

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
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DAYTIME PRAYER

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April 5, 2024

{ Friday 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 119:25-32*

*IV (Daleth)*

My sóul líes in the dúst; \*  
by your wórd revíve me.  
I decláred my wáys and you ánspered: \*  
téach me your státutes.

Make me grásp the wáy of your précepts \*  
and I will múse on your wónders.  
My sóul pines awáy with gríef; \*  
by your wórd raise me úp.

Kéep me from the wáy of érror \*  
and téach me your lów.  
I have chósen the wáy of trúth \*  
with your decrées befóre me.

I bind myself to dó your will; \*  
Lord, dó not disappoint me.  
I will rún the wáy of your commánds; \*  
you give fréedom to my héart.

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 76*

*Thanksgiving for victory*

*They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven (Matthew 24:30).*

*I*

Gód is made knówn in Júdah; \*  
in Ísrael his náme is gréat.  
He sét up his tént in Jerúsalem \*  
and his dwélling pláce in Zíon.  
It was thére he bróke the flashing árrows, \*  
the shíeld, the swórd, the ármor.

Yóu, O Lórd, are respléndent, \*  
more majéstic than the éverlasting móuntains.  
The wárriors, despóiled, slept in déath; \*  
the hánds of the sóldiers were pówerless.  
At your thréat, O Gód of Jácob, \*  
hóirse and ríder lay stúnned.

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*

Yóu, you alóne, strike térror. \*  
Who shall stánd when your ánger is róused?  
You úttered your séntence from the héavens; \*  
the éarth in térror was stíll  
when Gód aróse to júdge, \*

to save the humble of the earth.

Men's anger will serve to praise you; †  
its survivors surround you in joy.\*  
Make vows to your Gód and fulfill them.  
Let all pay tribute to him who strikes terror, †  
who cuts short the life of princes,\*  
who strikes terror in the kings of the 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*

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

*Sit*

READING

*Galatians 3:27-28*

All of you who have been baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with him. There does not exist among you Jew or Greek, slave or freeman, male or female. All are one in Christ Jesus.

*Verse*

This is the day the Lord has made, alleluia.

— Let us rejoice and be glad, alleluia.

*Stand*

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal Father,  
you gave us the Easter mystery  
as our covenant of reconciliation.  
May the new birth we celebrate  
show its effects in the way we live.

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.

*Acclamation*

Let us praise the Lord.

— And give him thanks.

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