

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
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MORNING PRAYER

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Seasons of Advent and Christmas  
{ Common of the Dedication of a Church }



## *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 Bridegroom of his Church.

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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.

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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 Bridegroom of his Church.

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 Bridegroom of his Church.

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 Bridegroom of his Church.

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 Bridegroom of his Church.

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.

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## *Morning Prayer*

### HYMN

The Church’s one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is his new creation  
By water and the word:  
From heav’n he came and sought her  
To be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her,  
And for her life he died.

Elect from ev’ry nation,  
Yet one o’er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation,  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy Name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With ev’ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder

Men see her sore opprest,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distrest;  
Yet saints their watch are keeping,  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song. Amen.

*Melody: Aurelia 76.76.D; Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864; Text: Samuel John Stone, 1866*

*Sit or stand*

## PSALMODY

### *Antiphon 1*

My house will be called a house of prayer.

*Psalm 63:2-9*

*A soul thirsting for God*

*Whoever has left the darkness of sin yearns for God.*

O Gód, you are my Gód, for you I lóng; \*  
for yóu my sóul is thírsting.  
My bódy pínes for yóu \*  
like a drý, weary lánd without wáter.  
So I gáze on yóu in the sánctuary \*  
to sée your stréngth and your glóry.  
For your lóve is bétter than lífe, \*  
my líps will spéak your práise.  
So I will bléss you áll my lífe, \*  
in your náme I will líft up my hánds.  
My sóul shall be filled as with a bánquet, \*  
my móuth shall práise you with jóy.  
On my béd I reméber yóu. \*  
On yóu I múse through the níght  
for yóu have béen my hélp; \*  
in the sháadow of your wíngs I rejóice.  
My sóul clíngs to yóu; \*  
your ríght hand hólds me fást.

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*

My house will be called a house of prayer.

*Antiphon 2*

Blessed are you, O Lord, in your holy temple.

*Canticle – Daniel 3:57–88, 56*

*Let all creatures praise the Lord*

*All you servants of the Lord, sing praise to him (Revelation 19:5).*

Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord. \*  
Praise and exalt him above all forever.

Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord. \*

You heavens, bless the Lord.

All you waters above the heavens, bless the Lord. \*

All you hosts of the Lord, bless the Lord.

Sun and moon, bless the Lord. \*

Stars of heaven, bless the Lord.

Every shower and dew, bless the Lord. \*

All you winds, bless the Lord.

Fire and heat, bless the Lord. \*

Cold and chill, bless the Lord.

Dew and rain, bless the Lord. \*

Frost and chill, bless the Lord.

Ice and snow, bless the Lord. \*

Nights and days, bless the Lord.

Light and darkness, bless the Lord. \*

Lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.

Let the earth bless the Lord. \*

Praise and exalt him above all forever.

Mountains and hills, bless the Lord. \*

Everything growing from the earth, bless the Lord.

You springs, bless the Lord. \*

Seas and rivers, bless the Lord.  
You dolphins and all water creatures, bless the Lord.\*  
All you birds of the air, bless the Lord.  
All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord.\*  
You sons of men, bless the Lord.

O Israel, bless the Lord.\*  
Praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Priests of the Lord, bless the Lord.\*  
Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.  
Spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord.\*  
Holy men of humble heart, bless the Lord.  
Hananiah, Azariah, Mishaël, bless the Lord.\*  
Praise and exalt him above all forever.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.\*  
Let us praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Blessed are you, Lord, in the firmament of heaven.\*  
Praiseworthy and glorious and exalted above all forever.

*Antiphon*

Blessed are you, O Lord, in your holy temple.

*Antiphon 3*

Praise the Lord in the assembly of his holy people.

*Psalm 149*

*The joy of God's holy people.*

*Let the sons of the Church, the children of the new people, rejoice in Christ, their King  
(Hesychius).*

Síng a new sǫng to the Lórd,\*  
his práise in the assémbly of the fáithful.  
Let Ísraël rejóice in its máker,\*  
let Zíon's sons exúlt in their kíng.  
Let them práise his náme with dáncing\*  
and make músic with tímbrel and hárp.  
For the Lórd takes delíght in his péople.\*  
He crówns the póor with salvátion.  
Let the fáithful rejóice in their glóry,\*

shout for j́oy and táke their rést.  
Let the práise of Gód be on their líps \*  
and a twó-edged swórd in their hánd,  
to déal out véngéance to the nátions \*  
and púnishment on áll the péoples;  
to b́ind their ḱings in cháins \*  
and their nóbles in fétters of íron;  
to cárry out the séntence pre-ordáined; \*  
this h́onor is for áll his fáithful.

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*

Praise the Lord in the assembly of his holy people.

*Sit*

READING

*Isaiah 56:7*

Them I will bring to my holy mountain  
and make joyful in my house of prayer;  
Their holocausts and sacrifices  
will be acceptable on my altar,  
For my house shall be called  
a house of prayer for all peoples.

RESPONSORY

The Lord is great beyond all telling, he exceeds all praise.

— The Lord is great beyond all telling, he exceeds all praise.

In the city of our God and on his holy mountain,

— he exceeds all praise.

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

— The Lord is great beyond all telling, he exceeds all praise.

*Stand*

GOSPEL CANTICLE

*Antiphon*

Zacchaeus, hurry down, I mean to stay with you today. He hurried down and welcomed Christ with joy, for this day salvation had come to his house.

*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.

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INTERCESSIONS

We are the living stones, laid upon the cornerstone that is Christ. Let us pray to our all-powerful Father for his Son's beloved Church, professing our faith in her as we say:

— This is the house of God and the gate of heaven.

Father, like the farmer, prune your vineyard, protect it and increase its yield,  
until it extends before you throughout the world.

— This is the house of God and the gate of heaven.

Eternal shepherd, protect and increase your flock,  
that all the sheep may be gathered into one flock under your Son,  
the one shepherd.

— This is the house of God and the gate of heaven.

All-powerful sower, plant the word in your field,  
that it may yield a hundredfold for your eternal harvest.

— This is the house of God and the gate of heaven.

Wise builder, sanctify your home and your family,  
that the heavenly city, the new Jerusalem, your spouse, may appear  
before all as your glorious bride.

— This is the house of God and the gate of heaven.

*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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