

# Holy Hour



**For Vocations**

*Leader*

God, come to my assistance.

**R/.** Lord, make haste to help me.

*Leader*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**R/.** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

HYMN

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

HYFRYDOL



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er; Let us all your  
3. Fin - ish then your new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less,



1. earth come down! Fix in us your hum - ble dwell - ing; All your  
2. life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er, Nev - er -  
3. gra - cious Lord; Let us see your great sal - va - tion Per - fect -



1. faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, source of all com - pas - sion,  
2. more your tem - ples leave. Lord, we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
3. ly in you re - stored. Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



1. Love un - bound - ed, love all pure; Vis - it us with  
2. Serve you as your hosts a - bove, Pray, and praise you  
3. Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we sing be -



1. your sal - va - tion, Let your love in us en - dure.  
2. with - out - ceas - ing, Glo - ry in your pre - cious love.  
3. fore the al - might - y, Lost in won - der, love and praise.

**PSALMODY**

*Leader*

Antiphon 1 I will give you shepherds after my own heart,  
they will nourish you with knowledge and  
sound teaching.

**Psalm 113**

*Leader*

Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord!  
May the name of the Lord be blessed  
both now and for evermore!  
From the rising of the sun to its setting  
praised be the name of the Lord!

*All*

High above the nations is the Lord,  
above the heaven his glory.  
Who is like the Lord, our God,  
who has risen on high to his throne  
yet stoops from the heights to look down,  
to look down upon heaven and earth?

*Leader*

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,  
from his misery he raises the poor  
to set him in the company of princes,  
yes, with the princes of his people.

*All*

To the childless wife he gives a home  
and gladdens her heart with children.

*Leader*

Glory to the Father, to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.

*All*

As it was in the beginning, is now  
and will be forever. Amen.

*All*

Antiphon I will give you shepherds after my own heart,  
they will nourish you with knowledge and  
sound teaching.

Antiphon 2 I shall feed my flock; I shall search for the lost  
and lead back those who have strayed.

### **Psalm 146**

*Leader* My soul, give praise to the Lord;  
I will praise the Lord all my days  
make music to my God while I live.

*All* Put no trust in princes,  
in mortal men in whom there is no help.  
Take their breath, they return to clay  
and their plans that day come to nothing.

*Leader* He is happy who is helped by Jacob's God,  
whose hope is in the Lord his God,  
who alone made heaven and earth,  
the seas and all they contain.

*All* It is he who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free,

*Leader* the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan.

*All* It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age.

*Leader* Glory to the Father, to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.

*All* As it was in the beginning, is now  
and will be forever. Amen.

*All*  
Antiphon I shall feed my flock; I shall search for the lost  
and lead back those who have strayed.

*Leader*  
Antiphon 3 The Good Shepherd laid down his life for his sheep.

**Canticle: Ephesians 1:3-10**

*Leader* Praised be the God and Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who bestowed on us in Christ  
every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

*All* God chose us in him  
before the world began,  
to be holy  
and blameless in his sight.

*Leader* He predestined us  
to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ,  
such was his will and pleasure,  
that all might praise the glorious favor  
he has bestowed on us in his beloved.

*All* In him and through his blood,  
we have been redeemed,  
and our sins forgiven,  
so immeasurably generous  
is God's favor to us.

*Leader* God has given us the wisdom  
to understand fully the mystery,  
the plan he was pleased  
to decree in Christ.

*All* A plan to be carried out  
in Christ, in the fullness of time,  
to bring all things into one in him,  
in the heavens and on the earth.

*Leader* Glory to the Father, to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.

*All* As it was in the beginning, is now  
and will be forever. Amen.

*All*  
*Antiphon* The Good Shepherd laid down his life for his sheep.

**READING**

**1 Peter 5:1-4**

To the elders among you I, a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and sharer in the glory that is to be revealed, make this appeal. God's flock is in your midst; give it a shepherd's care. Watch over it willingly as God would have you do, not under constraint; and not for shameful profit either, but generously. Be examples to the flock, not lording it over those assigned to you, so that when the chief Shepherd appears you will win for yourselves the unfading crown of glory.

**RESPONSORY**

*Leader*

Christ has loved us, and in his blood he has washed away our sins.

R/. Christ has loved us, and in his blood  
he has washed away our sins.

*Leader*

He has made us a kingdom and priests to serve God our Father.

R/. And in his blood he has washed away our sins.

*Leader*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

R/. Christ has loved us, and in his blood  
he has washed away our sins.

**CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH**

*Leader*

Antiphon: I have come to cast fire upon the earth;  
how I long to see the flame leap up.

**Luke 1:68-79**

*Leader*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;

*All*

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior,  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old  
that he would save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant.



## INTERCESSIONS

*Leader*

Christ the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for his sheep. Let us praise and thank him as we pray:

*All: Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader*

We pray that the young people of the Diocese realize God loves them and return that love by accepting vocations to the diaconate, priesthood, and religious life. We pray to the Lord.

*All: Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader*

We pray for an increase in faith; that each day we renew our decision to live for God, trusting him in all things and giving our lives to him. We pray to the Lord.

*All: Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader*

We pray for peace in our hearts, our homes, our community, our parish, our country, and our world, that we might live in peace, giving peace to others and always seeking the God of Love and Peace through prayer, reconciliation, and self-denial. We pray to the Lord.

*All: Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader*

Gracious and loving Father, stir up your Spirit in your people to respond to your call to be your ministers. May they proclaim the Gospel by the ministry of Word and Sacrament to your people, in acts of love and mercy, and in lives of faithful prayer. Through Christ our Lord

*All: Amen.*

*Leader*

Our Father . . . . .

## **PRAYER**

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Father,

we rejoice in the gifts of love

we have received from the heart of Jesus your Son.

Open our hearts to share his life

and continue to bless us with his love.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

**R/.** Amen

## **CONCLUSION**

*Leader*

May the Lord + bless us,

and protect us from all evil

and bring us to everlasting life.

**R/.** Amen

## **PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, good Jesus that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

- *Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

## **MEMORARE**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee I come, before thee I stand sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petition, but in the mercy hear and answer me.

## **DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTION**

*For an increase in holiness and abundant Priestly Vocations  
for the Diocese of Covington*

## **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Jesus, we ask you to bless our parish and all those living their commitment to you as married couples, singles, sisters, brothers, deacons, and priests. We pray that our young people may know their vocation and respond with enthusiasm and generosity of spirit. Increase the faith life of our parish and strengthen our family life. Bless our parish with many vocations. Grant, Lord, that faithfully sharing your mission in this life, we may come together to share your eternal life in heaven. Amen

- *Archdiocese of Hartford Vocation Office*

## **PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY**

Our Father, you chose Mary as the fairest of your daughters. Holy Spirit, you chose her as your spouse. God the Son, you chose her as your Mother. We put the United States into Mary Immaculate's hands that she may present the country to you, our God. We thank you for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage. Through her intercession, grant us and all nations your peace. Inspire our President and all the officials of our government to serve us with integrity. Grant us a fruitful economy born of justice and charity.

Mary, our Mother and patroness of our land, we give ourselves to you. Pray that we, always acting according to the divine will, may live and die pleasing in God's sight. Amen.

