

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER

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April 1, 2026  
{ Wednesday of Holy Week }



*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

The banners of the King go forth,  
the gleaming myst'ry of the Cross,  
by which the Maker of all flesh was  
yoked in flesh upon the wood;

Where, wounded as he hung on high  
by ruthless blade of sharpened spear,  
there flowed forth water mixed with blood, to  
wash us clean from ev'ry sin.

O noble tree with blood adorned,  
the splendid purple of the King,  
wood chosen from a worthy stock to  
touch and bear such holy limbs.

O blessed tree whose branches bore  
the price and ransom of the world!  
Like scales it weighed the body's worth and  
bore away the spoils of hell.

Hail altar, victim, sacrifice,  
for glory gained through grief and death,  
by which our Life endured to die and  
through his death restored our life.

O Cross, all hail, our only hope!  
In this most holy Passiontide,  
increase the grace of loving hearts and  
rid the guilty of their sin.

O Triune God, let all sing praise

to you, the font of saving grace;  
sustain for ever those you save by  
wondrous myst'ry of the Cross. Amen.

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*Sit or stand*

## PSALMODY

### *Antiphon 1*

Evil men said: Let us make the just man suffer; he sets himself  
against our way of life.

*Psalm 62*

*Peace in God*

*May God, the source of our hope, fill your hearts with peace as you believe in him  
(Romans 15:13).*

In God alóne is my sóul at rést; \*  
my hélp comes from hím.  
He alóne is my róck, my stróngthold, \*  
my fórtress: I stand firm.  
How lóng will you áll attack one mán \*  
to bréak him dówn,  
as thóugh he were a tóttéring wáll, \*  
or a túmbling fénce?  
Their plán is ónly to destróy: \*  
they take pléasure in líes.  
With their móuth they útter bléssing \*

but in their héart they cúrse.

In God alóne be at rést, my sóul; \*  
for my hópe comes from hím.  
He alóne is my róck, my stróngthold, \*  
my fórtress: I stand firm.

In Gód is my sáfety and glóry, \*  
the róck of my stréngth.  
Take réfuge in Gód, all you péople. \*  
Trúst him at áll times.  
Póur out your héarts befóre him \*  
for Gód is our réfuge.

Cómmon folk are ónly a bréath, \*  
gréat men an illúsiún.  
Pláced in the scáles, they ríse; \*  
they weigh léss than a bréath.

Dó not put your trúst in oppréssiún \*  
nor vain hópes on plúnder.  
Dó not set your héart on ríches \*  
even whén they incréase.

For Gód has sáid ónly óne thing: \*  
only twó do I knów:  
that to Gód alóne belongs pówer \*  
and to yóu, Lord, lóve;  
and that yóu repáy each mán \*  
accórding to his déeds.

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*

Evil men said: Let us make the just man suffer; he sets himself  
against our way of life.

*Antiphon 2*

He took all our sins upon himself and asked forgiveness for our

offenses.

*Psalm 67*

*People of all nations will worship the Lord*

*You must know that God is offering his salvation to all the world (Acts 28:28).*

O Gód, be grácious and bléss us \*  
and let your fáce shed its líght upón us.  
So will your wáys be knówn upon éarth \*  
and all nátions learn your sáving hélp.

Let the péoples práise you, O Gód; \*  
let áll the péoples práise you.

Let the nátions be glád and exúlt \*  
for you rúle the wórld with jústice.  
With fáirness you rúle the péoples, \*  
you guíde the nátions on éarth.

Let the péoples práise you, O Gód; \*  
let áll the péoples práise you.

The éarth has yíelded its frúit \*  
for Gód, our Gód, has bléssed us.  
May Gód still gíve us his bléssing \*  
till the énds of the éarth revére him.

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 took all our sins upon himself and asked forgiveness for our offenses.

*Antiphon 3*

In Christ we have found deliverance; through his blood, the forgiveness of our sins.

*Canticle – Colossians 1:12-20*

*Christ the first-born of all creation and the first-born from the dead*

Let us give thanks to the Father \*  
for having made you worthy  
to share the lot of the saints \*  
in light.

