

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

OFFICE OF READINGS

May 30, 2026

{ Saturday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time }



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

O God, sole unbegotten source,
O God from God, begotten Son,
O God proceeding from them both,
come dwell in us and bring your aid.

May you remain our sole desire
and be our deepest love and joy;
may all our longing rest in you
and may you be our heart's delight.

O Father, Lord of all that is,
with Christ your Son, the Virgin-born,
come rule us by the Spirit blest,
our rampart and our help within.

Remember, Holy Trinity,
the wondrous works your goodness wrought,
when first you made the human race
and then remade it, cleansed by blood.

Those whom the Three in One have made
the charity of Christ redeemed;
enduring death, he loved us then:
now may he love us as his own.

All joy and peace, all pow'r and might,
all beauty and omnipotence,
all rev'ence, honor, glory, praise
to God the blessed Three in One. Amen.

Metrical hymn, melody: Abends, 8 8 8 8; Herbert Stanley Oakley, 1830-1903

Plainsong, mode II, melody 43; Liber Hymnarius, Solesmes, 1983, Text: Deus de nullo veniens, ca. 14th c.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

The Lord summons heaven and earth to witness his judgment on his people.

Psalm 50

Genuine love of God

I have come not to abolish the law but to bring it to perfection (see Matthew 5:17).

I

The Gód of góds, the Lórd, †
has spóken and súmmoned the éarth,*
from the rísing of the sún to its sétting.
Out of Zíon's perfect béauty he shínes.*
Our God cómes, he keeps sílence no lónger.

Befóre him fire devóurs,*
aróund him témpest ráges.
He cálls on the héavens and the éarth*
to wítness his júdgment of his péople.

“Súmmon befóre me my péople*
who made cóvenant with mé by sácricé.”
The héavens procláim his jústice,*
for Gód himsélf is the júdge.

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

The Lord summons heaven and earth to witness his judgment on his people.

Antiphon 2

Come to me in your distress, and I will save you.

II

“Listen, my people, I will speak; *
Israel, I will testify against you,
for I am God your God. *
I accuse you, lay the charge before you.

I find no fault with your sacrifices, *
your offerings are always before me.
I do not ask more bullocks from your farms, *
nor goats from among your herds.

For I own all the beasts of the forest, *
beasts in their thousands on my hills.
I know all the birds in the sky, *
all that moves in the field belongs to me.

Were I hungry, I would not tell you, *
for I own the world and all it holds.
Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
or drink the blood of goats?

Pay your sacrifice of thanksgiving to God *
and render him your votive offerings.
Call on me in the day of distress. *
I will free you and you shall honor 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.

Antiphon

Come to me in your distress, and I will save you.

Antiphon 3

A sacrifice of praise will give me glory.

III

But Gód sáys to the wícked: †
“But hów can you recíte my commándments *
and táke my cóvenant on your líps,
yóu who despíse my lów *
and thrów my wórds to the wínds,
you who sée a thíef and go wíth him; *
who thrów in your lót with adúlterers,
who unbrídle your móuth for évil *
and whose tóngue is plóttíng críme,
you who sít and malígn your bróther *
and slándér your ówn móther’s són.
You do thís, and should Í keep sílence? *
Do you thínk that Í am líke yóu?”

Mark thís, you who néver thínk of Gód, *
lest I séíze you and you cánnót escápe;
a sácrafíce of thanksgívíng hónors me *
and I wíll shów Gód’s salvátíon to the úpríght.”

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

A sacrifice of praise will give me glory.

VERSE

We are always praying earnestly for you.

— That you may have a deep knowledge of God’s will.

READINGS

First reading

From the book of Job

13:13—14:6

Job appeals to God's judgment

Job replied to his friends and said:

Be silent, let me alone! that I may speak
and give vent to my feelings.

I will carry my flesh between my teeth,
and take my life in my hand.

Slay me though he might, I will wait for him;
I will defend my conduct before him.

And this shall be my salvation,
that no impious man can come into his presence.

Pay careful heed to my speech,
and give my statement a hearing.

Behold, I have prepared my case,
I know that I am in the right.

If anyone can make a case against me,
then I shall be silent and die.

These things only do not use against me,
then from your presence I need not hide:

Withdraw your hand far from me,
and let not the terror of you frighten me.

Then call me, and I will respond;
or let me speak first, and answer me.

What are my faults and my sins?

My misdeeds and my sins make known to me!

Why do you hide your face
and consider me your enemy?

Will you harass a wind-driven leaf,
or pursue a withered straw?

For you draw up bitter indictments against me,

and punish in me the faults of my youth.
You put my feet in the stocks;
you watch all my paths
and trace out all my footsteps.

Man born of woman
is short-lived and full of trouble,
Like a flower that springs up and fades,
swift as a shadow that does not abide.
Upon such a one will you cast your eyes
so as to bring him into judgment before you,
Though he wears out like a leather bottle,
like a garment that the moth has consumed?
Can a man be found who is clean of defilement?
There is none, however short his days.
You know the number of his months;
you have fixed the limit which he cannot pass.
Look away from him and let him be,
while, like a hireling, he completes his day.

Responsory

See Job 13:20, 21; see Jeremiah 10:24

O Lord, do not hide your face from me; lift away from me the
weight of your hand,

— and let not the fear of you terrify me.

O God, rebuke me with gentleness and not in anger, for your anger
will reduce me to nothing.

— And let not the fear of you terrify me.

Second reading

From a sermon by Saint Zeno of Verona, bishop

(Tract. 15, 2: PL 11, 441-443)

Job was a type of Christ

Is Job a type of Christ? If I am right, he is, and the comparison will
reveal the truth of my claim. But while Job was called a just man
by God, God himself is the fountain of justice from whom all the

saints drink. See what Scripture says: *The sun of justice will arise for you.* Job was called truthful, but the Lord is, as he says in the Gospel, *the way, the truth and the life.* And while Job was rich, the Lord is far richer, *for the earth is the Lord's and everything in it; the world and all who dwell in it.* All rich men are his servants, and the whole world and all of nature as well.

But we may compare Job and Christ in many ways. As Job was tempted by the devil three times, so too Christ was tempted three times. The Lord set aside his riches out of love for us and chose poverty so that we might become rich, while Job lost all that he possessed. A violent wind killed Job's sons, while the sons of God, the prophets, were killed by the Pharisees. Job became ulcerated and disfigured, while the Lord, by becoming man, took on the defilement of the sins committed by all mankind. The wife of Job tempted him to sin, much as the synagogue tried to force the Lord to yield to corrupt leadership. Thus he was insulted by the priests, the servants of his altar, as Job was insulted by his friends. And as Job sat on a dunghill of worms, so all the evil of the world is really a dunghill which became the Lord's dwelling place, while men that abound in every sort of crime and base desire are really worms.

The restoration of health and riches to Job prefigures the resurrection, which gives health and eternal life to those who believe in Christ. Regaining lordship over all the world, Christ says: *All things have been given to me by my Father.* And just as Job fathered other sons, so too did Christ, for the apostles, the sons of the Lord, succeeded the prophets.

Job died happily and in peace, but there is no death for the Lord. He is praised for ever, just as he was before time began, and as he always will be as time continues and moves into eternity.

Responsory

Hebrews 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 6:4-5

Let us throw off every encumbrance and steadily run the race we have started,

- keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the source of our faith and its goal.

Let us prove ourselves by patient endurance of trials, in times of difficulty and in distress, and when we are flogged or imprisoned.

- Keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the source of our faith and its goal.

Stand

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord,
guide the course of world events
and give your Church the joy and peace
of serving you in freedom.

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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