

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER II

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January 4, 2026

{ 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

Why, wicked Herod, should you fear  
with hostile dread the Christ who comes?  
He gives us heaven, his own realm,  
and lays no claim to earthly rule.

The Magi came, led by a star  
sent forth by God to show the way.  
By light they sought their way to Light;  
with incense they confessed him God.

The Lamb of God came forth and touched  
the River Jordan's cleansing stream;  
to wash us clean he took away  
the sins for which he bore no guilt.

At Cana, power fresh and new  
once made the jars of water blush;  
by his command new wine was poured,  
transformed from water at its source.

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*

He comes in splendor, the King who is our peace; he is supreme over all the kings of the earth.

*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 wíeld from Zíon †  
your scépter of pówer: \*  
rúle in the mídst of all your fóes.

A prínce from the dáy of your bírth †  
on the hólý móuntains; \*  
from the wómb before the dáwn I begót you.

The Lórd has sworn an óath he will not chángé. †  
“You are a príest for éver, \*  
a príest like Melchízedeck 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*

He comes in splendor, the King who is our peace; he is supreme over all the kings of the earth.

*Antiphon 2*

A light has shone through the darkness for the upright of heart; the Lord is gracious, merciful and just.

*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 man who fears the Lórd,\*  
who takes delight in his commands.  
His sons will be powerful 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 light in the dárkness for the úpright: \*  
he is génerous, mérciful and júst.

The góod man takes píty and lénds,\*  
he condućts his affáirs with hónor.  
The júst man will néver wáver: \*  
hé will be remémbered 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.

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*

A light has shone through the darkness for the upright of heart; the  
Lord is gracious, merciful and just.

*Antiphon 3*

All the people, whom you have made, will come and worship before  
you, Lord.

*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*

All the people, whom you have made, will come and worship before  
you, Lord.

*Sit*

READING

*Titus 3:4-5*

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us; not because of any righteous deeds we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the baptism of new birth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORY

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

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

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*

Three mysteries mark this holy day: today the star leads the Magi to the infant Christ; today water is changed into wine for the wedding feast; today Christ wills to be baptized by John in the river Jordan to bring us salvation.

*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

On this day 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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