

Liturgy of the Hours
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DAYTIME PRAYER

April 4, 2024

{ Thursday within the Octave of Easter }



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

Hail thee, festival day!
Blest day that art hallowed for ever;
Day whereon Christ arose,
Breaking the kingdom of death.

Lo, the fair beauty of earth,
From the death of the winter arising!
Ev'ry good gift of the year
Now with its Master returns:

Hail thee, festival day!
Blest day that art hallowed for ever;
Day whereon Christ arose,
Breaking the kingdom of death.

He who was nailed to the cross
Is Lord and the ruler of all men;
All things created on earth
Sing to the glory of God:

Hail thee, festival day!
Blest day that art hallowed for ever;
Day whereon Christ arose,
Breaking the kingdom of death.

God the All-Father, the Lord,
Who rulest the earth and the heavens,
Guard us from harm without,
Cleanse us from evil within:

Hail thee, festival day!

Blest day that art hallowed for ever;
Day whereon Christ arose,
Breaking the kingdom of death.

Jesus the health of the world,
Enlighten our minds, thou Redeemer,
Son of the Father supreme,
Only begotten of God:

Hail thee, festival day!
Blest day that art hallowed for ever;
Day whereon Christ arose,
Breaking the kingdom of death.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon

He was handed over to death for our sins; he was raised to life to
justify us, alleluia.

Psalm 119: 17-24

III (Ghímel)

Bless your sérvant and Í shall líve *
and obéy your wórd.
Ópen my éyes that I may sée *
the wónders of your lów.

Í am a pílgrim on the éarth; *
shów me your commánds.
My sóul is éver consumed *
as I lóng for your decréés.

You thréaten the próud, the accúrsed, *
who túrn from your commánds.
Relíeve me from scórn and contémp't *
for I dó your wíll.

Though prínces sit plóttíng agáinst me *
I pónđer on your rúlings.
Your wíll is mý delíght; *
your státutes are my cóunsellors.

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

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

O Lórd, I cried 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.

Síng psálms to the Lórd, you who lóve him, *
gíve thánks to his hóly náme.

Hís ánger lasts a móment; his fávor all through lífe. *
At níght there are téars, but jóy comes with dáwn.

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.

II

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 confúsióin.

To yóu, Lórd, I cried, *
to my Gód I máde appéál:

“What prófit would my déath be, my góing 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.

Antiphon

He was handed over to death for our sins; he was raised to life to justify us, alleluia.

Sit

READING

Titus 3:5b-7

God saved us through the baptism of new birth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he lavished on us through Jesus Christ our Savior, that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs, in hope, of eternal life.

Verse

This is the day the Lord has made, alleluia.

— Let us rejoice and be glad, alleluia.

Stand

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Father,

you gather the nations to praise your name.

May all who are reborn in baptism

be one in faith and love.

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.

Acclamation

Let us praise the Lord.

— And give him thanks.

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