

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

DAYTIME PRAYER

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March 25, 2025

{ Solemnity – Annunciation }



*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**

May Christ, as he ascends the Cross,  
consumed with thirst in noonday heat,  
grant those who sing the psalms this hour  
to grow in thirst for righteousness.

May hunger likewise fill their hearts,  
which he from his own self will sate,  
that they may lose all taste for sin  
and virtue be their sole desire.

Then may the Holy Spirit's gifts  
so fill the souls of those who pray,  
that passion in the flesh may cool  
and chill of mind and heart grow warm.

We ask the Father and the Son  
and beg the Spirit of them both:  
Sustain us with your loving care,  
who reign for ever Three in One. Amen.

*Metrical hymn, melody: O WALY WALY, 8 8 8 8; English traditional melody*

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hora sitiit, 8th c.*

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*Sit or stand*

PSALMODY

*Antiphon*

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and give birth to a son, and he shall be called Emmanuel.

*Psalm 123*

*The Lord, unfailing hope of his people*

*Two blind men cried out: "Have pity on us, Lord, Son of David" (Matthew 20:30).*

To you have I lifted up my eyes, \*  
you who dwell in the heavens:  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves \*  
on the hand of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant \*  
on the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God \*  
till he show us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. \*  
We are filled with contempt.  
Indeed all too full is our soul †  
with the scorn of the rich, \*  
with the proud man's disdain.

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.

*Psalm 124*

*Our help is in the name of the Lord*

*The Lord said to Paul: "Fear not . . . I am with you" (Acts 18:9-10).*

"If the Lord had not been on our side, \*"  
this is Israel's song.

"If the Lord had not been on our side \*"  
when men rose against us,  
then would they have swallowed us alive \*"

when their ánger was kíndled.

Thén would the wáters have engúlfed us,\*  
the tórrént gone óver us;  
óver our héad would have swépt\*  
the ráging wáters.”

Bléssed be the Lórd who did not gíve us\*  
a préy to their téeth!  
Our lífe, like a bírd, has escáped\*  
from the snáre of the fówler.

Indéed the snáre has been bróken\*  
and wé have escáped.  
Our hélp is in the náme of the Lórd,\*  
who made héaven and éarth.

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.

*Psalm 125*

*The Lord, guardian of his people*

*Peace to God's true Israel (Galatians 6:16).*

Thóse who put their trúst in the Lórd †  
are like Mount Zíon, that cánnót be sháken,\*  
that stánds for éver.

Jerúsalem! The móuntains surróund her, †  
so the Lórd surróunds his péople\*  
both nów and for éver.

For the scépter of the wícked shall not rést\*  
over the lánd of the júst  
for féar that the hánds of the júst\*  
should túrn to évil.

Do góod, Lord, to thóse who are góod,\*  
to the úpright of héart;  
but the cróoked and thóse who do évil, †

drive them away! \*  
On Ísrael, péace!

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*

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and give birth to a son, and he shall be called Emmanuel.

*Sit*

READING

*1 John 4:10*

Love consists in this:  
not that we have loved God  
but that he has loved us  
and has sent his Son as an offering for our sins.

*Verse*

I am the handmaid of the Lord.

— Let it be done to me as you have said.

*Stand*

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our Father,  
your Word became man and was born of the Virgin Mary.  
May we become more like Jesus Christ,  
whom we acknowledge as our redeemer, God and man.

We ask 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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