

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

OFFICE OF READINGS

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January 18, 2026

{ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time }



*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

Hail, O day, of all days most glorious,  
blessed day of Christ's noble victory,  
day of gladness, worthy of endless joy,  
first and foremost.

Light divine now shines over all the blind:  
Christ the victor harrows the underworld,  
conqu'ring death he reconciles us to God,  
least to highest.

By the judgment of our eternal King  
all were sentenced under the law of sin,  
that from heaven grace for the poor and weak  
might bring solace.

In his wisdom and everlasting pow'r,  
God with mercy tempered his holy wrath,  
though the foolish world ran on heedlessly,  
all to ruin.

He is risen, free from the pow'r of hell,  
great restorer of the whole human race,  
on his shoulders bearing his wayward sheep  
up to heaven.

Peace of angels graces the human race;  
ranks of heaven grow and fill up again;  
praise is fitting to our triumphant Lord,  
praise eternal.

Let the Church our Mother now raise her voice

with the choirs of heaven in harmony.  
Let the faithful cry out with joy this day:  
Alleluia!

Death is conquered, vanquished and powerless;  
with delight let all sing in victory:  
Peace on earth, and let jubilation ring  
in high heaven. Amen.

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*Sit or stand*

## PSALMODY

### *Antiphon 1*

Lord, our God, in splendor and majesty you are clothed, wrapped in  
light as in a robe, alleluia.

*Psalm 104*

*Hymn to God the Creator*

*To be in Christ means being a completely new creature. Everything of the old is gone,  
now everything is made anew (2 Corinthians 5:17).*

## I

Bléss the Lórd, my sóul! \*  
Lord Gód, how gréat you áre,  
clóthed in májesty and glóry, \*  
wrápped in líght as in a róbe!

You strétch out the héavens like a tént. \*  
Above the ráins you buíld your dwélling.  
You máke the clóuds your cháriot, \*

and wálk on the wíngs of the wínd;  
you máke the wínds your méssengers \*  
and fláshing fire your sérvants.

You fóunded the éarth on its báse, \*  
to stand firm from áge to áge.  
You wrápped it with the ócean like a clóak: \*  
the wáters stood hígher than the móuntains.

At your thréat they tóok to flíght; \*  
at the vóice of your thúnder they fléd.  
They róse over the móuntains and flowed dówn \*  
to the pláce which yóu had appóinted.  
You set the límits they míght not páss \*  
lest they retúrñ to cóver the éarth.

You make spríngs gush fórtħ in the válleys: \*  
they flów in betwéen the hílls.  
They give drínk to all the béasts of the fíeld; \*  
the wíld-asses quénch their thírst.  
On their báñks dwell the bírds of héaven; \*  
from the bráñches they síng their sóng.

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

### *Antiphon*

Lord, our God, in splendor and majesty you are clothed, wrapped in light as in a robe, alleluia.

### *Antiphon 2*

The Lord has brought forth bread from the earth, and wine to give warmth to men's hearts, alleluia.

## *II*

From your dwélling you wáter the hílls; \*  
éarth drínks its fíll of your gíft.  
You máke the grass grów for the cáttle \*  
and the plánts to sérve man's néeds,

that he may bring forth bread from the earth \*  
and wine to cheer man's heart;  
oil, to make him glad \*  
and bread to strengthen man's heart.

The trees of the Lord drink their fill, \*  
the cedars he planted on Lebanon;  
there the birds build their nests: \*  
on the tree-top the stork has her home.  
The goats find a home on the mountains \*  
and rabbits hide in the rocks.

You made the moon to mark the months; \*  
the sun knows the time for its setting.  
When you spread the darkness it is night \*  
and all the beasts of the forest creep forth.  
The young lions roar for their prey \*  
and ask their food from God.

At the rising of the sun they steal away \*  
and go to rest in their dens.  
Man goes forth to his work, \*  
to labor till evening falls.

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 has brought forth bread from the earth, and wine to give  
warmth to men's hearts, alleluia.

### *Antiphon 3*

The Lord looked upon all he had made and saw that it was very  
good, alleluia.

### *III*

How many are your works, O Lord! †  
In wisdom you have made them all. \*  
The earth is full of your riches.

Thére is the séa, vast and wíde, †  
with its móving swárms past cúnting, \*  
líving things gréat and smáll.  
The shíps are móving thére \*  
and the mónsters you máde to pláy with.

Áll of thése look to yóu \*  
to gíve them their fóod in due séason.  
You gíve it, they gáther it úp: \*  
you ópen your hánd, they have their fill.

You híde your fáce, they are dísmáyed; †  
you táke back your spírit, they díe, \*  
retúrning to the dúst from which they cáme.  
You sénd forth your spírit, they are créated; \*  
and you renéw the fáce of the éarth.

