Behold, you desire truth deep within me♦

and shall make me understand wisdom

in the depths of my heart.

**Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean;♦**

**wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Make me hear of joy and gladness,♦

that the bones you have broken may rejoice.

**Turn your face from my sins♦**

**and blot out all my misdeeds.**

Make me a clean heart, O God,♦

and renew a right spirit within me.

**Cast me not away from your presence♦**

**and take not your holy spirit from me.**

Give me again the joy of your salvation♦

and sustain me with your gracious spirit;

**Then shall I teach your ways to the wicked♦**

**and sinners shall return to you.**

Deliver me from my guilt, O God, **♦**

the God of my salvation,

and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

**O Lord, open my lips♦**

**and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

For you desire no sacrifice, else I would give it;♦

you take no delight in burnt offerings.

**The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;♦**

**a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

O be favourable and gracious to Zion;♦

build up the walls of Jerusalem.

**Then you will accept sacrifices offered in righteousness,**

**the burnt offerings and oblations;♦**

**then shall they offer up bulls on your altar.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning is now**

**and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.**

***Canticle***

*Christ committed no sin,*

***no guile was found on his lips.***

Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example,♦

**that you should follow in his steps.**

**He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips,♦**

**when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.**

**When he suffered, he did not threaten,♦**

**but he trusted himself to God who judges justly.**

**Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,♦**

**that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

**By his wounds, you have been healed,**

**for you were straying like sheep,♦**

**but have now returned**

**to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning is now**

**and shall be for ever. Amen.**

***Christ committed no sin,***

***no guile was found on his lips***

***Scripture Reading***

Forsake me not, O Lord;

be not far from me, O my God.

**Forsake me not, O Lord;**

**be not far from me, O my God.**

Make haste to help me,

O Lord of my salvation.

**Be not far from me, O my God.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

**Forsake me not, O Lord;**

**be not far from me, O my God.**

***Gospel Canticle: the Magnificat***

Come, let us return to the Lord,

**for our God will richly pardon.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, **♦**

**my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;**

**he has looked with favour 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,♦**

**from generation to generation.**

**He has shown strength with his arm♦**

**and has scattered the proud in their conceit,**

**Casting down the mighty from their thrones♦**

**and lifting up the lowly.**

**He has filled the hungry with good things♦**

**and sent the rich away empty.**

**He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,♦**

**to remember his promise of mercy,**

**The promise made to our ancestors,♦**

**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 shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Come, let us return to the Lord,**

**for our God will richly pardon.**

***Prayers*** *ending with the Lord’s Prayer*

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love.

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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***Simple Evening Prayer in Lent***

***Preparation***

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,

**according to your judgement give us life.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning is now**

**and shall be for ever. Amen.**

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,

let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,

so may your mercy come down upon us

to cleanse our hearts

and set us free to sing your praise

now and for ever. **Amen.**

***Psalm 51***

The sacrifice of God **is a broken spirit.**

Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;♦

according to the abundance of your compassion

blot out my offences.

**Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness♦**

**and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I acknowledge my faults♦

and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you only have I sinned♦**

**and done what is evil in your sight,**

So that you are justified in your sentence♦

and righteous in your judgement.

**I have been wicked even from my birth,♦**

**a sinner when my mother conceived me.**