

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MORNING PRAYER

June 24, 2025

{ Solemnity – Birth of John the Baptist }



Invitatory

Stand and make sign of cross on lips with thumb

Lord, open my lips.

— And my mouth will proclaim your praise.

Psalm 95

A call to praise God

Encourage each other daily while it is still today (Hebrews 3:13).

Come, let us worship the Lord, the Lamb of God, proclaimed by John.

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Come, let us sing to the Lord
and shout with joy to the Rock who saves us.
Let us approach him with praise and thanksgiving
and sing joyful songs to the Lord.

— Come, let us worship the Lord, the Lamb of God,
proclaimed by John.

The Lord is God, the mighty God,
the great king over all the gods.
He holds in his hands the depths of the earth
and the highest mountains as well.
He made the sea; it belongs to him,
the dry land, too, for it was formed by his hands.

— Come, let us worship the Lord, the Lamb of God,
proclaimed by John.

Come, then, let us bow down and worship,
bending the knee before the Lord, our maker.
For he is our God and we are his people,
the flock he shepherds.

— Come, let us worship the Lord, the Lamb of God,
proclaimed by John.

Today, listen to the voice of the Lord:
Do not grow stubborn, as your fathers did
in the wilderness,
when at Meriba and Massah
they challenged me and provoked me,
Although they had seen all of my works.

— Come, let us worship the Lord, the Lamb of God,
proclaimed by John.

Forty years I endured that generation.
I said, “They are a people whose hearts go astray
and they do not know my ways.”
So I swore in my anger,
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

— Come, let us worship the Lord, the Lamb of God,
proclaimed by John.

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.

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proclaimed by John.

Morning Prayer

HYMN

Greatest of prophets, dwelling in the desert,
noblest of martyrs, gaining highest merit,
you kept your virtue spotless and unsullied,
blest beyond measure.

John, mighty patron, by your glorious merits,
drive cold indiff'rence from our hardened spirits:
level rough places, straighten crooked pathways,
guide and direct us,

That the Creator and the world's Redeemer

may at his coming, through his loving mercy,
trace holy footsteps in our hearts made righteous,
cleansed of all blemish.

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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Antiphoner, 1739*

Plainsong, mode IV, melody 75; Liber Hymnarius, Solesmes, 1983, Text: O nimis
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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

You shall name the child John, and many will rejoice at his birth.

Psalm 63:2–9

A soul thirsting for God

Whoever has left the darkness of sin yearns for God.

O Gód, you are my Gód, for you I lóng; *
for yóu my sóul is thírsting.

My bódy pínes for yóu *
like a dry, weary lánd without wáter.
So I gáze on yóu in the sánctuary *
to sée your stréngth and your glóry.

For your lóve is bétter than lífe, *
my líps will spéak your práise.
So I will bléss you áll my lífe, *

in your náme I will líft up my hánds.
My sóul shall be filled as with a bándquet, *
my móuth shall práise you with jóy.

On my béd I remémber yóu. *
On yóu I múse through the níght
for yóu have béen my hélp; *
in the sháadow of your wíngs I rejóice.
My sóul clíngs to yóu; *
your ríght hand hólds me fást.

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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Antiphon 2

In the spirit and power of Elijah, he will go before the Lord to
prepare a people worthy of him.

Canticle – Daniel 3:57–88, 56

Let all creatures praise the Lord

All you servants of the Lord, sing praise to him (Revelation 19:5).

Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord. *
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord. *
You heavens, bless the Lord.
All you waters above the heavens, bless the Lord. *
All you hosts of the Lord, bless the Lord.
Sun and moon, bless the Lord. *
Stars of heaven, bless the Lord.

Every shower and dew, bless the Lord. *
All you winds, bless the Lord.
Fire and heat, bless the Lord. *
Cold and chill, bless the Lord.
Dew and rain, bless the Lord. *

Frost and chill, bless the Lord.
Ice and snow, bless the Lord. *
Nights and days, bless the Lord.
Light and darkness, bless the Lord. *
Lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.

Let the earth bless the Lord. *
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Mountains and hills, bless the Lord. *
Everything growing from the earth, bless the Lord.
You springs, bless the Lord. *
Seas and rivers, bless the Lord.
You dolphins and all water creatures, bless the Lord. *
All you birds of the air, bless the Lord.
All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord. *
You sons of men, bless the Lord.

O Israel, bless the Lord. *
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Priests of the Lord, bless the Lord. *
Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.
Spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord. *
Holy men of humble heart, bless the Lord.
Hananiah, Azariah, Mishael, bless the Lord. *
Praise and exalt him above all forever.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *
Let us praise and exalt him above all forever.
Blessed are you, Lord, in the firmament of heaven. *
Praiseworthy and glorious and exalted above all forever.

Antiphon

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prepare a people worthy of him.

Antiphon 3

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you
will go before the Lord to prepare his way.

Psalm 149

The joy of God's holy people.

*Let the sons of the Church, the children of the new people, rejoice in Christ, their King
(Hesychius).*

Síng a new sǫng to the Lórd,*
his práise in the assémbly of the fáithful.
Let Ísrael rejóice in its máker,*
let Zíon's sons exúlt in their kíng.
Let them práise his náme with dǎncing*
and make músic with tímbrel and hárp.
For the Lórd takes delíght in his péople.*
He crówns the póor with salvátion.
Let the fáithful rejóice in their glóry,*
shout for jóy and táke their rést.
Let the práise of Gód be on their líps*
and a twó-edged swórd in their hánd,
to déál out véngéance to the nátions*
and púnishment on áll the péoples;
to bínd their kíngs in cháins*
and their nóbles in fétters of íron;
to cárry out the séntence pre-ordáined;*
this hónor is for áll his fáithful.
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

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you
will go before the Lord to prepare his way.

Sit

READING

Malachi 3:23-24

Lo, I will send you

Elijah, the prophet,
Before the day of the Lord comes,
the great and terrible day,
To turn the hearts of the fathers to their children,
and the hearts of the children to their fathers,
Lest I come and strike
the land with doom.

RESPONSORY

He will be great in the eyes of the Lord and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit.

— He will be great in the eyes of the Lord and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit.

He will go before the Lord to prepare a people worthy of him.

— And he will be filled with the Holy Spirit.

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

— He will be great in the eyes of the Lord and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

The mouth of Zechariah was opened, and he spoke this prophecy:
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.

Luke 1:68-79

The Messiah and his forerunner

Make sign of cross

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old †
that he would save us from our enemies, *

from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

In faith let us call upon Christ who sent John to prepare for his coming:

— Dawn from on high, break upon us.

Your coming caused John the Baptist to leap for joy in his mother's womb,
help us to rejoice at your coming among us.

— Dawn from on high, break upon us.

Through the life and preaching of the Baptist, you showed us the way to repentance,
turn our hearts to follow the commandments of your kingdom.

— Dawn from on high, break upon us.

You willed that your coming among men should be announced by
John the Baptist,
send new heralds to proclaim you throughout the world.

— Dawn from on high, break upon us.

You wished to be baptized by John in the Jordan to fulfill all that the
Father required,
help us to do the Father's will.

— Dawn from on high, break upon us.

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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