

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER

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

O Christ, the King of wondrous pow'r,
you broke the sharpened spears of death
to glorify the Father's name
and bring us honor evermore.

Assuming our infirmities,
you sought the great and bloody duel;
you crushed, victorious in your death,
the death by which the serpent reigned.

You rose triumphant from the tomb
and by your Paschal Mystery
you ever bring us life anew
who once were lost and dead in sin.

Bestow on us the life of grace,
that when as Bridegroom you return,
you find us with our lamps well trimmed,
prepared and fit for heaven's feast.

With peace and kindness, Christ our Judge,
receive into your light and rest
those bound by charity and faith
to the most holy Three in One.

Now bid your servants come to you,
whose souls are freed from bonds of flesh,
to marvel at the Father's reign
and sing your praise for evermore. Amen.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

The Lord will keep you from all evil. He will guard your soul.

Psalm 121

Guardian of his people

*Never again will they hunger and thirst, never again know scorching heat (Revelation
7:16).*

I líft up my éyes to the móuntains: *
from whére shall come my hélp?
My hélp shall cóme from the Lórd *
who made héaven and éarth.

May he néver állow you to stúmb! *
Let him sléep not, your guárd.
Nó, he sléeps not nor slúmbers, *
Ísrael's guárd.

The Lórd is your guárd and your sháde, *
at your ríght side he stánds.
By dáy the sún shall not smíte you *
nor the móon in the níght.

The Lórd will guárd you from évil, *
he will guárd your sóul.
The Lord will guárd your góing and cóming *
both nów and 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

The Lord will keep you from all evil. He will guard your soul.

Antiphon 2

If you kept a record of our sins, Lord, who could escape condemnation?

Psalm 130

A cry from the depths

He himself will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21).

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lórd,*
Lórd, hear my voice!
O lét your éars be attentive*
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lórd, should márk our guílt,*
Lórd, who would survive?
But with yóu is fóund forgíveness:*
for thís we revére you.

My sóul is wáiting for the Lórd,*
I cóunt on his wórd.
My sóul is lónging for the Lórd*
more than wáitchman for dáybreak.
Let the wáitchman cóunt on dáybreak*
and Ísrael on the Lórd.

Be cáuse with the Lórd there is mércy*
and fúllness of redémption,
Ísrael indéed he will redéem*
from áll its iníquity.

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

If you kept a record of our sins, Lord, who could escape condemnation?

Antiphon 3

As the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so the Son gives life to whom he wills.

Canticle – Philippians 2:6-11

Christ, God's holy servant

Though he was in the form of God, †
Jesus did not deem equality with God *
something to be grasped at.

Rather, he emptied himself †
and took the form of a slave, *
being born in the likeness of men.

He was known to be of human estate, *
and it was thus that he humbled himself,
obediently accepting even death, *
death on a cross!

Because of this, *
God highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name *
above every other name,

So that at Jesus' name *
every knee must bend
in the heavens, on the earth, *
and under the earth,
and every tongue proclaim †
to the glory of God the Father: *
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

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

As the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so the Son gives life to whom he wills.

Sit

READING

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and sin gets its sting from the law. But thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Responsory

In you, Lord, is our hope. We shall never hope in vain.

— In you, Lord, is our hope. We shall never hope in vain.

We shall dance and rejoice in your mercy.

— We shall never hope in vain.

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

— In you, Lord, is our hope. We shall never hope in vain.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I shall not turn away.

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

We acknowledge Christ the Lord through whom we hope that our
lowly bodies will be made like his in glory, and we say:

— Lord, you are our life and resurrection.

Christ, Son of the living God, who raised up Lazarus, your friend,
from the dead,
raise up to life and glory the dead whom you have redeemed by
your precious blood.

— Lord, you are our life and resurrection.

Christ, consoler of those who mourn, you dried the tears of the
family of Lazarus, of the widow's son, and the daughter of Jairus,

comfort those who mourn for the dead.

— Lord, you are our life and resurrection.

Christ, Savior, destroy the reign of sin in our earthly bodies, so that just as through sin we deserved punishment, so through you we may gain eternal life.

— Lord, you are our life and resurrection.

Christ, Redeemer, look on those who have no hope because they do not know you, may they receive faith in the resurrection and in the life of the world to come.

— Lord, you are our life and resurrection.

You revealed yourself to the blind man who begged for the light of his eyes, show your face to the dead who are still deprived of your light.

— Lord, you are our life and resurrection.

When at last our earthly home is dissolved, give us a home, not of earthly making, but built of eternity in heaven.

— Lord, you are our life and resurrection.

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

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,
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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