

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MORNING PRAYER

August 10, 2026

{ Feast – Lawrence, Deacon 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

When Lawrence came to martyrdom,
to bloody violence in the fray,
then Faith put on her arms and fought,
unsparing of her flowing blood.

He was the first of seven men
who at the altar stood to serve,
a deacon of the highest rank,
outstanding far beyond the rest.

He bravely fought with all his strength,
no sword was girded at his side,
yet he turned back the hostile blade
and struck against the wielding foe.

And so, Saint Lawrence, we desire
to celebrate your martyrdom;
for favors we request in prayer
are by your gracious gift obtained,

Since, chosen as a citizen

of that fair city most sublime,
you wear on high the civic crown
in heaven's everlasting courts.

All honor to the Three in One,
to Father, Son, and Paraclete,
who grant us everlasting crowns
through your support and patronage. Amen.

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Plainsong, mode IV, melody 68; Liber Hymnarius, Solesmes, 1983, Text: In martyris Laurentii, Prudentius, ca. 348-405*

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

My soul clings to you, my God, because I endured death by fire for your sake.

Psalm 63:2-9

A soul thirsting for God

Whoever has left the darkness of sin yearns for God.

O Gód, you are my Gód, for you I lóng; *
for yóu my sóul is thírsting.
My bódy pínes for yóu *
like a drý, weary lánd without wáter.
So I gáze on yóu in the sánctuary *
to sée your stréngth and your glóry.
For your lóve is bétter than life, *
my líps will spéak your práise.

So I will bléss you áll my life, *
in your náme I will líft up my hánds.
My sóul shall be filled as with a bánquet, *
my móuth shall práise you with jóy.

On my béd I remémber yóu. *
On yóu I múse through the níght
for yóu have béen my hélp; *
in the sháadow of your wíngs I rejóice.
My sóul clíngs to yóu; *
your ríght hand hólds me fást.

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

My soul clings to you, my God, because I endured death by fire for your sake.

Antiphon 2

The Lord sent his angel to free me from the fire, and I escaped the flames unharmed.

Canticle – Daniel 3:57–88, 56

Let all creatures praise the Lord

All you servants of the Lord, sing praise to him (Revelation 19:5).

Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord. *
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord. *
You heavens, bless the Lord.
All you waters above the heavens, bless the Lord. *
All you hosts of the Lord, bless the Lord.
Sun and moon, bless the Lord. *
Stars of heaven, bless the Lord.

Every shower and dew, bless the Lord. *
All you winds, bless the Lord.
Fire and heat, bless the Lord. *

Cold and chill, bless the Lord.
Dew and rain, bless the Lord. *
Frost and chill, bless the Lord.
Ice and snow, bless the Lord. *
Nights and days, bless the Lord.
Light and darkness, bless the Lord. *
Lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.

Let the earth bless the Lord. *
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Mountains and hills, bless the Lord. *
Everything growing from the earth, bless the Lord.
You springs, bless the Lord. *
Seas and rivers, bless the Lord.
You dolphins and all water creatures, bless the Lord. *
All you birds of the air, bless the Lord.
All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord. *
You sons of men, bless the Lord.

O Israel, bless the Lord. *
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Priests of the Lord, bless the Lord. *
Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.
Spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord. *
Holy men of humble heart, bless the Lord.
Hananiah, Azariah, Mishael, bless the Lord. *
Praise and exalt him above all forever.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *
Let us praise and exalt him above all forever.
Blessed are you, Lord, in the firmament of heaven. *
Praiseworthy and glorious and exalted above all forever.

Antiphon

The Lord sent his angel to free me from the fire, and I escaped the flames unharmed.

Antiphon 3

Blessed Lawrence prayed: I thank you, Lord, for permitting me to enter the gates of your kingdom.

Psalm 149

The joy of God's holy people.

*Let the sons of the Church, the children of the new people, rejoice in Christ, their King
(Hesychius).*

Síng a new sǒng to the Lórd,*
his práise in the assémbly of the fáithful.

Let Ísrael rejóice in its máker,*
let Zíon's sons exúlt in their kíng.

Let them práise his náme with dáncing*
and make músic with tímbrel and hárp.

For the Lórd takes delíght in his péople.*

He crówns the póor with salvátion.

Let the fáithful rejóice in their glóry,*
shout for jóy and táke their rést.

Let the práise of Gód be on their líps*
and a twó-edged swórd in their hánd,

to déal out véngeance to the nátions*
and púnishment on áll the péoples;

to bínd their kíngs in cháins*
and their nóbles in fétters of íron;

to cárry out the séntence pre-ordáined;*
this hónor is for áll his fáithful.

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

as it was in the beginnig, is now,*
and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon

Blessed Lawrence prayed: I thank you, Lord, for permitting me to enter the gates of your kingdom.

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

Do not be afraid, my son, for I am with you; if you should walk through the fire, the flames will not harm you, nor will the odor of burning cling to you.

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

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through the fire, the flames will not harm you, nor will the odor of
burning cling to you.

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 Lawrence to serve you by love
and crowned his life with glorious martyrdom.
Help us to be like him
in loving you and doing your work.
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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