

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

OFFICE OF READINGS

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{ Saturday of the Tenth 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'rence, honor, glory, praise
to God the blessed Three in One. Amen.

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

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

None but the Lord has done such marvels; his love endures for ever.

Psalm 136

Easter Hymn

We praise God by recalling his marvelous deeds (Cassiodorus).

I

O give thanks to the Lórd for he is góod,*
for his lóve endúres for éver.
Give thanks to the Gód of góds,*
for his lóve endúres for éver.
Give thanks to the Lórd of lórds,*
for his lóve endúres for éver;
who alóne has wrought márvellous wórks,*
for his lóve endúres for éver;
whose wísdom it wás made the skíes,*
for his lóve endúres for éver;
who fixed the earth firmly on the séas,*
for his lóve endúres for éver.
It was hé who máde the great líghts,*
for his lóve endúres for éver,
the sún to rúle in the dáy,*
for his lóve endúres for éver,
the móon and stárs in the níght,*

for his lóve endúres 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

None but the Lord has done such marvels; his love endures for ever.

Antiphon 2

He brought Israel out of Egypt with powerful hand and arm
outstretched.

II

The first-bórn of the Eýptians he smóte, *
for his lóve endúres for éver.
He brought Ísrael óut from their mídst, *
for his lóve endúres for éver;
arm outstrétched, with pówer in his hánd, *
for his lóve endúres for éver.

He divíded the Réd Sea in twó, *
for his lóve endúres for éver;
he made Ísrael páss through the mídst, *
for his lóve endúres for éver;
he flung Pháraoh and his fórcé in the séa, *
for his lóve endúres 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

He brought Israel out of Egypt with powerful hand and arm
outstretched.

Antiphon 3

Give praise to the God of heaven; he has ransomed us from our
enemies.

III

Through the désert his péople he léd,*
for his lóve endúres for éver.

Nátions in their gréatness he strúck,*
for his lóve endúres for éver.

Kíngs in their spléndor he sléw,*
for his lóve endúres for éver.

Síhon, kíng of the Ámorites,*
for his lóve endúres for éver;
and Óg, the kíng of Báshan,*
for his lóve endúres for éver.

He let Ísrael inhérit their lánd,*
for his lóve endúres for éver.
On his sérvant their lánd he bestówed,*
for his lóve endúres for éver.
He remémbred ús in our distréss,*
for his lóve endúres for éver.

And he snátched us awáy from our fóes,*
for his lóve endúres for éver.
He gives fód to áll living thínks,*
for his lóve endúres for éver.
To the Gód of héaven give thánks,*
for his lóve endúres 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

Give praise to the God of heaven; he has ransomed us from our enemies.

VERSE

Lord, show me your ways.

— Teach me to walk in your footsteps.

READINGS

First reading

From the book of Joshua

24:1-7, 13-28

The renewal of the covenant in the Promised Land

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: In times past your fathers, down to Terah, father of Abraham and Nahor, dwelt beyond the River and served other gods. But I brought your father Abraham from the region beyond the River and led him through the entire land of Canaan. I made his descendants numerous, and gave him Isaac. To Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. To Esau I assigned the mountain region of Seir in which to settle, while Jacob and his children went down to Egypt.

“Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and smote Egypt with the prodigies which I wrought in her midst. Afterward I led you out of Egypt, and when you reached the sea, the Egyptians pursued your fathers to the Red Sea with chariots and horsemen. Because they cried out to the Lord, he put darkness between your people and the Egyptians, upon whom he brought the sea so that it engulfed them. You witnessed what I did to Egypt, and dwelt a long time in the desert.

“I gave you a land which you had not tilled and cities which you had not built, to dwell in; you have eaten of vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant.

