

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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{ Saturday after Epiphany }



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 Magi, when they see the child,
draw forth their gifts from Eastern lands,
and falling down they worship him
with incense, myrrh, and royal gold.

Receive and own, O holy Child,
clear tokens of your kingly pow'r,
for which the Father preordained
a threefold nature, type, and plan.

From Saba perfumed frankincense
and gold proclaim you God and King,
and fragrant dust of bitter myrrh
foretells the tomb where you will lie.

You stand alone, O Bethlehem,
more noble than the greatest towns,
for you brought forth in human flesh
the heav'nly leader sent to save.

His Father, by the testament
that prophets witnessed, sealed, and signed,
now bids him to assume his reign,
receiving his inheritance:

A kingdom that extends to all,
embracing earth and sea and sky,
from rising sun to evening star,
from netherworld to heav'n above.

To you, Lord Jesus, glory be,

revealed to nations on this day,
with God the Father, ever blest,
and loving Spirit, ever one. Amen.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

Remember us, O Lord; come with your saving help.

Psalm 106

The goodness of the Lord; the faithlessness of his people

*These things have been written for a warning for us, for we are living at the end of the
ages (1 Corinthians 10:11).*

I

O give thanks to the Lórd for he is góod: *
for his lóve endúres for éver.
Who can téll the Lórd's mighty déeds? *
Whó can recóunt all his práise?

They are háppy who dó what is ríght, *
who at áll times dó what is júst.
O Lórd, remémber mé *
out of the lóve you háve for your péople.

Cóme to me, Lórd, with your hélp *
that I may sée the jóy of your chósen ones
and may rejoyce in the gládnness of your nátion *

and sháre the glóry of your péople.

Our sín is the sín of our fáthers; *
we have done wóng, our déeds have been évil.
Our fáthers when théy were in Égypt *
paid no héed to your wónderful déeds.

They forgót the gréatness of your lóve; *
at the Réd Sea defied the Most Hígh.
Yet he sáved them for the sáke of his náme, *
in órder to make knówn his pówer.

He thréatened the Red Séa; it dried úp *
and he léd them through the déep as through the désert.
He sáved them from the hánd of the fóe; *
he sáved them from the gríp of the ényemy.

The wáters cóvered their oppréssors; *
not óne of them was léft álíve.
Thén they believed in his wórd; *
thén they sáng his práises.

But they sóon forgót his déeds *
and wóuld not wáit upon his wíll.
They yíelded to their crávings in the désert *
and put Gód to the tést in the wílderness.

He gránted them the fávor they ásked *
and sént dísease amóng them.
Then they rebelled, énvíous of Móses *
and of Áaron, who was hólý to the Lórd.

The earth ópened and swállowed up Dáthan *
and búried the clán of Abíram.
Fíre blazed úp against their clán *
and flámes devóured the rébels.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spírít:
as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon

Remember us, O Lord; come with your saving help.

Antiphon 2

Keep it carefully in mind; the Lord your God has made a covenant with you.

II

They fashioned a calf at Hóreb *
and worshiped an image of metal,
exchanging the Gód who was their glóry *
for the image of a búll that eats gráss.

They forgót the Gód who was their sáviour, *
who had dóne such great thínings in Égypt,
such pórtents in the lánd of Hám, *
such márvels at the Réd Séa.

For thís he sáid he would destróy them, *
but Móses, the mán he had chósen,
stóod in the bréach befóre him, *
to túrn back his ánger from destrúctíon.

Then they scórned the lánd of prómise: *
they hád no fáith in his wórd.
They compláined insíde their ténts *
and would not lísten to the vóice of the Lórd.

So he ráised his hánd to swear an óath *
that he would láy them lów in the désert;
would scátter their sóns among the nátions *
and dispérse them throug’hout the lánds.

They bówed before the Báal of Péor; *
ate ófferings máde to lifeless góds.
They róused him to ánger with their déeds *
and a plágue broke óut amóng them.

Then Phínehas stood úp and intervéned. *
Thús the plágue was énded
and thís was cóunted in his fávor *

from áge to áge for éver.

They próvoked him at the wáters of Meríbah.*
Through their fáult it went íll with Móses;
for they máde his héart grow bítter*
and he úttered wórds that were rásh.

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

Keep it carefully in mind; the Lord your God has made a covenant with you.

Antiphon 3

Save your people, Lord; bring us together from among the nations.

III

They fáiled to destróy the péoples*
as the Lórd had gíven commánd,
but instéad they míngled with the nátions*
and léarned to áct as théy did.

They wórshipped the ídols of the nátions*
and thése became a snáre to entráp them.
They éven óffered their own sóns*
and their dáughters in sácrifice to démons.

They shéd the blóod of the ínnocent,*
the blóod of their sóns and dáughters
whom they óffered to the ídols of Cánaan.*
The lánd was pollúted with blóod.

So they defíled themsélves by their déeds*
and bróke their marriage bónd with the Lórd
till his ánger blázed against his péople:*
he was fílléd with hórror at his chósen ones.

