

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
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EVENING PRAYER

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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

Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands  
For our offenses given:  
But now at God's right hand he stands  
And brings us life from heaven;  
Therefore let us joyful be,  
And praise the Father thankfully  
With songs of Alleluia.  
Alleluia.

How long and bitter was the strife  
When life and death contended,  
The victory remained with life,  
The reign of death was ended:  
Stripped of power, no more it reigns,  
And empty form alone remains.  
Death's sting is lost for ever.  
Alleluia.

So let us keep this festival  
To which Our Lord invites us,  
The Savior who is joy of all,  
The Sun that warms and lights us:  
By his grace he shall impart  
Eternal sunshine to the heart;  
The night of sin has ended  
Alleluia.

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*Sit or stand*

## PSALMODY

### *Antiphon 1*

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the Lord's tomb, alleluia.

*Psalm 110:1-5, 7*

*The Messiah, king and priest*

*Christ's reign will last until all his enemies are made subject to him  
(1 Corinthians 15:25).*

The Lórd's revelátion to my Máster: †  
“Sít on my ríght: \*  
your fóes I will pút beneath your féet.”

The Lórd will wield from Zíon †  
your scépter of pówer: \*  
rúle in the mídst of all your fóes.

A prínce from the dáy of your bírth †  
on the hóly móuntains; \*  
from the wómb before the dáwn I begót you.

The Lórd has sworn an óath he will not chángé. †  
“You are a príest for éver, \*  
a príest like Melchízedeck of óld.”

The Máster stánding at your ríght hand \*  
will shatter kíngs in the dáy of his wráth.

He shall drínk from the stréam by the wáyside \*  
and thérefore he shall líft up his héad.

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*

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the Lord's tomb, alleluia.

*Antiphon 2*

Come and see the place where the Lord was buried, alleluia.

*Psalm 114*

*The Israelites are delivered from the bondage of Egypt*

*You too left Egypt when, at baptism, you renounced that world which is at enmity with God (Saint Augustine).*

When Ísrael came fórch from Égypt, \*  
Jacob's sóns from an álien péople,  
Júdah becáme the Lord's témples, \*  
Ísrael becáme his kíngdom.

The séa fléd at the síght: \*  
the Jórdan turned báck on its cóurse,  
the móuntains léapt like ráms \*  
and the hílls like yéarling shéep.

Whý was it, séa, that you fléd, \*  
that you túrned back, Jórdan, on your cóurse?  
Móuntains, that you léapt like ráms, \*  
hílls, like yéarling shéep?

Trémble, O éarth, before the Lórd, \*  
in the présence of the Gód of Jácob,  
who túrns the róck into a póol \*  
and flínt into a spríng of wáter.

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*

Come and see the place where the Lord was buried, alleluia.

*Antiphon 3*

Jesus said: Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to set out for Galilee; there they will see me, alleluia.

*Canticle – See Revelation 19:1-7*

*The wedding of the Lamb*

Alleluia.

Salvation, glory, and power to our God: \*  
his judgments are honest and true.

Alleluia.

Alleluia.

Sing praise to our God, all you his servants; \*  
all who worship him reverently, great and small.

Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The Lord our all-powerful God is King, \*  
let us rejoice, sing praise, and give him glory.

Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun, \*  
and his bride is prepared to welcome him.

Alleluia.

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 said: Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to set out for Galilee; there they will see me, alleluia.

*Sit*

READING

*1 Peter 3:18, 22*

The reason why Christ died for sins once for all, the just man for the

sake of the unjust, was that he might lead you to God. He was put to death insofar as fleshly existence goes, but was given life in the realm of the spirit. He went to heaven and is at God's right hand, with angelic rulers and powers subjected to him.

*Antiphon*

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad, alleluia.

*Stand*

## GOSPEL CANTICLE

*Antiphon*

See my hands and my feet and know that I am here among you, 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*

See my hands and my feet and know that I am here among you,  
alleluia.

INTERCESSIONS

Christ rose from the dead as the firstfruits of those who sleep. In our  
joy let us praise him, and say:

— Firstborn from the dead, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, remember your holy Church, built on the apostles and  
reaching to the ends of the earth,  
and let your blessing rest on all who believe in you.

— Firstborn from the dead, hear our prayer.

You are the healer of soul and body,  
come to our aid, and save us in your love.

— Firstborn from the dead, hear our prayer.

Raise up the sick and give them strength,  
free them from their infirmities.

— Firstborn from the dead, hear our prayer.

Help those in distress of mind or body,  
and in your compassion lift up those in need.

— Firstborn from the dead, hear our prayer.

Through your cross and resurrection you opened for all the way to  
immortality,  
grant to our deceased brothers and sisters the joys of your kingdom.

— Firstborn from the dead, hear our prayer.

*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 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.

*Dismissal*

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

— Amen.



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