

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER II

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February 2, 2025

{ Feast – Presentation of the Lord }



*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

Truths once predicted  
by the noble prophets  
singing in chorus,  
prompted by the Spirit,  
now are accomplished,  
clearly seen in Mary,  
God's holy Mother.

Worthy and holy,  
she conceived as virgin  
God of high heaven,  
Lord of earth and Ruler;  
virgin she bore him,  
yet remained untainted,  
virgin for ever.

Simeon, righteous,  
elderly and faithful,  
took up the infant,  
blessing God with gladness,  
for in the Temple  
he beheld in wonder  
Christ, long-awaited.

Mary, O Mother  
of the King eternal,  
show us your favor,  
hear our supplications,  
graciously pouring

gifts of light upon us  
from your Son's goodness.

Christ, light and glory  
of the heav'nly Father,  
op'ning the riches  
of the Father's wisdom,  
grant us to praise you  
in the halls of heaven,  
light everlasting. Amen.

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Church melody in Chartres Antiphoner, 1784*

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*Sit or stand*

## PSALMODY

### *Antiphon 1*

The Holy Spirit had revealed to Simeon that he would not see death  
until he had seen the Lord.

*Psalm 110:1-5, 7*

*The Messiah, king and priest*

*Christ's reign will last until all his enemies are made subject to him  
(1 Corinthians 15:25).*

The Lórd's revelátion to my Máster: †  
“Sít on my ríght: \*  
your fóes I will pút beneath your féet.”

The Lórd will wíeld from Zíon †  
your scépter of pówer: \*

rúle in the mídst of all your fóes.

A prínce from the dáy of your bírth †  
on the hóly móuntains; \*  
from the wómb before the dáwn I begót you.

The Lórd has sworn an óath he will not chánge. †  
“You are a príest for éver, \*  
a príest like Melchízedeck of óld.”

The Máster stánding at your ríght hand \*  
will shatter kíngs in the dáy of his wráth.

He shall drínk from the stréam by the wáyside \*  
and thérefore he shall líft up his héad.

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 Holy Spirit had revealed to Simeon that he would not see death  
until he had seen the Lord.

*Antiphon 2*

As the law prescribed, they offered to the Lord a pair of turtle doves  
or two young pigeons.

*Psalm 130*

*A cry from the depths*

*He himself will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21).*

Out of the dépths I crý to you, O Lórd, \*  
Lórd, hear my vóice!  
O lét your éars be attentíve \*  
to the vóice of my pléading.

If you, O Lórd, should márk our guílt, \*  
Lórd, who would survíve?  
But with yóu is fóund forgíveness: \*  
for thís we revére you.

My s oul is w aiting for the L ord, \*  
I c ount on his w ord.  
My s oul is l onging for the L ord \*  
more than w atchman for d aybreak.  
Let the w atchman c ount on d aybreak \*  
and  Israel on the L ord.

Because with the L ord there is m ercy \*  
and f ullness of red emption,  
 Israel indeed he will red em \*  
from  all its in iquity.

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*

As the law prescribed, they offered to the Lord a pair of turtle doves  
or two young pigeons.

*Antiphon 3*

My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the  
sight of every people.

*Canticle – Colossians 1:12-20*

*Christ the first-born of all creation and the first-born from the dead*

Let us give thanks to the Father \*  
for having made you worthy  
to share the lot of the saints \*  
in light.

He rescued us \*  
from the power of darkness  
and brought us \*  
into the kingdom of his beloved Son.  
Through him we have redemption, \*  
the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, \*

the first-born of all creatures.

In him everything in heaven and on earth was created,\*  
things visible and invisible.

All were created through him;\*  
all were created for him.

He is before all else that is.\*  
In him everything continues in being.

It is he who is head of the body, the church! \*  
he who is the beginning,  
the first-born of the dead,\*  
so that primacy may be his in everything.

It pleased God to make absolute fulness reside in him \*  
and, by means of him, to reconcile everything in his person,  
both on earth and in the heavens,\*  
making peace through the blood of his cross.

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*

My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the  
sight of every people.

*Sit*

READING

*Hebrews 4:15-16*

We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our  
weakness, but one who was tempted in every way that we are, yet  
never sinned. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to  
receive mercy and favor and to find help in time of need.

RESPONSORY

The Lord has made known his saving power.

— The Lord has made known his saving power.

Which he has prepared in the sight of every people.

— His saving power.

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

— The Lord has made known his saving power.

*Stand*

## GOSPEL CANTICLE

*Antiphon*

Today the Blessed Virgin Mary presented the Child Jesus in the temple; and Simeon, inspired by the Holy Spirit, took him in his arms, and gave thanks to God.

*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*

Today the Blessed Virgin Mary presented the Child Jesus in the temple; and Simeon, inspired by the Holy Spirit, took him in his arms, and gave thanks to God.

INTERCESSIONS

Today our Savior was presented in the temple. Let us adore him as we say:

— Lord, may our eyes see your saving power.

Christ Jesus, you are the light that enlightens all nations, shine upon those who do not know you, that they may come to believe in you, the one true God.

— Lord, may our eyes see your saving power.

You are the redeemer and the glory of your people Israel, may your Church proclaim your salvation to the ends of the earth.

— Lord, may our eyes see your saving power.

Jesus, desire of the nations, Simeon, the just man, rejoiced at your coming, lead all men to recognize that you still come to them.

— Lord, may our eyes see your saving power.

Lord, when you were presented in the temple, Simeon foretold that a sword of sorrow would pierce your mother's heart, strengthen us to accept the sufferings we endure for the sake of your name.

— Lord, may our eyes see your saving power.

Christ Jesus, joy of all the saints, Simeon longed to see you before he died, and his prayer was answered, hear our plea for all the dead who still yearn to see you face to face.



— Lord, may our eyes see your saving power.

*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*

All-powerful Father,  
Christ your Son became man for us  
and was presented in the temple.  
May he free our hearts from sin  
and bring us into your presence.  
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.

*Dismissal*

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to  
everlasting life.

— Amen.

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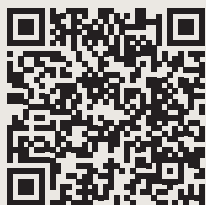
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