

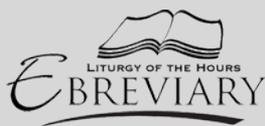
*Liturgy of the Hours*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MORNING PRAYER

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April 25, 2026

{ Feast – Mark, Evangelist }



# *Invitatory*

*Stand and make sign of cross on lips with thumb*

Lord, open my lips.

— And my mouth will proclaim your praise.

*Psalm 95*

*A call to praise God*

*Encourage each other daily while it is still today (Hebrews 3:13).*

Come, let us worship the Lord who speaks to us through the gospel, alleluia.

— Come, let us worship the Lord who speaks to us through the gospel, alleluia.

Come, let us sing to the Lord  
and shout with joy to the Rock who saves us.  
Let us approach him with praise and thanksgiving  
and sing joyful songs to the Lord.

— Come, let us worship the Lord who speaks to us through the gospel, alleluia.

The Lord is God, the mighty God,  
the great king over all the gods.  
He holds in his hands the depths of the earth  
and the highest mountains as well.  
He made the sea; it belongs to him,  
the dry land, too, for it was formed by his hands.

— Come, let us worship the Lord who speaks to us through the gospel, alleluia.

Come, then, let us bow down and worship,  
bending the knee before the Lord, our maker.  
For he is our God and we are his people,  
the flock he shepherds.

— Come, let us worship the Lord who speaks to us through the gospel, alleluia.

Today, listen to the voice of the Lord:  
Do not grow stubborn, as your fathers did  
in the wilderness,  
when at Meriba and Massah  
they challenged me and provoked me,  
Although they had seen all of my works.

— Come, let us worship the Lord who speaks to us through  
the gospel, alleluia.

Forty years I endured that generation.  
I said, “They are a people whose hearts go astray  
and they do not know my ways.”  
So I swore in my anger,  
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

— Come, let us worship the Lord who speaks to us through  
the gospel, alleluia.

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.

— Come, let us worship the Lord who speaks to us through  
the gospel, alleluia.

## *Morning Prayer*

### HYMN

Mark, on your feast day,  
all with hearts rejoicing  
honor and thank you  
with this celebration,  
as we remember  
how you showed the people  
Christ’s words and marvels.

Heeding your mother,  
you then followed Peter,  
faithful and fervent

in your love and rev'rence;  
from Peter's teaching  
you drew forth and treasured  
words Christ had spoken.

Stirred by the Spirit,  
writing through your Gospel,  
you told the story,  
wondrous deeds revealing,  
words of the Master  
for the world's instruction,  
bringing salvation.

Paul also loved you  
for your zealous labor,  
striving to follow  
his wholehearted fervor,  
bearing with hardships,  
you poured forth your lifeblood  
for love of Jesus.

Honor and power,  
praise to Christ and splendor!  
May we be able,  
nourished by Mark's teaching,  
to bear him witness  
and behold for ever  
his face in glory. Amen.

*Metrical hymn, melody: DIVA SERVATRIX, 11 11 11 5; from the Bayeux  
Antiphoner, 1739*

*Plainsong, mode VIII, melody 121; Liber Hymnarius, Solesmes, 1983, Text: Mentibus  
letis tua festa, Marce, Anselmo Lentini, O.S.B., 1901-1989*

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*Sit or stand*

PSALMODY

*Antiphon 1*

The holy evangelists searched the wisdom of past ages. Through their gospels they confirmed the words of the prophets, alleluia.

*Psalm 63:2-9*

*A soul thirsting for God*

*Whoever has left the darkness of sin yearns for God.*

O Gód, you are my Gód, for you I lóng; \*  
for yóu my sóul is thírsting.

My bódy pínes for yóu \*  
like a drý, weary lánd without wáter.  
So I gáze on yóu in the sánctuary \*  
to sée your stréngth and your glóry.

For your lóve is bétter than lífe, \*  
my líps will spéak your práise.  
So I will bléss you áll my lífe, \*  
in your náme I will líft up my hánds.  
My sóul shall be filled as with a bánquet, \*  
my móuth shall práise you with jóy.

On my béd I remémber yóu. \*  
On yóu I múse through the níght  
for yóu have béen my hélp; \*  
in the sháadow of your wíngs I rejóice.  
My sóul clíngs to yóu; \*  
your ríght hand hólds me fást.

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*

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*Antiphon 2*

Through the Gospel God called us to believe in the truth and to share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, alleluia.

