

Liturgy of the Hours
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EVENING PRAYER

April 25, 2024

{ Feast – Mark, Evangelist }



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. Alleluia.

HYMN

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
The apostles' glory, let us sing,
And all with hearts of gladness, raise
Due hymns of thankful love and praise.

Their faith in Christ, the Lord, prevailed;
Their hope, a light that never failed;
Their love ablaze o'er pathways trod
To lead them to the eternal God.

In them the Father's glory shone,
In them the will of God the Son,
In them exults the Holy Ghost,
Through them rejoice the heav'nly host.

To thee, Redeemer, now we cry,
That thou wouldst join to them on high
Thy servants, who this grace implore,
For ever and for ever more.

Melody: King's Majesty L.M.; Music: Graham George, 1941; Text: Saint Ambrose, d. 397; Translator: J. M. Neale, d. 1866

Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

My life is at the service of the Gospel; God has given me this gift of his grace, alleluia.

Psalm 116:10-19

Thanksgiving in the Temple

Through Christ let us offer God a continual sacrifice of praise (Hebrews 13:15).

I trusted, éven when I said: *
“I am sórely afflicted,”
and whén I said in my alárm: *
“No mán can be trusted.”

How cán I repáy the Lórd *
for his góodness to mé?
The cúp of salvátion I will ráise; *
I will cáll on the Lórd’s name.

My vóws to the Lórd I will fulfill *
befóre all his péople.
O précious in the éyes of the Lórd *
is the déath of his fáithful.

Your sérvant, Lord, your sérvant am Í; *
you have lóosened my bónds.
A thánkgiving sácrifice I máke: *
I will cáll on the Lórd’s name.

My vóws to the Lórd I will fulfill *
befóre all his péople,
in the cóurts of the hóuse of the Lórd, *
in your mídst, O Jerúsalem.

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

My life is at the service of the Gospel; God has given me this gift of his grace, alleluia.

Antiphon 2

I do all this for the sake of the Gospel, in order to share in its rewards, alleluia.

Psalm 126

Joyful hope in God

Just as you share in sufferings so you will share in the divine glory (2 Corinthians 1:7).

When the Lórd delivered Zíon from bóndage, *
it séemed like a dréam.

Thén was our móuth filled with láughter, *
on our líps there were sóngs.

The héathens themsélves said: “What márvels *
the Lórd worked for thém!”

What márvels the Lórd worked for ús! *
Indéed we were glád.

Delíver us, O Lórd, from our bóndage *
as stréams in dry lánd.

Thóse who are sówing in téars *
will síng when they réap.

They go óut, they go óut, full of téars, *
cárrying séed for the sówing:
they come báck, they come báck, full of sóng, *
cárrying their shéaves.

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

I do all this for the sake of the Gospel, in order to share in its
rewards, alleluia.

Antiphon 3

This grace has been given to me: to proclaim to the nations the
infinite riches of Christ, alleluia.

Canticle – Ephesians 1:3-10

God our Savior

Praised be the God and Father *
of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who has bestowed on us in Christ *
every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

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

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.

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

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

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

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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infinite riches of Christ, alleluia.

Sit

READING

Colossians 1:3a-6

We always give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in our prayers for you because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love you bear toward all the saints—moved as you are by the hope held in store for you in heaven. You heard of this hope through the message of truth, the gospel, which has come to you, has borne fruit, and has continued to grow in your midst, as it has everywhere in the world.

RESPONSORY

Tell all the nations how glorious God is, alleluia, alleluia.

— Tell all the nations how glorious God is, alleluia, alleluia.

Make known his wonders to every people,

— alleluia, alleluia.

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

— Tell all the nations how glorious God is, alleluia, alleluia.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

The word of the Lord shall endure for ever: this is the message which has been proclaimed, alleluia.

Luke 1:46-55

The soul rejoices in the Lord

Make sign of cross

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, *
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. *

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me, *

and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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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INTERCESSIONS

Our God is the Father of light. Through the good news of his Son
he has called us to believe in the truth. Let us pray now for his holy
people as we say:

— Lord, remember your Church.

Father, you raised your Son, our Good Shepherd from the dead,
make us his witnesses to the ends of the earth.

— Lord, remember your Church.

You sent your Son into the world to bring good news to the poor,
give us courage to bring that good news to all peoples.

— Lord, remember your Church.

You sent your Son to sow the word of life,
help us to sow his word and to reap its harvest with joy.

— Lord, remember your Church.

You sent your Son to make the world one through his blood,
may all of us work together for this unity.

— Lord, remember your Church.

You set your Son at your right hand in the heavens,
open the gates of your kingdom to those who have died.

— Lord, remember your Church.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Concluding Prayer

Father,
you gave Saint Mark
the privilege of proclaiming your gospel.
May we profit by his wisdom
and follow Christ more faithfully.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

— Amen.

Dismissal

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to
everlasting life.

— Amen.

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