

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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{ Feast – Luke, Evangelist }



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

O blessed Luke, the Apostles' friend,
who shared their labors zealously
and helped them in their saving work,
receive our praise and humble prayer.

Through those great messengers of Christ
an age of deepest joy arose,
a lasting age of truth and peace,
of gladness only Christ can give.

And since their burdens you have shared,
to heaven you are borne aloft;
like them you shine in glory now,
exalted in their pow'r on high.

You once were sower of the Light,
so by the Sun, the living Christ,
bring seeds to harvest ev'rywhere,
to fill the barns of heaven's store.

When with the apostolic band
you stand beside the sov'reign judge,
obtain release from all our debts
and gain for us God's healing grace.

All glory to the Three in One;
and may they grant us to rejoice
with you and all the heav'nly hosts
for ever in their great reward. Amen.

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Plainsong, mode III, melody 54; Liber Hymnarius, Solesmes, 1983, Text: O vir beate, Apostolis, Anselmo Lentini, O.S.B., 1901-1989*

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

Their voice has gone out to the limits of the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

Psalm 19A

Praise of the Lord, Creator of all

The dawn from on high shall break on us . . . to guide our feet into the way of peace (Luke 1:78, 79).

The héavens procláim the glóry of Gód *
and the firmament shows fóρθ the wórк of his hánds.

Dáy unto dáy tákes up the stóry *
and níght unto níght makes knówn the méssage.

No spéeсh, no wórđ, no vóice is héárd †
yet their spán exténds through áll the éarth, *
their wórds to the útmost bóunds of the wórld.

Thére he has pláced a tént for the sún; †
it comes fóρθ like a brídegroom cóming from his tént, *
rejóices like a chámpion to rún its cóurse.

At the énd of the ský is the rísing of the sún; †
to the fúrthest énd of the ský is its cóurse. *
There is nóthing conceáled from its búrning héat.

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

Their voice has gone out to the limits of the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

Antiphon 2

They proclaimed what God has done for us; they grasped the meaning of his deeds.

Psalm 64

Prayer for help against enemies

This psalm commemorates most particularly our Lord's passion (Saint Augustine).

Hear my voice, O Gód, as I compláin, *
guard my life from dréad of the fóe.
Híde me from the bánd of the wicked, *
from the thróng of thóse who do évil.

They shárpen their tóngues like swórd; *
they áim bitter wórds like árrows
to shóot at the ínnocent from ámbush, *
shóoting súddenly and récklessly.

They schéme their évil cóurse; *
they conspíre to lay sécret snáres.
They sáy: "Whó will sée us? *
Whó can séarch out our crímes?"

He will séarch who séarches the mínd *
and knóws the dépth of the héart.
Gód has shót them with his árrow *
and déalt them súdden wóunds.
Their ówn tongue has bróught them to rúin *
and áll who sée them móck.

Thén will áll men féar; †
they will téll what Gód has dóne. *
They will únderstánd God's déeds.
The júst will rejóice in the Lórd †
and flý to hím for réfuge. *

All the úpright héarts will glóry.

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

They proclaimed what God has done for us; they grasped the meaning of his deeds.

Antiphon 3

God's holiness was revealed by them; all nations saw God's glory.

Psalms 97

The glory of the Lord in his decrees for the world

This psalm foretells a world-wide salvation and that peoples of all nations will believe in Christ (St. Athanasius).

The Lord is kíng, let éarth rejóice, *
let áll the cóastlands be glád.
Clóud and dárkness are his ráiment; *
his thróne, jústice and ríght.

A fire prepáres his páth; *
it búrns up his fóes on every síde.
His líghtnings líght up the wórld, *
the éarth trémbles at the síght.

The móuntains mélt like wáx *
before the Lórd of áll the éarth.
The skíes procláim his jústice; *
all péoples sée his glóry.

Let thóse who serve ídols be ashámed, †
those who bóast of their wóρθless góds. *
All you spírits, wórship hím.

Zíon héars and is glád; †
the péople of Júdah rejóice *
becáuse of your júdgments, O Lórd.

For yóu indéed are the Lórd, †

most híg above áll the éarth, *
exálted far abóve all spírits.

The Lórd loves thóse who hate évil: †
he gúards the sóuls of his sáints; *
he séts them frée from the wícked.

Líght shines fóρθ for the júst *
and jóy for the úpright of héart.
Rejóice, you júst, in the Lórd; *
give glóry to his hólý náme.

