

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER

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April 14, 2025

{ Monday of Holy Week }



*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*

He had neither beauty, nor majesty, nothing to attract our eyes.

*Psalms 45*

*The marriage of the king*

*The Bridegroom is here; go out and welcome him (Matthew 25:6).*

### I

My héart overflóws with nóble wórds. †  
To the kíng I must spéak the sóng I have máde; \*  
my tóngue as nímble as the pén of a scríbe.

Yóu are the fáirest of the chíldren of mén †  
and grácíousness is póured upón your líps: \*  
because Gód has bléssed you for évermóre.

O míghty one, gírd your swórd upon your thíg; †  
in spléndor and státe, ríde on in tríumph \*  
for the cáuse of trúth and góodness and ríght.

Take áim with your bów in your dréad ríght hánd. †  
Your árróws are shárp: péoples fall benéath you. \*  
The fóes of the kíng fall dówn and lose héart.

Your thróne, O Gód, shall endúre for éver. †  
A scépter of jústice is the scépter of your kíngdom. \*  
Your lóve is for jústice; your hátréd for évil.

Therefore Gód, your Gód, has anóinted yóu †  
with the óil of gládness abóve other kíngs: \*  
your róbes are frágrant with áloes and myrrh.

From the ívory pálace you are gréeted with músic. †  
The dáughters of kíngs are amóng your lóved ones. \*  
On your ríght stands the quéen in góld of Óphir.

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*

He had neither beauty, nor majesty, nothing to attract our eyes.

### *Antiphon 2*

I will entrust all people to his care, for he has given himself up to death for all.

## *II*

Lísten, O dáughter, give éar to my wórds: \*  
forgét your own péople and your fáther's hóuse.  
Só will the kíng desíre your béauty: \*  
hé is your lórd, pay hómage to hím.

And the péople of Týre shall cóme with gifts, \*  
the ríchest of the péople shall séek your fávor.  
The dáughter of the kíng is clóthed with spléndor, \*  
her róbes embróidered with péarls set in góld.

She is léd to the kíng with her maíden compánions. †  
Théy are escórted amid gládness and jóy; \*  
they páss withín the pálace of the kíng.

Sóns shall be yóurs in pláce of your fáthers: \*  
you will máke them prínces over áll the éarth.  
May this sóng make your náme for éver remémbered. \*

May the peoples praise you from age to age.

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 will entrust all people to his care, for he has given himself up to death for all.

*Antiphon 3*

God has blessed us in Christ. Through him, at the cost of his blood, we have been redeemed.

*Canticle – Ephesians 1:3-10*

*God our Savior*

Praised be the God and Father \*  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has bestowed on us in Christ \*  
every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

God chose us in him \*  
before the world began  
to be holy \*  
and blameless in his sight.

He predestined us \*  
to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ,  
such was his will and pleasure, †  
that all might praise the glorious favor \*  
he has bestowed on us in his beloved.

In him and through his blood, we have been redeemed, \*  
and our sins forgiven,  
so immeasurably generous \*  
is God's favor to us.

God has given us the wisdom \*  
to understand fully the mystery,  
the plan he was pleased \*

to decree in Christ.

A plan to be carried out\*  
in Christ, in the fulness of time,  
to bring all things into one in him,\*  
in the heavens and on earth.

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 has blessed us in Christ. Through him, at the cost of his blood,  
we have been redeemed.

*Sit*

READING

*Romans 5:8-9*

It is precisely in this that God proves his love for us: that while we  
were still sinners, Christ died for us. Now that we have been justified  
by his blood, it is all the more certain that we shall be saved by him  
from God's wrath.

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*

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of

Man be raised up, so that all who believe in him may have eternal life.

*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*

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be raised up, so that all who believe in him may have eternal life.

## 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*

All-powerful God,  
by the suffering and death of your Son,  
strengthen and protect us in our weakness.

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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