

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER II

May 11, 2025

{ Fourth Sunday of Easter }



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

As we await the Lamb's high feast
in snow white robes of saving grace,
we sing to Christ, our Prince and Head,
for we have crossed the Red Sea tide.

His holy Body, parched and seared
upon the altar of the Cross,
his crimson Blood, outpoured for us,
we taste and so we live for God.

Protected on the paschal eve
from devastating angel sword,
we were delivered and set free
from Pharaoh's harsh and bitter rule.

And now our Pasch is Christ himself,
the pure and spotless Lamb once slain,
unleavened bread of truthfulness,
who gives his flesh in sacrifice.

O worthy Victim, real and true,
who rends and breaks the pow'r of hell,
the captives there have been redeemed
and now enjoy the prize of life.

Christ rises from the tomb indeed,
triumphant Victor from the depths,
who thrusts the tyrant down in chains
and clears the way to Paradise.

O Jesus, be for mind and heart

our everlasting paschal joy
and gather us, reborn by grace,
to share your triumphs evermore.

To you, Lord Jesus, glory be,
who shine in vict'ry over death,
with God the Father, ever blest,
and loving Spirit, ever one. Amen.

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Hatton, ca. 1710-1793, in William Dixon's Euphonia, ca. 1805*

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

Seek the things that are above where Christ is seated at God's right
hand, alleluia.

Psalm 110:1-5, 7

The Messiah, king and priest

*Christ's reign will last until all his enemies are made subject to him (1 Corinthians
15:25).*

The Lórd's revelátion to my Máster: †
“Sít on my ríght: *
your fóes I will pút beneath your féet.”

The Lórd will wíeld from Zíon †
your scépter of pówer: *
rúle in the mídst of all your fóes.

A prínce from the dáy of your bírth †

on the hólý móuntains; *
from the wómb before the dáwn I begót you.

The Lórd has sworn an óath he will not chángé. †
“You are a príest for éver, *
a príest like Melchízedeck of óld.”

The Máster stánding at your ríght hand *
will shatter kíngs in the dáy of his wráth.

He shall drínk from the stréam by the wáyside *
and thérefore he shall líft up his héad.

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

Seek the things that are above where Christ is seated at God’s right hand, alleluia.

Antiphon 2

In the darkness he dawns: a light for upright hearts, alleluia.

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 firm 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 firm 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 firm 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

In the darkness he dawns: a light for upright hearts, alleluia.

Antiphon 3

Alleluia, salvation, glory and power to our God, alleluia.

Canticle – See Revelation 19:1-7

The wedding of the Lamb

Alleluia.

Salvation, glory, and power to our God: *
his judgments are honest and true.
Alleluia.

Alleluia.

Sing praise to our God, all you his servants, *
all who worship him reverently, great and small.
Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The Lord our all-powerful God is King, *
let us rejoice, sing praise, and give him glory.
Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun, *
and his bride is prepared to welcome him.

Alleluia.

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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Sit

READING

Hebrews 10:12-14

Jesus offered one sacrifice for sins and took his seat forever at the right hand of God; now he waits until his enemies are placed beneath his feet. By one offering he has forever perfected those who are being sanctified.

RESPONSORY

The Lord is risen, alleluia, alleluia.

— The Lord is risen, alleluia, alleluia.

He has appeared to Simon,

— alleluia, alleluia.

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

— The Lord is risen, alleluia, alleluia.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

My sheep will hear my voice. I, their Lord, know them.

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

God the Father raised Christ from the dead and exalted him at his right hand. Let us pray to the Father, saying:

— Through Christ in glory, watch over your people, Lord.

Righteous Father, you lifted Jesus above the earth through the triumph of the cross,
may all things be lifted up in him.

— Through Christ in glory, watch over your people, Lord.

Through your Son in glory send the Holy Spirit upon the Church,
that it may be the sacrament of unity for the whole human race.

— Through Christ in glory, watch over your people, Lord.

You have brought a new family into being through water and the Holy Spirit,
keep them faithful to their baptism, and bring them to everlasting life.

— Through Christ in glory, watch over your people, Lord.

Through your exalted Son help those in distress, free those in captivity, heal the sick,
and by your blessings give joy to the world.

— Through Christ in glory, watch over your people, Lord.

You nourished our deceased brothers and sisters with the body and blood of the risen Christ,
raise them up at the last day.

— Through Christ in glory, watch over your people, Lord.

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

Almighty and ever-living God,

give us new strength
from the courage of Christ our shepherd,
and lead us to join the saints in heaven,
where he 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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