“Now, therefore, fear the Lord and serve him completely and sincerely. Cast out the gods your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

But the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the Lord

for the service of other gods. For it was the Lord, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among all the peoples through whom we passed. At our approach the Lord drove out [all the peoples, including] the Amorites who dwelt in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

Joshua in turn said to the people, “You may not be able to serve the Lord, for he is a holy God; he is a jealous God who will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If, after the good he has done for you, you forsake the Lord and serve strange gods, he will do evil to you and destroy you.”

But the people answered Joshua, “We will still serve the Lord.” Joshua therefore said to the people, “You are your own witnesses that you have chosen to serve the Lord.” They replied, “We are, indeed!” “Now, therefore, put away the strange gods that are among you and turn your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” Then the people promised Joshua, “We will serve the Lord, our God, and obey his voice.”

So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem, which he recorded in the book of the law of God. Then he took a large stone and set it up there under the oak that was in the sanctuary of the Lord. And Joshua said to all the people, “This stone shall be our witness, for it has heard all the words which the Lord spoke to us. It shall be a witness against you, should you wish to deny your God.” Then Joshua dismissed the people, each to his own heritage.

Responsory

Joshua 24:16, 24; 1 Corinthians 8:5-6

Far be it from us to turn from the Lord to serve other gods.

— We shall serve the Lord our God and shall obey his voice.

Even though there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth, for us there is one God.

— We shall serve the Lord our God and shall obey his voice.

Second reading

From the Explanations of the Psalms by Saint Ambrose, bishop

(Ps. 1, 9-12: CSEL 64, 7. 9-10)

I shall sing in spirit, and with understanding

What is more pleasing than a psalm? David expresses it well: *Praise the Lord, for a song of praise is good: let there be praise of our God with gladness and grace.* Yes, a psalm is a blessing on the lips of the people, a hymn in praise of God, the assembly's homage, a general acclamation, a word that speaks for all, the voice of the Church, a confession of faith in song. It is the voice of complete assent, the joy of freedom, a cry of happiness, the echo of gladness. It soothes the temper, distracts from care, lightens the burden of sorrow. It is a source of security at night, a lesson in wisdom by day. It is a shield when we are afraid, a celebration of holiness, a vision of serenity, a promise of peace and harmony. It is like a lyre, evoking harmony from a blend of notes. Day begins to the music of a psalm. Day closes to the echo of a psalm.

In a psalm, instruction vies with beauty. We sing for pleasure. We learn for our profit. What experience is not covered by a reading of the psalms? I come across the words: *A song for the beloved*, and I am aflame with desire for God's love. I go through God's revelation in all its beauty, the intimations of resurrection, the gifts of his promise. I learn to avoid sin. I see my mistake in feeling ashamed of repentance for my sins.

What is a psalm but a musical instrument to give expression to all the virtues? The psalmist of old used it, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, to make earth reecho the music of heaven. He used the dead gut of strings to create harmony from a variety of notes, in order to send up to heaven the song of God's praise. In doing so he taught us that we must first die to sin, and then create in our lives on earth a harmony through virtuous deeds, if the grace of our devotion is to reach up to the Lord.

David thus taught us that we must sing an interior song of praise, like Saint Paul, who tells us: *I shall pray in spirit, and also with understanding; I shall sing in spirit, and also with understanding.* We

must fashion our lives and shape our actions in the light of the things that are above. We must not allow pleasure to awaken bodily passions, which weigh our soul down instead of freeing it. The holy prophet told us that his songs of praise were to celebrate the freeing of his soul, when he said: *I shall sing to you, God, on the lyre, holy one of Israel; my lips will rejoice when I have sung to you, and my soul also, which you have set free.*

Responsory

Psalm 92:2-4

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

— to sing to your name, Most High.

It is good to give thanks on the ten-stringed lyre and the lute and to sing with the melody of the harp.

— To sing to your name, Most High.

Stand

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of wisdom and love,
source of all good,
send your Spirit to teach us your truth
and guide our actions
in your way of 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.

Acclamation

Let us praise the Lord.

— And give him thanks.

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