So he gáve them into the hánd of the nátions*
and their fóes becáme their rúlers.

Their éemies becáme their oppréssors; *
they were subdúed benéath their hánd.

Tíme after tíme he réscued them, †
but in their málice they dáred to défy him *
and sank lów thróugh their guílt.

In spite of thís he paid héed to their distréss, *
so óften as he héard their cry.

For their sáke he remébered his cóvenant. *
In the gréatness of his lóve he relénted
and he lét them be tréated with mércy *
by áll who héld them cáptive.

O Lórd, our Gód, sáve us! *
Bring us togéther from amóng the nátions
that we máy thánk your hólý náme *
and máke it our glóry to práise you.

Bléssed be the Lórd, God of Ísrael, *
for éver, from áge to áge.
Let áll the péople cry óut: *
“Amén! Amén! Allelúia!”

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

Save your people, Lord; bring us together from among the nations.

VERSE

Christ is the true light.

— He gives light to all people.

Sit

READINGS

First reading

From the book of the prophet Isaiah

66:10-14, 18-23

Salvation for all people

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her,
all you who love her;
Exult, exult with her,
all you who were mourning over her!
Oh, that you may suck fully
of the milk of her comfort,
That you may nurse with delight
at her abundant breasts!

For thus says the Lord:
Lo, I will spread prosperity over her like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent.
As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms,
and fondled in her lap;
As a mother comforts her son,
so will I comfort you;
in Jerusalem you shall find your comfort.
When you see this, your heart shall rejoice,
and your bodies flourish like the grass;
The Lord's power shall be known to his servants,
but to his enemies, his wrath.

I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory. I will set a sign among them; from them I will send fugitives to the nations: to Tarshish, Put and Lud, Mosoch, Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands that have never heard of my fame, or seen my glory; and they shall proclaim my glory among the nations. They shall bring all your brethren from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots, in carts, upon mules and dromedaries, to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring their offering to the house of the Lord in clean vessels. Some of these I will take as priests and Levites, says the Lord.

As the new heavens and the new earth
which I will make
Shall endure before me, says the Lord,

so shall your race and your name endure.
From one new moon to another,
and from one sabbath to another,
All mankind shall come to worship
before me, says the Lord.

Responsory

Isaiah 66:18, 19; John 17:6, 18

Behold I come to bring together all nations and tongues.

- They shall come and see my glory and proclaim it to the far-off lands.

I have revealed your name to those you have given to me out of the world. As you have sent me, so now I send them.

- They shall come and see my glory and proclaim it to the far-off lands.

Second reading

From a sermon by Faustus of Riez, bishop

(Sermo 5, de Epiphania 2: PLS 3, 560-562)

The marriage of Christ and the Church

On the third day there was a wedding. What wedding can this be but the joyful marriage of man's salvation, a marriage celebrated by confessing the Trinity or by faith in the resurrection. That is why the marriage took place "on the third day," a reference to the sacred mysteries which this number symbolizes.

Hence, too, we read elsewhere in the Gospel that the return of the younger son, that is, the conversion of the pagans, is marked by song, and music and wedding garments.

Like a bridegroom coming from his marriage chamber our God descended to earth in his incarnation, in order to be united to his Church which was to be formed of the pagan nations. To her he gave a pledge and a dowry: a pledge when God was united to man; a dowry when he was sacrificed for man's salvation. The pledge is our present redemption; the dowry, eternal life.

To those who see only with the outward eye, all these events at Cana are strange and wonderful; to those who understand, they are also signs. For, if we look closely, the very water tells us of our rebirth in baptism. One thing is turned into another from within, and in a hidden way a lesser creature is changed into a greater. All this points to the hidden reality of our second birth. There water was suddenly changed; later it will cause a change in man.

By Christ's action in Galilee, then, wine is made, that is, the law withdraws and grace takes its place; the shadows fade and truth becomes present; fleshly realities are coupled with spiritual, and the old covenant with its outward discipline is transformed into the new. For, as the Apostle says: *The old order has passed away; now all is new!* The water in the jars is not less than it was before, but now begins to be what it had not been; so too the law is not destroyed by Christ's coming, but is made better than it was.

When the wine fails, new wine is served: the wine of the old covenant was good, but the wine of the new is better. The old covenant, which Jews follow, is exhausted by its letter; the new covenant, which belongs to us, has the savor of life and is filled with grace.

The *good wine*, that is, good precepts, refers to the law; thus we read: *You shall love your neighbor but hate your enemy.* But the Gospel is a better and a stronger wine: *My command to you is: love your enemies, pray for your persecutors.*

Responsory

Tobit 13:11, 13-14; Luke 13:29

City of God, you will shine with wondrous light; all the ends of the earth will see your light and adore the Lord. The nations will come to you from afar.

— They will come bearing gifts to worship the Lord.

They shall come from the east and the west, from the north and the south.

— They will come bearing gifts to worship the Lord.

Stand

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our Father,
through your Son you made us a new creation.
He shared our nature and became one of us;
with his help, may we become more like him,
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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