Diturgy of the Hours LITURGY OF THE HOURS

DAYTIME PRAYER

March 30, 2024

{ Holy Saturday }



Stand and make sign of cross

God, come to my assistance.

— Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

HYMN

Christ, victim for the sins of men, Your death brings hope to our despair; With your new life we live again, Your heav'nly joy is ours to share.

Yet still in many things we fail, And fall again in sin and shame; Let not our sinfulness prevail, Let not your saving be in vain.

Lord God, eternal Trinity, We praise you for yourself alone; And pray that we may ever be Blest in that kingdom of your own.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon

Lord, you have saved my soul from hell.

Psalm 27

God stands by us in dangers

God now truly dwells with men (Revelation 21:3).

The Lórd is my líght and my hélp; * whóm shall I féar?

The Lórd is the strónghold of my lífe; * before whóm shall I shrínk?

When évil-dóers draw néar * to devóur my flésh, it is théy, my énemies and fóes, * who stúmble and fáll.

Though an ármy encámp agáinst me * my héart would not féar.

Though wár break óut agáinst me * even thén would I trúst.

There is one thing I ásk of the Lord,* for thís I lóng, to líve in the hóuse of the Lord,* all the dáys of my lífe, to sávor the swéetness of the Lord,* to behóld his témple.

For there he keeps me safe in his tent * in the day of evil.

He hides me in the shelter of his tent, * on a rock he sets me safe.

And nów my héad shall be ráised * above my fóes who surróund me and I shall óffer withín his tént † a sácrifice of jóy.*

I will síng and make músic for the Lórd.

O Lórd, hear my vóice when I cáll; *have mércy and ánswer.
Of yóu my héart has spóken: *
"Séek his fáce."

It is your fáce, O Lórd, that I séek; * híde not your fáce.
Dismíss not your sérvant in ánger; * yóu have been my hélp.

Dó not abándon or forsáke me,*

O Gód my hélp! Though fáther and móther forsáke me, * the Lórd will recéive me.

Instrúct me, Lórd, in your wáy; * on an éven path léad me.
When they líe in ámbush protéct me * from my énemy's gréed.
False wítnesses ríse agáinst me, * bréathing out fúry.

I am súre I shall sée the Lord's góodness * in the lánd of the líving.

Hope in hím, hold fírm and take héart. * Hópe in the Lórd!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.

Psalm 30

Thanksgiving for deliverance from death

Christ, risen in glory, gives continual thanks to his Father (Cassian).

I will práise you, Lórd, yóu have réscued me * and have nót let my énemies rejóice óver me.

O Lórd, I críed to you for hélp * and yóu, my Gód, have héaled me.
O Lórd, you have ráised my sóul from the déad, * restóred me to lífe from those who sínk into the gráve.

Sing psálms to the Lórd, you who lóve him, * give thánks to his hóly náme.
His ánger lasts a móment; his fávor all through lífe. * At níght there are téars, but jóy comes with dáwn.

I sáid to mysélf in my good fórtune: *
"Nóthing will éver distúrb me."
Your fávor had sét me on a móuntain fástness, *
then you híd your fáce and I was pút to confúsion.

To you, Lord, I cried, *
to my God I máde appéal:
"What profit would my déath be, my going to the gráve? *
Can dúst give you práise or procláim your trúth?"

The Lórd lístened and had píty. *
The Lórd cáme to my hélp.
For mé you have chánged my móurning into dáncing, *
you remóved my sáckcloth and clóthed me with jóy.
So my sóul sings psálms to you uncéasingly. *
O Lord my Gód, I will thánk you for éver.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.

Psalm 76

Thanksgiving for victory

They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven (Matthew 24:30).

Gód is made knówn in Júdah; *
in Ísrael his náme is gréat.
He sét up his tént in Jerúsalem *
and his dwélling pláce in Zíon.
It was thére he bróke the flashing árrows, *
the shíeld, the swórd, the ármor.

You, O Lord, are respléndent, *
more majéstic than the éverlasting mountains.
The warriors, despoiled, slept in déath; *
the hands of the soldiers were powerless.
At your thréat, O God of Jacob, *
horse and ríder lay stúnned.

Yóu, you alóne, strike térror. *
Who shall stánd when your ánger is róused?
You úttered your séntence from the héavens; *
the éarth in térror was stíll
when Gód aróse to júdge, *
to sáve the húmble of the éarth.

Men's ánger will sérve to práise you; † its survívors surróund you in jóy. * Make vóws to your Gód and fulfíll them. Let all pay tríbute to hím who strikes térror, † who cúts short the lífe of prínces, * who strikes térror in the kíngs of the éarth.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon

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Sit

READING

1 John 2:1b-2

We have, in the presence of the Father, Jesus Christ, an intercessor who is just. He is an offering for our sins, and not for our sins only, but for those of the whole world.

Verse

The Lord kills and gives life.

— He thrusts men down to hell and raises them up again.

Stand

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

All-powerful and ever-living God, your only Son went down among the dead and rose again in glory.

In your goodness raise up your faithful people, buried with him in baptism,

to be one with him in the eternal life of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

— Amen.

Acclamation

Let us praise the Lord.

— And give him thanks.

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