

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
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DAYTIME PRAYER

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Seasons of Advent and Christmas  
{ Office for the Dead }



*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

Come, Holy Ghost, who ever one  
Art with the Father and the Son;  
Come, Holy Ghost, our souls possess  
With thy full flood of holiness.

In will and deed, in heart and tongue  
With all the powers, thy praise be sung;  
And love light up our mortal frame  
Till others catch the living flame.

Almighty Father, hear our cry  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord most high,  
Who with the Holy Ghost and thee  
Doth live and reign eternally.

*Melody: Saint Venantius L.M.; Music: Clausener Gesangbuch, 1653; Text: St.  
Ambrose (?); Translator: J. H. Newman, 1801-1890*

*Sit or stand*

PSALMODY

*Antiphon 1*

Lord, lay your healing hands on the wounds of my sins.

*Psalm 70*

*O God, come to my aid*

*Lord, save us, we are lost (Matthew 8:25).*

O Gód, make háste to my réscue, \*  
Lord, cóme to my áid!  
Lét there be sháme and confúsiún \*

on those who seek my life.

O let them turn back in confusion, \*  
who delight in my harm,  
let them retreat, covered with shame, \*  
who jeer at my lot.

Let there be rejoicing and gladness \*  
for all who seek you.  
Let them say for ever: "Gód is great," \*  
who love your saving help.

As for me, wretched and poor, \*  
come to me, O Gód.  
You are my rescuer, my help, \*  
O Lórd, do not delay.

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 85*

*Our salvation is near*

*God blessed the land when our Savior came to earth (Origen).*

O Lórd, you once favored your land \*  
and revived the fortunes of Jacob,  
you forgave the guilt of your people \*  
and covered all their sins.  
You averted all your rage, \*  
you calmed the heat of your anger.

Revive us now, Gód, our helper! \*  
Put an end to your grievance against us.  
Will you be angry with us for ever, \*  
will your anger never cease?

Will you not restore again our life \*  
that your people may rejoice in you?  
Let us see, O Lórd, your mercy \*  
and give us your saving help.

I will héar what the Lord Gód has to sáy,\*  
a vóice that spéaks of péace,  
péace for his péople and his fríends \*  
and those who túrn to hím in their héarts.  
His help is néar for thóse who féar him \*  
and his glóry will dwéll in our lánd.

Mércy and fáithfulness have mét; \*  
jústice and péace have embráced.  
Fáithfulness shall spríng from the éarth \*  
and jústice look dówn from héaven.

The Lórd will máke us prósker \*  
and our éarth shall yíeld its frúit.  
Jústice shall márch befóre him \*  
and péace shall fóllow his stéps.

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 86*

*The prayer of the poor man in distress*

*Blessed be God who comforts us in all our trials (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4).*

Turn your éar, O Lórd, and give ánsver \*  
for Í am póor and néedy.

Preserve my life, for Í am fáithful: \*  
save the sérvant who trústs in yóu.

You are my Gód, have mércy on me, Lórd, \*  
for I crý to you áll the day lóng.

Give jóy to your sérvant, O Lórd, \*  
for to yóu I líft up my sóul.

O Lórd, you are góod and forgíving, \*  
full of lóve to áll who cáll.

Give héed, O Lórd, to my práyer \*  
and atténd to the sóund of my vóice.

In the dáy of dístréss I will cáll \*

and sùrely yóu will réply.  
Among the góds there is nóne like you, O Lórd; \*  
nor wórk to compáre with yoúrs.

All the nátions shall cóme to adóre you \*  
and glórfify your náme, O Lórd:  
for you are gréat and do márvellous déeds, \*  
yóu who alóne are Gód.

Shów me, Lórd, your wáy †  
so that Í may wálk in your trúth. \*  
Guide my héart to féar your náme.

I will práise you, Lord my Gód, with all my héart \*  
and glórfify your náme for éver;  
for your lóve to mé has been gréat: \*  
you have sáved me from the dépths of the gráve.

The próud have rísen agáinst me; †  
rúthless men séek my life: \*  
to yóu they páy no héed.

But yóu, God of mércy and compásson, \*  
slów to ánger, O Lórd,  
abóunding in lóve and trúth, \*  
túrn and take píty on mé.

O gíve your stréngth to your sérvant \*  
and sáve your hándmaid's són.  
Shów me a sígn of your fávor †  
that my fóes may sée to their sháme \*  
that you consóle me and gíve me your hélp.

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*

Lord, lay your healing hands on the wounds of my sins.

*Sit*

READING

*Wisdom 1:13-14a, 15*

God did not make death,  
nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living.  
For he fashioned all things that they might have being;  
for justice is undying.

*Verse*

Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil.  
— For you are with me, Lord.

*Stand*

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayers.  
By raising your Son from the dead, you have given us faith.  
Strengthen our hope that **N.**, our brother (sister),  
will share in his resurrection.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

— Amen.

*Acclamation*

Let us praise the Lord.  
— And give him thanks.

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