

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MORNING PRAYER

February 2, 2025

{ Feast – Presentation of the Lord }



Invitatory

Stand and make sign of cross on lips with thumb

Lord, open my lips.

— And my mouth will proclaim your praise.

Psalm 95

A call to praise God

Encourage each other daily while it is still today (Hebrews 3:13).

Come, let us worship the Lord of creation; he enters his holy temple.

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Come, let us sing to the Lord
and shout with joy to the Rock who saves us.
Let us approach him with praise and thanksgiving
and sing joyful songs to the Lord.

— Come, let us worship the Lord of creation; he enters his holy temple.

The Lord is God, the mighty God,
the great king over all the gods.
He holds in his hands the depths of the earth
and the highest mountains as well.
He made the sea; it belongs to him,
the dry land, too, for it was formed by his hands.

— Come, let us worship the Lord of creation; he enters his holy temple.

Come, then, let us bow down and worship,
bending the knee before the Lord, our maker.
For he is our God and we are his people,
the flock he shepherds.

— Come, let us worship the Lord of creation; he enters his holy temple.

Today, listen to the voice of the Lord:

Do not grow stubborn, as your fathers did
in the wilderness,
when at Meriba and Massah
they challenged me and provoked me,
Although they had seen all of my works.

— Come, let us worship the Lord of creation; he enters his holy temple.

Forty years I endured that generation.
I said, “They are a people whose hearts go astray
and they do not know my ways.”
So I swore in my anger,
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

— Come, let us worship the Lord of creation; he enters his holy temple.

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.

— Come, let us worship the Lord of creation; he enters his holy temple.

Morning Prayer

HYMN

O Zion, waiting for the Lord,
adorn and trim the bridal room,
keep watch with burning lamps of faith,
receive the Bridegroom and the Bride.

O blessed Simeon, come forth,
and, late in life, find promised joy;
reveal to all the nations Light
that comes to be revealed to all.

His parents bring and offer Christ:
the Temple to the temple comes;

he willed obedience to the Law,
though to the Law he owed no debt.

O blessed Mary, give your child,
the Father's only Son and yours,
and offer him who paid the price,
that makes of us a gift to God.

Go forth, O royal Virgin Queen,
with gifts prescribed, present your Son;
he comes, Salvation for us all,
exhorting all to blessed joy.

To you, Lord Jesus, glory be,
revealed to nations on this day,
with God the Father, ever blest,
and loving Spirit, ever one. Amen.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

Simeon was a holy and devout man who looked for the redemption
of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was with him.

Psalm 63:2-9

A soul thirsting for God

Whoever has left the darkness of sin yearns for God.

O Gód, you are my Gód, for you I lóng; *

for yóu my sóul is thírsting.
My bódy pínes for yóu *
like a dry, weary lánd without wáter.
So I gáze on yóu in the sánctuary *
to sée your stréngth and your glóry.

For your lóve is bétter than lífe, *
my líps will spéak your práise.
So I will bléss you áll my lífe, *
in your náme I will líft up my hánds.
My sóul shall be filled as with a bánquet, *
my móuth shall práise you with jóy.

On my béd I remémber yóu. *
On yóu I múse through the níght
for yóu have béen my hélp; *
in the sháadow of your wings I rejóice.
My sóul clíngs to yóu; *
your ríght hand hólds me fást.

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

Simeon was a holy and devout man who looked for the redemption of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was with him.

Antiphon 2

Simeon took the child in his arms and gave thanks to God.

Canticle – Daniel 3:57–88, 56

Let all creatures praise the Lord

All you servants of the Lord, sing praise to him (Revelation 19:5).

Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord. *
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord. *
You heavens, bless the Lord.
All you waters above the heavens, bless the Lord. *

All you hosts of the Lord, bless the Lord.
Sun and moon, bless the Lord. *
Stars of heaven, bless the Lord.

Every shower and dew, bless the Lord. *
All you winds, bless the Lord.
Fire and heat, bless the Lord. *
Cold and chill, bless the Lord.
Dew and rain, bless the Lord. *
Frost and chill, bless the Lord.
Ice and snow, bless the Lord. *
Nights and days, bless the Lord.
Light and darkness, bless the Lord. *
Lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.

Let the earth bless the Lord. *
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Mountains and hills, bless the Lord. *
Everything growing from the earth, bless the Lord.
You springs, bless the Lord. *
Seas and rivers, bless the Lord.
You dolphins and all water creatures, bless the Lord. *
All you birds of the air, bless the Lord.
All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord. *
You sons of men, bless the Lord.

O Israel, bless the Lord. *
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Priests of the Lord, bless the Lord. *
Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.
Spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord. *
Holy men of humble heart, bless the Lord.
Hananiah, Azariah, Mishael, bless the Lord. *
Praise and exalt him above all forever.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *
Let us praise and exalt him above all forever.
Blessed are you, Lord, in the firmament of heaven. *
Praiseworthy and glorious and exalted above all forever.

Antiphon

Simeon took the child in his arms and gave thanks to God.

Antiphon 3

He is a light to reveal you to the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

Psalm 149

The joy of God's holy people.

Let the sons of the Church, the children of the new people, rejoice in Christ, their King (Hesychius).

Síng a new sǒng to the Lórd,*
his práise in the assémbly of the fáithful.
Let Ísrael rejóice in its máker,*
let Zíon's sons exúlt in their kíng.
Let them práise his náme with dáncing*
and make músic with tímbrel and hárp.

For the Lórd takes delíght in his péople.*
He crówns the póor with salvátion.
Let the fáithful rejóice in their glóry,*
shout for jóy and táke their rést.
Let the práise of Gód be on their líps*
and a twó-edged swórd in their hánd,
to déal out véngeance to the nátions*
and púnishment on áll the péoples;
to bínd their kíngs in cháins*
and their nóbles in fétters of íron;
to cárry out the séntence pre-ordáined;*
this hónor is for áll his fáithful.

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 is a light to reveal you to the nations, and the glory of your

people Israel.

Sit

READING

Malachi 3:1

Lo, I am sending my messenger
to prepare the way before me;
And suddenly there will come to the temple
the Lord whom you seek,
And the messenger of the covenant whom you desire.

RESPONSORY

Worship the Lord in his holy court.

— Worship the Lord in his holy court.

Bring him your homage and praise,

— in his holy court.

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

— Worship the Lord in his holy court.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

When the parents of Jesus brought him into the temple, Simeon
took him in his arms and gave thanks to God.

Luke 1:68-79

The Messiah and his forerunner

Make sign of cross

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old †
that he would save us from our enemies, *

from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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 parents of Jesus brought him into the temple, Simeon
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, in obedience to the law, you desired to be presented to
your Father in the temple,
teach us to offer ourselves to the Father with you in your Church's
sacrifice.

— Lord, may our eyes see your saving power.

Jesus, comforter of Israel, Simeon, the just man, took you into his
arms when you came to the temple,

help us to welcome you in our brothers and sisters.

— Lord, may our eyes see your saving power.

Jesus, desire of nations, Anna the prophetess spoke of you to all who were awaiting Israel's redemption,
help us to proclaim you in our words and actions to all who yet yearn for your salvation.

— Lord, may our eyes see your saving power.

Lord Jesus, cornerstone of God's kingdom, you were destined to be a sign that is rejected,
be for those who acknowledge you the source of rising to new life.

— 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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