

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
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MORNING PRAYER

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{ Holy Thursday }



# *Invitatory*

*Stand and make sign of cross on lips with thumb*

Lord, open my lips.

— And my mouth will proclaim your praise.

*Psalm 95*

*A call to praise God*

*Encourage each other daily while it is still today (Hebrews 3:13).*

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Come, let us sing to the Lord  
and shout with joy to the Rock who saves us.  
Let us approach him with praise and thanksgiving  
and sing joyful songs to the Lord.

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The Lord is God, the mighty God,  
the great king over all the gods.  
He holds in his hands the depths of the earth  
and the highest mountains as well.  
He made the sea; it belongs to him,  
the dry land, too, for it was formed by his hands.

— Come, let us worship Christ the Lord, who for our sake endured temptation and suffering.

Come, then, let us bow down and worship,  
bending the knee before the Lord, our maker.  
For he is our God and we are his people,  
the flock he shepherds.

— Come, let us worship Christ the Lord, who for our sake endured temptation and suffering.

Today, listen to the voice of the Lord:  
Do not grow stubborn, as your fathers did  
in the wilderness,  
when at Meriba and Massah  
they challenged me and provoked me,  
Although they had seen all of my works.

— Come, let us worship Christ the Lord, who for our sake  
endured temptation and suffering.

Forty years I endured that generation.  
I said, “They are a people whose hearts go astray  
and they do not know my ways.”  
So I swore in my anger,  
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

— Come, let us worship Christ the Lord, who for our sake  
endured temptation and suffering.

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.

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endured temptation and suffering.

## *Morning Prayer*

### HYMN

No disgrace was too abhorrent:  
nailed and mocked and parched he died;  
blood and water, double warrant,  
issue from his wounded side,  
washing in a mighty torrent  
earth and stars and ocean tide.

Faithful Cross the saints rely on,  
noble tree beyond compare!  
Never was there such a scion,  
never leaf or flow'r so rare.

Sweet the timber, sweet the iron,  
sweet the burden that they bear!

Lofty timber, smooth your roughness,  
flex your boughs for blossoming;  
let your fibers lose their toughness,  
gently let your tendrils cling;  
lay aside your native gruffness,  
clasp the body of your King!

Noblest tree of all created,  
richly jeweled and embossed:  
post by Lamb's blood consecrated;  
spar that saves the tempest tossed;  
scaffold beam which, elevated,  
carries what the world has cost!

Wisdom, pow'r, and adoration  
to the blessed Trinity  
for redemption and salvation  
through the Paschal Mystery,  
now, in ev'ry generation,  
and for all eternity. Amen.

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*Sit or stand*

## PSALMODY

### *Antiphon 1*

Look, O Lord, and see my suffering. Come quickly to my aid.

*Psalm 80*

*Lord, come, take care of your vineyard*

*Come, Lord Jesus (Revelation 22:20).*

O shépherd of Ísrael, héar us, \*  
you who léad Jóseph's flóck,  
shine fóρθ from your chérubim thróne \*  
upon Éphraim, Bénjamin, Manásseh.  
O Lórd, róuse up your míght, \*  
O Lórd, cóme to our hélp.

Gód of hósts, bríng us báck; \*  
let your fáce shine on ús and wé shall be sáved.

Lórd God of hósts, how lóng \*  
will you frówn on your péople's pléa?  
You have féd them with téars for their bréad, \*  
an abúndance of téars for their drínk.  
You have máde us the táunt of our néighbors, \*  
our énemies láugh us to scórn.

Gód of hósts, bríng us báck; \*  
let your fáce shine on ús and wé shall be sáved.

You bróught a víne out of Égypt; \*  
to plánt it you dróve out the nátions.  
Befóre it you cléared the gróund; \*  
it took róot and spréad through the lánd.

The móuntains were cóvered with its shádw, \*  
the cédars of Gód with its bóughs.  
It strétched out its bránches to the séa, \*  
to the Great Ríver it strétched out its shóots.

Then whý have you bróken down its wálls? \*  
It is plúcked by áll who pass bý.  
It is rávaged by the bóar of the fórest, \*  
devóured by the béasts of the fíeld.

God of hósts, turn agáin, we implóre, \*  
look dówn from héaven and sée.  
Vísit this víne and protéct it, \*

the vine your right hand has planted.  
Men have burnt it with fire and destroyed it. \*  
May they perish at the frown of your face.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, \*  
the man you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again: \*  
give us life that we may call upon your name.

