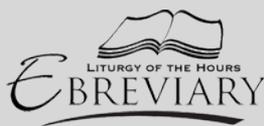


Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MORNING PRAYER

April 26, 2026

{ Fourth Sunday in Easter }



Invitatory

Stand and make sign of cross on lips with thumb

Lord, open my lips.

— And my mouth will proclaim your praise.

Psalm 95

A call to praise God

Encourage each other daily while it is still today (Hebrews 3:13).

The Lord is risen, alleluia.

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Come, let us sing to the Lord
and shout with joy to the Rock who saves us.
Let us approach him with praise and thanksgiving
and sing joyful songs to the Lord.

— The Lord is risen, alleluia.

The Lord is God, the mighty God,
the great king over all the gods.
He holds in his hands the depths of the earth
and the highest mountains as well.
He made the sea; it belongs to him,
the dry land, too, for it was formed by his hands.

— The Lord is risen, alleluia.

Come, then, let us bow down and worship,
bending the knee before the Lord, our maker.
For he is our God and we are his people,
the flock he shepherds.

— The Lord is risen, alleluia.

Today, listen to the voice of the Lord:
Do not grow stubborn, as your fathers did
in the wilderness,
when at Meriba and Massah
they challenged me and provoked me,

Although they had seen all of my works.

— The Lord is risen, alleluia.

Forty years I endured that generation.

I said, “They are a people whose hearts go astray
and they do not know my ways.”

So I swore in my anger,

“They shall not enter into my rest.”

— The Lord is risen, 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.

— The Lord is risen, alleluia.

Morning Prayer

HYMN

The morning light dawns crimson gold,
all heaven echoes hymns of praise,
the world exulting shouts for joy,
and hell with groaning howls in grief,

For that most strong and mighty King,
by crushing all the pow'rs of death
and trampling hell beneath his feet,
has freed the wretched from their chains.

Enclosed within a tomb of stone,
secured by strong and zealous guard,
the Victor rises from the grave,
in triumph nobly marching forth.

Now grief of hell and cries of woe,
all pain and sorrow are undone;
an angel, clothed in light, proclaims:
The Lord is risen as he said.

O Jesus, be for mind and heart

our everlasting paschal joy
and gather us, reborn by grace,
to share your triumphs evermore.

To you, Lord Jesus, glory be,
who shine in vict'ry over death,
with God the Father, ever blest,
and loving Spirit, ever one. Amen.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

I shall not die but live and proclaim the works of the Lord, alleluia.

Psalm 118

Song of joy for salvation

*This Jesus is the stone which, rejected by you builders, has become the chief stone sup-
porting all the rest (Acts 4:11).*

Give thanks to the Lórd for he is góod, *
for his lóve endures for éver.

Let the sóns of Ísrael sáy: *
“His lóve endures for éver.”

Let the sóns of Áaron sáy: *
“His lóve endures for éver.”

Let thóse who fear the Lórd sáy: *
“His lóve endures for éver.”

I called to the Lórd in my distréss; *
he ánswered and fréed me.

The Lórd is at my síde; I do not féar. *

What can mán do agáinst me?

The Lórd is at my síde as my hélper: *

I shall look dówn on my fóes.

It is bétter to take réfuge in the Lórd *
than to trúst in mén:

it is bétter to take réfuge in the Lórd *
than to trúst in prínces.

The nátions áll encómpassed me; *

in the Lórd's name I crúshed them.

They cómpassed me, cómpassed me abóut; †

in the Lórd's name I crúshed them. *

They cómpassed me abóut like bées;

they blázed like a fíre among thórns. *

In the Lórd's name I crúshed them.

I was hárd-préssed and was fálling *
but the Lórd came to hélp me.

The Lórd is my stréngth and my sóng; *

hé is my sáviór.

There are shóuts of jóy and víctory *
in the ténts of the júst.

The Lórd's right hánd has tríumphed; *

his ríght hand ráised me.

The Lórd's right hánd has tríumphed; †

I shall not díe, I shall líve *

and recóunt his déeds.

