

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER I

January 11, 2025

{ Feast – Baptism of the Lord }



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

The Father's Sole begotten Son,
you came through Mary, Virgin chaste,
to hallow all who are baptized
and born again by faith in you.

From highest heaven you go forth,
assuming human form and flesh,
to save creation by your death,
bestowing all the joys of life.

Redeeming Lord, grant this, we pray:
Come down to us, with grace descend
to show and offer to our hearts
your clear and deifying light.

Remain with us, O Lord our God,
remove the darkness of our night,
and wash away all sin and guilt;
in mercy grant your healing balm.

All glory be to you, O Christ;
the Father and the Spirit blest,
in splendor from the heights of heav'n,
reveal that you are Life and Truth. Amen.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

John was in the wilderness baptizing and proclaiming a baptism of penance for the forgiveness of sins.

Psalm 135

Praise for the wonderful things God does for us

He has won us for himself . . . and you must proclaim what he has done for you. He has called you out of darkness into his own wonderful light (see 1 Peter 2:9).

I

Práise the náme of the Lórd,*
práise him, sérvants of the Lórd,
who stánd in the hóuse of the Lórd*
in the cóurts of the hóuse of our Gód.

Praise the Lórd for the Lórd is góod.*
Sing a psálm to his náme for he is lóving.
For the Lórd has chosen Jácob for himsélf*
and Ísrael for his ówn posséssion.

For I knów the Lórd is gréat,*
that our Lórd is hígh above all góds.
The Lórd does whatéver he wílls,*
in héaven, on éarth, in the séas.

He summons clóuds from the énds of the éarth; †
makes líghtning producé the ráin;*
from his tréasuries he sénds forth the wínd.

The first-born of the Egýptians he smóte,*
of mán and béast alike.
Sígns and wónders he wórked †
in the mídst of your lánd, O Égypt,*

against Pháraoh and áll his sérvants.

Nátions in their gréatness he strúck *
and kíngs in their spléndor he sléw.
Síhon, kíng of the Ámorites, †
Óg, the kíng of Báshan, *
and áll the kíngdoms of Cánaan.
He let Ísrael inhérit their lánd; *
on his péople their lánd he bestówed.

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

John was in the wilderness baptizing and proclaiming a baptism of penance for the forgiveness of sins.

Antiphon 2

I baptize you with water, but the one who is coming will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

II

Lórd, your náme stands for éver, *
unforgóttén from áge to áge:
for the Lórd does jústice for his péople; *
the Lórd takes píty on his sérvants.

Pagan ídols are sílver and góld, *
the wórk of húman hánds.
They have móuths but they cánnót spéak; *
they have éyes but they cánnót sée.

They have éars but they cánnót héar; *
there is néver a bréath on their líps.
Their mákers will come to bé like thém *
and so will áll who trúst in thém!

Sons of Ísrael, bléss the Lórd! *
Sons of Áaron, bléss the Lórd!

Sons of Lévi, bléss the Lórd! *

You who féar him, bléss the Lórd!

From Zíon may the Lórd be bléssed, *
hé who dwélls in Jerúsalem!

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 baptize you with water, but the one who is coming will baptize
with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Antiphon 3

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came out of the water, and the
heavens opened before him.

Canticle – See 1 Timothy 3:16

The mystery and glory of Christ

Praise the Lord, all you nations.

Christ manifested in the flesh, *
Christ justified in the Spirit.

Praise the Lord, all you nations.

Christ contemplated by the angels, *
Christ proclaimed by the pagans.

Praise the Lord, all you nations.

Christ who is believed in the world, *
Christ exalted in glory.

Praise the Lord, all you nations.

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 soon as Jesus was baptized, he came out of the water, and the heavens opened before him.

Sit

READING

Acts 10:37-38

I take it you know what has been reported all over Judea about Jesus of Nazareth, beginning in Galilee with the baptism John preached; of the way God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good works and healing all who were in the grip of the devil, and God was with him.

RESPONSORY

O Lord our God, hear the cry of your people.

— O Lord our God, hear the cry of your people.

Open for them the spring of living water.

— Hear the cry of your people.

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

— O Lord our God, hear the cry of your people.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

Our Savior came to be baptized, so that through the cleansing waters of baptism he might restore the old man to new life, heal our sinful nature, and clothe us with unflinching holiness.

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

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INTERCESSIONS

Our Redeemer desired to be baptized in the Jordan by John; let us make our petition to him:

— Lord, send forth your Spirit upon us.

Christ, Servant of God, the Father acknowledged you as his own Son with whom he was pleased,
send forth your Spirit upon us.

— Lord, send forth your Spirit upon us.

Christ, Chosen One of God, you did not break the crushed reed or

extinguish the wavering flame,
have mercy on all who are seeking you in good faith.

— Lord, send forth your Spirit upon us.

Christ, Son of God, the Father called you to be a light to the nations
in the new covenant,
open the eyes of the blind by the waters of baptism.

— Lord, send forth your Spirit upon us.

Christ, Savior of mankind, the Father anointed you with the Holy
Spirit for the ministry of salvation,
lead all mankind to see you and to believe in you, that they may have
eternal life.

— Lord, send forth your Spirit upon us.

Christ, our hope, you lead those in darkness to the light of salvation,
receive our departed brothers and sisters into your kingdom.

— Lord, send forth your Spirit upon us.

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, eternal God,
when the Spirit descended upon Jesus
at his baptism in the Jordan,
you revealed him as your own beloved Son.
Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit,
faithful to our calling.

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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