

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
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EVENING PRAYER I

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May 8, 2024

{ Solemnity – Ascension }



*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

Let the earth rejoice and sing, alleluia!  
At the triumph of our King, alleluia!  
He ascends from mortal sight, alleluia!  
Reigns now at our Father's right, alleluia!  
He who died upon a tree, alleluia!  
Now shall reign eternally, alleluia!  
He who saved our fallen race, alleluia!  
Takes in heav'n his rightful place, alleluia!  
Jesus, Lord, all hail to thee, alleluia!  
On this day of victory, alleluia!  
Thou didst shatter Satan's might, alleluia!  
Rising glorious from the fight, alleluia!  
Jesus, Victor, hear our prayer, alleluia!  
In thy triumph let us share, alleluia!  
Lift our minds and hearts above, alleluia!  
Strengthen all men in thy love, alleluia!  
While in heaven thou dost gaze, alleluia!  
On thy Church who sings thy praise, alleluia!  
Fasten all our hope in thee, alleluia!  
Till thy face unveiled we see, alleluia!

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*Sit or stand*

PSALMODY

*Antiphon 1*

I came forth from the Father and have come into the world; now I leave the world to return to the Father, alleluia.

*Psalm 113*

*Praise the name of the Lord*

*He has cast down the mighty and has lifted up the lowly (Luke 1:52).*

Práise, O sérvants of the Lórd, \*  
práise the náme of the Lórd!  
May the náme of the Lórd be bléssed \*  
both nów and for évermóre!  
From the rísing of the sún to its sétting \*  
práised be the náme of the Lórd!  
Hígh above all nátions is the Lórd, \*  
abóve the héavens his glóry.  
Whó is like the Lórd, our Gód, \*  
who has risen on hígh to his thróne  
yet stóops from the héights to look dówn, \*  
to look dówn upon héaven and éarth?  
From the dúst he lífts up the lówly, \*  
from his míserý he ráises the póor  
to sét him in the cómpany of prínces, \*  
yés, with the prínces of his péople.  
To the chíldless wífe he gives a hóme \*  
and gláddens her héart with chíldren.  
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 came forth from the Father and have come into the world; now I leave the world to return to the Father, alleluia.

*Antiphon 2*

After he spoke to his disciples, the Lord Jesus ascended into heaven where he is seated at the right hand of the Father, alleluia.

*Psalm 117*

*Praise for God's loving compassion*

*I affirm that . . . the Gentile peoples are to praise God because of his mercy (Romans 15:8-9).*

O práise the Lórd, all you nátions,\*  
accláim him, all you péoples!

Stróng is his lóve for ús;\*  
he is fáithful 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*

After he spoke to his disciples, the Lord Jesus ascended into heaven where he is seated at the right hand of the Father, alleluia.

*Antiphon 3*

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven, alleluia.

*Canticle – Revelation 11:17-18; 12:10b-12a*

*The judgment of God*

We praise you, the Lord God Almighty,\*  
who is and who was.

You have assumed your great power,\*  
you have begun your reign.

The nations have raged in anger,\*  
but then came your day of wrath  
and the moment to judge the dead:\*

The time to reward your servants the prophets  
and the holy ones who revere you,\*  
the great and the small alike.

Now have salvation and power come, †  
the reign of our God and the authority \*  
of his Anointed One.

For the accuser of our brothers is cast out, \*  
who night and day accused them before God.

They defeated him by the blood of the Lamb †  
and by the word of their testimony; \*  
love for life did not deter them from death.

So rejoice, you heavens, \*  
and you that dwell therein!

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*

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended  
from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven, alleluia.

*Sit*

READING

*Ephesians 2:4-6*

God is rich in mercy; because of his great love for us he brought us  
to life with Christ Jesus when we were dead in sin. By this favor you  
are saved. Both with and in Christ Jesus he raised us up and gave us  
a place in the heavens.

RESPONSORY

God ascends to shouts of joy, alleluia, alleluia.

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The Lord to the blast of trumpets,

— alleluia, alleluia.

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

— God ascends to shouts of joy, alleluia, alleluia.

*Stand*

GOSPEL CANTICLE

*Antiphon*

Father, I have made known your name to the men you have given me; now I am praying for them and not for the world, because I am coming to you, alleluia.

*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*

Father, I have made known your name to the men you have given me; now I am praying for them and not for the world, because I am coming to you, alleluia.

INTERCESSIONS

In joy of spirit let us acclaim Christ, who sits at the right hand of the Father:

— Lord Jesus, you are the King of glory.

King of glory, you took with you our frail humanity to be glorified in heaven; remove the sins of the world, and restore us to the innocence which was ours before the Fall.

— Lord Jesus, you are the King of glory.

You came down from heaven on a pilgrimage of love, grant that we may take the same path to your presence.

— Lord Jesus, you are the King of glory.

You promised to draw all things to yourself, do not allow any one of us to be separated from your body.

— Lord Jesus, you are the King of glory.

Where you have gone before us in glory, may we follow you in mind and heart.

— Lord Jesus, you are the King of glory.

True God, we await your coming as our judge, may we see the vision of your glory and your mercy in company with all the dead.

— Lord Jesus, you are the King of glory.

*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,  
make us joyful in the ascension of your Son Jesus Christ.  
May we follow him into the new creation,  
for his ascension is our glory and our hope.

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.

*Dismissal*

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to  
everlasting life.

— Amen.



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