

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

DAYTIME PRAYER

May 14, 2025

{ Feast – Saint Matthias, Apostle }



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

Come, servants, join in humble prayer
with psalms and hymns of worthy praise;
let mind and heart and lips extol
the blest and holy name of God.

For this is that dread time and hour,
in which the Judge of ages stood
condemned to death by false decree,
unjustly judged by mortal foes.

And we with all the love we owe,
compelled by just and humble fear,
seek help against our wicked foe
and all his sly and fierce assaults.

Let us implore the one true God,
the Father and the Son, our King,
the Holy Spirit, Paraclete,
in Trinity, our God and Lord. Amen.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm 119:145-152

XIX (Koph)

I cáll with all my héart; Lord, héar me, *
I will kéep your commánds;
I cáll upón you, sáve me *
and Í will do your wíll.

I ríse before dáwn and cry for hélp, *
I hópe in your wórd.
My éyes wáitch through the níght *
to pónder your prómise.

In your lóve hear my vóice, O Lórd; *
give me lífe by your decreés.
Those who hárm me unjústly draw néar: *
they are fár from your láw.

But yóu, O Lórd, are clóse: *
your commánds are trúth.
Lóng have I knówn that your wíll *
is estáblished 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.

Psalm 94

The Lord will avenge the just

God punishes wicked conduct; he has called you to share his holiness. You must have

I

O Lórd avénging Gód, *
avénging Gód, appéar!
Júdge of the éarth, arise, *
gíve the próud what they desérve!

How lóng, O Lórd, shall the wícked, *
how lóng shall the wícked tríumph?
They blúster with árrogant spéech; *
the évil-doers bóast to each óther.

They crúsh your péople, Lórd, *
they afflíct the ónes you have chósen.
They kíll the wídow and the stránger *
and múrder the fátherless chíld.

And they sáy: "The Lórd does not sée; *
the God of Jácob páys no héed."
Mark thís, most sénseless of péople; *
fóols, when wíll you understánd?

Can hé who made the éar, not héar? *
Can hé who formed the éye, not sée?
Will hé who corrects nátions, not púnish? *
Will hé who teaches mén, not have knówledge?

The Lórd knows the thóughts of mén. *
He knóws they are no móre than a bréath.

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

II

Happy the mán whom you téach, O Lórd, *
whom you tráin by méans of your láu:
to hím you give péace in evil dáys *
while the pít is being dúg for the wícked.

The Lórd will not abándon his péople *
nor forsáke thóse who are his ówn;
for júdgment shall agáin be júst *
and áll true héarts shall uphóld it.

Who will stánd up for mé against the wícked? *
Who will défend me from thóse who do évil?
If the Lórd were nó to hélp me, *
I would sóon go dówn into the sílence.

When I thínk: "I have lóst my fóothold," *
your mércy, Lórd, holds me úp.
When cáres incréase in my héart *
your consolátion cálms my sóul.

Can júdges who do évil be your fríends? *
They do injústice under cóver of láw;
they attáck the lífe of the júst *
and condémn ínnocent blóod.

As for mé, the Lórd will be a stróngthold; *
my Gód will be the rók where I take réfuge.
He will repáy them fór their wíckedness, †
destróy them for their évil déeds. *
The Lórd, our Gód, will destróy them.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sit

READING

Acts 5:12a, 14

Through the hands of the apostles, many signs and wonders occurred among the people. Nevertheless more and more believers, men and women in great numbers, were continually added to the Lord.

Verse

The apostles held fast to Christ's message, alleluia.

— They kept the precepts he gave them, alleluia.

Stand

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Father,
you called Saint Matthias to share in the mission of the apostles.
By the help of his prayers
may we receive with joy the love you share with us
and be counted among those you have chosen.

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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