

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

OFFICE OF READINGS

October 31, 2026

{ Saturday of the 30th Week 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

O God, sole unbegotten source,
O God from God, begotten Son,
O God proceeding from them both,
come dwell in us and bring your aid.

May you remain our sole desire
and be our deepest love and joy;
may all our longing rest in you
and may you be our heart's delight.

O Father, Lord of all that is,
with Christ your Son, the Virgin-born,
come rule us by the Spirit blest,
our rampart and our help within.

Remember, Holy Trinity,
the wondrous works your goodness wrought,
when first you made the human race
and then remade it, cleansed by blood.

Those whom the Three in One have made
the charity of Christ redeemed;
enduring death, he loved us then:
now may he love us as his own.

All joy and peace, all pow'r and might,
all beauty and omnipotence,
all rev'rence, honor, glory, praise
to God the blessed Three in One. Amen.

Metrical hymn, melody: Abends, 8 8 8 8; Herbert Stanley Oakley, 1830-1903

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

None but the Lord has done such marvels; his love endures for
ever.

Psalm 136

Easter Hymn

We praise God by recalling his marvelous deeds (Cassiodorus).

I

O give thánks to the Lórd for he is góod,*
for his lóve endúres for éver.
Give thánks to the Gód of góds,*
for his lóve endúres for éver.
Give thánks to the Lórd of lórd, *
for his lóve endúres for éver;
who alóne has wrought márvellous wórks,*
for his lóve endúres for éver;
whose wísdom it wás made the skíes,*
for his lóve endúres for éver;
who fixed the earth firmly on the séas,*
for his lóve endúres for éver.

It was hé who máde the great líghts,*
for his lóve endúres for éver,
the sún to rúle in the dáy,*
for his lóve endúres for éver,

the móon and stárs in the níght, *
for his lóve endúres 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.

Antiphon

None but the Lord has done such marvels; his love endures for ever.

Antiphon 2

He brought Israel out of Egypt with powerful hand and arm outstretched.

II

The first-bórn of the Egýptians he smóte, *
for his lóve endúres for éver.
He brought Ísrael óut from their mídst, *
for his lóve endúres for éver;
arm outstrétched, with pówer in his hánd, *
for his lóve endúres for éver.

He divíded the Réd Sea in twó, *
for his lóve endúres for éver;
he made Ísrael páss through the mídst, *
for his lóve endúres for éver;
he flung Pháraoh and his fórcé in the séa, *
for his lóve endúres 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.

Antiphon

He brought Israel out of Egypt with powerful hand and arm outstretched.

Antiphon 3

Give praise to the God of heaven; he has ransomed us from our enemies.

III

Through the désert his péople he léd, *
for his lóve endúres for éver.

Nátions in their gréatness he strúck, *
for his lóve endúres for éver.

Kíngs in their spléndor he sléw, *
for his lóve endúres for éver.

Síhon, kíng of the Ámorites, *
for his lóve endúres for éver;
and Óg, the kíng of Báshan, *
for his lóve endúres for éver.

He let Ísrael inhérit their lánd, *
for his lóve endúres for éver.

On his sérvant their lánd he bestówed, *
for his lóve endúres for éver.

He remémbred ús in our distréss, *
for his lóve endúres for éver.

And he snátched us awáy from our fóes, *
for his lóve endúres for éver.

He gives fód to áll living thínks, *
for his lóve endúres for éver.

To the Gód of héaven give thánks, *
for his lóve endúres 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.

Antiphon

Give praise to the God of heaven; he has ransomed us from our enemies.

VERSE

Lord, show me your ways.

— Teach me to walk in your footsteps.

Sit

READINGS

First reading

From the book of Wisdom

11:20b—12:2, 11b-19

Concerning the mercy and patience of God

You have disposed all things by measure and number and weight,
O Lord.

For with you great strength abides always;
who can resist the might of your arm?

Indeed, before you the whole universe is as a grain from a balance,
or a drop of morning dew come down upon the earth.

But you have mercy on all, because you can do all things;
and you overlook the sins of men that they may repent.

For you love all things that are
and loathe nothing that you have made;
for what you hated, you would not have fashioned.
And how could a thing remain, unless you willed it;
or be preserved, had it not been called forth by you?

But you spare all things, because they
are yours, O Lord and lover of souls,
for your imperishable spirit is in all things!

Therefore you rebuke offenders little by little,
warn them, and remind them of the sins they are committing,
that they may abandon their wickedness and believe in you, O
Lord!

Neither out of fear for anyone
did you grant amnesty for their sins.

For who can say to you, "What have you done?"
or who can oppose your decree?

Or when peoples perish, who can challenge you, their maker;

or who can come into your presence as vindicator of unjust men?
For neither is there any god besides you who have the care of all,
that you need show you have not unjustly condemned;
Nor can any king or prince confront you on behalf of
those you have punished.

But as you are just, you govern all things justly;
you regard it as unworthy of your power
to punish one who has incurred no blame.
For your might is the source of justice;
your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all.
For you show your might when the perfection of your power is
disbelieved;
and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity.

But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency,
and with much lenience you govern us;
for power, whenever you will, attends you.
And you taught your people, by these deeds,
that those who are just must be kind;
And you gave your sons good ground for hope
that you would permit repentance for their sins.

Responsory

See Wisdom 11:24, 27; Sirach 36: 1

Lord, you show mercy to all and you despise nothing you have created. You overlook the sins of men, that they may be repentant and that you might spare them,

— because you are the Lord our God.

Look down on us with pity, and may the light of your mercy shine on us.

— Because you are the Lord our God.

Second reading

From a dialogue on Divine Providence by Saint Catherine of Siena,
virgin

(Cap. 134, ed. Latina, Ingolstadii 1583, ff. 215v-216)

How good and comforting is your spirit dwelling in all men, O Lord

With a look of mercy that revealed his indescribable kindness, God the Father spoke to Catherine:

Beloved daughter, everything I give to man comes from the love and care I have for him. I desire to show my mercy to the whole world and my protective love to all those who want it.

But in his ignorance man treats himself very cruelly. My care is constant, but he turns my life-giving gifts into a source of death. Yes, I created him with loving care and formed him in my image and likeness. I pondered, and I was moved by the beauty of my creation.

I gave him a memory to recall my goodness, for I wanted him to share in my own power. I gave him an intellect to know and understand my will through the wisdom of my Son, for I am the giver of every good gift and I love him with a father's constant love. Through the Holy Spirit I gave him a will to love what he would come to know with his intellect.

In my loving care I did all this, so that he could know me and perceive my goodness and rejoice to see me for ever. But as I have recounted elsewhere, heaven had been closed off because of Adam's disobedience. Immediately after his sin all manner of evil made its advance throughout the world.

So that I might commute the death consequent upon this disobedience, I attended to you with loving care—out of provident concern I handed over my only-begotten Son to make satisfaction for your needs. I demanded supreme obedience from him so that the human race might be freed of the poison which had infected the entire earth because of Adam's disobedience. With eager love he submitted to a shameful death on the cross and by that death he gave you life, not merely human but divine.

Responsory

Psalms 17:8, 7

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye.

— Gather us under the shadow of your wings.

Show us your wonderful love, O Savior of all who seek refuge in you.

— Gather us under the shadow of your wings.

Stand

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God,
strengthen our faith, hope, and love.
May we do with loving hearts
what you ask of us
and come to share the life you promise.

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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