

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER I

January 4, 2025

{ Solemnity – Epiphany }



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

All you who long to see the Christ,
lift up your eyes to heaven's height,
for there you will behold the sign
of his eternal majesty.

This star in light and beauty bright
outshines the circle of the sun.
It brings glad tidings to the earth,
that God in mortal flesh has come.

Lo, Persian Magi from the East,
the gateway of the rising sun,
discern with wise and learned skill
the royal standard of the King.

“This great one, who is he?,” they ask.
“The sov’rign ruler of the stars;
celestial hosts before him quake,
the light and skies obey his will.

“Some noble wonder we behold
that knows no limit, end, or death,
sublime, exalted, boundless One,
more ancient than the heights and depths.

“The King of nations, this is he,
and sov’rign King of Israel,
pledged to their father Abraham
and his descendants evermore.”

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

Begotten of the Father before the daystar shone or time began, the
Lord our Savior has appeared on earth today.

Psalm 135

Praise for the wonderful things God does for us

*He has won us for himself. . . and you must proclaim what he has done for you. He has
called you out of darkness into his own wonderful light (see 1 Peter 2:9).*

I

Práise the náme of the Lórd,*
práise him, sérvants of the Lórd,
who stánd in the hóuse of the Lórd*
in the cóurts of the hóuse of our Gód.

Praise the Lórd for the Lórd is góod.*
Sing a psálm to his náme for he is lóving.
For the Lórd has chosen Jácob for himsélff*
and Ísrael for his ówn posséssion.

For I knów the Lórd is gréat,*
that our Lórd is hígh above all góds.
The Lórd does whatéver he wílls,*

in héaven, on éarth, in the séas.

He summons clóuds from the énds of the éarth; †
makes líghtning producé the ráin; *
from his tréasuries he sénds forth the wínd.

The first-born of the Egýptians he smóte, *
of mán and béast alike.

Sígns and wónders he wórked †
in the mídst of your lánd, O Égypt, *
against Pháraoh and áll his sérvants.

Nátions in their gréatness he strúck *
and kíngs in their spléndor he sléw.
Síhon, kíng of the Ámorites, †
Óg, the kíng of Báshan, *
and áll the kíngdoms of Cánaan.
He let Ísrael inhérit their lánd; *
on his péople their lánd he bestówed.

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

Begotten of the Father before the daystar shone or time began, the
Lord our Savior has appeared on earth today.

Antiphon 2

Great is the Lord, our God, transcending all other gods.

II

Lórd, your náme stands for éver, *
unforgóttén from áge to áge:
for the Lórd does jústice for his péople; *
the Lórd takes píty on his sérvants.

Pagan ídols are sílver and góld, *
the wórks of húman hánds.
They have móuths but they cánnót spéak; *

they have éyes but they cánnót sée.

They have éars but they cánnót héar; *
there is néver a bréath on their líps.
Their mákers will come to bé like thém *
and so will áll who trúst in thém!

Sons of Ísrael, bléss the Lórd! *
Sons of Áaron, bléss the Lórd!
Sons of Lévi, bléss the Lórd! *
You who féar him, bléss the Lórd!

From Zíon may the Lórd be bléssed, *
hé who dwélls in 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

Great is the Lord, our God, transcending all other gods.

Antiphon 3

The star burned like a flame, pointing the way to God, the King of kings; the wise men saw the sign and brought their gifts in homage to their great King.

Canticle – See 1 Timothy 3:16

The mystery and glory of Christ

Praise the Lord, all you nations.

Christ manifested in the flesh, *
Christ justified in the Spirit.

Praise the Lord, all you nations.

Christ contemplated by the angels, *
Christ proclaimed by the pagans.

Praise the Lord, all you nations.

Christ who is believed in the world, *

Christ exalted in glory.

Praise the Lord, all you nations.

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

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Sit

READING

2 Timothy 1:9-10

God has saved us and has called us to a holy life, not because of any merit of ours but according to his own design—the grace held out to us in Christ Jesus before the world began but now made manifest through the appearance of our Savior. He has robbed death of its power and has brought life and immortality into clear light through the gospel.

RESPONSORY

All peoples will be blessed in him, men and women of every race.

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All nations will acclaim his glory.

— Men and women of every race.

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

— All peoples will be blessed in him, men and women of every race.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

Seeing the star, the wise men said: This must signify the birth of some great king. Let us search for him and lay our treasures at his feet: gold, frankincense and myrrh.

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

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INTERCESSIONS

Today our Savior was adored by the Magi. Let us also worship him with joy as we pray:

— Save the poor, O Lord.

King of the nations, you called the Magi to adore you as the first representatives of the nations,
give us a willing spirit of adoration and service.

— Save the poor, O Lord.

King of glory, you judge your people with justice,
grant mankind an abundant measure of peace.

— Save the poor, O Lord.

King of ages, you endure from age to age,
send your word as fresh spring rain falling on our hearts.

— Save the poor, O Lord.

King of justice, you desire to free the poor who have no advocate,
be compassionate to the suffering and the afflicted.

— Save the poor, O Lord.

Lord, your name is blessed for all ages,
show the wonders of your saving power to our deceased brothers and sisters.

— Save the poor, O 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,
you revealed your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star.
Lead us to your glory in heaven
by the light of faith.

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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