+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

**Opening sentences**  
One thing I have asked of the Lord,  
this is what I seek:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life;  
to behold the beauty of the Lord  
and to seek Him in His temple.

*Call*: Who is it that you seek?  
*Response***: We seek the Lord our God.***Call*: Do you seek Him with all your heart?  
*Response*: **Amen. Lord, have mercy.***Call*: Do you seek Him with all your soul?  
*Response*: **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**  
*Call*: Do you seek Him with all your mind?  
*Response*: **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**  
*Call*: Do you seek Him with all your strength?  
*Response***: Amen. Christ, have mercy.**

**Declaration of faith**  
**All:** To whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life,  
and we have believed and have come to know  
that You are the Holy One of God.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of endless glory.

**Psalm**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Reading**

Mark 12:28-34

**Alleluia**

**Today’s Meditation**

**The wisdom of the Desert Fathers**

Father Moses said, “Bear your own faults and do not pay

Attention to anyone else, wondering whether they are good or bad.

Do not harm anyone; do not harbour evil thoughts in your heart towards

anyone; do not condemn the person who commits evil; do not have

confidence in the person who commits evil; do not have confidence in the

person who does wrong to his neighbour. Do not agree with the one

who slanders his neighbour, and do not hate the one who slanders

his neighbour. This is what it means not to judge. Do not harbour hostile

feelings towards anyone, and do not let malice dominate your heart.

This is what peace is. Encourage yourself with this thought: affliction lasts

only a short time, while peace is forever, by the grace of God’s word.”

**Prayers for others**

**Canticle**

Christ, as a light  
illumine and guide me.  
Christ, as a shield  
overshadow me.  
Christ under me;  
Christ over me;  
Christ beside me  
on my left and my right.  
This day be within and without me,  
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.  
Be in the heart of each to whom I speak;  
in the mouth of each who speaks unto me.  
This day be within and without me,  
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.  
Christ as a light;  
Christ as a shield;  
Christ beside me  
on my left and my right.

**Blessing**

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,  
wherever He may send you.  
May He guide you through the wilderness,  
protect you through the storm.  
May He bring you home rejoicing  
at the wonders He has shown you.  
May He bring you home rejoicing  
once again into our doors.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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