

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
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MORNING PRAYER

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{ Memorial – Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr }



## *Invitatory*

*Stand and make sign of cross on lips with thumb*

Lord, open my lips.

— And my mouth will proclaim your praise.

*Psalm 95*

*A call to praise God*

*Encourage each other daily while it is still today (Hebrews 3:13).*

Come, let us worship Christ, the King of martyrs.

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Come, let us sing to the Lord

and shout with joy to the Rock who saves us.

Let us approach him with praise and thanksgiving

and sing joyful songs to the Lord.

— Come, let us worship Christ, the King of martyrs.

The Lord is God, the mighty God,

the great king over all the gods.

He holds in his hands the depths of the earth

and the highest mountains as well.

He made the sea; it belongs to him,

the dry land, too, for it was formed by his hands.

— Come, let us worship Christ, the King of martyrs.

Come, then, let us bow down and worship,

bending the knee before the Lord, our maker.

For he is our God and we are his people,

the flock he shepherds.

— Come, let us worship Christ, the King of martyrs.

Today, listen to the voice of the Lord:

Do not grow stubborn, as your fathers did

in the wilderness,

when at Meriba and Massah

they challenged me and provoked me,

Although they had seen all of my works.

— Come, let us worship Christ, the King of martyrs.

Forty years I endured that generation.

I said, “They are a people whose hearts go astray  
and they do not know my ways.”

So I swore in my anger,

“They shall not enter into my rest.”

— Come, let us worship Christ, the King of martyrs.

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.

— Come, let us worship Christ, the King of martyrs.

## *Morning Prayer*

### HYMN

Martyr of God, by holding fast  
to Christ, the Father’s only Son,  
you triumph over vanquished foes,  
in vict’ry finding heav’nly joy.

Grant us the favor of your prayer  
and ease the burden of our guilt;  
hold back the tide of wickedness  
and drive away distaste for life.

Now all your fetters are undone,  
the chains that bound your holy flesh;  
free us from bondage to the world  
for love of Christ, the Son of God.

Praise to the Father and the Son  
and to the Spirit Paraclete,  
who crown you with a lasting crown  
in heaven’s glorious court on high. Amen.

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*Sit or stand*

PSALMODY

*Antiphon 1*

Glorious things are said of you, O city of God.

*Psalms 87*

*Jerusalem is mother of us all*

*The heavenly Jerusalem is a free woman; she is our mother (Galatians 4:26).*

On the hóly móuntain is his cíty \*  
chérished by the Lórd.  
The Lórd prefers the gátes of Zíon \*  
to áll Jacob's dwéllings.  
Of yóu are told glórious thínghs, \*  
O cíty of Gód!

“Bábylon and Égypt I will cóunt \*  
among thóse who knów me;  
Philístia, Týre, Ethíópia, \*  
thése will be her chíldren  
and Zíon shall be cálléd ‘Móther’ \*  
for áll shall be her chíldren.”

It is hé, the Lórd Most Hígh, \*  
who gives éach his pláce.  
In his régíster of péoples he wrítes: \*  
“Thése are her chíldren,”  
and whíle they dánce they will síng: \*

“In yóu all find their hóme.”

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*

Glorious things are said of you, O city of God.

*Antiphon 2*

The Lord, the mighty conqueror, will come; he will bring with him  
the prize of victory.

*Canticle – Isaiah 40:10-17*

*The Good Shepherd: God most high and most wise*

*See, I come quickly; I have my reward in hand (Revelation 22:12).*

Here comes with power †  
the Lord God, \*  
who rules by his strong arm;  
here is his reward with him, \*  
his recompense before him.

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; \*  
in his arms he gathers the lambs,  
Carrying them in his bosom, \*  
and leading the ewes with care.

Who has cupped in his hand the waters of the sea, \*  
and marked off the heavens with a span?  
Who has held in a measure the dust of the earth, †  
weighed the mountains in scales \*  
and the hills in a balance?

Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, \*  
or has instructed him as his counselor?  
Whom did he consult to gain knowledge? †  
Who taught him the path of judgment, \*  
or showed him the way of understanding?

Behold, the nations count as a drop of the bucket, †

as dust on the scales; \*  
the coastlands weigh no more than powder.

Lebanon would not suffice for fuel, \*  
nor its animals be enough for holocausts.  
Before him all the nations are as nought, \*  
as nothing and void he accounts them.

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*

The Lord, the mighty conqueror, will come; he will bring with him  
the prize of victory.

*Antiphon 3*

Give praise to the Lord our God, bow down before his holy  
mountain.

*Psalm 99*

*Holy is the Lord our God*

*Christ, higher than the Cherubim, when you took our lowly nature you transformed  
our sinful world (Saint Athanasius).*

The Lórd is kíng; the péoples trémbles. †  
He is thróned on the chérubim; the éarth quákes. \*  
The Lórd is gréat in Zíon.

Hé is supréme over áll the péoples. †  
Let them práise his náme, so térrible and gréat. \*  
He is hólý, fúll of pówer.

Yóu are a kíng who lóves what is ríght; †  
you have estáblished équity, jústice and ríght; \*  
yóu have estáblished them in Jácob.

Exált the Lórd our Gód; †  
bow dówn before Zíon, his fóotstool. \*  
Hé the Lórd is hólý.

Amóng his príests were Áaron and Móses, †

among thóse who invóked his náme was Sámuel. \*  
They invóked the Lórd and he ánswered.

To thém he spóke in the píllar of clóud. †  
They díd his wíll; they képt the láu, \*  
which hé, the Lórd, had gíven.

O Lórd our Gód, you ánswered thém. †  
For thém yóu were a Gód who forgíves; \*  
yet you púnished áll their offénses.

Exált the Lórd our Gód; †  
bow dówn before his hólý móuntain \*  
for the Lórd our Gód is hólý.

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 Lord our God, bow down before his holy mountain.

### *Sit*

## READING

### *2 Corinthians 1:3-5*

Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all consolation! He comforts us in all our afflictions and thus enables us to comfort those who are in trouble, with the same consolation we have received from him. As we have shared much in the sufferings of Christ, so through Christ do we share abundantly in his consolation.

## RESPONSORY

The Lord is my strength, and I shall sing his praise.

— The Lord is my strength, and I shall sing his praise.

The Lord is my savior,

— and I shall sing his praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

— The Lord is my strength, and I shall sing his praise.

*Stand*

## GOSPEL CANTICLE

*Antiphon*

Whoever hates his life in this world keeps it safe for life everlasting.

*Luke 1:68-79*

*The Messiah and his forerunner*

*Make sign of cross*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old †  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
to give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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*

Whoever hates his life in this world keeps it safe for life everlasting.

INTERCESSIONS

Our Savior's faithfulness is mirrored in the fidelity of his witnesses who shed their blood for the word of God. Let us praise him in remembrance of them:

— You redeemed us by your blood.

Your martyrs freely embraced death in bearing witness to the faith, give us the true freedom of the Spirit, O Lord.

— You redeemed us by your blood.

Your martyrs professed their faith by shedding their blood, give us a faith, O Lord, that is constant and pure.

— You redeemed us by your blood.

Your martyrs followed in your footsteps by carrying the cross, help us to endure courageously the misfortunes of life.

— You redeemed us by your blood.

Your martyrs washed their garments in the blood of the Lamb, help us to avoid the weaknesses of the flesh and worldly allurements.

— You redeemed us by your blood.

*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*

Gracious God,  
you filled your priest and martyr,  
Saint Maximilian Kolbe,  
with zeal for your house  
and love for his neighbor.

Through the prayers of this devoted servant of Mary Immaculate,  
grant that in our efforts to serve others for your glory  
we too may become like Christ your Son,  
who loved his own in the world even to the end,  
and now 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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