

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MORNING PRAYER

June 28, 2025

{ Memorial – Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr }



Invitatory

Stand and make sign of cross on lips with thumb

Lord, open my lips.

— And my mouth will proclaim your praise.

Psalm 95

A call to praise God

Encourage each other daily while it is still today (Hebrews 3:13).

Come, let us worship Christ, the King of martyrs.

— Come, let us worship Christ, the King of martyrs.

Come, let us sing to the Lord

and shout with joy to the Rock who saves us.

Let us approach him with praise and thanksgiving

and sing joyful songs to the Lord.

— Come, let us worship Christ, the King of martyrs.

The Lord is God, the mighty God,

the great king over all the gods.

He holds in his hands the depths of the earth

and the highest mountains as well.

He made the sea; it belongs to him,

the dry land, too, for it was formed by his hands.

— Come, let us worship Christ, the King of martyrs.

Come, then, let us bow down and worship,

bending the knee before the Lord, our maker.

For he is our God and we are his people,

the flock he shepherds.

— Come, let us worship Christ, the King of martyrs.

Today, listen to the voice of the Lord:

Do not grow stubborn, as your fathers did

in the wilderness,

when at Meriba and Massah

they challenged me and provoked me,

Although they had seen all of my works.

— Come, let us worship Christ, the King of martyrs.

Forty years I endured that generation.

I said, “They are a people whose hearts go astray
and they do not know my ways.”

So I swore in my anger,

“They shall not enter into my rest.”

— Come, let us worship Christ, the King of martyrs.

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.

— Come, let us worship Christ, the King of martyrs.

Morning Prayer

HYMN

Martyr of God, by holding fast
to Christ, the Father’s only Son,
you triumph over vanquished foes,
in vict’ry finding heav’nly joy.

Grant us the favor of your prayer
and ease the burden of our guilt;
hold back the tide of wickedness
and drive away distaste for life.

Now all your fetters are undone,
the chains that bound your holy flesh;
free us from bondage to the world
for love of Christ, the Son of God.

Praise to the Father and the Son
and to the Spirit Paraclete,
who crown you with a lasting crown
in heaven’s glorious court on high. Amen.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

We do well to sing to your name, Most High, and proclaim your mercy at daybreak.

Psalms 92

Praise of God the Creator

Sing in praise of Christ's redeeming work (Saint Athanasius).

It is góod to give thánks to the Lórd,*
to make músic to your náme, O Most High,
to procláim your lóve in the mórning*
and your trúth in the wátches of the níght,
on the tén-stringed lýre and the lúte,*
with the múrmuring sóund of the hárp.

Your déeds, O Lórd, have made me glád;*
for the wórks of your hánds I shout with jój.
O Lórd, how gréat are your wórks!*
How déep are yóur desígns!
The fóolish man cánnót knów this*
and the fóol cánnót understánd.

Though the wícked spring úp like gráss*
and áll who do évil thríve:
they are dóomed to be etérnally destróyed.*
But yóu, Lord, are etérnally on hígh.

Sée how your énemies pérish; *
all dóers of évil are scáttered.

To mé you give the wíld-ox's stréngth; *
you anóint me with the púrest óil.
My éyes looked in tríumph on my fóes; *
my éars heard gládly of their fáll.
The júst will flóurish like the pálm-tree *
and grów like a Lébanon cédar.

Plánted in the hóuse of the Lórd *
they will flóurish in the cóurts of our Gód,
still bearing frúit when they are óld, *
still full of sáp, still gréen,
to procláim that the Lórd is júst; *
in hím, my rók, there is no wróng.

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

We do well to sing to your name, Most High, and proclaim your mercy at daybreak.

Antiphon 2

I will create a new heart in you, and breathe into you a new spirit.

Canticle – Ezekiel 36:24-28

The Lord will renew his people

*They will be his own people, and God himself will be with them, their own God
(Revelation 21:3).*

I will take you away from among the nations, †
gather you from all the foreign lands, *
and bring you back to your own land.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you †
to cleanse you from all your impurities, *
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

I will give you a new heart *
and place a new spirit within you,
taking from your bodies your stony hearts *
and giving you natural hearts.

I will put my spirit within you †
and make you live by my statutes, *
careful to observe my decrees.

You shall live in the land I gave your fathers; †
you shall be my people, *
and I will be your God.

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 will create a new heart in you, and breathe into you a new spirit.

Antiphon 3

On the lips of children and infants you have found perfect praise.

Psalm 8

The majesty of the Lord and man's dignity

*The Father gave Christ lordship of creation and made him head of the Church
(Ephesians 1:22).*

How gréat is your náme, O Lórd our Gód, *
through áll the éarth!

Your májesty is práised above the héavens; *
on the líps of children and of bábes
you have found práise to fóil your énemy, *
to sílence the fóe and the rébel.

When I see the héavens, the wórk of your hánds, *
the móon and the stárs which you arráinged,
what is mán that you should kéep him in mínd, *
mortal mán that you cáre for hím?

Yet you have máde him little léss than a gód; *

with glóry and hónor you crówned him,
gave him pówer over the wórks of your hánd, *
put áll things únder his féet.

Áll of them, shéep and cáttle, *
yes, éven the sávage béasts,
bírd of the aír, and físh *
that máke their wáy through the wáters.

How gréat is your náme, O Lórd our Gód, *
through áll the éarth!

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

On the lips of children and infants you have found perfect praise.

Sit

READING

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

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. As we have shared much in the sufferings of Christ, so through Christ do we share abundantly in his consolation.

RESPONSORY

The Lord is my strength, and I shall sing his praise.

— The Lord is my strength, and I shall sing his praise.

The Lord is my savior,

— and I shall sing his praise.

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

— The Lord is my strength, and I shall sing his praise.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

Irenaeus, true to his name, made peace the aim and object of his life,
and he labored strenuously for the peace of the Church.

Luke 1:68-79

The Messiah and his forerunner

Make sign of cross

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old †
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

Irenaeus, true to his name, made peace the aim and object of his life, and he labored strenuously for the peace of the Church.

INTERCESSIONS

Our Savior's faithfulness is mirrored in the fidelity of his witnesses who shed their blood for the word of God. Let us praise him in remembrance of them:

— You redeemed us by your blood.

Your martyrs freely embraced death in bearing witness to the faith, give us the true freedom of the Spirit, O Lord.

— You redeemed us by your blood.

Your martyrs professed their faith by shedding their blood, give us a faith, O Lord, that is constant and pure.

— You redeemed us by your blood.

Your martyrs followed in your footsteps by carrying the cross, help us to endure courageously the misfortunes of life.

— You redeemed us by your blood.

Your martyrs washed their garments in the blood of the Lamb, help us to avoid the weaknesses of the flesh and worldly allurements.

— You redeemed us by your blood.

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,
you called Saint Irenaeus to uphold your truth
and bring peace to your Church.

By his prayers renew us in faith and love
that we may always be intent
on fostering unity and peace.

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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