

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

NIGHT PRAYER

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April 24, 2025

{ Thursday within the Octave of Easter }



*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.

## PENITENTIAL RITE

*Brief moment of silence*

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

*All strike their breast*

through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

*Presiding minister*

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

— Amen.

## HYMN

Jesus, Redeemer of the world,  
Word from the Father, God most high,  
true Light sent forth from unseen Light,  
and watchful guardian of your own:

O Maker of the universe,  
you order all our days and hours;

restore our bodies, worn by toil,  
with peace and silence through the night.

Destroyer of the pit of hell,  
release us from our wicked foe,  
that he may have no strength to lure  
the souls you ransomed by your blood.

As we remain for this brief time,  
our weary bodies seeking rest,  
Lord, may our flesh so sleep in peace,  
that lethargy not dull our minds.

To you, Lord Jesus, glory be,  
who shine in vict'ry over death,  
with God the Father, ever blest,  
and loving Spirit, ever one. Amen.

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*Sit or stand*

## PSALMODY

*Antiphon*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Psalm 4*

*Thanksgiving*

*The resurrection of Christ was God's supreme and wholly marvelous work (Saint Augustine).*

When I call, answer me, O Gód of justice; \*

from ánguish you released me; have mércy and héar me!

O mén, how lóng will your héarts be clósed, \*  
will you lóve what is fútile and séek what is fálse?

It is the Lórd who grants fávors to thóse whom he lóves; \*  
the Lórd héars me whenéver I cáll him.

Fear him; do not sín: pónder on your béd and be stíll. \*  
Make jústice your sácricife and trúst in the Lórd.

“What can bríng us háppiness?” mány sáy. \*  
Let the líght of your fáce shíne on us, O Lórd.

You have pút into my héart a gréater jóy \*  
than théy have from abúndance of córn and new wíne.

I will líe down in péace and sléep comes at ónce \*  
for yóu alone, Lórd, make me dwéll in sáfety.

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.

*Psalm 134*

*Evening prayer in the temple*

*Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great (Revelation 19:5).*

O cóme, bléss the Lórd, \*  
all yóu who sérve the Lórd,  
who stánd in the hóuse of the Lórd, \*  
in the cóurts of the hóuse of our Gód.

Lift up your hánds to the hóly pláce \*  
and bléss the Lórd through the níght.

May the Lórd bléss you from Zíon, \*  
he who máde both héaven and éarth.

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*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

READING

*Deuteronomy 6:4-7*

Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today. Drill them into your children. Speak of them at home and abroad, whether you are busy or at rest.

*Antiphon*

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad, alleluia.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

*Antiphon*

Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep, that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace. Alleluia.

*Luke 2:29-32*

*Christ is the light of the nations and the glory of Israel*

*Make sign of cross*

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; \*  
your word has been fulfilled:

my own eyes have seen the salvation \*  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:

a light to reveal you to the nations \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

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*

Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep, that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace.  
Alleluia.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord,  
be with us throughout this night.  
When day comes may we rise from sleep  
to rejoice in the resurrection of your Christ,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

— Amen.

*Blessing*

May the all-powerful Lord grant us a restful night and a peaceful death.

— Amen.

ANTIPHON OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.  
The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia,  
has risen as he said, alleluia.  
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!  
For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

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