

Liturgy of the Hours
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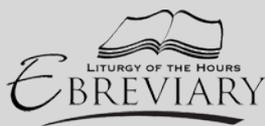
EVENING PRAYER

May 1, 2026

{ Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter }

during Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament

concluding with
Benediction and Reposition



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

Sing, my tongue, the hidden myst'ry
of Christ's Body glorified,
and his Precious Blood most holy,
shed in ransom for the world,
offered by the King of nations,
born the fruit of noble womb.

Born for us and given to us
Son of Mary, Virgin pure,
in the world he lived among us,
sowed as seeds the word of truth;
then the season of his sojourn
with a wondrous rite he closed.

On the night of that Last Supper
feasting with his chosen friends,
he obeyed the law completely
in the food and drink prescribed;
then he gave his twelve Apostles
with his hands himself as food.

Word made flesh, true bread from heaven,
by a word, made bread his Flesh,
purest wine Christ's Blood becoming,
though our sense cannot perceive;
faith alone brings full assurance
to the pure and faithful heart.

Let us, therefore, bow and worship
such a wondrous Sacrament;

let the ancient law and custom
to a newer rite now yield;
let our faith supply conviction
where the senses tire and fail.

To the Father, unbegotten,
and the Sole-begotten Son,
be salvation, blessing, honor,
jubilation, pow'r, and praise;
to the One from both proceeding
equal glory and renown. Amen.

*Metrical hymn, melody: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, 8 7 8 7 8 7; adapted from an
anthem by Henry Purcell (1659–1695)*

*Plainsong, mode III, melody 55; Liber Hymnarius, Solesmes, 1983, Text: Pange,
lingua, gloriosi corporis mysterium, attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas, O.P., 1225–
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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son, alleluia.

Psalm 145

Praise of God's majesty

Lord, you are the Just One, who was and who is (Revelation 16:5).

I

I will give you glóry, O Gód my Kíng, *
I will bléss your náme for éver.

I will bléss you dáy after dáy *
and praíse your náme for éver.

The Lord is gréat, híghly to be práised, *
his gréatness cánnót be méasured.

Age to áge shall prócláim your wórks, *
shall decláre your míghty déeds,
shall spéak of your spléndor and glóry, *
tell the tále of your wónderful wórks.

They will spéak of your térrible déeds, *
recóunt your gréatness and míght.
They will recáll your abúndant góodness; *
age to áge shall ríng out your jústice.

The Lord is kínd and fúll of compásson, *
slow to ánger, abóunding in lóve.
How góod is the Lórd to áll, *
compássionate to áll his créatures.

All your créatures shall thánk you, O Lórd, *
and your fríends shall repéat their bléssing.
They shall spéak of the glóry of your réign *
and decláre your míght, O Gód,

to make knówn to mén your míghty déeds *
and the glórious spléndor of your réign.
Yóurs is an éverlasting kíngdom; *
your rúle lasts from áge to áge.

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

God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son, alleluia.

Antiphon 2

To the King of ages, immortal and invisible, be all honor and glory,
alleluia.

II

The Lord is fáithful in áll his wórd's *

and lóving in áll his déeds.
The Lórd suppórts all who fáll *
and ráises áll who are bowed dówn.

The éyes of all créatures look to yóu *
and you gíve them their fóod in due tíme.
You ópen wíde your hánd, *
grant the desíres of áll who líve.

The Lord is júst in áll his wáys *
and lóving in áll his déeds.
He is clóse to áll who cáll him, *
who cáll on hím from their héarts.

He gránts the desíres of those who féar him, *
he héars their crý and he sáves them.
The Lórd protécts all who lóve him; *
but the wícked he will útterly destróy.

Let me spéak the práise of the Lórd, †
let all mankínd bléss his holy náme *
for éver, for áges unénding.

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

To the King of ages, immortal and invisible, be all honor and glory,
alleluia.

Antiphon 3

The Lord is my strength, I shall always praise him, for he has become my savior, alleluia.

Canticle – Revelation 15:3–4

Hymn of adoration

Mighty and wonderful are your works, *
Lord God Almighty!
Righteous and true are your ways, *

O King of the nations!

Who would dare refuse you honor,*
or the glory due your name, O Lord?

Since you alone are holy,*
all nations shall come
and worship in your presence.*
Your mighty deeds are clearly seen.

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 is my strength, I shall always praise him, for he has become my savior, alleluia.

Sit

READING

Hebrews 5:8-10

Son though he was, Christ learned obedience from what he suffered; and when perfected, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, designated by God as high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Responsory

The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

— The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

When they saw the risen Lord,

— alleluia, alleluia.

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

— The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

The Good Shepherd laid down his life for his sheep, 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

The Good Shepherd laid down his life for his sheep, alleluia.

INTERCESSIONS

Let us praise Christ, the source of all life and the foundation of all virtue:

— Lord, establish your kingdom in the world.

Jesus our Savior, you died in your human nature but were restored to life by the Spirit,
make us die to sin, and live by the Spirit.

— Lord, establish your kingdom in the world.

You sent your disciples into the whole world to preach the Gospel to every creature,
inspire those who preach the Gospel to live by your Spirit.

— Lord, establish your kingdom in the world.

All power in heaven and on earth has been given to you, to bear witness to the truth,
keep the hearts of those who govern us faithful to the truth.

— Lord, establish your kingdom in the world.

You make all things new, and command us to wait and watch for your kingdom,
grant that the more we look forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the more we may seek to better this present world.

— Lord, establish your kingdom in the world.

You went down among the dead to bring them the good news of the Gospel,
be the great joy and hope of all the dead.

— Lord, establish your kingdom in the world.

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.

Kneel

BENEDICTION

Tantum ergo sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et iubilatio
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

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Lingua, St. Thomas Aquinas, c. 1225-1274*

Incensation

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you gave us the eucharist
as the memorial of your suffering and death.
May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood
help us to experience the salvation you won for us
and the peace of the kingdom
where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

— Amen.

Blessing

Divine Praises

Blessed be God.
Blessed be his holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
Blessed be the name of Jesus.
Blessed be his most sacred Heart.
Blessed be his most precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and immaculate conception.
Blessed be her glorious assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

Reposition

Stand

HYMN

Holy God, we praise thy name!
Lord of all, we bow before thee!
All on earth thy scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore thee!
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign.
Hark the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord!
Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name thee,
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim thee;
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

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