Liturgy of the Hours LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER

April 22, 2025

{ Tuesday within the Octave of Easter }



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

As we await the Lamb's high feast in snow white robes of saving grace, we sing to Christ, our Prince and Head, for we have crossed the Red Sea tide.

His holy Body, parched and seared upon the altar of the Cross, his crimson Blood, outpoured for us, we taste and so we live for God.

Protected on the paschal eve from devastating angel sword, we were delivered and set free from Pharaoh's harsh and bitter rule.

And now our Pasch is Christ himself, the pure and spotless Lamb once slain, unleavened bread of truthfulness, who gives his flesh in sacrifice.

O worthy Victim, real and true, who rends and breaks the pow'r of hell, the captives there have been redeemed and now enjoy the prize of life.

Christ rises from the tomb indeed, triumphant Victor from the depths, who thrusts the tyrant down in chains and clears the way to Paradise.

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

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the Lord's tomb, alleluia.

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

A prínce from the dáy of your bírth †

on the hóly móuntains; * from the wómb before the dáwn I begót you.

The Lórd has sworn an óath he will not chánge. †
"You are a príest for éver, *
a príest like Melchízedek 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

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the Lord's tomb, alleluia.

Antiphon 2

Come and see the place where the Lord was buried, alleluia.

Psalm 114

The Israelites are delivered from the bondage of Egypt

You too left Egypt when, at baptism, you renounced that world which is at enmity with God (Saint Augustine).

When Ísrael came fórth from Égypt, *
Jacob's sóns from an álien péople,
Júdah becáme the Lord's témple, *
Ísrael becáme his kíngdom.

The séa fléd at the sight: *
the Jórdan turned báck on its cóurse,
the móuntains léapt like ráms *
and the hílls like yéarling shéep.

Whý was it, séa, that you fléd,*
that you túrned back, Jórdan, on your cóurse?
Móuntains, that you léapt like ráms,*

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hílls, like yéarling shéep?

Trémble, O éarth, before the Lórd, * in the présence of the Gód of Jácob, who túrns the róck into a póol * and flínt into a spring of water.

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

Come and see the place where the Lord was buried, alleluia.

Antiphon 3

Jesus said: Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to set out for Galilee; there they will see me, alleluia.

Canticle – See Revelation 19:1-7

The wedding of the Lamb

Alleluia.

Salvation, glory, and power to our God: *his judgments are honest and true.
Alleluia.

Alleluia.

Sing praise to our God, all you his servants; * all who worship him reverently, great and small. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The Lord our all-powerful God is King, * let us rejoice, sing praise, and give him glory. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun, * and his bride is prepared to welcome him. 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.

Antiphon

Jesus said: Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to set out for Galilee; there they will see me, alleluia.

Sit

READING

1 Peter 2:4-5

Come to the Lord, a living stone, rejected by men but approved, nonetheless, and precious in God's eyes. You too are living stones, built as an edifice of spirit into a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Antiphon

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad, alleluia.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

While I was weeping at the tomb, I saw my Lord, alleluia.

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,*

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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

While I was weeping at the tomb, I saw my Lord, alleluia.

INTERCESSIONS

As Christ lay in the darkness of the earth he saw the light of a new glory. Let us cry out to him in joy:

— King of glory, hear us.

We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons, that they may be zealous in their ministry, and prepare for you a people devoted to every good work.

— King of glory, hear us.

We pray for all who teach in the service of your Church, that they may seek your truth with a sincere heart.

King of glory, hear us.

We pray for your faithful people, that they may be victorious in the contest of faith, and win the prize of victory in your kingdom.

— King of glory, hear us.

You canceled our condemnation by nailing it to the cross,

free us from our chains, and lead us out of darkness.

— King of glory, hear us.

You went down among the dead and opened for them the gates to life,

welcome our dead brothers and sisters into your kingdom.

— King of glory, hear us.

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, by this Easter mystery you touch our lives with the healing power of your love. You have given us the freedom of the sons of God. May we who now celebrate your gift find joy in it for ever in heaven.

Grant 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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