*Canticle – Daniel 3:57-88, 56*

*Let all creatures praise the Lord*

*All you servants of the Lord, sing praise to him (Revelation 19:5).*

Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord. \*  
Praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord. \*  
You heavens, bless the Lord.  
All you waters above the heavens, bless the Lord. \*  
All you hosts of the Lord, bless the Lord.  
Sun and moon, bless the Lord. \*  
Stars of heaven, bless the Lord.  
Every shower and dew, bless the Lord. \*  
All you winds, bless the Lord.  
Fire and heat, bless the Lord. \*  
Cold and chill, bless the Lord.  
Dew and rain, bless the Lord. \*  
Frost and chill, bless the Lord.  
Ice and snow, bless the Lord. \*  
Nights and days, bless the Lord.  
Light and darkness, bless the Lord. \*  
Lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.  
Let the earth bless the Lord. \*  
Praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Mountains and hills, bless the Lord. \*  
Everything growing from the earth, bless the Lord.  
You springs, bless the Lord. \*  
Seas and rivers, bless the Lord.  
You dolphins and all water creatures, bless the Lord. \*  
All you birds of the air, bless the Lord.  
All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord. \*  
You sons of men, bless the Lord.  
O Israel, bless the Lord. \*

Praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Priests of the Lord, bless the Lord. \*  
Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.  
Spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord. \*  
Holy men of humble heart, bless the Lord.  
Hananiah, Azariah, Mishael, bless the Lord. \*  
Praise and exalt him above all forever.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. \*  
Let us praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Blessed are you, Lord, in the firmament of heaven. \*  
Praiseworthy and glorious and exalted above all forever.

*Antiphon*

Through the Gospel God called us to believe in the truth and to share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, alleluia.

*Antiphon 3*

Many will praise their wisdom; it shall be remembered for ever, alleluia.

*Psalm 149*

*The joy of God's holy people.*

*Let the sons of the Church, the children of the new people, rejoice in Christ, their King (Hesychius).*

Síng a new sǫng to the Lórd, \*  
his práise in the assémbly of the fáithful.  
Let Ísrael rejóice in its máker, \*  
let Zíon's sons exúlt in their kíng.  
Let them práise his náme with dáncing \*  
and make músic with tímbrel and hárp.  
For the Lórd takes delíght in his péople. \*  
He crówns the póor with salvátion.  
Let the fáithful rejóice in their glóry, \*  
shout for jóy and táke their rést.  
Let the práise of Gód be on their líps \*  
and a twó-edged swórd in their hánd,  
to déal out véngence to the nátions \*

and punishment on all the peoples;  
to bind their kings in chains \*  
and their nobles in fetters of iron;  
to carry out the sentence pre-ordained; \*  
this honor is for all his faithful.

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*

Many will praise their wisdom; it shall be remembered for ever,  
alleluia.

*Sit*

READING

*1 Corinthians 15:1-2a, 3-4*

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you,  
which you received and in which you stand firm. You are being  
saved by it at this very moment. I handed on to you first of all what  
I myself received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with  
the Scriptures; that he was buried and, in accordance with the  
Scriptures, rose on the third day.

*Responsory*

They proclaimed the Lord's praises, told of his power to save, al-  
leluia, alleluia.

— They proclaimed the Lord's praises, told of his power to  
save, alleluia, alleluia.

And of the wonders he had worked,

— alleluia, alleluia.

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

— They proclaimed the Lord's praises, told of his power to  
save, alleluia, alleluia.

*Stand*

GOSPEL CANTICLE

*Antiphon*

Through the grace of Jesus Christ, preachers and teachers were sent out to be ministers of the faith for all who believe, alleluia.

*Luke 1:68-79*

*The Messiah and his forerunner*

*Make sign of cross*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old †  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
to give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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*

Through the grace of Jesus Christ, preachers and teachers were sent out to be ministers of the faith for all who believe, alleluia.

INTERCESSIONS

Let us sing a song of praise to our Savior, who destroyed the power of death and made clear the path to life and immortality through the Gospel; and let us petition him in humble supplication:

— Strengthen your Church in faith and love.

You gave wonderful guidance to your Church through her holy and distinguished teachers,  
may Christians rejoice always in the splendid legacy given to your Church.

— Strengthen your Church in faith and love.

When their holy pastors prayed to you, as Moses had done, you forgave the sins of the people,  
through the intercession of these holy pastors continue to sanctify and purify your Church.

— Strengthen your Church in faith and love.

You anointed your holy ones in the midst of their brothers and called the Holy Spirit down upon them,  
fill all the leaders of your people with the Holy Spirit.

— Strengthen your Church in faith and love.

You yourself are the sole possession of your holy pastors,  
grant that those you have redeemed with your blood may remain always in you.

— Strengthen your Church in faith and love.

*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

Father,  
you gave Saint Mark  
the privilege of proclaiming your gospel.  
May we profit by his wisdom  
and follow Christ more faithfully.

Grant 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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