

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

NIGHT PRAYER

September 21, 2026

{ Feast – Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist }



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

To you before the close of light,
Creator of all things, we pray:
Be our protector, keep us safe
in your unfailing clemency.

Incline our hearts to dream of you,
to sense your presence as we sleep;

as light returns, so let us sing
your praise and glory evermore.

Grant us the grace of health and strength,
renew our warmth and joy of life;
and let your radiant light dispel
the dreaded darkness of the night.

Almighty Father, grant our prayer
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who reigns with you from age to age,
one with the Spirit, ever blest. Amen.

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PSALMODY

Antiphon

O Lord, our God, unwearied is your love for us.

Psalms 86

Poor man's prayer in trouble

Blessed be God who comforts us in all our trials (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4).

Turn your éar, O Lórd, and give ánswe^{*}
for Í am póor and néedy.
Preserve my life, for Í am fáithful: ^{*}
save the sérvant who trústs in yóu.

You are my Gód, have mércy on me, Lórd, ^{*}
for I crý to you áll the day lóng.
Give jóy to your sérvant, O Lórd, ^{*}
for to yóu I líft up my sóul.

O Lórd, you are góod and forgiving, *
full of lóve to áll who cáll.
Give héed, O Lórd, to my práyer *
and atténd to the sóund of my vóice.

In the dáy of distréss I will cáll *
and súrely yóu will replý.
Among the góds there is nóne like you, O Lórd; *
nor wórk to compáre with yóurs.

All the nátions shall cóme to adóre you *
and glórfify your náme, O Lórd:
for you are gréat and do márvellous déeds, *
yóu who alóne are Gód.

Shów me, Lórd, your wáy †
so that Í may wálk in your trúth. *
Guide my héart to féar your náme.

I will práise you, Lord my Gód, with all my héart *
and glórfify your náme for éver;
for your lóve to mé has been gréat: *
you have sáved me from the dépths of the gráve.

The próud have rísen agáinst me; †
rúthless men séek my lífe: *
to yóu they páy no héed.

But yóu, God of mércy and compássion, *
slów to ánger, O Lórd,
abóunding in lóve and trúth, *
túrn and take píty on mé.

O gíve your stréngth to your sérvant *
and sáve your hándmaid's són.
Shów me a sígn of your fávor †
that my fóes may sée to their sháme *
that you consóle me and gíve me your hélp.

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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READING

1 Thessalonians 5:9–10

God has destined us for acquiring salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us, that all of us, whether awake or asleep, together might live with him.

Responsory

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

— Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.

— I commend my spirit.

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

— Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

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.

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,*
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CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord,
give our bodies restful sleep
and let the work we have done today
bear fruit in eternal life.
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

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy,
our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To you do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve.
To you do we send up our sighs
mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this exile
show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.

To You before the Close of Light



1. To you be - fore the close of light,
2. In - cline our hearts to dream of you,
3. Grant us the grace of health and strength,
4. Al - might - y Fa - ther, grant our prayer



1. Cre - a - tor of all things, we pray:
2. to sense your pres - ence as we sleep;
3. re - new our warmth and joy of life;
4. through Je - sus Christ your Son our Lord,



1. Be our pro - tec - tor, keep us__ safe
2. as light re - turns, so let us__ sing
3. and let your ra - diant light dis - pel
4. who reigns with you from age to__ age,



1. in your un - fail - ing clem - en - cy.
2. your praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.
3. the dread - ed dark - ness of the night.
4. one with the Spir - it, ev - er blest.



4. A - men.

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