

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER II

April 13, 2025

{ Passion Sunday – Palm Sunday }



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.

HYMN

The banners of the King go forth,
the gleaming myst'ry of the Cross,
by which the Maker of all flesh was
yoked in flesh upon the wood;

Where, wounded as he hung on high
by ruthless blade of sharpened spear,
there flowed forth water mixed with blood, to
wash us clean from ev'ry sin.

O noble tree with blood adorned,
the splendid purple of the King,
wood chosen from a worthy stock to
touch and bear such holy limbs.

O blessed tree whose branches bore
the price and ransom of the world!
Like scales it weighed the body's worth and
bore away the spoils of hell.

Hail altar, victim, sacrifice,
for glory gained through grief and death,
by which our Life endured to die and
through his death restored our life.

O Cross, all hail, our only hope!
In this most holy Passiontide,
increase the grace of loving hearts and
rid the guilty of their sin.

O Triune God, let all sing praise

to you, the font of saving grace;
sustain for ever those you save by
wondrous myst'ry of the Cross. Amen.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

Christ was scourged and treated with contempt, but God's right
hand has raised him up.

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 right: *
your fóes I will pút beneath your féet.”

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

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

The Lórd has sworn an óath he will not chángé. †
“You are a príest for éver, *

a priest like Melchizedek of old.”

The Master standing at your right hand *
will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside *
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

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

Christ was scourged and treated with contempt, but God's right hand has raised him up.

Antiphon 2

The blood of Christ washes away our sins and makes us worthy to serve the living God.

Psalm 115

Praise of the true God

You have renounced idol worship to serve the living and true God (1 Thessalonians 1:9).

Not to us, Lórd, not to us, *
but to your náme give the glóry
for the sáke of your lóve and your trúth, *
lest the héathen say: “Whére is their Gód?”

But our Gód is ín the héavens; *
he dóes whatever he wílls.
Their ídols are sílver and góld, *
the wórk of húman hánds.

They have móuths but they cánnót spéak; *
they have éyes but they cánnót sée;
they have éars but they cánnót héar; *
they have nóstrils but they cánnót sméll.

With their hánds they cánnót féel; †
with their féet they cánnót wálk. *

No sound comes from their throats.
Their makers will come to be like them *
and so will all who trust in them.

Sons of Ísrael, trust in the Lórd; *
hé is their hélp and their shíeld.
Sons of Áaron, trust in the Lórd; *
hé is their hélp and their shíeld.

You who féar him, trust in the Lórd; *
hé is their hélp and their shíeld.
He remémbers us, and will bléss us; †
he will bléss the sóns of Ísrael. *
He will bléss the sóns of Áaron.

The Lórd will bléss thóse who féar him, *
the líttle no léss than the gréat:
to yóu may the Lórd grant íncrease, *
to yóu and áll your chíldren.

May yóu be bléssed by the Lórd, *
the máker of héaven and éarth.
The héavens belóng to the Lórd *
but the éarth he has gíven to mén.

The déad shall not práise the Lórd, *
nor thóse who go dówn into the sílence.
But wé who líve bless the Lórd *
nów and for éver. Amén.

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

The blood of Christ washes away our sins and makes us worthy to
serve the living God.

Antiphon 3

Christ bore our sins in his own body on the cross so that we might
die to sin and be alive to all that is good.

Canticle – 1 Peter 2:21-24

The willing acceptance of his passion by Christ, the servant of God

Christ suffered for you, †
and left you an example *
to have you follow in his footsteps.

He did no wrong; *
no deceit was found in his mouth.
When he was insulted, *
he returned no insult.

When he was made to suffer, *
he did not counter with threats.
Instead he delivered himself up *
to the One who judges justly.

In his own body *
he brought your sins to the cross,
so that all of us, dead to sin, †
could live in accord with God's will. *
By his wounds you were healed.

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

Christ bore our sins in his own body on the cross so that we might die to sin and be alive to all that is good.

Sit

READING

Acts 13:26-30

My brothers, it was to us that this message of salvation was sent forth. The inhabitants of Jerusalem and their rulers failed to recognize him, and in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets which we read Sabbath after Sabbath. Even though they found no charge against him which deserved death, they

begged Pilate to have him executed. Once they had thus brought about all that had been written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. Yet God raised him from the dead.

RESPONSORY

We worship you, O Christ, and we praise you.

— We worship you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

— We praise you.

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

— We worship you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

It is written: I will strike the shepherd and his flock shall be scattered. But when I have risen, I will go before you into Galilee. There you shall see me, says the Lord.

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

It is written: I will strike the shepherd and his flock shall be scattered. But when I have risen, I will go before you into Galilee. There you shall see me, says the Lord.

INTERCESSIONS

The Savior of mankind by dying destroyed death and by rising again restored life. Let us humbly ask him:

— Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

Redeemer of the world, give us a greater share of your passion through a deeper spirit of repentance, so that we may share the glory of your resurrection.

— Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

May your Mother, comfort of the afflicted, protect us, may we console others as you console us.

— Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

Look with love on those who suffer because of our indifference, come to their aid, and turn our uncaring hearts to works of justice and charity.

— Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

You humbled yourself by being obedient even to accepting death,

death on a cross,
give all who serve you the gifts of obedience and patient endurance.

— Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

Transform the bodies of the dead to be like your own in glory,
and bring us at last into their fellowship.

— Sanctify your people, redeemed 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

Almighty, ever-living God,
you have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior
as a model of humility.
He fulfilled your will
by becoming man and giving his life on the cross.
Help us to bear witness to you
by following his example of suffering
and make us worthy to share in his resurrection.

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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