

Liturgy of the Hours
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EVENING PRAYER I

Seasons of Advent and Christmas

{ 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

The streets of Jerusalem will ring with rejoicing; they will resound with the song of praise: Alleluia.

Psalm 147:1-11

The loving kindness of God who can do all he wills

You are God: we praise you; you are the Lord: we acclaim you.

Praise the Lórd for hé is góod; †
sing to our Gód for hé is lóving: *
to hím our práise is dúe.

The Lórd buílds up Jerúsalem *
and bríngs back Ísrael's éxiles,
he héals the bróken-héarted, *
he bínds up áll their wóunds.
He fixes the númer of the stárs; *
he cálls each óne by its náme.

Our Lórd is gréat and almíghty; *
his wísdóm can néver be méasured.
The Lórd ráises the lówly; *
he húmbles the wícked to the dúst.
O síng to the Lórd, gíving thánks; *
síng psálms to our Gód with the hárp.

He cóvers the héavens with clóuds; *
he prepáres the ráin for the éarth,
making móuntains spróut with gráss *
and with plánts to sérve man's néeds.
He provídes the béasts with their fóod *
and young rávens that cáll upón him.

His delíght is nótt in hórses *

nor his pléasure in wárriors' stréngth.
The Lórd delights in thóse who revére him, *
in thóse who wáit for his lóve.

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 streets of Jerusalem will ring with rejoicing; they will resound
with the song of praise: Alleluia.

Antiphon 2

How safe a dwelling the Lord has made you; how blessed the
children within your walls.

Psalm 147:12-20

The restoration of Jerusalem

Come, I will show you the bride of the Lamb (Revelation 21:9).

O práise the Lórd, Jerúsalem! *
Zíon, práise your Gód!

He has stréngthened the bárs of your gátes, *
he has bléssed the childrén withín you.
He estáblished péace on your bórders, *
he féeds you with fínest whéat.

He sénds out his wórd to the éarth *
and swíftly rúns his commánd.
He shówers down snów white as wóol, *
he scátters hóar-frost like áshes.

He húrles down háilstones like crúmb. *
The wáters are frózen at his tóuch;
he sénds forth his wórd and it mélts them: *
at the bréath of his móuth the waters flów.

He mákes his wórd known to Jácob, *
to Ísrael his láws and decrées.
He has not déalt thus with óther nátions; *

he has not taught them his decrees.

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

How safe a dwelling the Lord has made you; how blessed the children within your walls.

Antiphon 3

In the holy city, throngs of saints make jubilee; angels pour out their songs of praise before the throne of 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

In the holy city, throngs of saints make jubilee; angels pour out their songs of praise before the throne of God, alleluia.

Sit

READING

Ephesians 2:19-22

You are strangers and aliens no longer. No, you are fellow citizens of the saints and members of the household of God. You form a building which rises on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Through him the whole structure is fitted together and takes shape as a holy temple in the Lord; in him you are being built into this temple, to become a dwelling place for God in the Spirit.

RESPONSORY

Your house, O Lord, must always be a holy place.

— Your house, O Lord, must always be a holy place.

For ever and ever,

— a holy place.

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

— Your house, O Lord, must always be a holy place.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

All you who love Jerusalem, rejoice with her for ever.

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

All you who love Jerusalem, rejoice with her for ever.

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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