

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

OFFICE OF READINGS

October 25, 2026

{ Thirtieth Sunday 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

Hail, O day, of all days most glorious,
blessed day of Christ's noble victory,
day of gladness, worthy of endless joy,
first and foremost.

Light divine now shines over all the blind:
Christ the victor harrows the underworld,
conqu'ring death he reconciles us to God,
least to highest.

By the judgment of our eternal King
all were sentenced under the law of sin,
that from heaven grace for the poor and weak
might bring solace.

In his wisdom and everlasting pow'r,
God with mercy tempered his holy wrath,
though the foolish world ran on heedlessly,
all to ruin.

He is risen, free from the pow'r of hell,
great restorer of the whole human race,
on his shoulders bearing his wayward sheep
up to heaven.

Peace of angels graces the human race;
ranks of heaven grow and fill up again;
praise is fitting to our triumphant Lord,
praise eternal.

Let the Church our Mother now raise her voice

with the choirs of heaven in harmony.
Let the faithful cry out with joy this day:
Alleluia!

Death is conquered, vanquished and powerless;
with delight let all sing in victory:
Peace on earth, and let jubilation ring
in high heaven. Amen.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

Lord, our God, in splendor and majesty you are clothed, wrapped
in light as in a robe, alleluia.

Psalm 104

Hymn to God the Creator

*To be in Christ means being a completely new creature. Everything of the old is gone,
now everything is made anew (2 Corinthians 5:17).*

I

Bléss the Lórd, my sóul! *
Lord Gód, how gréat you áre,
clóthed in májesty and glóry, *
wrápped in líght as in a róbe!

You strétch out the héavens like a tént. *
Above the ráins you buíld your dwélling.
You máke the clóuds your cháriot, *

and wálk on the wíngs of the wínd;
you máke the wínds your méssengers *
and fláshing fire your sérvants.

You fóunded the éarth on its báse, *
to stand firm from áge to áge.
You wrápped it with the ócean like a clóak: *
the wáters stood hígher than the móuntains.

At your thréat they tóok to flíght; *
at the vóice of your thúnder they fléd.
They róse over the móuntains and flowed dówn *
to the pláce which yóu had appóinted.
You set the límits they míght not páss *
lest they retúrñ to cóver the éarth.

You make spríngs gush fórth in the válleys: *
they flów in betwéen the hílls.
They give drínk to all the béasts of the field; *
the wíld-asses quénch their thírst.
On their bánkš dwell the bírds of héaven; *
from the bráñches they síng their sóng.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spírit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon

Lord, our God, in splendor and majesty you are clothed, wrapped
in light as in a robe, alleluia.

Antiphon 2

The Lord has brought forth bread from the earth, and wine to give
warmth to men's hearts, alleluia.

II

From your dwélling you wáter the hílls; *
éarth drinks its fill of your gíft.
You máke the grass grów for the cáttle *
and the plánts to sérve man's néeds,

that he may bring forth bréad from the éarth *
and wíne to chéer man's héart;
óíl, to máke him glád *
and bréad to stréngthen man's héart.

The trées of the Lórd drink their fill, *
the cégars he plánted on Lébanon;
thére the bírds build their nésts: *
on the trée-top the stórk has her hóme.
The góats find a hóme on the móuntains *
and rábbits híde in the rócks.

You made the móon to márk the mónth; *
the sún knows the tíme for its sétting.
When you spréad the dárkness it is níght *
and all the béasts of the fórest creep fórh.
The young líons róar for their préy *
and ásk their fód from Gód.

At the rísing of the sún they steal awáy *
and gó to rést in their déns.
Mán goes fórh to his wórk, *
to lábor till évening fálls.

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 has brought forth bread from the earth, and wine to give warmth to men's hearts, alleluia.

Antiphon 3

The Lord looked upon all he had made and saw that it was very good, alleluia.

III

How mány are your wórk, O Lórd! †
In wísdóm you have máde them áll. *
The éarth is fúll of your ríches.

Thére is the séa, vast and wíde, †
with its móving swárms past cóunting, *
living things gréat and smáll.
The shíps are móving thére *
and the mónsters you máde to pláy with.

Áll of thése look to yóu *
to gíve them their fód in due séason.
You gíve it, they gáther it úp: *
you ópen your hánd, they have their fíll.

You híde your fáce, they are dísmáyes; †
you táke back your spírit, they díe, *
retúrning to the dúst from which they cáme.
You sénd forth your spírit, they are créated; *
and you renéw the fáce of the éarth.

May the glóry of the Lórd last foréver! *
May the Lórd rejóice in his wórks!
He lóoks on the éarth and it trémbles; *
the móuntains send forth smóke at his tóuch.