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's holiness was revealed by them; all nations saw God's glory.

VERSE

The nations heard and rejoiced.

— They praised the word of the Lord.

Sit

READINGS

First reading

From the Acts of the Apostles

9:27-31; 11:19-26

The Church was filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit

Barnabas took Saul in charge and introduced him to the apostles. He explained to them how on his journey Saul had seen the Lord, who had conversed with him, and how Saul had been speaking out fearlessly in the name of Jesus at Damascus. Saul stayed on with them, moving freely about Jerusalem and expressing himself quite openly in the name of the Lord. He even addressed the Greek-speaking Jews and debated with them. They for their part responded by trying to kill him. When the brothers learned of this, some of

them took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

Meanwhile throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria the church was at peace. It was being built up and was making steady progress in the fear of the Lord; at the same time it enjoyed the increased consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Those in the community who had been dispersed by the persecution that arose because of Stephen went as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, making the message known to none but Jews. However, some men of Cyprus and Cyrene among them who had come to Antioch began to talk even to the Greeks, announcing the good news of the Lord Jesus to them. The hand of the Lord was with them and a great number of them believed and were converted to the Lord.

News of this eventually reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem, resulting in Barnabas' being sent to Antioch. On his arrival he rejoiced to see the evidence of God's favor. He encouraged them all to remain firm in their commitment to the Lord, since he himself was a good man filled with the Holy Spirit and faith. Thereby large numbers were added to the Lord.

Then Barnabas went off to Tarsus to look for Saul; once he had found him, he brought him back to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and instructed great numbers. It was in Antioch that the disciples were called Christians for the first time.

Responsory

Acts 12:24; 13:48, 52

The word of God continued to increase and spread everywhere,

— and all who were destined for eternal life believed in it.

The disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

— And all who were destined for eternal life believed in it.

Second reading

From a homily on the gospels by Saint Gregory the Great, pope

(Hom. 17, 1-3: PL 76, 1139)

The Lord follows his preachers

Beloved brothers, our Lord and Savior sometimes gives us instruction by words and sometimes by actions. His very deeds are our commands; and whenever he acts silently he is teaching us what we should do. For example, he sends his disciples out to preach two by two, because the precept of charity is twofold—love of God and of one's neighbor.

The Lord sends his disciples out to preach in twos in order to teach us silently that whoever fails in charity toward his neighbor should by no means take upon himself the office of preaching.

Rightly is it said that he sent them ahead of him into every city and place where he himself was to go. For the Lord follows after the preachers, because preaching goes ahead to prepare the way, and then when the words of exhortation have gone ahead and established truth in our minds, the Lord comes to live within us. To those who preach Isaiah says: *Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight the paths of our God.* And the psalmist tells them: *Make a way for him who rises above the sunset.* The Lord rises above the sunset because from that very place where he slept in death, he rose again and manifested a greater glory. He rises above the sunset because in his resurrection he trampled underfoot the death which he endured. Therefore, we make a *way for him who rises above the sunset* when we preach his glory to you, so that when he himself follows after us, he may illumine you with his love.

Let us listen now to his words as he sends his preachers forth: *The harvest is great but the laborers are few. Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest.* That the harvest is good but the laborers are few cannot be said without a heavy heart, for although there are many to hear the good news there are only a few to preach it. Indeed, see how full the world is of priests, but yet in God's harvest a true laborer is rarely to be found; although we have accepted the priestly office we do not fulfill its demands.

Think over, my beloved brothers, think over his words: *Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest.* Pray for us so that we

may be able to labor worthily on your behalf, that our tongue may not grow weary of exhortation, that after we have taken up the office of preaching our silence may not bring us condemnation from the just judge.

Responsory

See Luke 1:3, 4; Acts 1:1

He carefully traced the whole story from the beginning and wrote his gospel,

- so that we might understand the truth of the teaching we had received.

He gave us a record concerning all that Jesus did and taught.

- So that we might understand the truth of the teaching we had received.

Stand

TE DEUM

You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free
you did not spurn the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death,
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Father,
you chose Luke the evangelist to reveal
by preaching and writing
the mystery of your love for the poor.
Unite in heart and spirit
all who glory in your name,
and let all nations come to see your salvation.

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.

Acclamation

Let us praise the Lord.

— And give him thanks.

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