

Liturgy of the Hours
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EVENING PRAYER

March 28, 2024

{ Holy Thursday }



Evening Prayer is said only by those who do not participate in the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

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

O Sacred Head, surrounded
By crown of piercing thorn.
O Bleeding Head, so wounded,
Reviled and put to scorn.
Our sins have marred the glory
Of thy most holy Face,
Yet angel hosts adore thee,
And tremble as they gaze.

The Lord of every nation
Was hung upon a tree;
His death was our salvation,
Our sins, his agony.
O Jesus, by thy Passion,
Thy Life in us increase;
Thy death for us did fashion
Our pardon and our peace.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth, has made us a royal people to serve his God and Father.

Psalm 72

The Messiah's royal power

*Opening their treasures, they offered him gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh
(Matthew 2:11).*

I

O Gód, give your júdgment to the kíng, *
to a kíng's son your jústice,
that he may júdge your péople in jústice *
and your póor in right júdgment.

May the móuntains bring forth péace for the péople *
and the hills, jústice.

May he defénd the póor of the péople †
and save the chíldren of the néedy *
and crúsh the oppréssor.

He shall endúre like the sún and the móon *
from áge to áge.

He shall descénd like ráin on the méadow, *
like ráindrops on the éarth.

In his dáys jústice shall flóurish *
and péace till the móon fails.

He shall rúle from séa to séa, *
from the Great Ríver to earth's bóunds.

Befóre him his énemies shall fáll, *
his fóes lick the dúst.

The kíngs of Társhish and the séa coasts *
shall páy him tríbute.

The kíngs of Shéba and Séba *
shall bríng him gífts.

Before hím all kíngs shall fall próstrate,*
all nátions shall sérve him.

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

Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth, has made us a royal people to serve his God and Father.

Antiphon 2

The Lord will be the champion of the helpless; he will free the poor from the grip of the powerful.

II

For he shall sáve the póor when they cry*
and the néedy who are hélpless.
Hé will have píty on the wéak*
and save the líves of the póor.

From oppréssion he will réscue their líves,*
to hím their blood is déar.
Lóng may he líve,*
may the góld of Shéba be gíven him.
They shall práy for hím without céasing*
and bléss him all the dáy.

May córn be abúndant in the lánd †
to the péaks of the móuntains.*
May its frúit rústle like Lébanon;
may men flóurish in the cíties*
like gráss on the éarth.

May his náme be bléssed for éver*
and endúre like the sún.
Every tríbe shall be bléssed in hím,*
all nátions bless his náme.

Bléssed be the Lórd, God of Ísrael, †

who alóne works wónders,*
ever bléssed his glórious náme.

Let his glóry fill the éarth.*
Amén! Amén!

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

The Lord will be the champion of the helpless; he will free the poor
from the grip of the powerful.

Antiphon 3

The saints won their victory over death through the blood of the
Lamb and the truth to which they bore witness.

Canticle – Revelation 11:17-18; 12:10b-12a

The judgment of God

We praise you, the Lord God Almighty,*
who is and who was.

You have assumed your great power,*
you have begun your reign.

The nations have raged in anger,*
but then came your day of wrath
and the moment to judge the dead:*
The time to reward your servants the prophets
and the holy ones who revere you,*
the great and the small alike.

Now have salvation and power come, †
the reign of our God and the authority*
of his Anointed One.

For the accuser of our brothers is cast out,*
who night and day accused them before God.

They defeated him by the blood of the Lamb †
and by the word of their testimony;*

love for life did not deter them from death.
So rejoice, you heavens, *
and you that dwell therein!

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

The saints won their victory over death through the blood of the
Lamb and the truth to which they bore witness.

Sit

READING

Hebrews 13:12-15

Jesus died outside the gate, to sanctify the people by his own blood.
Let us go to him outside the camp, bearing the insult which he bore.
For here we have no lasting city; we are seeking one which is to
come. Through him let us continually offer God a sacrifice of praise,
that is, the fruit of lips which acknowledge his name.

Antiphon

For our sake Christ was obedient, accepting even death.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

While they were at supper, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke
the bread and gave it to his disciples.

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

At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Savior entrusted to his Church the memorial of his death and resurrection, to be celebrated for ever. Let us adore him, and say:

— Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

Redeemer of the world, give us a greater share of your passion through a deeper spirit of repentance,
so that we may share the glory of your resurrection.

— Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

May your Mother, comfort of the afflicted, protect us,

may we console others as you console us.

— Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

In their trials enable your faithful people to share in your passion, and so reveal in their lives your saving power.

— Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

You humbled yourself by being obedient even to accepting death, death on a cross, give all who serve you the gifts of obedience and patient endurance.

— Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

Transform the bodies of the dead to be like your own in glory, and bring us at last into their fellowship.

— Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

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,
for your glory and our salvation
you appointed Jesus Christ eternal High Priest.
May the people he gained for you by his blood
come to share in the power of his cross and resurrection
by celebrating his memorial in this eucharist,
for he 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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