

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

OFFICE OF READINGS

September 28, 2025

{ Twenty-Sixth 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 fórtħ in the válleys: *
they flów in betwéen the hílls.
They give drínk to all the béasts of the fíeld; *
the wíld-asses quénch their thírst.
On their báñks dwell the bírds of héaven; *
from the bráñches they síng their sóng.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spírít:
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 drínks its fíll of your gíft.
You máke the grass grów for the cáttle *
and the plánts to sérv man's néeds,

that he may bring forth bread from the earth *
and wine to cheer man's heart;
oil, to make him glad *
and bread to strengthen man's heart.

The trees of the Lord drink their fill, *
the cedars he planted on Lebanon;
there the birds build their nests: *
on the tree-top the stork has her home.
The goats find a home on the mountains *
and rabbits hide in the rocks.

You made the moon to mark the months; *
the sun knows the time for its setting.
When you spread the darkness it is night *
and all the beasts of the forest creep forth.
The young lions roar for their prey *
and ask their food from God.

At the rising of the sun they steal away *
and go to rest in their dens.
Man goes forth to his work, *
to labor till evening falls.

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 many are your works, O Lord! †
In wisdom you have made them all. *
The earth is full of your riches.

Thére is the séa, vast and wíde, †
with its móving swárms past cóunting, *
líving 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 fóod in due séason.
You gíve it, they gáther it úp: *
you ópen your hánd, they have their fill.

You híde your fáce, they are dísmáyed; †
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 letter of the apostle Paul to the Philippians

1:1-11

Greeting and thanksgiving

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the holy ones at Philippi, with their bishops and deacons in Christ Jesus. Grace and peace be yours from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ!

I give thanks to my God every time I think of you—which is constantly, in every prayer I utter—rejoicing, as I plead on your behalf, at the way you have all continually helped promote the gospel from the very first day.

I am sure of this much: that he who has begun the good work in you will carry it through to completion, right up to the day of Christ Jesus. It is only right that I should entertain such expectations in your regard since I hold all of you dear—you who, to a man, are sharers of my gracious lot when I lie in prison or am summoned to defend the solid grounds on which the gospel rests.

God himself can testify how much I long for each of you with the affection of Christ Jesus! My prayer is that your love may more and more abound, both in understanding and wealth of experience, so that with a clear conscience and blameless conduct you may learn to value the things that really matter, up to the very day of Christ. It is my wish that you may be found rich in the harvest of justice which Jesus Christ has ripened in you, to the glory and praise of God.

Responsory

Philippians 1:9, 10; see 6

May your love grow ever deeper in knowledge and all discernment

— so that, perceiving always what is best, you may act

blamelessly and with a clear conscience.

I am sure that the one who began this good work in you will continue to perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

— So that, perceiving always what is best, you may act blamelessly and with a clear conscience.

Second reading

From the beginning of a letter to the Philippians by Saint Polycarp, bishop and martyr

(Cap. 1, 1—2, 3: Funk 1, 267-269)

It is by grace that you are saved

From Polycarp and his fellow presbyters to the pilgrim church of God at Philippi: May you have mercy and peace in abundance from Almighty God and Jesus Christ our Savior.

I rejoice with you greatly in the Lord Jesus Christ because you have assumed the pattern of true love and have rightly helped on their way those who were in chains. Such chains are becoming to the faithful; they are the rich crown of the chosen ones of our Lord and God. I am glad, too, that your deep-rooted faith, proclaimed of old, still abides and continues to bear fruit in the life-giving power of our Lord Jesus Christ. He, for our sins, did not refuse to go down to death, and *God raised him up after destroying the pains of hell. With a glorious joy that no words can express you believe in Christ without seeing him.* This is the joy in which many wish to share *knowing that it is by grace that you are saved and not by works*, for so God has willed through Jesus Christ.

So prepare yourselves for the struggle, serve the Lord in fear and truth. Put aside empty talk and popular errors; your faith must be in him who raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead and gave him a share in his own glory and a seat at his right hand. To him everything was made subject in heaven and on earth; all things obey him, who will come as judge of the living and the dead. All who refuse to believe in him must answer to God for the blood of his Son.

He who raised him from the dead will raise us too if we do his will and keep his commandments, loving what he loved, refraining from

all wrongdoing, fraud, avarice, malice and slander. We must abstain from false witness, *not returning evil for evil, nor curse for curse*, nor blow for blow, nor denunciation for denunciation. Always remember the words of the Lord, who taught: *Do not judge and you will not be judged; forgive and you will be forgiven; be merciful and you will find mercy; the amount you measure out to others will be the amount measured out to you. Blessed are the poor and those who suffer persecution, for theirs is the kingdom of God.*

Responsory

2 Timothy 1:9; Psalm 115:1

God has saved us and called us to a life of holiness, not because of anything we had done, but according to his own design and by his own grace.

— This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory because of your kindness and truth.

— This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.

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.

Father,
you show your almighty power
in your mercy and forgiveness.
Continue to fill us with your gifts of love.
Help us to hurry toward the eternal life you promise
and come to share in the joys of your kingdom.

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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