

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER II

June 29, 2025

{ Solemnity – Peter and Paul, Apostles }



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 blessed city, Rome in purple richly clad
by such great Princes, pouring forth their precious blood!
You shine in beauty, far surpassing all the world,
not by your praises, but by merits of these Saints
whom you once slaughtered with your cruel and bloody swords.

And so we beg you, glorious Martyrs, hear us now,
O blessed Peter, Paul the lily of the world,
triumphant warriors, dwelling in the halls of heav'n,
protect and shield us by your gracious, loving prayers,
keep us from evil, lead us high beyond the stars.

Praise to the Father, endless glory through all time,
all rule and splendor be to you, Begotten Son,
all pow'r and honor to the Holy Paraclete:
so to the perfect, undivided Three in One,
be all salvation through the ages evermore. Amen.

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Feillée's Methode de plain-chant, 1782, adapted by ICEL, 2021*

Plainsong, mode IV, melody 79; Liber Hymnarius, Solesmes, 1983, Text: O Roma
felix, quæ tantorum principum, attributed to St. Paulinus of Aquileia, ca. 726–802*

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

I have prayed for you, Peter, that your faith may not fail; and when you have turned to me, you must strengthen the faith of your brothers.

Psalm 116:10-19

Thanksgiving in the Temple

Through Christ let us offer God a continual sacrifice of praise (Hebrews 13:15).

I trústed, éven when I sáid: *
“I am sórely afflicted,”
and whén I sáid in my alárm: *
“No mán can be trústed.”

How cán I repáy the Lórd *
for his góodness to mé?
The cúp of salvátion I will ráise; *
I will cáll on the Lórd’s name.

My vóws to the Lórd I will fulfill *
befóre all his péople.
O précious in the éyes of the Lórd *
is the déath of his fáithful.

Your sérvant, Lord, your sérvant am Í; *
you have lóosened my bónds.
A thánksgiving sácrifice I máke: *
I will cáll on the Lórd’s name.

My vóws to the Lórd I will fulfill *
befóre all his péople,
in the cóurts of the hóuse of the Lórd, *
in your mídst, O Jerúsalem.

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

I have prayed for you, Peter, that your faith may not fail; and when you have turned to me, you must strengthen the faith of your brothers.

Antiphon 2

Willingly I boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may live in me.

Psalm 126

Joyful hope in God

Just as you share in sufferings so you will share in the divine glory (2 Corinthians 1:7).

When the Lórd delivered Zíon from bóndage, *
it séemed like a dréam.

Thén was our móuth filled with láughter, *
on our líps there were sóngs.

The héathens themsélves said: "What márvels *
the Lórd worked for thém!"

What márvels the Lórd worked for ús! *
Indéed we were glád.

Delíver us, O Lórd, from our bóndage *
as stréams in dry lánd.

Thóse who are sówing in téars *
will síng when they réap.

They go óut, they go óut, full of téars, *
carrying séed for the sówing:
they come báck, they come báck, full of sóng, *
cárrying their shéaves.

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

Willingly I boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may live in me.

Antiphon 3

You are shepherd of the flock, the prince of the apostles; to you were entrusted the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Canticle – Ephesians 1:3-10

God our Savior

Praised be the God and Father *
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has bestowed on us in Christ *
every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

God chose us in him *
before the world began
to be holy *
and blameless in his sight.

He predestined us *
to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ,
such was his will and pleasure, †
that all might praise the glorious favor *
he has bestowed on us in his beloved.

In him and through his blood, we have been redeemed, *
and our sins forgiven,
so immeasurably generous *
is God's favor to us.

God has given us the wisdom *
to understand fully the mystery,
the plan he was pleased *
to decree in Christ.

A plan to be carried out *
in Christ, in the fulness of time,
to bring all things into one in him, *
in the heavens and on earth.

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

You are shepherd of the flock, the prince of the apostles; to you were entrusted the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Sit

READING

1 Corinthians 15:3-5, 8a

I handed on to you first of all what I myself received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried and, in accordance with the Scriptures, rose on the third day; that he was seen by Cephas, then by the Twelve. Last of all he was seen by me.

RESPONSORY

The apostles proclaimed the word of God and preached it faithfully.

— The apostles proclaimed the word of God and preached it faithfully.

They testified to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

— And preached it faithfully.

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

— The apostles proclaimed the word of God and preached it faithfully.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

Peter the apostle and Paul the teacher of the Gentiles taught us your law, O Lord.

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

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INTERCESSIONS

The Lord Jesus built his holy people on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. In faith let us pray:

— Lord, come to the aid of your people.

You once called Simon, the fisherman, to catch men,
now summon new workers who will bring the message of salvation
to all peoples.

— Lord, come to the aid of your people.

You calmed the waves so that your followers would not be drowned,
guard your Church, protect it from all dangers.

— Lord, come to the aid of your people.

You gathered your scattered flock around Peter after the resurrection,
good Shepherd, bring all your people together as one flock.

— Lord, come to the aid of your people.

You sent Paul as apostle to preach the good news to the Gentiles,
let the word of salvation be proclaimed to all mankind.

— Lord, come to the aid of your people.

You gave the keys of your kingdom into the hands of your holy
Church,
open the gates of that kingdom to all who trusted in your mercy
while on earth.

— Lord, come to the aid of your people.

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

God our Father,
today you give us the joy
of celebrating the feast of the apostles Peter and Paul.
Through them your Church first received the faith.
Keep us true to their teaching.

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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