

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER I

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December 24, 2024  
{ Solemnity – Christmas }



*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 Christ, Redeemer of us all,  
the Father's Sole begotten Son,  
in myst'ry born alone from him,  
so wondrously before all time,  
The Father's splendor and true Light,  
O everlasting hope for all,  
bend low to hear your servants' prayers  
poured forth to you throughout the earth.

O Author of all saving grace,  
recall that once you took our flesh  
and from the Virgin pure and chaste  
assumed by birth our human form.

This feast today now testifies,  
within the cycle of the year,  
that you as Savior of the world  
alone came from the Father's throne.

The sky above, the earth, the sea,  
and all creation held therein  
extol with joyous hymns of praise  
the Author of your advent here.

We also, whom you came to save  
and by your holy blood redeem,  
all sing a new and joyful hymn  
to celebrate your day of birth.

To you, Lord Jesus, glory be,

the Virgin Mother's newborn Son,  
with God the Father, ever blest,  
and loving Spirit, ever one. Amen.

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*Sit or stand*

## PSALMODY

### *Antiphon 1*

He comes in splendor, the King who is our peace; the whole world  
longs to see him.

### *Psalm 113*

*Praise the name of the Lord*

*He has cast down the mighty and has lifted up the lowly (Luke 1:52).*

Práise, O sérvants of the Lórd, \*  
práise the náme of the Lórd!  
May the náme of the Lórd be bléssed \*  
both nów and for évermóre!  
From the rísing of the sún to its sétting \*  
práised be the náme of the Lórd!  
Hígh above all nátions is the Lórd, \*  
abóve the héavens his glóry.  
Whó is like the Lórd, our Gód, \*  
who has rísen on hígh to his thróne  
yet stóops from the héights to look dówn, \*  
to look dówn upon héaven and éarth?

From the dúst he lifts up the lówly, \*  
from his mísery he ráises the póor  
to sét him in the cómpany of prínces, \*  
yés, with the prínces of his péople.  
To the childless wífe he gives a hóme \*  
and gláddens her héart with children.

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 comes in splendor, the King who is our peace; the whole world  
longs to see him.

*Antiphon 2*

He sends forth his word to the earth, and his command spreads  
swiftly through the land.

*Psalm 147:12-20*

*The restoration of Jerusalem*

*Come, I will show you the bride of the Lamb (Revelation 21:9).*

O práise the Lórd, Jerúsalem! \*  
Zíon, práise your Gód!

He has stréngthened the bárs of your gátes, \*  
he has bléssed the children withín you.  
He estáblished péace on your bórders, \*  
he féeds you with fínest whéat.

He sénds out his wórd to the éarth \*  
and swíftly rúns his commánd.  
He shówers down snów white as wóol, \*  
he scátters hóar-frost like áshes.

He húrls down háilstones like crúmbs. \*  
The wáters are frózen at his tóuch;  
he sénds forth his wórd and it mélts them: \*  
at the bréath of his móuth the waters flów.

He mákes his wórd known to Jácob, \*  
to Ísrael his láws and decreés.  
He has not déalt thus with óther nátions; \*  
he has not táught them his decreés.

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 sends forth his word to the earth, and his command spreads  
swiftly through the land.

*Antiphon 3*

The eternal Word, born of the Father before time began, today  
emptied himself for our sake and became man.

*Canticle – Philippians 2:6-11*

*Christ, God's holy servant*

Though he was in the form of God, †  
Jesus did not deem equality with God \*  
something to be grasped at.

Rather, he emptied himself †  
and took the form of a slave, \*  
being born in the likeness of men.

He was known to be of human estate, \*  
and it was thus that he humbled himself,  
obediently accepting even death, \*  
death on a cross!

Because of this, \*  
God highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name \*  
above every other name,

So that at Jesus' name \*  
every knee must bend  
in the heavens, on the earth, \*

and under the earth,  
and every tongue proclaim †  
to the glory of God the Father: \*  
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

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 eternal Word, born of the Father before time began, today  
emptied himself for our sake and became man.

*Sit*

#### READING

*Galatians 4:4-5*

When the designated time had come, God sent forth his Son born  
of a woman, born under the law, to deliver from the law those who  
were subjected to it, so that we might receive our status as adopted  
sons.

#### RESPONSORY

Today you will know the Lord is coming.

— Today you will know the Lord is coming.

And in the morning you will see his glory.

— The Lord is coming.

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

— Today you will know the Lord is coming.

*Stand*

#### GOSPEL CANTICLE

*Antiphon*

When the sun rises in the morning sky, you will see the King of  
kings coming forth from the Father like a radiant bridegroom from  
the bridal chamber.

*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*

When the sun rises in the morning sky, you will see the King of  
kings coming forth from the Father like a radiant bridegroom from  
the bridal chamber.

#### INTERCESSIONS

Christ Jesus emptied himself and took the form of a slave. He was  
tested like us in all things and did not sin. Now let us worship him

and pray to him with deep faith:

— By the power of your birth, comfort those who are saved.

You came into the world heralding the new age foretold by the prophets,  
give your holy people the gift of renewal in every generation.

— By the power of your birth, comfort those who are saved.

You once took on the weakness of our human condition,  
be light now for those who do not see, strength for the wavering and  
comfort for the troubled of heart.

— By the power of your birth, comfort those who are saved.

You were born into poverty and lowliness,  
look with favor on the poor and comfort them.

— By the power of your birth, comfort those who are saved.

By your birth bring joy to all peoples with the promise of unending  
life,  
give joy to the dying through the hope of heavenly birth.

— By the power of your birth, comfort those who are saved.

You came to earth to lead everyone into the kingdom,  
share your life of glory with those who have died.

— By the power of your birth, comfort those who are saved.

*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 our Father,  
every year we rejoice  
as we look forward to this feast of our salvation.  
May we welcome Christ as our Redeemer,  
and meet him with confidence when he comes to be our judge,  
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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