Liturgy of the Hours LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER

April 21, 2025

{ Monday within the Octave of 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

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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

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the Lord's tomb, 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 Melchízedek 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

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the Lord's tomb, alleluia.

Antiphon 2

Come and see the place where the Lord was buried, alleluia.

Psalm 114

The Israelites are delivered from the bondage of Egypt

You too left Egypt when, at baptism, you renounced that world which is at enmity with God (Saint Augustine).

When Ísrael came fórth from Égypt, * Jacob's sóns from an álien péople, Júdah becáme the Lord's témple, * Ísrael becáme his kíngdom.

The séa fléd at the síght: *
the Jórdan turned báck on its cóurse,
the móuntains léapt like ráms *
and the hílls like yéarling shéep.

Whý was it, séa, that you fléd,*
that you túrned back, Jórdan, on your cóurse?
Móuntains, that you léapt like ráms,*

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hílls, like yéarling shéep?

Trémble, O éarth, before the Lórd, * in the présence of the Gód of Jácob, who túrns the róck into a póol * and flínt into a spring of water.

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

Come and see the place where the Lord was buried, alleluia.

Antiphon 3

Jesus said: Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to set out for Galilee; there they will see me, alleluia.

Canticle – See Revelation 19:1-7

The wedding of the Lamb

Alleluia.

Salvation, glory, and power to our God: *his judgments are honest and true.
Alleluia.

Alleluia.

Sing praise to our God, all you his servants; * all who worship him reverently, great and small. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The Lord our all-powerful God is King, * let us rejoice, sing praise, and give him glory. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun, * and his bride is prepared to welcome him. 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.

Antiphon

Jesus said: Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to set out for Galilee; there they will see me, alleluia.

Sit

READING

Hebrews 8:1b-3a

We have such a high priest, who has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, minister of the sanctuary and of that true tabernacle set up, not by man, but by the Lord. Now every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices.

Antiphon

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad, alleluia.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

Jesus met the women and greeted them. They came up to him and knelt at his feet, 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.

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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

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INTERCESSIONS

The Holy Spirit raised the body of Christ to life and made it the source of life. With joy in our hearts let us call upon the risen Christ, saying:

— Lord, make all things new and fill them with life.

Savior of the world and King of the new creation, raise our minds and hearts to your kingdom, where you sit at the right hand of the Father.

— Lord, make all things new and fill them with life.

Lord, you are always present in your Church, through your Holy Spirit guide it into all truth.

— Lord, make all things new and fill them with life.

Show your mercy to the sick, the overburdened and the dying, that all may receive strength and courage from your love.

— Lord, make all things new and fill them with life.

Light that never fails, as the day draws to its close we offer you our sacrifice of praise,

and pray that the glory of your resurrection may shine on our deceased brothers and sisters.

— Lord, make all things new and fill them with life.

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 give your Church constant growth by adding new members to your family. Help us put into action in our lives the baptism we have received with faith.

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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