

## Opening Versicles

- L** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.  
**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Psalm

Psalm 16

## Reading

Malachi 3:1–4

## 351 Creator of the Stars of Night

- 1 Creator of the stars of night,  
Thy people's everlasting Light:  
O Christ, Redeemer, save us all  
And hear Thy servants when they call.
  - 2 Thou, grieving that the ancient curse  
Should doom to death a universe,  
Hast found the healing, full of grace,  
To cure and save our ruined race.
  - 3 Thou cam'st the Bridegroom of the bride,  
As drew the world to eventide,  
The spotless Victim all divine  
Proceeding from a virgin shrine.
  - 4 At whose dread name, majestic now,  
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;  
All things celestial Thee shall own,  
And things terrestrial, Lord alone.
  - 5 O Thou, whose coming is with dread  
To judge the living and the dead,  
Preserve us from the ancient foe  
While still we dwell on earth below.
- △ 6 To God the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
Praise, honor, might, and glory be  
From age to age eternally. Amen.

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## Kyrie

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- L** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.  
**L** O Christ,  
**C** have mercy.  
**L** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.

## Lord's Prayer

## Apostles' Creed

## Sermon "The Pendulum"

**Versicles**

- L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
**C** **let my cry come to You.**
- L** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,  
**C** **for You answer me.**
- L** Hide Your face from my sins,  
**C** **and blot out all my iniquities.**
- L** Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**C** **and renew a right spirit within me.**
- L** Cast me not away from Your presence,  
**C** **and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**
- L** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
**C** **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
- L** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,  
**C** **my lips will praise You.**
- L** For You have been my help,  
**C** **and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.**
- L** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;  
**C** **unite my heart to fear Your name.**
- L** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
**C** **and I will glorify Your name forever.**
- L** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.  
**C** **May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**
- L** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!  
**C** **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**
- L** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
**C** **listen to my plea for grace.**

**Collect of the Day**

- L** Let us pray.  
 ...through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**
- C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**

**Benedicamus**

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- L** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Blessing**

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- L** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.  
**C** **Amen.**

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