

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
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EVENING PRAYER II

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May 9, 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

The head that once was crowned with thorns  
Is crowned with glory now:  
A royal diadem adorns  
The mighty victor's brow.

The highest place that heav'n affords  
Is surely his by right:  
The King of kings and Lord of lords,  
And heav'n's eternal light.

The joy he is of all above,  
The joy to all below:  
To ev'ryone he shows his love,  
And grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame,  
With all its grace, is giv'n:  
Their name an everlasting name.  
Their joy the joy of heav'n.

The cross he bore is life and health,  
Though shame and death to him;  
His people's hope, his people's wealth,  
Their everlasting theme.

*Melody: St. Magnus (Nottingham) C.M.; Music: Jeremiah Clarke, 1659-1707; Text:  
Thomas Kelly, 1769-1854, slightly adapted*

*Sit or stand*

PSALMODY

*Antiphon 1*

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father, alleluia.

*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 revelátion to my Máster: †  
“Sít on my ríght: \*  
your fóes I will pút beneath your féet.”

The Lórd will wield from Zíon †  
your scépter of pówer: \*  
rúle in the mídst of all your fóes.

A prínce from the dáy of your bírth †  
on the hóly móuntains; \*  
from the wómb before the dáwn I begót you.

The Lórd has sworn an óath he will not chánge. †  
“You are a príest for éver, \*  
a príest like Melchízedeck of óld.”

The Máster stánding at your ríght hand \*  
will shatter kíngs in the dáy of his wráth.

He shall drínk from the stréam by the wáyside \*  
and thérefore he shall líft up his héad.

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 ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father, alleluia.

*Antiphon 2*

God ascends to shouts of joy, the Lord to the blast of trumpets,  
alleluia.

*Psalm 47*

*The Lord Jesus is King of all*

*He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and his kingdom will have no end.*

All peóples, cláp your hánds, \*  
cry to Gód with shóuts of jój!  
For the Lórd, the Most Hígh, we must féar, \*  
great kíng over áll the éarth.

He subdúes peóples únder us \*  
and nátions únder our féet.  
Our inhéritance, our glóry, is from hím, \*  
gíven to Jácob out of lóve.

God goes úp with shóuts of jój; \*  
the Lord goes úp with trúmpet blást.  
Sing práise for Gód, sing práise, \*  
sing práise to our kíng, sing práise.

God is kíng of áll the éarth. \*  
Sing práise with áll your skíll.  
God is kíng óver the nátions; \*  
God réigns on his hólý thróne.

The prínces of the peóples are assémbled \*  
with the peóple of Ábraham's Gód.  
The rúlers of the éarth belong to Gód, \*  
to Gód who réigns over áll.

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*

God ascends to shouts of joy, the Lord to the blast of trumpets,  
alleluia.

*Antiphon 3*

Now the Son of Man has been glorified and God has been glorified in him, 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*

Now the Son of Man has been glorified and God has been glorified in him, alleluia.

*Sit*

READING

*1 Peter 3:18, 22*

The reason why Christ died for sins once for all, the just man for the sake of the unjust, was that he might lead you to God. He was put to death insofar as fleshly existence goes, but was given life in the realm of the spirit. He went to heaven and is at God's right hand, with angelic rulers and powers subjected to him.

RESPONSORY

I am ascending to my Father and your Father, alleluia, alleluia.

— I am ascending to my Father and your Father, alleluia, alleluia.

To my God and your God,

— alleluia, alleluia.

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

— I am ascending to my Father and your Father, alleluia, alleluia.

*Stand*

GOSPEL CANTICLE

*Antiphon*

O Victor King, Lord of power and might, today you have ascended in glory above the heavens. Do not leave us orphans, but send us the Father's promised gift, the Spirit of truth, 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.

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### 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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