

Liturgy of the Hours
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EVENING PRAYER

April 3, 2024

{ Wednesday 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 chánge. †
“You are a príest for éver, *
a príest like Melchízedeck of óld.”

The Máster stáding 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 bák 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?

Trémbles, 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

Hebrews 7:24-27

Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood which does not

pass away. Therefore he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he forever lives to make intercession for them. It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself.

Antiphon

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

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

Jesus went in with them, and while they were at table he took bread and said the blessing; he broke the bread and gave it to them, 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

Christ rose from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father. Let us pray to him, saying:

— Lord Jesus, you live for ever; hear our prayer.

Lord, remember all who minister in your service,
may their holy lives be an example to your people.

— Lord Jesus, you live for ever; hear our prayer.

Give to those who govern us the spirit of justice and peace,
so that the human family may live in harmony.

— Lord Jesus, you live for ever; hear our prayer.

Guide our days in the way of salvation,
and fill the earth with your plenty for the sake of the needy.

— Lord Jesus, you live for ever; hear our prayer.

Christ our savior, light of the world, you have called creation from death to life,
may your light shine for ever on our departed brothers and sisters.

— Lord Jesus, you live for ever; 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

God our Father,
on this solemn feast you give us the joy of recalling
the rising of Christ to new life.
May the joy of our annual celebration
bring us to the joy of eternal life.

We ask 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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