

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER I

April 25, 2026

{ Fourth Sunday in Easter }



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

As we await the Lamb's high feast
in snow white robes of saving grace,
we sing to Christ, our Prince and Head,
for we have crossed the Red Sea tide.

His holy Body, parched and seared
upon the altar of the Cross,
his crimson Blood, outpoured for us,
we taste and so we live for God.

Protected on the paschal eve
from devastating angel sword,
we were delivered and set free
from Pharaoh's harsh and bitter rule.

And now our Pasch is Christ himself,
the pure and spotless Lamb once slain,
unleavened bread of truthfulness,
who gives his flesh in sacrifice.

O worthy Victim, real and true,
who rends and breaks the pow'r of hell,
the captives there have been redeemed
and now enjoy the prize of life.

Christ rises from the tomb indeed,
triumphant Victor from the depths,
who thrusts the tyrant down in chains
and clears the way to Paradise.

O Jesus, be for mind and heart

our everlasting paschal joy
and gather us, reborn by grace,
to share your triumphs evermore.

To you, Lord Jesus, glory be,
who shine in vict'ry over death,
with God the Father, ever blest,
and loving Spirit, ever one. Amen.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

May the peace of Christ fill your hearts with joy, alleluia.

Psalm 122

Holy city Jerusalem

*You have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, heavenly Jerusalem (He-
brews 12:22).*

I rejoiced when I heard them say: *
“Let us go to God’s house.”
And now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city *
strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up, *
the tribes of the Lord.

For Ísrael's l aw it  s,*
there to pr aise the Lord's n ame.
Th ere were set the thr ones of j dgment*
of the h ouse of D avid.

For the p eace of Jer usalem pr ay:*
"P eace be to your h omes!
May p eace r eign in your w alls,*
in your p alaces, p eace!"

For l ove of my br ethren and friends*
I say: "P eace upon y ou!"
For l ove of the h ouse of the L ord*
I will  ask for your g ood.

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

May the peace of Christ fill your hearts with joy, alleluia.

Antiphon 2

With your own blood, you have redeemed us for God, alleluia.

Psalm 130

A cry from the depths

He himself will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21).

Out of the d epths I cr y to you, O L ord,*
L ord, hear my v oice!
O l et your  ears be att entive*
to the v oice of my pl eading.

If you, O L ord, should m ark our gu ilt,*
L ord, who would surv ive?
But with y ou is f ound forgiveness:*
for th is we rev ere you.

My s oul is w aiting for the L ord,*
I c ount on his w ord.

My s oul is longing for the L ord *
more than w atchman for d aybreak.
Let the w atchman c ount on d aybreak *
and  Israel on the L ord.

Because with the L ord there is m ercy *
and f ullness of red emption,
 Israel indeed he will red eem *
from  all its iniquity.

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

With your own blood, you have redeemed us for God, alleluia.

Antiphon 3

Was it not necessary for Christ to suffer and so enter into his
glory? alleluia.

Canticle – Philippians 2:6-11

Christ, God's holy servant

Though he was in the form of God, †
Jesus did not deem equality with God *
something to be grasped at.

Rather, he emptied himself †
and took the form of a slave, *
being born in the likeness of men.

He was known to be of human estate, *
and it was thus that he humbled himself,
obediently accepting even death, *
death on a cross!

Because of this, *
God highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name *
above every other name,

So that at Jesus' name *
every knee must bend
in the heavens, on the earth, *
and under the earth,
and every tongue proclaim †
to the glory of God the Father: *
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

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

Was it not necessary for Christ to suffer and so enter into his glory? alleluia.

Sit

READING

1 Peter 2:9-10

You are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people he claims for his own to proclaim the glorious works” of the One who called you from darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were no people, but now you are God's people; once there was no mercy for you, but now you have found mercy.

Responsory

The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

— The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

When they saw the risen Lord,

— alleluia, alleluia.

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

— The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

I am the gate, says the Lord; whoever enters through me shall be saved and find pasture, 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

I am the gate, says the Lord; whoever enters through me shall be

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INTERCESSIONS

In rising from the dead, Christ destroyed death and restored life.
Let us cry out to him, saying:

— Lord Jesus, you live for ever; hear our prayer.

You are the stone rejected by the builders which became the chief
cornerstone,
make us living stones in the temple of your Church.

— Lord Jesus, you live for ever; hear our prayer.

You are the faithful and true witness, the firstborn from the dead,
make your Church bear constant witness to yourself.

— Lord Jesus, you live for ever; hear our prayer.

You alone are the Bridegroom of the Church, born from your
wounded side,
make us reveal to the world the love of Bridegroom and Bride.

— Lord Jesus, you live for ever; hear our prayer.

You are the first and the last, you were dead and are alive,
keep those who have been baptized faithful until death, that they
may receive the crown of victory.

— Lord Jesus, you live for ever; hear our prayer.

Light and lamp of God's holy city,
shine on our friends who have died, that they may reign for ever.

— Lord Jesus, you live for ever; hear our prayer.

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 and ever-living God,
give us new strength
from the courage of Christ our shepherd,
and lead us to join the saints in heaven,
where he 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.

As We Await the Lamb's High Feast

Ad cenam Agni



1. As we a - wait the__ Lamb's high__ feast
2. His ho - ly Bod - y,__ parched and__ seared
3. Pro - tect-ed on the__ pas - chal__ eve
4. And now our Pasch is__ Christ him - self,
5. O wor - thy Vic - tim,__ real and__ true,



1. in snowwhite robes of sav - ing grace,
2. up - on the al - tar of the Cross,
3. from dev - a - stat - ing ang - el sword,
4. the pure and spot - less Lamb once slain,
5. who rends and breaks the pow'r of hell,



1. we sing to Christ, our__ Prince and__ Head,
2. his crim-son Blood, out - poured for__ us,
3. we were de - liv - ered__ and__ set__ free
4. un - leavened bread of__ truth - ful - ness,
5. the captives there have__ been re - deemed



1. for we have crossed the Red Sea tide.
2. we taste and so we live for God.
3. from Pharaoh's harsh and bit - ter rule.
4. who gives his flesh in sac - ri - fice.
5. and now en - joy the prize of life.



6. Christ ris - es from the__ tomb in - deed,

7. O Je - sus, be for__ mind and__ heart

8. To you, Lord Je - sus,__ glo - ry__ be,



6. tri - umphant Vic - tor from the depths,

7. our ev - er - last - ing pas - chal joy

8. who shine in vic - t'ry o - ver death,



6. who thrusts the ty - rant__ down in__ chains

7. and gath - er us,__ re - born by__ grace,

8. with God the Fa - ther,__ ev - er__ blest,



6. and clears the way to Par - a - dise.

7. to share your tri - umphs ev - er - more.

8. and lov - ing Spir - it, ev - er one.



8. A - men.

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