

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER II

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

John, great and holy, help your faithful servants
sing of your wonders with resounding voices;
set free from error lips by guilt corrupted,
that they may praise you.

From highest heaven came the angelic herald
telling your father of your birth and greatness,
giving in order both your name and mission,
your life's unfolding.

Doubting the promise brought to him from heaven,
his tongue was silenced, nothing could he utter;
but once a newborn, you restored his powers
that had been taken.

You, lying hidden in the womb's dark cradle,
sensed kingly presence in the nuptial chamber;
thus the sons' merits help each parent utter
long hidden wonders.

God, One and Triune, citizens of heaven
honor and praise you with their joyful singing;
while we beseech you, grant us your forgiveness,
pardon the ransomed. Amen.

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La Feillée's Methode de plain-chant, 1782*

*Plainsong, mode II, melody 35; Liber Hymnarius, Solesmes, 1983, Text: Ut queant
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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

There was a man sent by God whose name was John.

Psalm 15

Who is worthy to stand in God's presence?

You have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God (Hebrews 12:22).

Lord, who shall be admitted to your tént *
and dwell on your hólý móuntain?

Hé who wálks without fáult; *
hé who ácts with jústice
and spéaks the trúth from his héart; *
hé who does not slándér with his tóngue;

hé who does no wróng to his bróther, *
who cásts no slúr on his néighbor,
who hólds the gódless in disdáin, *
but hónors those who féar the Lórd;

hé who keeps his plédge, come what máy; *
who tákes no ínterest on a lóan
and accépts no bríbes against the ínnocent. *
Such a mán will stand firm for éver.

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

There was a man sent by God whose name was John.

Antiphon 2

He came to bear witness to the truth.

Psalm 112

The happiness of the just man

Live as children born of the light. Light produces every kind of goodness and justice and truth (Ephesians 5:8-9).

Happy the mán who féars the Lórd, *
who tákes delíght in his commánds.
His sóns will be pówerful on éarth; *
the children of the úpright are bléssed.

Ríches and wéalth are in his hóuse; *
his jústice stands fírm for éver
He is a líght in the dárkness for the úpright: *
he is génerous, mérciful and júst.

The góod man takes píty and lénds, *
he condúcts his affáirs with hónor.
The júst man will néver wáver: *
hé will be remémbered for éver.

He has no féar of évil néws; *
with a fírm heart he trústs in the Lórd.
With a stéadfast héart he will not féar; *
he will sée the dównfall of his fóes.

Open-hánded, he gíves to the póor; †
his jústice stands fírm for éver. *
His héad will be ráised in glóry.

The wícked man sées and is ángry, †
grinds his téeth and fádes awáy; *
the desíre of the wícked leads to dóom.

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

He came to bear witness to the truth.

Antiphon 3

John was like a brilliantly shining light.

Canticle – Revelation 15:3-4

Hymn of adoration

Mighty and wonderful are your works, *
Lord God Almighty!
Righteous and true are your ways, *
O King of the nations!

Who would dare refuse you honor, *
or the glory due your name, O Lord?

Since you alone are holy, *
all nations shall come
and worship in your presence. *
Your mighty deeds are clearly seen.

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

John was like a brilliantly shining light.

Sit

READING

Acts 13:23-25

According to his promise, God has brought forth from David's descendants Jesus, a savior for Israel. John heralded the coming of Jesus by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. As John's career was coming to an end, he would say, "What you suppose me to be I am not. Rather, look for the one who comes after me. I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals on his feet."

RESPONSORY

Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight his paths.

— Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight his paths.

He who is to come after me existed before me.

— Make straight his paths.

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

— Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight his paths.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

This child, born to us, is greater than any prophet; the Savior said of him: There is no man born of women greater than John the Baptist.

Luke 1:46-55

The soul rejoices in the Lord

Make sign of cross

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,*
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.*

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,*
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him*
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,*
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,*
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,*
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel*

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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

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INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray joyfully to God our Father who called John the Baptist to proclaim the coming of the kingdom of Christ:

— O Lord, guide our feet into the way of peace.

You called John the Baptist from his mother's womb to prepare the way of your Son,
help us to follow in that path which the Baptist opened before the Lord Jesus.

— O Lord, guide our feet into the way of peace.

May your Church, in imitation of the Baptist, fearlessly point out the Lamb of God,
so that people in every age may acknowledge that the Lord comes to them.

— O Lord, guide our feet into the way of peace.

John the Baptist did not exalt himself but acknowledged his role as forerunner of the Christ,
teach us to acknowledge that you are the giver of all our good gifts and that we must use them in your service.

— O Lord, guide our feet into the way of peace.

You called John the Baptist to give testimony to you by his life and even by his death,
help us to imitate his unceasing witness to your truth.

— O Lord, guide our feet into the way of peace.

Remember those who have died,
give them a place of light, happiness and peace.

— O Lord, guide our feet into the way of peace.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Concluding Prayer

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.

Dismissal

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to
everlasting life.

— Amen.

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