God of hosts, bring us back; \*  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

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*

Look, O Lord, and see my suffering. Come quickly to my aid.

*Antiphon 2*

God is my savior; I trust in him and shall not fear.

*Canticle – Isaiah 12:1-6*

*Joy of God's ransomed people*

*If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink (John 7:37).*

I give you thanks, O Lord; †  
though you have been angry with me, \*  
your anger has abated, and you have consoled me.

God indeed is my savior; \*  
I am confident and unafraid.  
My strength and my courage is the Lord, \*  
and he has been my savior.

With joy you will draw water \*  
at the fountain of salvation, and say on that day:

Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim his name; †  
among the nations make known his deeds, \*  
proclaim how exalted is his name.

Sing praise to the Lord for his glorious achievement; \*  
let this be known throughout all the earth.

Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, \*  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!

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 is my savior; I trust in him and shall not fear.

*Antiphon 3*

The Lord has fed us with the finest wheat; he has filled us with  
honey from the rock.

*Psalm 81*

*Solemn renewal of the Covenant*

*See that no one among you has a faithless heart (Hebrews 3:12).*

Ring out your jÓy to GÓd our strÉngth, \*  
shout in trÍumph to the GÓd of JÁcob.

Raise a sÓng and sÓund the tÍmbrel, \*  
the swÉet-sounding hÁrp and the lúte,  
blÓw the trÚmpet at the nÉw moon, \*  
when the móon is fÚll, on our féast.

For thÍs is Ísrael's lÁw, \*  
a commÁnd of the GÓd of JÁcob.  
He impÓsed it as a rÚle on JÓseph, \*  
when he went Óut against the lÁnd of Égypt.

A vÓice I did not knÓw said to mé: \*  
"I frÉed your shÓulder from the bÚrden;  
your hÁnds were frÉed from the lÓad. \*  
You cÁlled in distrÉss and I sÁved you.

I ánswered, conceÁled in the stÓrm cloud, \*  
at the wÁters of MerÍbah I tésted you.

Lísten, my péople, to my wárning, \*  
O Ísrael, if ónly you would héed!

Let there bé no fóreign god amóng you, \*  
no wórship of an álien gód.  
Í am the Lórd your Gód, †  
who bróught you from the lánd of Égypt. \*  
Ópen wide your móuth and I will fill it.

But my péople did not héed my vóice \*  
and Ísrael wóuld not óbey,  
so I léft them in their stúbbornness of héart \*  
to fóllow their ówn designs.

Ó that my péople would héed me, \*  
that Ísrael would wálk in my wáys!  
At ónce I would subdúe their fóes, \*  
turn my hánd agáinst their énemies.

The Lórd's énemies would críngé at their féet \*  
and their subjéction would lást for éver.  
But Ísrael I would féed with finest w héat \*  
and fill them with hóney from the rók.”

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*

The Lord has fed us with the finest wheat; he has filled us with honey from the rock.

*Sit*

## READING

*Hebrews 2:9-10*

We see Jesus crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, that through God's gracious will he might taste death for the sake of all men. Indeed, it was fitting that when bringing many sons to glory God, for whom and through whom all things exist,

should make their leader in the work of salvation perfect through suffering.

*Responsory*

By your own blood, Lord, you brought us back to God.

— By your own blood, Lord, you brought us back to God.

From every tribe, and tongue, and people and nation,

— you brought us back to God.

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

— By your own blood, Lord, you brought us back to God.

*Stand*

GOSPEL CANTICLE

*Antiphon*

I have longed to eat this meal with you before I suffer.

*Luke 1:68-79*

*The Messiah and his forerunner*

*Make sign of cross*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old †  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

to give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,\*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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 Father anointed Christ with the Holy Spirit to proclaim forgiveness to those in bondage. Let us humbly call upon the eternal priest:

— Lord, have mercy on us.

You went up to Jerusalem to suffer and so enter into your glory,  
bring your Church to the Passover feast of heaven.

— Lord, have mercy on us.

You were lifted high on the cross and pierced by the soldier's lance,  
heal our wounds.

— Lord, have mercy on us.

You made the cross the tree of life,  
give its fruit to those reborn in baptism.

— Lord, have mercy on us.

On the cross you forgave the repentant thief,  
forgive us our sins.

— Lord, have mercy on 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

God of infinite compassion,  
to love you is to be made holy;  
fill our hearts with your love.  
By the death of your Son  
you have given us hope, born of faith;  
by his rising again  
fulfill this hope  
in the perfect love of heaven,  
where he 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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