

Liturgy of the Hours
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EVENING PRAYER

April 18, 2025

{ Good Friday }



*Evening Prayer is said only by those who do not
participate in the celebration of the Lord's passion.*

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.

HYMN

The banners of the King go forth,
the gleaming myst'ry of the Cross,
by which the Maker of all flesh was
yoked in flesh upon the wood;

Where, wounded as he hung on high
by ruthless blade of sharpened spear,
there flowed forth water mixed with blood, to
wash us clean from ev'ry sin.

O noble tree with blood adorned,
the splendid purple of the King,
wood chosen from a worthy stock to
touch and bear such holy limbs.

O blessed tree whose branches bore
the price and ransom of the world!
Like scales it weighed the body's worth and
bore away the spoils of hell.

Hail altar, victim, sacrifice,
for glory gained through grief and death,
by which our Life endured to die and
through his death restored our life.

O Cross, all hail, our only hope!
In this most holy Passiontide,
increase the grace of loving hearts and

rid the guilty of their sin.

O Triune God, let all sing praise
to you, the font of saving grace;
sustain for ever those you save by
wondrous myst'ry of the Cross. Amen.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

Look well, all you peoples, and see my suffering.

Psalm 116:10-19

Thanksgiving in the Temple

Through Christ let us offer God a continual sacrifice of praise (Hebrews 13:15).

I trústed, éven when I sáid: *
“I am sórely afflicted,”
and when I sáid in my alárm: *
“No mán can be trústed.”

How cán I repáy the Lórd *
for his góodness to mé?
The cúp of salvátion I will ráise; *
I will cáll on the Lórd's name.

My vóws to the Lórd I will fulfill *
befóre all his péople.
O précious in the éyes of the Lórd *

is the déath of his fáithful.

Your sérvant, Lord, your sérvant am Í; *
you have lóosened my bónds.

A thánkgiving sácrifice I máke: *
I will cáll on the Lórd's name.

My vóws to the Lórd I will fulfill *
befóre all his péople,
in the cóurts of the hóuse of the Lórd, *
in your mídst, O 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

Look well, all you peoples, and see my suffering.

Antiphon 2

My soul is in anguish, my heart is in torment.

Psalm 143:1-11

Prayer in distress

*A man is not justified by observance of the law but only through faith in Jesus Christ
(Galatians 2:16).*

Lórd, lísten to my práyer; †
túrn your éar to my appéal. *
You are fáithful, you are júst; give ánsWER.
Do not cáll your sérvant to júdgment *
for nó one is júst in your síght.

The éNemy pursúes my sÓul; *
he has CRúshed my lífe to the grÓund;
he has MÁde me DWÉll in DÁrkness *
líke the DÉad, lÓng forGÓtten.
ThÉrefore my SPÍRit fáilS; *
my HÉart is NÚmb WÍthín me.

I reméber the dáys that are PÁst: *

I pónder áll your wórks.
I múse on what your hánd has wróught †
and to yóu I strétch out my hánds.*
Like a párched land my sóul thirsts for yóu.

Lórd, make háste and ánsWER;*
for my spírit fáils withín me.
Dó not híde your fáce*
lest I becóme like thóse in the gráve.

In the mórning let me knów your lóve*
for I pút my trúst in yóu.
Make me knów the wáy I should wálk:*
to yóu I líft up my sóul.

Réscue me, Lórd, from my énemies;*
I have fléd to yóu for réfuge.
Téach me to dó your wíll*
for yóu, O Lórd, are my Gód.
Let yóur good spírit guíde me*
in wáys that are lével and smóoth.

For your náme's sake, Lórd, save my lífe;*
in your jústice save my sóul from dístréss.

Glory to the FátHER, and to the Són,*
and to the Hóly Spírit:
as it was in the béginning, is now,*
and will be for éver. Amen.

Antiphon

My soul is in anguish, my heart is in torment.

Antiphon 3

When Jesus had taken the vinegar, he said: "It is accomplished."
Then he bowed his head and died.

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

When Jesus had taken the vinegar, he said: "It is accomplished."
Then he bowed his head and died.

Sit

READING

1 Peter 2:21-24

Christ suffered for you and left you an example, to have you follow in his footsteps. He did no wrong; no deceit was found in his mouth. When he was insulted, he returned no insult. When he was made to suffer, he did not counter with threats. Instead, he delivered himself

up to the One who judges justly. In his own body he brought your sins to the cross, so that all of us, dead to sin, could live in accord with God's will. By his wounds you were healed.

Antiphon

For our sake Christ was obedient, accepting even death, death on a cross.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

When we were his enemies, God reconciled us to himself by the death of his Son.

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 we were his enemies, God reconciled us to himself by the death of his Son.

INTERCESSIONS

Today we lovingly remember the death of our Lord Jesus Christ, from which was born new life for the whole world. Let us turn to God the Father, and say:

— By the merits of your Son's death, hear us, Lord.

Give unity to your Church.

— By the merits of your Son's death, hear us, Lord.

Protect Francis, our Pope.

— By the merits of your Son's death, hear us, Lord.

Sanctify your people, both clergy and faithful, by your Spirit.

— By the merits of your Son's death, hear us, Lord.

Increase faith and understanding in those under instruction.

— By the merits of your Son's death, hear us, Lord.

Gather all Christians in unity.

— By the merits of your Son's death, hear us, Lord.

Lead the Jewish people to the fullness of redemption.

— By the merits of your Son's death, hear us, Lord.

Enlighten with your glory those who do not yet believe in Christ.

— By the merits of your Son's death, hear us, Lord.

Show the marks of your love in creation to those who deny them.

— By the merits of your Son's death, hear us, Lord.

Guide the minds and hearts of those who govern us.

— By the merits of your Son's death, hear us, Lord.

Console all who are troubled.

— By the merits of your Son's death, hear us, Lord.

Have pity on those who have died.

— By the merits of your Son's death, hear us, Lord.

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

Father,

look with love upon your people,

the love which our Lord Jesus Christ showed us

when he delivered himself to evil men

and suffered the agony of the cross,

for 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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