May the glóry of the Lórd last foréver! \*  
May the Lórd rejóice in his wórks!  
He lóoks on the éarth and it trémbles; \*  
the móuntains send forth smóke at his tóuch.

I will síng to the Lórd all my lífe, \*  
make músic to my Gód while I líve.  
May my thóughts be pléasing to hím. \*  
I fínd my jóy in the Lórd.  
Let sínners vánish from the éarth †  
and the wícked exíst no móre. \*  
Bléss the Lórd, my sóul.

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.

### *Antiphon*

The Lord looked upon all he had made and saw that it was very good, alleluia.

### VERSE

Blessed are your eyes, for they see God's works.

— And your ears, for they hear his word.

*Sit*

## READINGS

### *First reading*

The beginning of the book of Deuteronomy

*1:1, 6-18*

*The last words of Moses in Moab*

These are the words which Moses spoke to all Israel beyond the Jordan [in the desert, in the Arabah, opposite Suph, between Paran and Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth and Dizahab].

“The Lord, our God, said to us at Horeb, ‘You have stayed long enough at this mountain. Leave here and go to the hill country of the Amorites and to all the surrounding regions, the land of the Canaanites in the Arabah, the mountains, the foothills, the Negeb and the seacoast; to Lebanon, and as far as the Great River (the Euphrates). I have given that land over to you. Go now and occupy the land I swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, I would give to them and to their descendants.’

“At that time I said to you, ‘Alone, I am unable to carry you. The Lord, your God, has so multiplied you that you are now as numerous as the stars in the sky. May the Lord, the God of your fathers, increase you a thousand times over, and bless you as he promised! But how can I alone bear the crushing burden that you are, along with your bickering? Choose wise, intelligent and experienced men from each of your tribes, that I may appoint them as your leaders.’ You answered me, ‘We agree to do as you have proposed.’ So I took outstanding men of your tribes, wise and experienced, and made them your leaders as officials over thousands, over hundreds, over fifties and over tens, and other tribal officers. I charged your judges at that time, ‘Listen to complaints among your kinsmen, and administer true justice to both parties even if one of them is an alien. In rendering judgment, do not consider who a person is; give ear to the lowly and to the great alike, fearing no man, for judgment is God’s. Refer to me any case that is too hard for you and I will hear

it.'Thereupon I gave you all the commands you were to fulfill."

*Responsory*

*Deuteronomy 10:17; 1:17*

The Lord your God is the God of gods, the great God, mighty and awesome.

— He has no favorites and accepts no bribes.

You will listen to the lowly as well as the great and have no fear of any man, for judgment belongs to God.

— He has no favorites and accepts no bribes.

*Second reading*

From a Letter to the Ephesians by Saint Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr

*(Nn. 2, 2—5, 2: Funk 1, 175-177)*

*The harmony of unity*

It is right for you to give glory in every way to Jesus Christ who has given glory to you; you must be made holy in all things by being united in perfect obedience, in submission to the bishop and the presbyters.

I am not giving you orders as if I were a person of importance. Even if I am a prisoner for the name of Christ, I am not yet made perfect in Jesus Christ. I am now beginning to be a disciple and I am speaking to you as my fellow disciple. It is you who should be strengthening me by your faith, your encouragement, your patience, your serenity. But since love will not allow me to be silent about you, I am taking the opportunity to urge you to be united in conformity with the mind of God. For Jesus Christ, our life, without whom we cannot live, is the mind of the Father, just as the bishops, appointed over the whole earth, are in conformity with the mind of Jesus Christ.

It is fitting, therefore, that you should be in agreement with the mind of the bishop as in fact you are. Your excellent presbyters, who are a credit to God, are as suited to the bishop as strings to a harp. So in your harmony of mind and heart the song you sing is Jesus

Christ. Every one of you should form a choir, so that, in harmony of sound through harmony of hearts, and in unity taking the note from God, you may sing with one voice through Jesus Christ to the Father. If you do this, he will listen to you and see from your good works that you are members of his Son. It is then an advantage to you to live in perfect unity, so that at all times you may share in God.

If in a short space of time I have become so close a friend of your bishop—in a friendship not based on nature but on spiritual grounds—how much more blessed do I judge you to be, for you are as united with him as the Church is to Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ to the Father, so that all things are in harmony through unity. Let no one make any mistake: unless a person is within the sanctuary, he is deprived of God's bread. For if the prayer of one or two has such power, how much more has the prayer of the bishop and the whole Church.

*Responsory*

*See Ephesians 4:1, 3-4*

I implore you in the Lord, lead a life worthy of the vocation to which you have been called.

- Be careful to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit, and there is but one hope given to you by your calling.

- Be careful to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

*Stand*

## TE DEUM

You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father:  
All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:

Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free  
you did not spurn the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death,  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

### CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Father of heaven and earth,  
hear our prayers,  
and show us the way to peace in the world.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

— Amen.

### *Acclamation*

Let us praise the Lord.

— And give him thanks.

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