

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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{ Memorial – Immaculate Heart of Mary }



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

The God whom earth and sea and sky
adore, acclaim, and glorify,
the ruler of this threefold world
is borne in Mary's cloistered womb.

The sun and moon, all things on earth
obey his will in ev'ry age;
through grace poured forth from heav'n on high
a maiden bears him in her womb.

How blest the Mother in this gift,
for her Creator from on high,
whose palm can hold the universe,
dwelt in her womb as in the Ark.

Blest by the angel's heav'nly word,
made fruitful by the Spirit's grace,
from this pure womb a child was born:
the One for whom the nations longed.

To you, Lord Jesus, glory be,
who are the Virgin Mary's Son,
with God the Father, ever blest,
and loving Spirit, ever one. Amen.

Metrical hymn, melody: HEREFORD, 8 8 8 8; Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1810-1876

Plainsong, mode VIII, melody 109; Liber Hymnarius, Solesmes, 1983, Text: Quem
terra, pontus, æthera, Venantius Fortunatus, ca. 530-600*

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

None but the Lord has done such marvels; his love endures for ever.

Psalm 136

Easter Hymn

We praise God by recalling his marvelous deeds (Cassiodorus).

I

O give thánks to the Lórd for he is góod, *
for his lóve endúres for éver.

Give thánks to the Gód of góds, *
for his lóve endúres for éver.

Give thánks to the Lórd of lórd, *
for his lóve endúres for éver;

who alóne has wrought márvellous wórks, *
for his lóve endúres for éver;

whose wísdóm it wás made the skíes, *
for his lóve endúres for éver;

who fixed the earth fírmlý on the séas, *
for his lóve endúres for éver.

It wás hé who máde the great líghts, *
for his lóve endúres for éver,

the sún to rúle in the dáy, *
for his lóve endúres for éver,

the móon and stárs in the níght, *
for his lóve endúres 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

None but the Lord has done such marvels; his love endures for ever.

Antiphon 2

He brought Israel out of Egypt with powerful hand and arm outstretched.

II

The first-bórn of the Egýptians he smóte,*
for his lóve endúres for éver.

He brought Ísrael óut from their mídst,*
for his lóve endúres for éver;
arm outstrétched, with pówer in his hánd,*
for his lóve endúres for éver.

He divíded the Réd Sea in twó,*
for his lóve endúres for éver;
he made Ísrael páss through the mídst,*
for his lóve endúres for éver;
he flung Pháraoh and his fórcé in the séa,*
for his lóve endúres 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 brought Israel out of Egypt with powerful hand and arm outstretched.

Antiphon 3

Give praise to the God of heaven; he has ransomed us from our enemies.

III

Through the désert his péople he léd,*

for his love endures for ever.
Nations in their greatness he struck,*
for his love endures for ever.
Kings in their splendor he slew,*
for his love endures for ever.

Sihon, king of the Amorites,*
for his love endures for ever;
and Og, the king of Bashan,*
for his love endures for ever.

He let Israel inherit their land,*
for his love endures for ever.
On his servant their land he bestowed,*
for his love endures for ever.
He remembered us in our distress,*
for his love endures for ever.

And he snatched us away from our foes,*
for his love endures for ever.
He gives food to all living things,*
for his love endures for ever.
To the God of heaven give thanks,*
for his love endures 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

Give praise to the God of heaven; he has ransomed us from our enemies.

VERSE

Lord, show me your ways.

— Teach me to walk in your footsteps.

READINGS

First reading

From the book of Joshua

24:1-7, 13-28

The renewal of the covenant in the Promised Land

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: In times past your fathers, down to Terah, father of Abraham and Nahor, dwelt beyond the River and served other gods. But I brought your father Abraham from the region beyond the River and led him through the entire land of Canaan. I made his descendants numerous, and gave him Isaac. To Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. To Esau I assigned the mountain region of Seir in which to settle, while Jacob and his children went down to Egypt.

“Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and smote Egypt with the prodigies which I wrought in her midst. Afterward I led you out of Egypt, and when you reached the sea, the Egyptians pursued your fathers to the Red Sea with chariots and horsemen. Because they cried out to the Lord, he put darkness between your people and the Egyptians, upon whom he brought the sea so that it engulfed them. You witnessed what I did to Egypt, and dwelt a long time in the desert.

“I gave you a land which you had not tilled and cities which you had not built, to dwell in; you have eaten of vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant.

“Now, therefore, fear the Lord and serve him completely and sincerely. Cast out the gods your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are dwelling. As for me and my household, we will

serve the Lord.”

But the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods. For it was the Lord, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among all the peoples through whom we passed. At our approach the Lord drove out [all the peoples, including] the Amorites who dwelt in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

Joshua in turn said to the people, “You may not be able to serve the Lord, for he is a holy God; he is a jealous God who will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If, after the good he has done for you, you forsake the Lord and serve strange gods, he will do evil to you and destroy you.”

But the people answered Joshua, “We will still serve the Lord.” Joshua therefore said to the people, “You are your own witnesses that you have chosen to serve the Lord.” They replied, “We are, indeed!” “Now, therefore, put away the strange gods that are among you and turn your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” Then the people promised Joshua, “We will serve the Lord, our God, and obey his voice.”

So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem, which he recorded in the book of the law of God. Then he took a large stone and set it up there under the oak that was in the sanctuary of the Lord. And Joshua said to all the people, “This stone shall be our witness, for it has heard all the words which the Lord spoke to us. It shall be a witness against you, should you wish to deny your God.” Then Joshua dismissed the people, each to his own heritage.

Responsory

Joshua 24:16, 24; 1 Corinthians 8:5-6

Far be it from us to turn from the Lord to serve other gods.

— We shall serve the Lord our God and shall obey his voice.

Even though there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on

earth, for us there is one God.

— We shall serve the Lord our God and shall obey his voice.

Second reading

From a sermon by Saint Lawrence Justinian, bishop

(Sermo 8, in festo Purificationis B.M.V.: Opera, 2, Venetiis 1751, 38–39)

Mary stored up all these things in her heart

While Mary contemplated all she had come to know through reading, listening and observing, she grew in faith, increased in merits, and was more illuminated by wisdom and more consumed by the fire of charity. The heavenly mysteries were opened to her, and she was filled with joy; she became fruitful by the Spirit, was being directed toward God, and watched over protectively while on earth. So remarkable are the divine graces that they elevate one from the lowest depths to the highest summit, and transform one to a greater holiness. How entirely blessed was the mind of the Virgin which, through the indwelling and guidance of the Spirit, was always and in every way open to the power of the Word of God. She was not led by her own senses, nor by her own will; thus she accomplished outwardly through her body what wisdom from within gave to her faith. It was fitting for divine Wisdom, which created itself a home in the Church, to use the intervention of the most blessed Mary in guarding the law, purifying the mind, giving an example of humility and providing a spiritual sacrifice.

Imitate her, O faithful soul. Enter into the deep recesses of your heart so that you may be purified spiritually and cleansed from your sins. God places more value on good will in all we do than on the works themselves. Therefore, whether we give ourselves to God in the work of contemplation or whether we serve the needs of our neighbor by good works, we accomplish these things because the love of Christ urges us on. The acceptable offering of the spiritual purification is accomplished not in a man-made temple but in the recesses of the heart where the Lord Jesus freely enters.

Responsory

O pure and holy virgin, how can I find words to praise your beauty?

- The highest heavens cannot contain God whom you carried in your womb.

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

- The highest heavens cannot contain God whom you carried in your womb.

Stand

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Father,

you prepared the heart of the Virgin Mary
to be a fitting home for your Holy Spirit.

By her prayers

may we become a more worthy temple of your glory.

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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