

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
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NIGHT PRAYER

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April 24, 2024

{ Wednesday of the Fourth Week 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

At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from his wounded side;  
Praise the Lord, whose love divine  
Gives his sacred blood for wine,

Gives his body for the feast,  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the Paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts in triumph go  
Through the waves that drown the foe.  
Christ the Lamb whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;  
Let us with a fervent love  
Taste the manna from above.

Mighty victim from on high,  
Pow'rs of hell now vanquished lie;  
Sin is conquered in the fight:  
You have brought us life and light;  
Your resplendent banners wave,  
You have risen from the grave;  
Christ has opened paradise,  
And in him all men shall rise.

Easter triumph, Easter joy,  
Sin alone can this destroy;  
Souls from sin and death set free  
Glory in their liberty.  
Hymns of glory, hymns of praise  
Father unto you we raise;  
Risen Lord, for joy we sing:  
Let our hymns through heaven ring.

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## PSALMODY

*Antiphon*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Psalm 31:1-6*

*Trustful prayer in adversity*

*Father, into your hands I commend my spirit (Luke 23:46).*

In yóu, O Lórd, I take réfuge.\*  
Let me néver be pút to sháme.  
In your jústice, sét me frée,\*  
héar me and spéedily réscue me.

Be a róck of réfuge fór me,\*  
a míghty stróngthold to sáve me,  
fór yóu are my róck, my stróngthold.\*  
Fór your náme's sake, léad me and gúide me.

Reléase me from the snáres they have hídden\*  
fór yóu are my réfuge, Lórd.  
Into your hánds I comménd my spírit.\*  
It is yóu who will redéem me, Lórd.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,\*  
and to the Holy Spírit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,\*  
and will be for ever. Amen.

*Psalm 130*

*A cry from the depths*

*He will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21).*

Out of the dépths I crý to you, O Lórd,\*  
Lórd, hear my vóice!  
O lét your éars be attentíve\*  
to the vóice of my pléading.

If you, O Lórd, should márk our guílt,\*  
Lórd, who would survíve?  
But with yóu is fóund forgíveness:\*  
fór thís we revére you.

My sóul is wáiting for the Lórd,\*  
I cóunt on his wórd.  
My sóul is lónging for the Lórd\*  
Lórd, hear my vóice!

more than wáitchman for dáybreak.  
Let the wáitchman cóunt on dáybreak \*  
and Ísrael on the Lórd.

Beçáuse with the Lórd there is mércy \*  
and fúllness of redémption,  
Ísrael indéed he will redéem \*  
from áll its iníquity.

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

*Ephesians 4:26-27*

If you are angry, let it be without sin. The sun must not go down on your wrath; do not give the devil a chance to work on you.

RESPONSORY

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

— Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.

— alleluia, alleluia.

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

— Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, 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, \*  
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### CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have given your followers  
an example of gentleness and humility,  
a task that is easy, a burden that is light.  
Accept the prayers and work of this day,  
and give us the rest that will strengthen us  
to render more faithful service to you  
who live and reign for ever and ever.

— Amen.

*Blessing*

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

— Amen.

*April 24, 2024*

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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