

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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{ Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time }



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

Hail, O day, of all days most glorious,
blessed day of Christ's noble victory,
day of gladness, worthy of endless joy,
first and foremost.

Light divine now shines over all the blind:
Christ the victor harrows the underworld,
conqu'ring death he reconciles us to God,
least to highest.

By the judgment of our eternal King
all were sentenced under the law of sin,
that from heaven grace for the poor and weak
might bring solace.

In his wisdom and everlasting pow'r,
God with mercy tempered his holy wrath,
though the foolish world ran on heedlessly,
all to ruin.

He is risen, free from the pow'r of hell,
great restorer of the whole human race,
on his shoulders bearing his wayward sheep
up to heaven.

Peace of angels graces the human race;
ranks of heaven grow and fill up again;
praise is fitting to our triumphant Lord,
praise eternal.

Let the Church our Mother now raise her voice

with the choirs of heaven in harmony.
Let the faithful cry out with joy this day:
Alleluia!

Death is conquered, vanquished and powerless;
with delight let all sing in victory:
Peace on earth, and let jubilation ring
in high heaven. Amen.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

Who can climb the Lord's mountain, or stand in his holy place?

Psalms 24

The Lord's entry into his temple

Christ opened heaven for us in the manhood he assumed (Saint Irenaeus).

The Lórd's is the éarth and its fúllness, *
the wórld and áll its péoples.
It is hé who sét it on the séas; *
on the wáters he máde it firm.

Who shall clímb the móuntain of the Lórd? *
Who shall stánd in his hólý pláce?
The mán with clean hánds and pure héart, †
who desíres not wóorthless thínghs, *
who has not swórn so as to decéive his néíghbor.
He shall recéive bléssings from the Lórd *

and rewárd from the Gód who sáves him.
Súch are the mén who séek him, *
seek the fáce of the Gód of Jácob.

O gátes, lift hích your héads; †
grow hích, áncient dóors. *
Let him énter, the kíng of glóry!

Whó is the kíng of glóry? †
The Lórd, the míghty, the váliant, *
the Lórd, the váliant in wár.

O gátes, lift hích your héads; †
grow hích, áncient dóors. *
Let him énter, the kíng of glóry!

Who is hé, the kíng of glóry? †
Hé, the Lórd of ármies, *
hé is the kíng of glóry.

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

Who can climb the Lord's mountain, or stand in his holy place?

Antiphon 2

Bless our God, you nations of the world; he has given us life, alleluia.

Psalm 66

Eucharistic hymn

The Lord is risen and all people have been brought by him to the Father (Hesychius).

I

Cry out with jóy to Gód, all the éarth, *
O síng to the glóry of his náme.
O rénder him glórious práise. *
Say to Gód: "How treméndous your déeds!
Bécause of the gréatness of your stréngth *

your énemies crínge befóre you.
Befóre you all the éarth shall bów; *
shall síng to you, síng to your náme!”

Come and sée the wórks of Gód, *
treméndous his déeds among mén.
He túrned the séa into dry lánd, *
they pássed through the ríver dry-shód.

Let our jóy then bé in hím; *
he rúles for éver by his míght.
His éyes keep wátch over the nátions; *
let rébels not ríse agáinst him.

O péoples, bléss our Gód, *
let the vóice of his práise resóund,
of the Gód who gave lífe to our sóuls *
and képt our féet from stúmbing.

For yóu, O Gód, have tésted us, *
you have tríed us as sílver is tríed:
you léd us, Gód, into the snáre; *
you láid a heavy búrden on our bácks.

You lét men ríde over our héads; †
we wént through fire and through wáter *
but thén you bróught us relíef.

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

Bless our God, you nations of the world; he has given us life, alleluia.

Antiphon 3

Listen to me, all you who revere God, let me tell you what great things he has done for me, alleluia.

II

Burnt óffering I bríng to your hóuse; *

to you I will pay my vows,
the vows which my lips have uttered, *
which my mouth spoke in my distress.

I will offer burnt offerings of fatlings †
with the smoke of burning rams. *
I will offer bullocks and goats.

Come and hear, all who fear God. *
I will tell what he did for my soul:
to him I cried aloud, *
with high praise ready on my tongue.

If there had been evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have listened.
But truly God has listened; *
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer *
nor withhold his love from 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.

Antiphon

Listen to me, all you who revere God, let me tell you what great things he has done for me, alleluia.

VERSE

God's word is alive; it strikes to the heart.

— It pierces more surely than a two-edged sword.

Sit

READINGS

First reading

From the beginning of the book of the prophet Haggai

Exhortation to rebuild the temple and its future glory

On the first day of the sixth month in the second year of King Darius, the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai to the governor of Judah, Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, and to the high priest Joshua, son of Jehozadak:

Thus says the Lord of hosts: This people says: “Not now has the time come to rebuild the house of the Lord.” (Then this word of the Lord came through Haggai, the prophet:) Is it time for you to dwell in your own paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins?

Now thus says the Lord of hosts:

Consider your ways!

