

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER II

September 14, 2025

{ Feast – Triumph of the Cross }



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

The banners of the King go forth,
the gleaming myst'ry of the Cross,
by which the Maker of all flesh
was yoked in flesh upon the wood;

Where, wounded as he hung on high
by ruthless blade of sharpened spear,
there flowed forth water mixed with blood,
to wash us clean from ev'ry sin.

O noble tree with blood adorned,
the splendid purple of the King,
wood chosen from a worthy stock
to touch and bear such holy limbs.

O blessed tree whose branches bore
the price and ransom of the world!
Like scales it weighed the body's worth
and bore away the spoils of hell.

Hail altar, victim, sacrifice,
for glory gained through grief and death,
by which our Life endured to die
and through his death restored our life.

O Cross, all hail, our only hope!
In glorious triumph raised on high,
increase the grace of loving hearts
and rid the guilty of their sin.

O Triune God, let all sing praise

to you, the font of saving grace;
sustain for ever those you save
by wondrous myst'ry of the Cross. Amen.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

What a great work of charity! Death itself died when life was slain
on the tree.

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 right: *
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 hólý móuntains; *
from the wómb before the dáwn I begót you.

The Lórd has sworn an óath he will not chángé. †
“You are a príest for éver, *

a priest like Melchizedek of old.”

The Master standing at your right hand *
will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside *
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

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

What a great work of charity! Death itself died when life was slain
on the tree.

Antiphon 2

We worship your cross, O Lord, and we commemorate your glorious
passion. You suffered for us; have mercy on us.

Psalm 116:10-19

Thanksgiving in the Temple

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

I trusted, even when I said: *
“I am sorely afflicted,”
and when I said in my alarm: *
“No man can be trusted.”

How can I repay the Lord *
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise; *
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfill *
before all his people.
O precious in the eyes of the Lord *
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; *
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: *
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfill *
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord, *
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

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 worship your cross, O Lord, and we commemorate your glorious
passion. You suffered for us; have mercy on us.

Antiphon 3

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, for by your holy cross you
have redeemed the world.

Canticle – Revelation 4:11; 5:9, 10, 12

Redemption hymn

O Lord our God, you are worthy *
to receive glory and honor and power.

For you have created all things; *
by your will they came to be and were made.

Worthy are you, O Lord, *
to receive the scroll and break open its seals.

For you were slain; *
with your blood you purchased for God
men of every race and tongue, *
of every people and nation.

You made of them a kingdom, †
and priests to serve our God, *
and they shall reign on the earth.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain *

to receive power and riches,
wisdom and strength,*
honor and glory and praise.

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 adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, for by your holy cross you
have redeemed the world.

Sit

READING

1 Corinthians 1:23-24

We preach Christ crucified—a stumbling block to Jews, and an
absurdity to Gentiles; but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks
alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

RESPONSORY

O glorious cross, on you the King of angels was victorious.

— O glorious cross, on you the King of angels was victorious.

And he has washed away our sins in his own blood.

— On you the King of angels was victorious.

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

— O glorious cross, on you the King of angels was victorious.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

O cross, you are the glorious sign of our victory. Through your power
may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus.

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

O cross, you are the glorious sign of our victory. Through your power
may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus.

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray with confidence to Christ who endured the cross to save
us:

— Lord, through your cross bring us to the glory of your

kingdom.

O Christ, you emptied yourself, taking the form of a servant and being made like us,
grant that your people may follow the example of your humility.

— Lord, through your cross bring us to the glory of your kingdom.

O Christ, you humbled yourself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross,
grant that your servants may imitate your obedience and willing acceptance of trials.

— Lord, through your cross bring us to the glory of your kingdom.

O Christ, you were raised up by the Father and given the name that is above all other names,
may your people, strengthened in the hope of a heavenly resurrection, persevere to the end.

— Lord, through your cross bring us to the glory of your kingdom.

O Christ, at your name every knee in heaven, on earth and under the earth will bend in adoration,
pour out your love upon all men that they may join together in proclaiming your glory.

— Lord, through your cross bring us to the glory of your kingdom.

O Christ, every tongue shall confess that you are Lord to the glory of God the Father,
welcome our brothers and sisters who have died into the unfailing joy of your kingdom.

— Lord, through your cross bring us to the glory of your kingdom.

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,
in obedience to you
your only Son accepted death on the cross
for the salvation of mankind.
We acknowledge the mystery of the cross on earth.
May we receive the gift of redemption in heaven.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
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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