

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

NIGHT PRAYER

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April 23, 2025

{ Wednesday 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.

*Psalms 91*

*Safe in God's sheltering care*

*I have given you the power to tread upon serpents and scorpions (Luke 10:19).*

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High \*  
and abides in the shade of the Almighty

sáys to the Lórd: “My réfuge,<sup>\*</sup>  
my stróngthold, my Gód in whom I trúst!”

It is hé who will frée you from the snáre<sup>\*</sup>  
of the fówler who séeks to destróy you;  
hé will concéal you with his pínions<sup>\*</sup>  
and únder his wings you will find réfuge.

You will not féar the térror of the níght<sup>\*</sup>  
nor the árrow that flíes by dáy,  
nor the plágue that prówls in the dárkness<sup>\*</sup>  
nor the scóurge that lays wáste at nóon.

A thóusand may fáll at your síde,<sup>\*</sup>  
tén thousand fáll at your ríght,  
yóu, it will néver appróach;<sup>\*</sup>  
his fáithfulness is búckler and shíeld.

Your éyes have ónly to lóok<sup>\*</sup>  
to sée how the wícked are repáid,  
yóu who have said: “Lórd, my réfuge!”<sup>\*</sup>  
and have máde the Most Hígh your dwélling.

Upon yóu no évil shall fáll,<sup>\*</sup>  
no plágue appróach where you dwéll.  
For yóu has he commáded his ángels,<sup>\*</sup>  
to kéeep you in áll your wáys.

They shall béar you upón their hánds<sup>\*</sup>  
lest you stríke your fóot against a stóne.  
On the líon and the víper you will tréad<sup>\*</sup>  
and trámples the young líon and the drágon.

Since he clíngs to me in lóve, I will frée him;<sup>\*</sup>  
protéct him for he knóws my náme.  
When he cálls I shall ánsWER: “I am wíth you.”<sup>\*</sup>  
I will sáve him in distréss and give him glóry.

With léngth of lífe I will contént him;<sup>\*</sup>  
I shall lét him see my sáving pówer.

Glory to the Fátter, and to the Son,<sup>\*</sup>  
and to the Holy Spírít:

as it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
and will be for ever. Amen.

*Antiphon*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

READING

*Revelation 22:4-5*

They shall see the Lord face to face and bear his name on their foreheads. The night shall be no more. They will need no light from lamps or the sun, for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever.

*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,  
we have celebrated today  
the mystery of the rising of Christ to new life.  
May we now rest in your peace,  
safe from all that could harm us,  
and rise again refreshed and joyful,  
to praise you throughout another day.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

— 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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