

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER I

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April 12, 2025

{ Passion Sunday – Palm Sunday }



*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*

Day after day I sat teaching you in the temple and you did not lay  
hands on me. Now you come to scourge me and lead me to the cross.

*Psalm 119:105–112*

*XIV (Nun)*

*A meditation on God's law*

*This is my commandment: that you should love one another (John 15:12).*

Your wórd is a lámp for my stéps \*  
and a líght for my páth.  
I have swórn and have máde up my mínd \*  
to obéy your decrées.

Lórd, I am déeply afflicted: \*  
by your wórd give me lífe.  
Accépt, Lord, the hómage of my líps \*  
and téach me your decrées.

Though I cárry my lífe in my hánds, \*  
I reméber your láw.  
Though the wícked trý to ensnáre me \*

I do not stráy from your précepts.

Your will is my héritage for éver, \*  
the jóy of my héart.

I sét myself to cárry out your will \*  
in fúllness, 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*

Day after day I sat teaching you in the temple and you did not lay hands on me. Now you come to scourge me and lead me to the cross.

*Antiphon 2*

The Lord God is my help; no shame can harm me.

*Psalm 16*

*The Lord himself is my heritage*

*The Father raised up Jesus, freeing him from the grip of death (Acts 2:24).*

Presérve me, Gód, I take réfuge in yóu. †

I sáy to the Lórd: “Yóu are my Gód. \*

My háppiness lées in yóu alóne.”

He has pút into my héart a márvellous lóve \*  
for the fáithful ónes who dwéll in his lánd.

Those who chóose other góds incréase their sórrows. †  
Néver will I óffer their ófferings of blóod. \*

Néver will I táke their náme upon my líps.

O Lórd, it is yóu who are my pórtion and cúp; \*  
it is yóu yoursélf who áre my príze.

The lót marked óut for me is mý delíght: \*  
welcome indéed the héritage that fálls to mé!

I will bléss the Lórd who gíves me cóunsel, \*  
who éven at níght dirécts my héart.

I kéept the Lórd ever ín my síght: \*  
since hé is at my ríght hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my héart rejóices, my sóul is glád; \*  
éven my bódy shall rést in sáfety.  
For yóu will not léave my sóul among the déad, \*  
nor lét your belóved knów decáy.

You will shów me the páth of lífe, †  
the fúllness of jóy in your présence, \*  
at your ríght hand háppiness 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*

The Lord God is my help; no shame can harm me.

*Antiphon 3*

The Lord Jesus humbled himself by showing obedience even when  
this meant death, death on the cross.

*Canticle – Philippians 2:6-11*

*Christ, God's holy servant*

Though he was in the form of God, †  
Jesus did not deem equality with God \*  
something to be grasped at.

Rather, he emptied himself †  
and took the form of a slave, \*  
being born in the likeness of men.

He was known to be of human estate, \*  
and it was thus that he humbled himself,  
obediently accepting even death, \*  
death on a cross!

Because of this, \*  
God highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name \*  
above every other name,

So that at Jesus' name \*

every knee must bend  
in the heavens, on the earth, \*  
and under the earth,  
and every tongue proclaim †  
to the glory of God the Father: \*  
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

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 Lord Jesus humbled himself by showing obedience even when  
this meant death, death on the cross.

*Sit*

READING

*1 Peter 1:18-21*

Realize that you were delivered from the futile way of life your  
fathers handed on to you, not by any diminishable sum of silver or  
gold, but by Christ's blood beyond all price: the blood of a spotless,  
unblemished lamb chosen before the world's foundation and  
revealed for your sake in these last days. It is through him that you  
are believers in God, the God who raised him from the dead and  
gave him glory. Your faith and hope, then, are centered in God.

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*

Praise to our King, the Son of David, the Redeemer of the world;  
praise to the Savior whose coming had been foretold by the  
prophets.

*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*

Praise to our King, the Son of David, the Redeemer of the world;  
praise to the Savior whose coming had been foretold by the  
prophets.

INTERCESSIONS

Before his passion, Christ looked out over Jerusalem and wept for  
it, because it had not recognized the hour of God's visitation. With  
sorrow for our sins, let us adore him, and say:

— Lord, have mercy on your people.

You longed to gather to yourself the people of Jerusalem, as the hen  
gathers her young,  
teach all peoples to recognize the hour of your visitation.

— Lord, have mercy on your people.

Do not forsake those who have forsaken you,  
turn our hearts to you, and we will return to you, our God.

— Lord, have mercy on your people.

Through your passion you gave grace to the world,  
help us to live always by your Spirit, given to us in baptism.

— Lord, have mercy on your people.

By your passion, help us to deny ourselves,  
and so prepare to celebrate your resurrection.

— Lord, have mercy on your people.

You reign in the glory of the Father, remember those who have died  
today.

— Lord, have mercy on your people.

*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*

Almighty, ever-living God,  
you have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior  
as a model of humility.  
He fulfilled your will  
by becoming man and giving his life on the cross.  
help us to bear witness to you  
by following his example of suffering  
and make us worthy to share in his resurrection.

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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