You have sown much, but have brought in little;

you have eaten, but have not been satisfied;

You have drunk, but have not been exhilarated;

have clothed yourselves, but not been warmed;

And he who earned wages

earned them for a bag with holes in it.

Thus says the Lord of hosts:

Consider your ways!

Go up into the hill country;

bring timber, and build the house

That I may take pleasure in it

and receive my glory, says the Lord.

You expected much, but it came to little;

and what you brought home, I blew away.

For what cause? says the Lord of hosts.

Because my house lies in ruins,

while each of you hurries to his own house.

Therefore the heavens withheld from you their dew,

and the earth her crops.

And I called for a drought

upon the land and upon the mountains;

Upon the grain, and upon the wine, and upon the oil,

and upon all that the ground brings forth;

Upon men and upon beasts,

and upon all that is produced by hand.

Then Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, and the high priest Joshua, son of Jehozadak, and all the remnant of the people listened to the voice of the Lord, their God, and to the words of the prophet Haggai, because the Lord, their God, had sent him, and the people feared because of the Lord. And the Lord's messenger, Haggai, proclaimed to the people as the message of the Lord: I am with you, says the Lord.

Then the Lord stirred up the spirit of the governor of Judah, Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, and the spirit of the high priest Joshua, son of Jehozadak, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people, so that they came and set to work on the house of the Lord of hosts, their God, on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth moon.

In the second year of King Darius, on the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: Tell this to the governor of Judah, Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, and to the high priest Joshua, son of Jehozadak, and to the remnant of the people:

Who is left among you
that saw this house in its former glory?
And how do you see it now?
Does it not seem like nothing in your eyes?

But now take courage, Zerubbabel, says the Lord,
and take courage, Joshua, high priest, son of Jehozadak,
And take courage, all you people of the land,
says the Lord, and work!
For I am with you, says the Lord of hosts.
This is the pact that I made with you
when you came out of Egypt,
And my spirit continues in your midst;
do not fear!

For thus says the Lord of hosts:
One moment yet, a little while,
and I will shake the heavens and the earth,
the sea and the dry land.

I will shake all the nations,
and the treasures of all the nations will come in.
And I will fill this house with glory,
says the Lord of hosts.
Mine is the silver and mine the gold,
says the Lord of hosts.
Greater will be the future glory of this house
than the former, says the Lord of hosts;
And in this place I will give peace,
says the Lord of hosts.

Responsory

Haggai 1:8; Isaiah 56:7

Go up into the hill country and build a house;
— and I will take pleasure in it, says the Lord.
My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.
— And I will take pleasure in it, says the Lord.

Second reading

From a commentary on Haggai by Cyril of Alexandria, bishop
(*Cap. 14: PG 71, 1047-1050*)

My name is great among the nations

When our Savior came, he appeared as a divine temple, glorious beyond any comparison, far more splendid and excellent than the older temple. He exceeded the old as much as worship in Christ and the gospels exceeds the cult of the laws, as much as truth exceeds its shadows.

Furthermore, I might point out that originally there was just one temple at Jerusalem, in which one people, the Israelites, offered their sacrifices. Since the only-begotten Son became like us, and as Scripture says, though *he was Lord and God, he has shone upon us*, the rest of the world has been filled with places of worship. Now there are countless worshipers who honor the universal God with spiritual offerings and fragrant sacrifices. This, surely, is what Malachi foretold, speaking, as if in the person of God: *I am a great king*, says

the Lord; my name is honored among the nations, and everywhere there is offered to my name the fragrance of a pure sacrifice.

With justice, therefore, do we say that the final temple, the Church, will be more glorious. To those who are so solicitous for the Church and labor for its construction, Haggai declares that a gift will be made, a gift from heaven given by the Savior. That gift is Christ himself, the peace of all men; *through him we have access in the one Spirit to the Father*. The prophet goes on to say: *I will give peace to this place and peace of soul to save all who lay the foundation to rebuild the temple*. Christ too says somewhere: *My peace I give you*. Paul will teach how profitable this is for those who love: *The peace of Christ*, he says, *which surpasses all understanding will keep your minds and hearts*. Isaiah, the seer, made the same prayer: *O Lord our God, give us peace, for you have given us everything*. Once a man has been found worthy of Christ's peace, he can easily save his soul and guide his mind to carry out exactly the demands of virtue.

Haggai, therefore, declares that peace will be given to all who build. One builds the Church either as a teacher of the sacred mysteries, as one set over the house of God, or as one who works for his own good by setting himself forth as a living and spiritual stone *in the holy temple, God's dwelling place in the Spirit*. The results of these efforts will profit such men so that each will be able to gain his own salvation without difficulty.

Responsory

Psalm 84:5; Zechariah 2:11

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord;

— they will praise you for ever.

Many nations will join the Lord on that day, and they will be his people.

— They will praise you for ever.

Stand

TE DEUM

You are God: we praise you;

You are the Lord: we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free
you did not spurn the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death,
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord,
our help and guide,
make your love the foundation of our lives.
May our love for you express itself
in our eagerness to do good for others.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
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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