  
All meanly folded round wrapped in earth,  
Still shone divinely bright,  
With signs of grace and might,  
That plainly told its power and priceless  
worth.

### LITTLE CHAPTER

#### *Ecclus. XXXIX, 6*

The just man will give his heart to watch early  
to the God that made him, and he will pray in  
the sight of the Most High. Thanks be to God.

R. O Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,  
at the prayer of St. Dominic,

*Repeat.* O Jesus Christ, Son of the living  
God, at the prayer of St. Dominic,

V. Make us pleasing unto Thee,

R. At the prayer of St. Dominic.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost.

R. O Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,  
at the prayer of St. Dominic,

V. Arise, O Lord, and help us.

R. And deliver us for Thy Name's sake.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

### LET US PRAY

Give ear to our supplications, Almighty God,  
and direct all the actions of Thy servants to  
the prosperous attainment of Thy salvation;  
and grant through the intercession of Thy  
blessed confessor, our most holy father, Saint  
Dominic, that we may ever be defended by  
Thine assistance amidst all the changes of  
this our life and pilgrimage. Through our Lord  
Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth  
with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world  
without end. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Father, keep thy gracious word,

R. Pleading for us with our Lord.

## TERCE

V. Grant his prayer, sweet Lord, that we  
R. May still be pleasing unto Thee.  
V. Incline unto my aid, O God,  
R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc., Alleluia

*Or, after Septuagesima:* Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of everlasting glory.

### HYMN

#### *Mundum calcans*

He trod the world beneath his feet,  
Forward to strenuous toil he pressed,  
And stripped himself the foe to meet,  
By Christ's strong grace upheld and  
blessed.

He still fights on with ceaseless prayer,  
With tears, and words, and signs of  
power;

And sends his children forth to bear  
The glorious war from shore to shore.

To God, the Three and One, be praise,  
And honor, strength and glory given;  
And may He deign our souls to raise  
Through our sweet father's prayers to  
heaven.

### FROM PSALM 8

O Lord, our Lord:  
How marvellous is Thy Name through  
all the earth,  
For Thy great might is exalted  
Even above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings  
Thou hast perfected praise, because of  
Thine enemies,

That Thou mayest destroy the enemy and the  
avenger.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

### ANTHEM

#### *Corpus sanctum*

His sacred body as a shrine  
And treasure-house of sweets divine  
Breathes richer fragrance to the gale  
Than all earth's spicy stores exhale.

## LITTLE CHAPTER

### *Ecclus. L, 6.7*

As the morning star in the midst of a cloud,  
and as the moon in the days of her fullness,  
and as the sun when it shineth, so shone he in  
the temple of God.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Loving father Dominic, hear thy servants  
who pray to thee.

R. Loving father Dominic, hear thy servants  
who pray to thee.

V. And bring us remission from above.

R. Hear thy servants who pray to thee.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost.

R. Loving father Dominic, hear thy servants  
who pray to thee.

V. Holy father, cast thy mind

On the work thy hands designed.

R. In the judge's presence stand  
For thy poor and lowly band.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

### LET US PRAY

O God, who didst vouchsafe to enlighten  
Thy Church by the merits and teaching of  
our blessed father Dominic, Thy confessor,  
grant that through his intercession we may  
be provided against all temporal necessities,  
and ever increase in spiritual good. Through  
our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth  
and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy  
Ghost, world without end. Amen.

V. Father, keep thy gracious word,

R. Pleading for us with our Lord.

## SEXT

V. Jesu sweet, at Dominic's prayer,  
R. Let his sons Thy power share.  
V. Incline unto my aid, O God,  
R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc., Alleluia

*Or, after Septuagesima:* Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of everlasting glory.

### HYMN

#### *Hymnum novae laetitiae*

Come, let our choir, this happy day,  
Prolong its sweet melodious lay;  
And hymns of new-felt joy proclaim  
The praise of Dominic's great name.  
The world at its grim vesper-tide  
This brightly glittering star descried,  
Herald of freedom's light up-risen  
To souls detained in sin's dark prison.  
Unto the sacred One and Three  
Praise, honor, strength and glory be;  
And may He grant our souls to rise  
Through Dominic's pleading to the  
skies.

Amen.

### FROM PSALM 14

Lord, who shall dwell in Thy tabernacle,  
Or who shall rest on Thy holy hill?  
He that walketh without blemish  
And worketh justice.  
He that speaketh truth in his heart  
Who hath used no deceit with his  
tongue.  
Glory be to the Father, etc.

### ANTHEM

#### *Scala caelo*

A ladder, reaching from the sky,  
Shone brightly on a brother's eye,  
Who clear descried our father blest  
Ascending to his saintly rest.

## LITTLE CHAPTER

### *Isa. LIX, 21*

My spirit which is in thee, and My words which I have put into thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth now and for ever.

