Liturgy of the Hours LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Evening Prayer II

December 1, 2024 { First Sunday of Advent }



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.

Ηγμν

O loving Maker of the stars, believers' everlasting light, O Christ, Redeemer of us all, with kindness hear our humble prayer.

With pity, you beheld the fate that death imposed on ages past; you gave the guilty healing grace and saved a weak and fallen world.

When evening fell upon the earth, as bridegroom from the bridal room, from honored cloister forth you came, born from the Virgin Mother pure.

Before your strong and steadfast might, on earth and in the heav'ns above all knees bend low, all hearts confess submission to your sov'reign will.

With faith we beg you, Holy Lord, the Judge of ages still to come, that in our time you keep us safe from snares of our deceitful foe.

To you, O Christ, most loving King, and to the Father, glory be, one with the Spirit Paraclete, from age to age for evermore. Amen.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

Rejoice, daughter of Zion; shout for joy, daughter of Jerusalem, alleluia.

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 wield 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 Melchízedek 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

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Antiphon 2

Christ our King will come to us, the Lamb of God foretold by John.

Psalm 114

The Israelites are delivered from the bondage of Egypt

You too left Egypt when, at baptism, you renounced that world which is at enmity with God (Saint Augustine).

When Ísrael came fórth from Égypt, * Jacob's sóns from an álien péople, Júdah becáme the Lord's témple, * Ísrael becáme his kíngdom.

The séa fléd at the síght: * the Jórdan turned báck on its cóurse, the móuntains léapt like ráms * and the hílls like yéarling shéep.

Whý was it, séa, that you fléd, * that you túrned back, Jórdan, on your cóurse? Móuntains, that you léapt like ráms, * hílls, like yéarling shéep?

Trémble, O éarth, before the Lórd, * in the présence of the Gód of Jácob, who túrns the róck into a póol * and flínt into a spríng of wáter.

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

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as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon

Christ our King will come to us, the Lamb of God foretold by John.

Antiphon 3

I am coming soon, says the Lord; I will give to everyone the reward his deeds deserve.

Canticle – See Revelation 19:1-7 The wedding of the Lamb

Alleluia.

Salvation, glory, and power to our God: * his judgments are honest and true. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

Sing praise to our God, all you his servants; * all who worship him reverently, great and small. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The Lord our all-powerful God is King, * let us rejoice, sing praise, and give him glory. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun, * and his bride is prepared to welcome him. Alleluia.

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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Reading

Philippians 4:4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again. Rejoice! Everyone should see how unselfish you are. The Lord is near.

Responsory

Lord, show us your mercy and love.

— Lord, show us your mercy and love.

And grant us your salvation,

— your mercy and love.

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

— Lord, show us your mercy and love.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God; you will conceive and give birth to a Son, alleluia.

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

To Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the way, the truth, and the life, let us make our humble prayer:

— Come and stay with us, Lord.

Son of the Most High, your coming was announced to the Virgin Mary by Gabriel,

come and rule over your people for ever.

— Come and stay with us, Lord.

Holy One of God, in your presence John the Baptist leapt in Elizabeth's womb,

bring the joy of salvation to all the earth.

— Come and stay with us, Lord.

Jesus the Savior, the angel revealed your name to Joseph the just man,

come and save your people from their sins.

— Come and stay with us, Lord.

Light of the world, for whom Simeon and all the just waited, come and comfort us.

— Come and stay with us, Lord.

O Rising Sun that never sets, Zechariah foretold that you would visit us from above,

come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

— Come and stay with us, 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

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he 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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