

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER II

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Season of Easter

{ Common of the Dedication of a Church }



*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

Christ is made our sure foundation,  
Christ is head and Cornerstone;  
Chosen of the Lord and precious,  
Binding all the Church in one,  
Holy Zion's help for ever,  
And her confidence alone.

To this temple, we implore you,  
Come, great Lord of hosts, today;  
Come with all your loving kindness,  
Hear your servants as they pray,  
And your fullest benediction  
Shed in all its brightest ray.

Grant, we pray, to all your people,  
All the grace they ask to gain;  
What they gain from you for ever  
With the blessed to retain,  
And hereafter in your glory  
Evermore with you to reign.

Praise and honor to the Father,  
Praise and honor to the Son,  
Praise and honor to the Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One:  
Unified in power and glory,  
While unending ages run.

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*Sit or stand*

## PSALMODY

### *Antiphon 1*

This is God's dwelling place and he has made it holy; it will stand  
for ever firm, alleluia.

### *Psalm 46*

*God our refuge and strength*

*He shall be called Emmanuel, which means: God-with-us (Matthew 1:23).*

Gód is for ús a réfuge and stréngth,\*  
a hélper close at hánd, in tíme of distréss:  
so wé shall not féar thogh the éarth should rók,\*  
thogh the móuntains fáll into the dépths of the séa,  
even thogh its wáters ráge and fóam,\*  
even thogh the móuntains be sháken by its wáves.

The Lórd of hósts is wíth us: \*  
the Gód of Jácob is our stróngthold.

The wáters of a ríver gíve jóy to God's cíty,\*  
the hóly pláce where the Móst High dwélls.  
Gód is wíthín, it cánnót be sháken; \*  
Gód will hélp it at the dáwning of the dáy.  
Nátions are in túmúlt, kíngdoms are sháken: \*  
he lífts his vóice, the éarth shrinks awáy.

The Lórd of hósts is wíth us: \*  
the Gód of Jácob is our stróngthold.

Cóme, consíder the wórks of the Lórd,\*  
the redóutable déeds he has dóne on the éarth.  
He puts an énd to wárs over áll the éarth; †  
the bów he bréaks, the spéar he snáps.\*  
He búrns the shíelds wíth fíre.  
“Be stíll and knów that Í am Gód,\*

suprême among the nátions, suprême on the éarth!”

The Lórd of hósts is wíth us: \*  
the Gód of Jácob is our stróngthold.

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*

This is God’s dwelling place and he has made it holy; it will stand for ever firm, alleluia.

*Antiphon 2*

Let us go up with rejoicing to the house of the Lord, alleluia.

*Psalm 122*

*Holy city Jerusalem*

*You have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, heavenly Jerusalem  
(Hebrews 12:22).*

I rejoyced when I héard them sáy: \*  
“Let us gó to God’s hóuse.”  
And nów our féet are stánding \*  
within your gátes, O Jerúsalem.

Jerúsalem is buílt as a cíty \*  
stróngly compáct.  
It is thére that the tríbes go úp, \*  
the tríbes of the Lórd.

For Ísrael’s lów it ís, \*  
there to práise the Lord’s náme.  
Thére were set the thrónes of júdgment \*  
of the hóuse of Dávid.

For the péace of Jerúsalem práy: \*  
“Péace be to your hómes!  
May péace réign in your wálls, \*  
in your pálaces, péace!”

For lów of my bréthren and fríends \*

I say: "Péace upon yóu!"  
For lóve of the hóuse of the Lórd \*  
I will ásk for your góod.

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*

Let us go up with rejoicing to the house of the Lord, alleluia.

*Antiphon 3*

All you his saints, sing out the praises of our God, alleluia.

*Canticle – See Revelation 19:1-7*

*The wedding of the Lamb*

Alleluia.

Salvation, glory, and power to our God: \*  
his judgments are honest and true.  
Alleluia.

Alleluia.

Sing praise to our God, all you his servants, \*  
all who worship him reverently, great and small.  
Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The Lord our all-powerful God is King, \*  
let us rejoice, sing praise, and give him glory.  
Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun, \*  
and his bride is prepared to welcome him.  
Alleluia.

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*

All you his saints, sing out the praises of our God, alleluia.

*Sit*

READING

*Revelation 21:2-3, 22, 27*

I saw a new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God, beautiful as a bride prepared to meet her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne cry out: "This is God's dwelling among men. He shall dwell with them and they shall be his people and he shall be their God who is always with them." I saw no temple in the city. The Lord, God the Almighty, is its temple—he and the Lamb. But nothing profane shall enter it, nor anyone who is a liar or has done a detestable act. Only those shall enter whose names are inscribed in the book of the living kept by the Lamb.

RESPONSORY

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

— Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

They will praise you for ever,

— alleluia, alleluia.

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

— Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

*Stand*

GOSPEL CANTICLE

*Antiphon*

This is God's dwelling place and he has made it holy; here we call on his name, for Scripture says: There you will find me, alleluia.

*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

Our Savior laid down his life so that all God's scattered children might be gathered together. In our need let us cry out:

— Remember your Church, Lord.

Lord Jesus, you built your house upon a rock,  
strengthen your Church with solid and lasting faith.

— Remember your Church, Lord.

Lord Jesus, blood and water flowed from your side,  
give new life to your Church through the sacraments of your new  
and unending covenant.

— Remember your Church, Lord.

Lord Jesus, you are in the midst of those who gather in your name,  
hear the prayers of your universal Church.

— Remember your Church, Lord.

Lord Jesus, you prepare a dwelling-place in your Father's house for  
all who love you,  
help your Church to grow in divine love.

— Remember your Church, Lord.

Lord Jesus, you never cast out anyone who comes to you,  
open your Father's house to all those who have died.

— Remember your Church, Lord.

*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*

Father,  
each year we recall the dedication of this church to your service.  
Let our worship always be sincere  
and help us to find your saving love in this church.



Grant 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.

*Dismissal*

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to  
everlasting life.

— Amen.

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