I was púnished, I was púnished by the Lórd, *

but nótt doomed to díe.

Ópen to mé the gates of hóliness: *

I will énter and give thánks.

This is the Lórd's own gáte *

where the júst may énter.

I will thánk you for yóu have ánswered *

and yóu are my sáviór.

The stóne which the builders rejécted *
has becóme the córner stone.

This is the wórk of the Lórd, *
a márvel in our éyes.

This day was máde by the Lórd; *
we rejóice and are glád.

O Lórd, gránt us salvátion; *

O Lórd, grant succéss.

Bléssed in the náme of the Lórd *
is hé who cómes.

We bléss you from the hóuse of the Lórd; *
the Lord Gód is our líght.

Go fórward in procéssion with bránches *
éven to the áltar.

Yóu are my Gód, I thánk you. *

My Gód, I práise you.

Give thánks to the Lórd for he is góod; *
for his lóve endures 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

I shall not die but live and proclaim the works of the Lord, alleluia.

Antiphon 2

Blessed be your holy and glorious name, O Lord, alleluia.

Canticle – Daniel 3:52-57

Let all creatures praise the Lord

The Creator . . . is blessed for ever (Romans 1:25).

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, *
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

And blessed is your holy and glorious name, *

praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages.

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory, *
praiseworthy and glorious above all forever.

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom, *
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

Blessed are you who look into the depths †
from your throne upon the cherubim, *
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven, *
praiseworthy and glorious forever.

Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
praise and exalt him above all forever.

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

Blessed be your holy and glorious name, O Lord, alleluia.

Antiphon 3

Give honor and praise to our God; all that he does is perfect and
all his ways are true, alleluia.

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord

Let mind and heart be in your song; this is to glorify God with your whole self (Hesychius).

Práise Gód in his hóly pláce, *
práise him in his míghty héavens.
Práise him for his pówerful déeds, *
práise his surpássing gréatness.

O práise him with sóund of trúmpet, *
práise him with lúte and hárp.
Práise him with tímbral and dánce, *

práise him with stríngs and pípes.

O práise him with resóunding cýmbals, *
práise him with cláshing of cýmbals.
Let éverything that líves and that bréathes *
give práise to the Lórd.

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

Give honor and praise to our God; all that he does is perfect and all his ways are true, alleluia.

Sit

READING

Acts 10:40–43

God raised up Jesus on the third day and granted that he be seen, not by all, but only by such witnesses as had been chosen beforehand by God—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and to bear witness that he is the one set apart by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets testify, saying that everyone who believes in him has forgiveness of sins through his name.

Responsory

Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us, alleluia, alleluia.

— Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us, alleluia, alleluia.

You have risen from the dead,

— alleluia, alleluia.

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

— Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us, alleluia, alleluia.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

I am the shepherd of the sheep; I am the way, the truth and the life: I know my sheep, and my sheep know me, alleluia.

Luke 1:68-79

The Messiah and his forerunner

Make sign of cross

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old †
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

I am the shepherd of the sheep; I am the way, the truth and the life: I know my sheep, and my sheep know me, alleluia.

INTERCESSIONS

God the almighty Father raised Jesus as the firstborn from the dead, and made him our Savior. Let us call upon him, saying.

— Give us, Lord, the glory of your Son.

All-holy Father, you brought your beloved Son Jesus from the darkness of death into the splendor of your glory, bring us also into your marvelous light.

— Give us, Lord, the glory of your Son.

You have given us faith to save us, may we live today by the faith of our baptism.

— Give us, Lord, the glory of your Son.

You command us to seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at your right hand, do not let us be deceived by the allurements of sin.

— Give us, Lord, the glory of your Son.

May our life, hidden with Christ in you, our Father, shine before the world, foreshadowing a new heaven and a new earth.

— Give us, Lord, the glory of your Son.

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 and ever-living God,
give us new strength
from the courage of Christ our shepherd,
and lead us to join the saints in 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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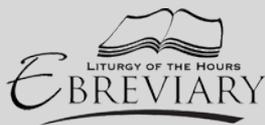
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