R. Thanks be to God.  
V. Holy father cast thy mind  
On the work thy hands designed.  
R. Holy father cast thy mind  
On the work thy hands designed.  
V. In the Judge's presence stand  
For thy poor and lowly band.  
R. On the work thy hands designed.  
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost.  
R. Holy father, cast thy mind  
On the work thy hands designed.  
V. When touched by death  
We yield our breath,  
O come and take us to the sky.  
R. And even now,  
Great father, show  
We walk beneath thy watchful eye.  
V. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

### LET US PRAY

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may be assisted by the prayers of blessed Dominic, Thy confessor, that what we ourselves are not able to obtain, may be vouchsafed us through his intercession. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.  
V. Let us bless the Lord.  
R. Thanks be to God.  
V. Father, keep thy gracious word,  
R. Pleading for us with our Lord.



## NONE

V. Grant his prayer, sweet Lord, that we  
R. May still be pleasing unto Thee.  
V. Incline unto my aid, O God,  
R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc., Alleluia

*Or, after Septuagesima:* Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of everlasting glory.

## HYMN

### *Doctrinam Evangelicam*

He spread abroad the Gospel sound  
Even to earth's remotest bound,  
And with his new-formed ranks subdued  
And banished heresy's false brood.  
He was the well-spring from whose tide  
Swelled the rich river, deep and wide,  
A living flood still rolling forth  
Its healing waters through the earth.  
Unto the sacred One and Three  
Praise, honor, strength and glory be  
And may He grand our souls to rise  
Through Dominic's pleading to the  
skies.

Amen.

## FROM PSALM 23

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof;  
The world and all that dwell therein.  
For He hath founded it upon the seas:  
And upon the floods hath He prepared it.  
Who shall go up to the mountain of the Lord:  
Or who shall stand in His holy place?  
The innocent of hands, and the clean of heart,  
Who hath not taken his soul in vain,  
Nor sworn in guile unto his neighbor.  
Glory be to the Father, etc.

## ANTHEM

### *Fulget in choro*

A teacher of the truth sincere,  
He shines among the virgin choirs,  
His brows the double garlands wear  
Of doctrine pure and chaste desires.

## LITTLE CHAPTER

### *Mal. II, 6*

The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found on his lips; he walked with Me in peace and justice, and turned many from iniquity.

R. Thanks be to God.  
V. When touched by death  
We yield our breath,  
R. O come and take us to the sky.  
V. And even now,  
Great father, show  
We walk beneath thy watchful eye.  
R. O come and take us to the sky.  
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost.  
R. When touched by death  
We yield our breath,  
O come and take us to the sky.  
V. The mouth of the just man shall speak  
wisdom.  
R. And his tongue shall utter judgement.

## LET US PRAY

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who are weighed down with the burden of our sins may be relieved by the intercession of our blessed father Dominic, Thy confessor. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.  
V. Father, keep thy gracious word,  
R. Pleading for us with our Lord.

# VESPERS

V. Grant his prayer, sweet Lord, that we  
R. May still be pleasing unto Thee.  
V. Incline unto my aid, O God,  
R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc., Alleluia

*Or, after Septuagesima:* Praise be to Thee, O  
Lord, King of everlasting glory.

## FROM PSALM 111

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord:  
He shall delight exceedingly in His  
commandments.  
His seed shall be mighty upon the earth:  
The generation of the just shall be  
blessed.  
Glory and wealth shall be in his house:  
And his justice remaineth forever and  
ever.  
Glory be to the Father, etc.

## ANTHEM

### *Transit pauper*

The saint so mean and poor  
Ascends a heavenly throne,  
He holds a sceptre evermore,  
He wears a conqueror's crown.  
He goes from death to life,  
From toil to lasting rest;  
From sorrows here and ceaseless strife,  
To the pleasures of the blest.

## LITTLE CHAPTER

### *Ecclus. L, 6.7*

As the morning star in the midst of a cloud,  
and as the moon in the days of her fullness,  
and as the sun when it shineth, so shone he in  
the temple of God.  
R. Thanks be to God.

## HYMN

### *Gaude Mater*

Rejoice, sweet Mother Church, to whom  
This happy festal day is given  
In mind of him who from thy womb  
Is born a saint this day to heaven.  
Our mighty father, who led forth  
And marshalled his great preacher-  
host,  
With glory crowned now leaves this earth  
To dwell on heaven's blissful coast.  
To God, the Three and One, be praise  
And honor, strength and glory given;  
And may He deign our souls to raise  
Through our sweet father's prayers to  
heaven.

Amen.

V. Pray for us, O Holy Father, Dominic.  
R. That we may be made worthy of the  
promises of Christ.

## FROM THE MAGNIFICAT

My soul doth magnify the Lord.  
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my  
Savior.  
Because He hath regarded the humility of His  
handmaid:  
For behold from henceforth all  
generations shall call me blessed.  
Glory be to the Father, etc.

