

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER II

March 19, 2025

{ Solemnity – Joseph, Husband of Mary }



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

Let high hosts honor you,
Joseph, the Virgin's spouse;
choirs throughout Christendom
echo the heav'nly song;
through your chaste nuptial bond
with Mary ever blest,
you are worthy of great renown.

As you gaze at your bride,
great with a tender child,
anxious doubt seizes you,
till to your wond'ring heart
the angel brings joyful news:
This child has been conceived
by the Spirit that breathes on high.

You hold gently the child
born to be Lord of all,
follow him in his flight,
reaching Egyptian lands,
seek and find him at last,
lost in Jerusalem,
mingling joys with your anxious tears.

Pious, God-fearing death
sanctifies other saints,
glorious splendor awaits
those who deserve the palm;
you lived like those on high,

finding all joy in God,
blest more richly by wondrous lot.

Three in One, highest God,
spare us who pray to you,
and, through Joseph the just,
let us all scale the stars,
that at length we may sing
always and evermore
grateful hymns of high praise to you. Amen.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

His parents found Jesus in the temple sitting in the midst of the doctors, listening to them and asking them questions.

Psalms 15

Who is worthy to stand in God's presence?

You have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God (Hebrews 12:22).

Lord, who shall be admitted to your tént *
and dwéll on your hóly móuntain?

Hé who wálks without fáult; *
hé who ácts with jústice
and spéaks the trúth from his héart; *
hé who does not slándér with his tóngue;
hé who does no wóng to his bróther, *

who cásts no slúr on his néighbor,
who hólds the gódless in disdáin,*
but hónors those who féar the Lórd;

hé who keeps his plédge, come what máy;*
who tákes no ínterest on a lóan
and accépts no bríbes against the ínnocent.*
Such a mán will stand firm for éver.

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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Antiphon 2

The mother of Jesus said to him: Son, why have you done this to us?
See how your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.

Psalm 112

The happiness of the just man

Live as children born of the light. Light produces every kind of goodness and justice and truth (Ephesians 5:8-9).

Happy the mán who féars the Lórd,*
who tákes delíght in his commánds.
His sóns will be pówerful on éarth;*
the children of the úpright are bléssed.

Ríches and wéalth are in his hóuse;*
his jústice stands firm for éver
He is a líght in the dárkness for the úpright:*
he is génerous, mérciful and júst.

The góod man takes píty and lénds,*
he condúcts his affáirs with hónor.
The júst man will néver wáver:*
hé will be remémbred for éver.

He has no féar of évil néws; *
with a firm heart he trústs in the Lórd.
With a stéadfast héart he will not féar; *
he will sée the dównfall of his fóes.

Open-hánded, he gíves to the póor; †
his jústice stands firm for éver. *
His héad will be ráised in glóry.

The wícked man sées and is ángry, †
grinds his téeth and fádes awáy; *
the desíre of the wícked leads to dóom.

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and to the Holy Spirit:
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Antiphon

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Antiphon 3

Jesus returned with Mary and Joseph to Nazareth; there he lived and
was obedient to them.

Canticle – Revelation 15:3-4

Hymn of adoration

Mighty and wonderful are your works, *
Lord God Almighty!
Righteous and true are your ways, *
O King of the nations!

Who would dare refuse you honor, *
or the glory due your name, O Lord?

Since you alone are holy, *
all nations shall come
and worship in your presence. *
Your mighty deeds are clearly seen.

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

Colossians 3:23-24

Whatever you do, work at it with your whole being. Do it for the Lord rather than for men, since you know full well that you will receive an inheritance from him as your reward. Be slaves of Christ the Lord.

Responsory

The just man shall blossom like the lily.

— The just man shall blossom like the lily.

He shall flourish for ever in the courts of our God,

— like the lily.

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

— The just man shall blossom like the lily.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

When Jesus began his ministry, he was about thirty years old, and was thought to be the son of Joseph.

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.

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and to the Holy Spirit:
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INTERCESSIONS

All fatherhood in heaven and on earth has its origin in God. Let us turn to him and pray:

— Our Father in heaven, hear our prayer.

All-holy Father, you revealed to Saint Joseph your eternal plan of salvation in Christ,
deepen our understanding of your Son, true God and true man.

— Our Father in heaven, hear our prayer.

Father in heaven, you feed the birds of the air, and clothe the fields with the fruit of the earth,
give all your children their daily bread, to sustain soul and body.

— Our Father in heaven, hear our prayer.

Maker of the universe, you have entrusted your creation to our safekeeping,
may all who work receive a just reward for their labors.

— Our Father in heaven, hear our prayer.

God of all righteousness, you want us all to be like you,
may Saint Joseph inspire us to walk always in your way of holiness.

— Our Father in heaven, hear our prayer.

Look kindly on the dying and the dead, and grant them your mercy,
through the intercession of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

— Our Father in heaven, hear our prayer.

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 entrusted our Savior to the care of Saint Joseph.
By the help of his prayers
may your Church continue to serve its Lord, Jesus Christ,
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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