

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER II

August 23, 2026

{ Twenty-First 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

Sublime Creator of the light,
in bringing forth the light of day,
from fountains of that pristine light
you form the fabric of the world.

The morning joined to evening hour
is named the day at your command;
as formless dark steals over us,
in mercy heed our prayers and tears.

Let not our soul, weighed down by faults,
be exiled from the gift of life
and, heedless of eternal good,
ensnare itself in bonds of guilt.

But let it knock at heaven's gate
to gain the prize of lasting life;
let us avoid all harm from sin
and purge away all base desire.

Most loving Father, hear our prayer,
and you, O Christ coequal Son,
who with the Spirit Paraclete
now reign for all eternity. Amen.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

The Lord will stretch forth his mighty scepter from Zion, and he will reign for ever, 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 revelátiún 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 Melchízedek 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

The Lord will stretch forth his mighty scepter from Zion, and he will reign for ever, alleluia.

Antiphon 2

The earth is shaken to its depths before the glory of your face.

Psalm 114

The Israelites are delivered from the bondage of Egypt

You too left Egypt when, at baptism, you renounced that world which is at enmity with God (Saint Augustine).

When Ísrael came fórt from Égypt, *
Jacob's sóns from an álien péople,
Júdah becáme the Lord's témpel, *
Ísrael becáme his kíngdom.

The séa fléd at the síght: *
the Jórdan turned báck on its cóurse,
the móuntains léapt like ráms *
and the hílls like yéarling shéep.

Whý was it, séa, that you fléd, *
that you túrned back, Jórdan, on your cóurse?
Móuntains, that you léapt like ráms, *
hílls, like yéarling shéep?

Trémble, O éarth, before the Lórd, *
in the présence of the Gód of Jácob,
who túrns the róck into a póol *
and flínt into a spríng of wáter.

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 earth is shaken to its depths before the glory of your face.

Antiphon 3

All power is yours, Lord God, our mighty King, 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

All power is yours, Lord God, our mighty King, alleluia.

Sit

READING

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation! He comforts us in all our afflictions and thus enables us to comfort those who are in trouble,

with the same consolation we have received from him.

Responsory

The whole creation proclaims the greatness of your glory.

— The whole creation proclaims the greatness of your glory.

Eternal ages praise

— the greatness of your glory.

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

— The whole creation proclaims the greatness of your glory.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

Many shall come from the east and the west, and they shall sit down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

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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down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heav-
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INTERCESSIONS

Christ the Lord is our head; we are his members. In joy let us call
out to him:

— Lord, may your kingdom come.

Christ our Savior, make your Church a more vivid symbol of the
unity of all mankind,
make it more effectively the sacrament of salvation for all peoples.

— Lord, may your kingdom come.

Through your presence, guide the college of bishops in union with
the Pope,
give them the gifts of unity, love and peace.

— Lord, may your kingdom come.

Bind all Christians more closely to yourself, their divine Head,
lead them to proclaim your kingdom by the witness of their lives.

— Lord, may your kingdom come.

Grant peace to the world,
let every land flourish in justice and security.

— Lord, may your kingdom come.

Grant to the dead the glory of resurrection,
and give us a share in their happiness.

— Lord, may your kingdom come.

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,
help us to seek the values
that will bring us lasting joy in this changing world.
In our desire for what you promise
make us one in mind and heart.

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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