

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

NIGHT PRAYER

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May 14, 2024

{ Feast – Saint Matthias, Apostle }



*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.

PENITENTIAL RITE

*Brief moment of silence*

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

*All strike their breast*

through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

*Presiding minister*

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

— Amen.

HYMN

At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from his wounded side;  
Praise the Lord, whose love divine  
Gives his sacred blood for wine,

Gives his body for the feast,  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the Paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts in triumph go  
Through the waves that drown the foe.  
Christ the Lamb whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;  
Let us with a fervent love  
Taste the manna from above.

Mighty victim from on high,  
Pow'rs of hell now vanquished lie;  
Sin is conquered in the fight:  
You have brought us life and light;  
Your resplendent banners wave,  
You have risen from the grave;  
Christ has opened paradise,  
And in him all men shall rise.

Easter triumph, Easter joy,  
Sin alone can this destroy;  
Souls from sin and death set free  
Glory in their liberty.  
Hymns of glory, hymns of praise  
Father unto you we raise;  
Risen Lord, for joy we sing:  
Let our hymns through heaven ring.

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#### PSALMODY

*Antiphon*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Psalm 143:1-11*

*Prayer in distress*

*Only by faith in Jesus Christ is a man made holy in God's sight. No observance of the law can achieve this (Galatians 2:16).*

Lórd, listen to my práyer: †  
túrn your éar to my appéal. \*  
You are fáithful, you are júst; give ánsWER.  
Do not cáll your sérvant to júdgment \*  
for nó one is júst in your síght.

The énemy pursúes my sóul; \*  
he has crúshed my lífe to the gróund;  
he has máde me dwéll in dárkness \*  
like the déad, lóng forgóttén.  
Thérefore my spírit fáils; \*  
my héart is númb withín me.

I reméber the dáys that are pást: \*  
I pónDer áll your wórks.  
I múse on what your hánd has wróught †  
and to yóu I strétch out my hánds. \*  
Like a párched land my sóul thirsts for yóu.

Lórd, make háste and ánsWER; \*  
for my spírit fáils withín me.  
Dó not híde your fáce \*  
lest I becóme like thóse in the gráve.

In the mórning let me knów your lóve \*  
for I pút my trúst in yóu.  
Make me knów the wáy I should wálk: \*  
to yóu I líft up my sóul.

Réscue me, Lórd, from my énemies; \*  
I have fléd to yóu for réfuge.  
Téach me to dó your wíll \*  
for yóu, O Lórd, are my Gód.  
Let yóur good spírit guíde me \*  
in wáys that are lével and smóoth.

For your náme's sake, Lórd, save my lífe; \*  
in your jústice save my sóul from distréss.

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*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

READING

*1 Peter 5:8-9a*

Stay sober and alert. Your opponent the devil is prowling like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, solid in your faith.

RESPONSORY

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

— Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.

— alleluia, alleluia.

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

— Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

*Antiphon*

Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep, that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace.  
Alleluia.

*Luke 2:29-32*

*Christ is the light of the nations and the glory of Israel*

*Make sign of cross*

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; \*  
your word has been fulfilled:

my own eyes have seen the salvation \*  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:

a light to reveal you to the nations \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
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CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord,  
fill this night with your radiance.  
May we sleep in peace and rise with joy  
to welcome the light of a new day in your name.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

— Amen.

*Blessing*

May the all-powerful Lord grant us a restful night and a peaceful  
death.

— Amen.

ANTIPHON OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.  
The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia,  
has risen as he said, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!  
For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

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