they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

**He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;♦**

**let him deliver him, if he delights in him.’**

But it is you that took me out of the womb♦

and laid me safe upon my mother’s breast.

**On you was I cast ever since I was born;♦**

**you are my God even from my mother’s womb.**

Be not far from me, for trouble is near at hand♦

and there is none to help.

**Mighty oxen come around me;♦**

**fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.**

They gape upon me with their mouths,♦

as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

**I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;♦**

**my heart has become like wax melting in the depths of my body.**

My mouth is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue cleaves to my gums;♦

you have laid me in the dust of death.

**For the hounds are all about me, the pack of evildoers close in on me;♦**

**they pierce my hands and my feet.**

I can count all my bones;♦

they stand staring and looking upon me.

**They divide my garments among them;♦**

**they cast lots for my clothing.**

Be not far from me, O Lord;♦

you are my strength; hasten to help me.

**Deliver my soul from the sword,♦**

**my poor life from the power of the dog.**

Save me from the lion’s mouth, from the horns of wild oxen.♦

You have answered me!

I will tell of your name to my people;♦

in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.

**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.**

##### Canticle: The Song of Christ’s Glory

***At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.***

Christ Jesus was in the form of God,♦

**but he did not cling to equality with God.**

**He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,♦**

**and was born in our human likeness.**

**Being found in human form he humbled himself,♦**

**and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God has highly exalted him,  ♦**

**and bestowed on him the name above every name,**

**That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  ♦**

**in heaven and on earth and under the earth;**

**And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  ♦**

**to the glory of God the Father.**

**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.**

***At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.***

##### Scripture Reading

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

**by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

Christ committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips.

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.**

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree

that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

**By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

By his wounds you have been healed.

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;**

**by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

##### Gospel Canticle: The Magnificat

***God’s love for us is revealed***

***in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.***

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.**

***God’s love for us is revealed***

***in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.***

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

Most merciful God,

who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ

delivered and saved the world:

grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross

we may triumph in the power of his victory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,

set us free to serve him with joy.

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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##### *****Simple Evening Prayer in Passiontide*****

O God, make speed to save us.

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

Let your ways be known upon earth

**your saving power among the nations.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,

to you be glory and praise for ever.

As we behold your Son, enthroned on the cross,

stir up in us the fire of your love,

that we may be cleansed from all our sins,

and walk with you in newness of life

singing the praise of him who died

for us and our salvation.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

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 22****

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me,♦

and are so far from my salvation, from the words of my distress?

**O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;♦**

**and by night also, but I find no rest.**

Yet you are the Holy One,♦

enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

**Our forebears trusted in you;♦**

**they trusted, and you delivered them.**

They cried out to you and were delivered;♦

they put their trust in you and were not confounded.

**But as for me, I am a worm and no man,♦**

**scorned by all and despised by the people.**

All who see me laugh me to scorn;♦