

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER II

August 2, 2026

{ Eighteenth 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

O light, O blessed Trinity
and ever perfect Unity,
the flaming sun now dims and sets;
come, flood our hearts with holy light.

We honor you with morning hymn
and pray to you with evening song:
may we in glory humbly praise
and worship you through ev'ry age.

We ask the Father and the Son
and beg the Spirit of them both:
Sustain us with your loving care,
who reign for ever Three in One. Amen.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

Christ our Lord is a priest for ever, like Melchizedek of old, 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 hóly móuntains; *
from the wómb before the dáwn I begót you.

The Lórd has sworn an óath he will not chánge. †
“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

Christ our Lord is a priest for ever, like Melchizedek of old, alleluia.

Antiphon 2

God dwells in highest heaven; he has power to do all he wills, al-leluia.

Psalm 115

Praise of the true God

You have renounced idol worship to serve the living and true God (1 Thessalonians 1:9).

Not to ús, Lórd, not to ús, *
but to yóur náme give the glóry
for the sáke of your lóve and your trúth, *
lest the héathen say: “Whére is their Gód?”

But our Gód is ín the héavens; *
he dóes whatéver he wílls.
Their ídols are sílver and góld, *
the wórks of húman hánds.

They have móuths but they cánnót spéak; *
they have éyes but they cánnót sée;
they have éars but they cánnót héar; *
they have nóstrils but they cánnót sméll.

With their hánds they cánnót féel; †
with their féet they cánnót wálk. *
No sóund cómes from their thróats.
Their mákers will cóme to be líke them *
and so will áll who trúst in thém.

Sons of Ísrael, trúst in the Lórd; *
hé is their hélp and their shíeld.
Sons of Áaron, trúst in the Lórd; *
hé is their hélp and their shíeld.

You who féar him, trúst in the Lórd; *
hé is their hélp and their shíeld.
He remémbers us, and hé will bléss us; †
he will bléss the sóns of Ísrael. *
He will bléss the sóns of Áaron.

The Lord will bléss thóse who féar him, *

the little no less than the great:
to you may the Lord grant increase, *
to you and all your children.

May you be blessed by the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
The heavens belong to the Lord *
but the earth he has given to men.

The dead shall not praise the Lord, *
nor those who go down into the silence.
But we who live bless the Lord *
now and for ever. Amen.

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

God dwells in highest heaven; he has power to do all he wills, alleluia.

Antiphon 3

Praise God, all you who serve him, both great and small, 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

Praise God, all you who serve him, both great and small, alleluia.

Sit

READING

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

We are bound to thank God for you always, beloved brothers in the Lord, because you are the first fruits of those whom God has chosen for salvation, in holiness of spirit and fidelity to truth. He called you through our preaching of the good news so that you might achieve the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Responsory

Our Lord is great, mighty is his power.

— Our Lord is great, mighty is his power.

His wisdom is beyond compare,

— mighty is his power.

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

— Our Lord is great, mighty is his power.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

Brothers, if you desire to be truly rich, set your heart on true riches.

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

Brothers, if you desire to be truly rich, set your heart on true riches.

INTERCESSIONS

All praise and honor to Christ! He lives for ever to intercede for us,
and he is able to save those who approach the Father in his name.
Sustained by our faith, let us call upon him:

— Remember your people, Lord.

As the day draws to a close, Sun of Justice, we invoke your name
upon the whole human race,
so that all men may enjoy your never failing light.

— Remember your people, Lord.

Preserve the covenant which you have ratified in your blood,
cleanse and sanctify your Church.

— Remember your people, Lord.

Remember your assembly, Lord,
your dwelling place.

— Remember your people, Lord.

Guide travelers along the path of peace and prosperity,
so that they may reach their destinations in safety and joy.

— Remember your people, Lord.

Receive the souls of the dead, Lord,
grant them your favor and the gift of eternal glory.

— Remember 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

Father of everlasting goodness,
our origin and guide,
be close to us
and hear the prayers of all who praise you.
Forgive our sins and restore us to life.

Keep us safe in your love.

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.

Dismissal

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to
everlasting life.

— Amen.

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