

Completorium

1. Gathering

A hymn, song, or instrumental prelude may be used.

Alleluia is omitted during Lent, starting from Ash Wednesday. "Glory to the Father..." is omitted during the last two weeks of Lent.

Reader O Lord, open my lips,
Assembly and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
R God, come to my assistance.
A Lord, make haste to help me.
R Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
A as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Alleluia.

Instead of Alleluia, the following is used during Lent:

A Praise to you, O Christ, King of Eternal Glory!

2. Confession and forgiveness

[Parts in brackets may be omitted.]

Confession may be preceded by a brief exhortation. E. g. following scriptures may be used:

[R You are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober and confess our sin to God. (1 Thessalonians 5:5–6.)

OR

R So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. (Ephesians 4:25–26, 32.)]

Confession of sins

The confession may be read in unison. The assembly may kneel. The confession may include silent personal prayer preceded by an exhortative phrase, such as "Hear my silent confession."

A Most merciful God, we confess to you,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.
Forgive us our sins, heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ.

Declaration of forgiveness (Absolution)

R May the almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

A Amen.

[3. Hymn]

4. Psalm

The psalm may be sung or read.

Instead of a psalm, the following New Testament Canticles may be used: Ephesians 1:3–10; Philippians 2:6–11; 1 Peter 2:21–24; Revelation 4:11; Revelation 15:3–4.

“Glory to the Father...” concludes the Psalm. It is omitted during the last two weeks of Lent.

– Psalm

Glory 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.

5. Scripture reading

A reading or Gospel suited to the time of the church year or to the time of the day is read. A silence may be kept after reading.

[6. Response]

“Glory to the Father...” and the refrain that follows it is omitted during the last two weeks of Lent.

Instead of a Response, a hymn, song or instrumental music may be used.

R Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
A Into your hands I commend my spirit.
R You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.
A Into your hands I commend my spirit.
R Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
A Into your hands I commend my spirit.

[7. Short homily or meditation]

8. The Song of Simeon (Nunc dimittis)

“Glory to the Father...” is omitted during the last two weeks of Lent.

[Antiphon]

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep rest in peace.

Nunc dimittis

Now, Lord, (+) you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory 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.

[The antiphon is repeated.]

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep rest in peace.

9. Prayers

[Responsory prayer]

R O Lord God of hosts, restore us;
A let your face shine, that we may be saved.
R Christ, come to our help.
A Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love.
R Hear my prayer, O Lord.
A Give ear to my supplications.

Prayer of the day

A prayer suited to the time of the church year or to the time of the day is read. Prayer may be freely formulated.

R Let us pray.

– prayer

A Amen.

Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer is spoken or sung in unison.

Other accepted English wordings of the Lord's Prayer may be used.

A Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

10. Praise

Praise is omitted on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter eve.

R Let us praise the Lord!
A Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

During Lent from Ash Wednesday to the Wednesday of the Passion Week:

R Let us praise the Lord!
A Thanks be to God! Amen.

11. Benediction

R May the almighty and gracious God (+) bless us
and grant us a restful night and a peaceful death.
A Amen.