

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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October 28, 2025

{ Feast – Simon and Jude, Apostles }



*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

O Princes of the King of kings  
and first among the eternal court,  
whom Jesus Christ once taught and gave  
as his Apostles to the world,

You brightly gleam as sparkling gems,  
the beautiful foundation stones  
of heavenly Jerusalem,  
whose lamp and glory is the Lamb.

And now the Church, the Bride of Christ,  
with glad rejoicing sings your praise,  
for you have roused her by your word  
and sanctified her by your blood.

When all the ages fade away  
and our Redeemer sits as judge,  
then you will take your seats with praise,  
the glorious council throned on high.

So may your prayers bring constant aid  
and strengthen us in our resolve,  
that seeds which you have sown on earth  
be heaven's grain at harvest time.

To Christ be glory evermore,  
who filled you with the Spirit's pow'r  
and made you heralds to announce  
the loving Father, God most high. Amen.

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*Sit or stand*

## PSALMODY

### *Antiphon 1*

Their voice has gone out to the limits of the earth, their words to the  
ends of the world.

### *Psalm 19A*

#### *Praise of the Lord, Creator of all*

*The dawn from on high shall break on us . . . to guide our feet into the way of peace  
(Luke 1:78, 79).*

The héavens procláim the glóry of Gód \*  
and the firmament shows fórch the wórk of his hánds.

Dáy unto dáy tákes up the stóry \*  
and níght unto níght makes knówn the méssage.

No spéech, no wórd, no vóice is héard †  
yet their spán exténds through áll the éarth, \*  
their wórds to the útmost bóunds of the wórld.

Thére he has pláced a tént for the sún; †  
it comes fórch like a brídegroom cóming from his tént, \*  
rejóices like a chámption to rún its cóurse.

At the énd of the ský is the rísing of the sún; †  
to the fúrchest énd of the ský is its cóurse. \*  
There is nóthing concéaled from its búrning héat.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginnig, is now, \*

and will be for ever. Amen.

*Antiphon*

Their voice has gone out to the limits of the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

*Antiphon 2*

They proclaimed what God has done for us; they grasped the meaning of his deeds.

*Psalm 64*

*Prayer for help against enemies*

*This psalm commemorates most particularly our Lord's passion (Saint Augustine).*

Hear my voice, O Gód, as I compláin, \*  
guard my life from dréad of the fóe.  
Híde me from the bánd of the wicked, \*  
from the thróng of thóse who do évil.

They shárpen their tóngues like swórd; \*  
they áim bitter wórds like árrows  
to shóot at the ínnocent from ámbush, \*  
shóoting súddenly and récklessly.

They schéme their évil cóurse; \*  
they conspíre to lay sécret snáres.  
They sáy: "Whó will sée us? \*  
Whó can séarch out our crímes?"

He will séarch who séarches the mínd \*  
and knóws the dépth of the héart.  
Gód has shót them with his árrow \*  
and déalt them súdden wóunds.  
Their ówn tongue has bróught them to rúin \*  
and áll who sée them móck.

Thén will áll men féar; †  
they will téll what Gód has dóne. \*  
They will únderstánd God's déeds.  
The júst will rejóice in the Lórd †  
and flý to hím for réfuge. \*

All the úpright héarts will glóry.

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*

They proclaimed what God has done for us; they grasped the meaning of his deeds.

*Antiphon 3*

God's holiness was revealed by them; all nations saw God's glory.

*Psalms 97*

*The glory of the Lord in his decrees for the world*

*This psalm foretells a world-wide salvation and that peoples of all nations will believe in Christ (St. Athanasius).*

The Lord is kíng, let éarth rejóice, \*  
let áll the cóastlands be glád.  
Clóud and dárkness are his ráiment; \*  
his thróne, jústice and ríght.

A fire prepáres his páth; \*  
it búrns up his fóes on every síde.  
His líghtnings líght up the wórld, \*  
the éarth trémbles at the síght.

The móuntains mélt like wáx \*  
before the Lórd of áll the éarth.  
The skíes procláim his jústice; \*  
all péoples sée his glóry.

Let thóse who serve ídols be ashámed, †  
those who bóast of their wórtless góds. \*  
All you spírits, wórship hím.

Zíon héars and is glád; †  
the péople of Júdah rejóice \*  
becáuse of your júdgments, O Lórd.

For yóu indéed are the Lórd, †

most híg above áll the éarth, \*  
exálted far abóve all spírits.

The Lórd loves thóse who hate évil: †  
he gúards the sóuls of his sáints; \*  
he séts them frée from the wícked.

