

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER

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March 31, 2026  
{ Tuesday 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*

They insulted me and filled me with dread, but the Lord was at my  
side, like a mighty warrior.

*Psalm 49*

*Emptiness of riches*

*It is difficult for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 19:23).*

### *I*

Héar this, áll you péoples, \*  
give héed, all who dwéll in the wórld,  
mén both lów and hígh, \*  
rích and póor alike!

My líps will speak wórds of wísdóm. \*  
My héart is fúll of ínsíght.  
I will túrn my mínd to a párablé, \*  
with the hárp I will sólvé my próblém.

Whý should I féar in evil dáys \*  
the málice of the fóes who surróund me,  
mén who trúst in their wéalth, \*

and bóast of the vástness of their ríches?

For nó man can bý his own ránsom, \*  
or pay a príce to Gód for his lífe.  
The ránsom of his sóul is beyónd him. †  
He cáannot buy lífe without énd, \*  
nor avóid cóming to the gráve.

He knows that wíse men and fóols must both pérish \*  
and léave their wéalth to óthers.

Their gráves are their hómes for éver, †  
their dwélling place from áge to áge, \*  
though their námes spread wíde through the lánd.

In his ríches, mán lacks wísdóm: \*  
hé is like the béasts that are destróyed.

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*

They insulted me and filled me with dread, but the Lord was at my side, like a mighty warrior.

*Antiphon 2*

Deliver me, Lord, and place me at your side, then let whoever will, lift his hand to strike me.

*II*

This is the lót of those who trúst in themsélves, \*  
who have óthers at their béck and cáll.  
Like shéep they are dríven to the gráve, †  
where déath shall bé their shépherd \*  
and the júst shall becóme their rúlers.

With the mórning their óutward show vánishes \*  
and the gráve becómes their hóme.  
But Gód will ránsom me from déath \*  
and táke my sóul to himsélf.

Then do not féar when a mán grows rích,\*  
when the glóry of his hóuse increáses.  
He takes nóthing wíth him when he díes,\*  
his glóry does not fóllow him belów.

Though he flattered himsélf while he líved: \*  
“Men will práise me for áll my succés,”  
yet he will gó to jóin his fáthers,\*  
who will néver see the líght any móre.

In his ríches, mán lacks wísdóm: \*  
hé is like the béasts that are destróyed.

Glory to the Fátter, and to the Son,\*  
and to the Hóly Spírít:  
as it was in the béginning, is now,\*  
and will be for éver. Amen.

*Antiphon*

Deliver me, Lord, and place me at your side, then let whoever will,  
lift his hand to strike me.

*Antiphon 3*

You were slain, Lord, and by your blood you have ransomed us for  
God.

*Canticle – Revelation 4:11; 5:9, 10, 12*

*Redemption hymn*

O Lord our God, you are worthy \*  
to receive glory and honor and power.

For you have created all things; \*  
by your will they came to be and were made.

Worthy are you, O Lord, \*  
to receive the scroll and break open its seals.

For you were slain; \*  
with your blood you purchased for God  
men of every race and tongue, \*  
of every people and nation.

You made of them a kingdom, †  
and priests to serve our God, \*  
and they shall reign on the earth.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain \*  
to receive power and riches,  
wisdom and strength, \*  
honor and glory and praise.

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*

You were slain, Lord, and by your blood you have ransomed us for God.

*Sit*

READING

*1 Corinthians 1:27b-30*

God singled out the weak of this world to shame the strong. He chose the world's lowborn and despised, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who were something; so that mankind can do no boasting before God. God it is who has given you life in Christ Jesus. He has made him our wisdom and also our justice, our sanctification, and our redemption.

*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*

I have power to lay down my life, and I have power to take it up again.

*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*

I have power to lay down my life, and I have power to take it up

again.

## 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,  
may we receive your forgiveness and mercy  
as we celebrate the passion and death of the Lord,  
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.

# 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\_ guilt of their sin.

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

7. A - men.

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