

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

OFFICE OF READINGS

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{ Saturday of the Ninth 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 Author of eternal praise,
who give to all who live by faith
the Spirit of your sev'nfold grace,
with kindness come to help us all.

Cast out the ills of flesh and blood,
fend off reproach and shame of mind,
cut off the pow'r of sin and vice,
and put to flight all grief of heart.

Create in us a tranquil mind,
with truth and honor crown our work,
receive the prayers that rise to you,
and grant us everlasting life.

Though now all circling time unfolds
in weeks composed of seven days,
that day shall come, the eighth and last,
the day of judgment for the world.

At that dread hour, redeeming Lord,
do not accuse us in your wrath,
but keep us from your left, we pray,
and gather us at your right hand,

That when in mercy you receive
the prayers of those you call your own,
we all may praise and glorify
the Triune God for evermore. Amen.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

Whoever humbles himself, like a little child, will be greater in the kingdom of heaven.

Psalm 131

Childlike trust in God

Learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart (Matthew 11:29).

O Lórd, my héart is not próud *
nor háughty my éyes.
I have not góne after thínigs too gréat *
nor márvels beyónd me.

Trúly I have sét my sóul *
in sílence and péace.
As a chíld has rést in its mother's árms, *
even só is my sóul.

O Ísrael, hópe in the Lórd *
both nów and 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

Whoever humbles himself, like a little child, will be greater in the kingdom of heaven.

Antiphon 2

With simplicity of heart, I have joyfully offered everything to you, my God.

Psalm 132

God's promises to the house of David

The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David (Luke 1:32).

I

O Lórd, remémber Dávid *
and áll the many hárdships he endúred,
the óath he swóre to the Lórd, *
his wów to the Stróng One of Jácob.

“I will not énter the hóuse where I líve *
nor gó to the béd where I rést.
I will gíve no sléep to my éyes, *
to my éyelids I will gíve no slumber
till I find a pláce for the Lórd, *
a dwélling for the Stróng One of Jácob.”

At Éphrathah we héard of the árkh; *
we fóund it in the pláins of Yearím.
“Let us gó to the pláce of his dwélling; *
let us gó to knéel at his fóotstool.”

Go up, Lórd, to the pláce of your rést, *
yóu and the árkh of your stréngth.
Your príests shall be clóthed with hóliness: *
your fáithful shall ríng out their jóy.
For the sáke of Dávid your sérvant *
dó not rejéct your anóinted.

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

With simplicity of heart, I have joyfully offered everything to you,
my God.

Antiphon 3

The Lord has sworn an oath to David; his kingdom will stand for
ever.

II

The Lórd swore an óath to Dávid; *
he will not go báck on his wórd;
“A són, the frúit of your bódy, *
will I sét upón your thróne.

If they kéept my cóvenant in trúth *
and my láws that Í have táught them,
their sóns álso shall rúle *
on your thróne from áge to áge.”

For the Lórd has chósen Zíon; *
he has desíred it fór his dwélling:
“Thís is my résting-place for éver, *
hére have I chósen to líve.

I will gréatly bléss her próduce, *
I will fíll her póor with bréad.
I will clóthe her príests with salvátion *
and her fáithful shall ríng out their jóy.

Thére David’s stóck will flówer: *
I will prépare a lámp for my anóinted.
I will cóver his énemies with sháme *
but on hím my crówn shall shíne.”

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 sworn an oath to David; his kingdom will stand for ever.

VERSE

Come, consider the works of the Lord.

— The marvels he has created on this earth.

Sit

READINGS

First reading

From the book of Job

42:7-17

Job is justified by God and his enemies are refuted

And it came to pass after the Lord had spoken these words to Job, that the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite, “I am angry with you and with your two friends; for you have not spoken rightly concerning me, as has my servant Job. Now, therefore, take seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up a holocaust for yourselves; and let my servant Job pray for you; for his prayer I will accept, not to punish you severely. For you have not spoken rightly concerning me, as has my servant Job.” Then Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite, went and did as the Lord had commanded them. And the Lord accepted the intercession of Job.

Also, the Lord restored the prosperity of Job, after he had prayed for his friends; the Lord even gave to Job twice as much as he had before. Then all his brethren and his sisters came to him, and all his former acquaintances, and they dined with him in his house. They condoled with him and comforted him for all the evil which the Lord had brought upon him; and each one gave him a piece of money and a gold ring.

Thus the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his earlier ones. For he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she-asses. And he had

seven sons and three daughters, of whom he called the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land no other women were as beautiful as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them an inheritance among their brethren.

After this, Job lived a hundred and forty years; and he saw his children, his grandchildren, and even his great-grandchildren. Then Job died, old and full of years.

Responsory

See Job 42:7, 8

The Lord said to Eliphaz: you and your friends have not spoken truthfully of me as has my servant Job;

— he will pray for you.

I shall hear his prayer and forgive you your foolishness in speaking against me.

— He will pray for you.

Second reading

From the Exposition on John by Saint Thomas Aquinas, priest

(Cap. 14, lect. 2)

The way to come to true life

Christ himself is the way, and therefore he says: *I am the way*. This certainly is eminently right for *through him we have access to the Father*.

Since this way is not separate from its end, but joined to it, he adds *the truth and the life*; thus he is himself at once both the way and the goal. In his human nature he is the way, and in his divine nature he is the goal. Therefore, speaking as man he says: *I am the way*; and speaking as God he adds: *the truth and the life*. These two words are an apt description of this goal.

For this goal is the object of human desire, and a man desires two things above all. In the first place he wants to know the truth, which is peculiar to him; and secondly he wants to continue to exist, which is common to all things. Christ is the way by which

we come to know truth, though he is also that truth: *Lead me, O Lord, in truth, and I shall enter into your way.* Christ is also the way to come to life, though he is also that life: *You have made known the ways of life.*

Therefore, he designated the end of this way by truth and life, about which we have spoken above with reference to Christ. First, he himself is life, *for life was in him*; then, he is truth, because *he was the light of men*, and light is truth.

If, then, you are looking for the way by which you should go, take Christ, because he himself is the way: *This is the way; walk in it.* And Augustine says: *Make man your way and you shall arrive at God.* It is better to limp along the way than stride along off the way. For a man who limps along the way, even if he only makes slow progress, comes to the end of the way; but one who is off the way, the more quickly he runs, the further away is he from his goal.

If you are looking for a goal, hold fast to Christ, because he himself is the truth, where we desire to be. *My mouth shall reflect on the truth.* If you are looking for a resting place, hold fast to Christ, because he himself is the life. *Whoever finds me finds life, and receives salvation from the Lord.*

Therefore hold fast to Christ if you wish to be safe. You will not be able to go astray, because he is the way. He who remains with him does not wander in trackless places; he is on the right way. Moreover he cannot be deceived, because he is the truth, and he teaches every truth. And he says: *For this I was born and for this I have come, to bear witness to the truth.* Nor can he be disturbed, because he is both life and the giver of life. For he says: *I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly.*

Responsory

Job 42:10, 11, 12; 1 Corinthians 10:13

The Lord restored to Job twice as much as he had had before; and his brothers and sisters came and comforted him.

— The Lord blessed Job in his last days more than he had at the beginning.

The Lord is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength; with every trial he will also give you a way out of it.

- The Lord blessed Job in his last days more than he had at the beginning.

Stand

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Father,
your love never fails.
Hear our call.
Keep us from danger
and provide for all our needs.

Grant 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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