## ANTHEM

### *O Lumen*

O Light of holy Church,  
Teacher of truth divine!  
Sweet rose of patience, ivory-white  
Thy chastity doth shine.  
Of wisdom's living waters  
All freely thou has given;  
Herald of grace, O join our souls  
Unto the blest in heaven.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer  
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

LET US PRAY

O God, who didst vouchsafe to enlighten Thy Church by the merits and teaching of our blessed father Dominic, Thy confessor, grant that through his intercession we may be provided against all temporal necessities, and ever increase in spiritual good. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, for ever and ever. Amen.

COMMEMORATION OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Rejoice, O Jerusalem, our mother for thy King hath brought Augustine unto thee, a diligent steward and most faithful citizen, redeemed from the captivity of Babylon.

V. The Lord loved him and adorned him.  
R. He clad him with a robe of glory.

LET US PRAY

Give ear to our supplications, Almighty God, and through the intercession of blessed Augustine, Thy confessor and bishop, graciously show forth unto us the effect of Thine accustomed mercy, whom Thou indulgest in the confident hope of Thy loving kindness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.  
V. Let us bless the Lord.  
R. Thanks be to God.  
V. Father, keep thy gracious word,  
R. Pleading for us with our Lord.

COMPLINE

V. Grant his prayer, sweet Lord, that we  
R. May still be pleasing unto Thee.  
V. Convert us, O Lord, our Savior.  
R. And turn away Thy wrath from us.  
V. Incline unto my aid, O God,  
R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc., Alleluia

*Or, after Septuagesima:* Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of everlasting glory.

FROM PSALM 30

In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped,  
Let me never be confounded.  
O deliver me in Thy justice.  
Bow down Thine ear to me.  
Make haste to deliver me.  
Be Thou unto me, O God, a protector  
And a house of refuge to save me.  
Glory be to the Father, etc.

ANTHEM

*Agonizans*

Laboring for his Lord's dear name  
Dressed in poverty's plain weeds,  
Onward through the world he came  
Sowing wide the heavenly seeds.

LITTLE CHAPTER

*Ecclus. XV, 5*

In the midst of the Church, the Lord opened his mouth and filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding, and clothed him with a robe of glory.

R. Thanks be to God.  
V. Intercede for us, O blessed father Dominic.  
R. Intercede for us, O blessed father Dominic.  
V. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.  
R. O blessed father Dominic.  
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
R. Intercede for us, O blessed father Dominic.

## HYMN

### *Carnis liber ergastulo*

From prison of the flesh set free,  
See how he shines with beams from  
heaven!  
And for his garb of poverty  
A robe of royalty given.  
The fragrant tomb, the frequent sign,  
Clear proof to all mankind afford.  
How much of grace and power divine  
Christ's servant shareth with his Lord.  
To God, the Three and One, be praise  
And honor, strength and glory given;  
And may He deign our souls to raise  
Through our sweet father's prayers to  
heaven.  
Amen.

## THE CANTICLE

### *Nunc dimittis*

Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart, O Lord,  
According to Thy word, in peace.  
Because mine eyes  
Have seen Thy salvation  
Which Thou prepared  
Before the face of all people.  
A light to enlighten the Gentiles;  
And the glory of Thy people, Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, etc.

## ANTHEM

### *O Speculum*

O mirror-glass of purity,  
Clear of all earthly stain,  
May we who sing thy joys arise  
Hereafter to the happy skies,  
And share in Christ's blest reign.  
V. O Lord, hear my prayer  
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

## LET US PRAY

Have mercy upon us, Thy servants, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and whatsoever sins we have committed in this our life and pilgrimage, by the sight of evil things, or the hearing of unprofitable discourse, do Thou of Thine unspeakable kindness, and through the intercession of Thy confessor, our most blessed and sweet father Dominic, wholly blot out and forgive. Through our Lord, etc.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer  
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.  
V. Let us bless the Lord.  
R. Thanks be to God.  
V. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.  
R. Amen.  
V. Father, keep thy gracious word,  
R. Pleading for us with our Lord.

## PRAYER TO BE SAID AFTER THE OFFICE

May everlasting praise, honor, power and glory be given by all creatures to the most holy and undivided Trinity, to the sacred Manhood of our Lord Jesus Christ Crucified, to the fruitfulness and purity of the most blessed and glorious Virgin Mary, and to the fellowship of all the holy saints; and may we obtain the pardon of all our sins, world without end. Amen.

V. Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, which bore the Son of the Eternal Father.  
R. And blessed are the breasts which gave suck unto Christ our Lord.

Our Father and Hail Mary to be said for the intentions of the Holy Father.

