

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
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DAYTIME PRAYER

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June 24, 2025

{ Solemnity – Birth of John the Baptist }



*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

Let us sing praises to the Lord  
with willing mind and fervent heart;  
the noonday hour returns again  
and summons us once more to prayer.

For to the faithful at this hour  
true saving glory was restored  
by off'ring of the blessed Lamb  
and by the power of his Cross.

The Cross obscures the noonday sun  
by its most clear and brilliant light;  
let us receive with all our heart  
the gift of such resplendent grace.

To God the Father glory be,  
all honor to his only Son,  
one with the Spirit Paraclete,  
from age to age for evermore. Amen.

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PSALMODY

*Antiphon*

When your greeting sounded in my ears, the infant in my womb  
leaped for joy.

*Psalm 123*

*The Lord, unfailing hope of his people*

*Two blind men cried out: "Have pity on us, Lord, Son of David" (Matthew 20:30).*

To you have I lifted up my eyes, \*  
you who dwell in the heavens:  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves \*  
on the hand of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant \*  
on the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God \*  
till he show us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. \*  
We are filled with contempt.  
Indeed all too full is our soul †  
with the scorn of the rich, \*  
with the proud man's disdain.

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 124*

*Our help is in the name of the Lord*

*The Lord said to Paul: "Fear not . . . I am with you" (Acts 18:9-10).*

"If the Lord had not been on our side, " \*  
this is Israel's song.

"If the Lord had not been on our side \*  
when men rose against us,  
then would they have swallowed us alive \*"

when their ánger was kíndled.

Thén would the wáters have engúlfed us, \*  
the tórrent gone óver us;  
óver our héad would have swépt \*  
the ráging wáters.”

Bléssed be the Lórd who did not gíve us \*  
a préy to their téeth!  
Our lífe, like a bírd, has escáped \*  
from the snáre of the fówler.

Indéed the snáre has been bróken \*  
and wé have escáped.  
Our hélp is in the náme of the Lórd, \*  
who made 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.

*Psalm 125*

*The Lord, guardian of his people*

*Peace to God's true Israel (Galatians 6:16).*

Thóse who put their trúst in the Lórd †  
are like Mount Zíon, that cánnót be sháken, \*  
that stánds for éver.

Jerúsalem! The móuntains surróund her, †  
so the Lórd surróunds his péople \*  
both nów and for éver.

For the scépter of the wícked shall not rést \*  
over the lánd of the júst  
for féar that the hánds of the júst \*  
should túrn to évil.

Do góod, Lord, to thóse who are góod, \*  
to the úpright of héart;  
but the cróoked and thóse who do évil, †

drive them away! \*  
On Ísrael, péace!

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*

When your greeting sounded in my ears, the infant in my womb  
leaped for joy.

*Sit*

READING

*See Isaiah 49:5-6*

For now the Lord has spoken  
who formed me as his servant from the womb.  
I will make you a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

*Verse*

The Lord called me from birth.

— From my mother's womb he named me.

*Stand*

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our Father,  
you raised up John the Baptist  
to prepare a perfect people for Christ the Lord.  
Give your Church joy in spirit  
and guide those who believe in you  
into the way of salvation and peace.

We ask 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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