He rescued us \*  
from the power of darkness  
and brought us \*  
into the kingdom of his beloved Son.  
Through him we have redemption, \*  
the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, \*  
the first-born of all creatures.  
In him everything in heaven and on earth was created, \*  
things visible and invisible.

All were created through him; \*  
all were created for him.  
He is before all else that is. \*  
In him everything continues in being.

It is he who is head of the body, the church! \*  
he who is the beginning,  
the first-born of the dead, \*  
so that primacy may be his in everything.

It pleased God to make absolute fullness reside in him \*  
and, by means of him, to reconcile everything in his person,  
both on earth and in the heavens, \*  
making peace through the blood of his cross.

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*

In Christ we have found deliverance; through his blood, the for-

givenness of our sins.

*Sit*

READING

*Ephesians 4:32—5:2*

Be kind to one another, compassionate, and mutually forgiving, just as God has forgiven you in Christ. Be imitators of God as his dear children. Follow the way of love, even as Christ loved you. He gave himself for us as an offering to God, a gift of pleasing fragrance.

*Responsory*

We worship you, O Christ, and we praise you.

— We worship you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

— We praise you.

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

— We worship you, O Christ, and we praise you.

*Stand*

GOSPEL CANTICLE

*Antiphon*

The Master says: My hour is close at hand; I and my disciples shall celebrate the Passover in your house.

*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*

The Master says: My hour is close at hand; I and my disciples shall celebrate the Passover in your house.

INTERCESSIONS

The Savior of mankind by dying destroyed death and by rising again restored life. Let us humbly ask him:

— Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

Redeemer of the world, give us a greater share of your passion through a deeper spirit of repentance, so that we may share the glory of your resurrection.

— Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

May your Mother, comfort of the afflicted, protect us, may we console others as you console us.

— Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

Look with love on those who suffer because of our indifference, come to their aid,

and turn our uncaring hearts to works of justice and charity.

— Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

You humbled yourself by being obedient even to accepting death,  
death on a cross,  
give all who serve you the gifts of obedience and patient endurance.

— Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

Transform the bodies of the dead to be like your own in glory,  
and bring us at last into their fellowship.

— Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.

*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,  
in your plan of salvation  
your Son Jesus Christ accepted the cross  
and freed us from the power of the enemy.  
May we come to share the glory of his resurrection,  
for 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.

# The Banners of the King Go Forth

## *Vexilla regis*



1. The ban - ners of the\_ King go forth,\_\_\_\_\_
2. Where, wound - ed as he\_ hung\_ on high\_\_\_\_\_
3. O no - ble tree with\_ blood a - dorned,\_\_\_\_\_
4. O bles - sed tree whose branch - es bore\_\_\_\_\_
5. Hail al - tar, vic - tim, \_ sac - ri - fice, \_\_\_\_\_



1. the gleam - ing mys - t'ry of\_ the\_ Cross,
2. by ruth - less blade of sharp - ened\_ spear,
3. the splen - did pur - ple of\_ the\_ King,
4. the price and ran - som of\_ the\_ world!
5. for glo - ry gained through grief\_ and\_ death,



1. by which the Mak - er of all flesh
2. there flowed forth wa - ter mixed with blood,
3. wood cho - sen from a wor - thy stock
4. Like scales it weighed the bod - y's worth
5. by which our Life en - dured to die



1. was\_ yoked in\_ flesh up - on the wood;
2. to\_ wash\_ us\_ clean from ev - 'ry sin.
3. to\_ touch\_ and\_ bear such ho - ly limbs.
4. and\_ bore\_ a - way the spoils of hell.
5. and\_ through his\_ death re - stored our life.

6. O Cross, all hail, our\_ on - ly hope!\_\_\_\_\_

7. O Tri - une God, let\_ all sing praise\_\_\_\_\_

6. In this most ho - ly Pas - sion - tide,

7. to you, the font of sav - ing\_ grace;

6. in - crease the grace of lov - ing hearts

7. sus - tain for ev - er those you save

6. and\_ rid\_ the\_ guil - ty of their sin.

7. by\_ wond - rous\_ mys - t'ry of the Cross.

7. A - men.

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