Líght shines fóρθ for the júst \*  
and jóy for the úpright of héart.  
Rejóice, you júst, in the Lórd; \*  
give glóry to his hólý náme.

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*

God's holiness was revealed by them; all nations saw God's glory.

### VERSE

They proclaimed the Lord's praises, told of his power to save.

— And of the wonders he had worked.

*Sit*

### READINGS

#### *First reading*

From the first letter of the apostle Paul to the Corinthians

*4:1-16*

*Let us imitate the Apostle just as he imitates Christ*

Men should regard us as servants of Christ and administrators of the mysteries of God. The first requirement of an administrator is that he prove trustworthy. It matters little to me whether you or any human court pass judgment on me. I do not even pass judgment on myself. Mind you, I have nothing on my conscience. But that does not mean that I am declaring myself innocent. The Lord is the one to judge me, so stop passing judgment before the time of his return. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and manifest the

intentions of hearts. At that time, everyone will receive his praise from God.

Brothers, I have applied all this to myself and Apollos by way of example for your benefit. May you learn from us not to go beyond what is set down, so that none of you will grow self-important by reason of his association with one person rather than another. Who confers any distinction on you? Name something you have that you have not received. If, then, you have received it, why are you boasting as if it were your own? At the moment you are completely satisfied. You have grown rich! You have launched upon your reign with no help from us. Would that you had really begun to reign, that we might be reigning with you!

As I see it, God has put us apostles at the end of the line, like men doomed to die in the arena. We have become a spectacle to the universe, to angels and men alike. We are fools on Christ's account. Ah, but in Christ you are wise! We are the weak ones, you the strong! They honor you, while they sneer at us! Up to this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, poorly clad, roughly treated, wandering about homeless. We work hard at manual labor. When we are insulted we respond with a blessing. Persecution comes our way; we bear it patiently. We are slandered, and we try conciliation. We have become the world's refuse, the scum of all; that is the present state of affairs.

I am writing you in this way not to shame you but to admonish you as my beloved children. Granted you have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you have only one father. It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching of the gospel. I beg you, then, be imitators of me.

*Responsory*

*John 15:15; Matthew 13:11, 16*

I no longer call you servants, but my friends,

— for I have shared with you everything I have heard from my Father.

The mysteries of the kingdom of heaven have been revealed to you;

blessed are your eyes because they see and your ears because they hear.

— For I have shared with you everything I have heard from my Father.

*Second reading*

From a commentary on the gospel of John by Saint Cyril of Alexandria, bishop

*(Lib. 12, 1: PG 74, 707-710)*

*As the Father sent me, so I am sending you*

Our Lord Jesus Christ has appointed certain men to be guides and teachers of the world and stewards of his divine mysteries. Now he bids them to shine out like lamps and to cast out their light not only over the land of the Jews but over every country under the sun and over people scattered in all directions and settled in distant lands.

That man has spoken truly who said: *No one takes honor upon himself, except the one who is called by God*, for it was our Lord Jesus Christ who called his own disciples before all others to a most glorious apostolate. These holy men became the *pillar and mainstay of the truth*, and Jesus said that he was sending them just as the Father had sent him.

By these words he is making clear the dignity of the apostolate and the incomparable glory of the power given to them, but he is also, it would seem, giving them a hint about the methods they are to adopt in their apostolic mission. For if Christ thought it necessary to send out his intimate disciples in this fashion, just as the Father had sent him, then surely it was necessary that they whose mission was to be patterned on that of Jesus should see exactly why the Father had sent the Son. And so Christ interpreted the character of his mission to us in a variety of ways. Once he said: *I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance*. And then at another time he said: *I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. For God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him*.

Accordingly, in affirming that they are sent by him just as he was



sent by the Father, Christ sums up in a few words the approach they themselves should take to their ministry. From what he said they would gather that it was their vocation to call sinners to repentance, to heal those who were sick whether in body or spirit, to seek in all their dealings never to do their own will but the will of him who sent them, and as far as possible to save the world by their teaching.

Surely it is in all these respects that we find his holy disciples striving to excel. To ascertain this is no great labor; a single reading of the Acts of the Apostles or of Saint Paul's writings is enough.

*Responsory*

*John 15:16, 8*

You did not choose me, but I chose you to go forth and bear fruit

— that will last for ever.

My Father is glorified when you bring forth fruit in abundance.

— That will last for ever.

*Stand*

TE DEUM

You are God: we praise you;

You are the Lord: we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father:

All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:

Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free  
you did not spurn the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death,  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

#### CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Father,  
you revealed yourself to us  
through the preaching of your apostles Simon and Jude.  
By their prayers,  
give your Church continued growth  
and increase the number of those who believe in you.

Grant 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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