I will síng to the Lórd all my lífe, *
make músic to my Gód while I líve.
May my thóughts be pléasing to hím. *
I fínd my jóy in the Lórd.
Let sínners vánish from the éarth †
and the wícked exíst no móre. *
Bléss the Lórd, my sóul.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spírit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon

The Lord looked upon all he had made and saw that it was very good, alleluia.

VERSE

Blessed are your eyes, for they see God's works.

— And your ears, for they hear his word.

Sit

READINGS

First reading

From the beginning of the book of Wisdom

1:1-15

In praise of God's wisdom

Love justice, you who judge the earth;
think of the Lord in goodness,
and seek him in integrity of heart;
Because he is found by those who test him not,
and he manifests himself to those who do not disbelieve him.
For perverse counsels separate a man from God,
and his power, put to the proof, rebukes the foolhardy;
Because into a soul that plots evil wisdom enters not,
nor dwells she in a body under debt of sin.
For the holy spirit of discipline flees deceit
and withdraws from senseless counsels;
and when injustice occurs it is rebuked.
For wisdom is a kindly spirit,
yet she acquits not the blasphemer of his guilty lips;
Because God is the witness of his inmost self
and the sure observer of his heart
and the listener to his tongue.
For the spirit of the Lord fills the world,
is all-embracing, and knows what man says.
Therefore no one who utters wicked things can go unnoticed,
nor will chastising condemnation pass him by.
For the devices of the wicked man shall be scrutinized,
and the sound of his words shall reach the Lord,
for the chastisement of his transgressions;
Because a jealous ear hearkens to everything,
and discordant grumblings are no secret.
Therefore guard against profitless grumbling,

and from calumny withhold your tongues;
For a stealthy utterance does not go unpunished,
and a lying mouth slays the soul.

Court not death by your erring way of life,
nor draw to yourselves destruction by the works of your hands.
Because God did not make death,
nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living.
For he fashioned all things that they might have being;
and the creatures of the world are wholesome,
And there is not a destructive drug among them
nor any domain of the nether world on earth,
For justice is undying.

Responsory

Proverbs 3:13, 15, 17; James 3:17

Happy is the one who finds wisdom; it is more precious than your
most valued possessions.

— Its ways are pleasant; all its paths lead to peace.

Wisdom that comes from God is utterly pure; it is also peaceable,
gentle, full of kindness and manifests itself in good works.

— Its ways are pleasant; all its paths lead to peace.

Second reading

From a letter to the Corinthians by Saint Clement, pope

(Cap. 19, 2—20, 12; Funk 1, 87–89)

In his goodness to all, God gives order and harmony to the world

Let us fix our gaze on the Father and Creator of the whole world,
and let us hold on to his peace and blessings, his splendid and sur-
passing gifts. Let us contemplate him in our thoughts and with our
mind's eye reflect upon the peaceful and restrained unfolding of his
plan; let us consider the care with which he provides for the whole
of his creation.

By his direction the heavens are in motion, and they are subject to
him in peace. Day and night fulfill the course he has established
without interfering with each other. The sun, the moon and the

choirs of stars revolve in harmony at his command in their appointed paths without deviation. By his will the earth blossoms in the proper seasons and produces abundant food for men and animals and all the living things on it without reluctance and without any violation of what he has arranged.

Yet unexplored regions of the abysses and inexpressible realms of the deep are subject to his laws. The mass of the boundless sea, joined together by his ordinance in a single expanse, does not overflow its prescribed limits but flows as he commanded it. For he said: *Thus far shall you come, and your waves will be halted here.* The ocean, impassable for men, and the worlds beyond it are governed by the same edicts of the Lord.

The seasons, spring, summer, autumn and winter, follow one another in harmony. The quarters from which the winds blow function in due season without the least deviation. And the ever-flowing springs, created for our health as well as our enjoyment, unfailingly offer their breasts to sustain human life. The tiniest of living creatures meet together in harmony and peace. The great Creator and Lord of the universe commanded all these things to be established in peace and harmony, in his goodness to all, and in overflowing measure to us who seek refuge in his mercies through our Lord Jesus Christ; to him be glory and majesty for ever and ever. Amen.

Responsory

See Judith 9:12; 6:19

O Lord, you rule the heavens and the earth; you created the seas.
You are the king of the universe.

— Hear the prayer of your servants.

Lord, God of heaven and earth, have pity on the humiliation of our people.

— Hear the prayer of your servants.

Stand

TE DEUM

You are God: we praise you;

You are the Lord: we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free
you did not spurn the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death,
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God,
strengthen our faith, hope, and love.
May we do with loving hearts
what you ask of us
and come to share the life you promise.

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.

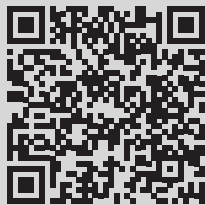
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