

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER

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December 27, 2024

{ Feast – John, Apostle and Evangelist }



*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**

O Christ, Redeemer of us all,  
the Father's Sole begotten Son,  
in myst'ry born alone from him,  
so wondrously before all time,  
The Father's splendor and true Light,  
O everlasting hope for all,  
bend low to hear your servants' prayers  
poured forth to you throughout the earth.

O Author of all saving grace,  
recall that once you took our flesh  
and from the Virgin pure and chaste  
assumed by birth our human form.

This feast today now testifies,  
within the cycle of the year,  
that you as Savior of the world  
alone came from the Father's throne.

The sky above, the earth, the sea,  
and all creation held therein  
extol with joyous hymns of praise  
the Author of your advent here.

We also, whom you came to save  
and by your holy blood redeem,  
all sing a new and joyful hymn  
to celebrate your day of birth.

To you, Lord Jesus, glory be,

the Virgin Mother's newborn Son,  
with God the Father, ever blest,  
and loving Spirit, ever one. Amen.

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*Sit or stand*

## PSALMODY

### *Antiphon 1*

You have been endowed from your birth with princely gifts; in  
eternal splendor, before the dawn of light on earth, I have begotten  
you.

*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 chánge. †

“You are a priest for éver, \*  
a priest like Melchizedek 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*

You have been endowed from your birth with princely gifts; in eternal splendor, before the dawn of light on earth, I have begotten you.

*Antiphon 2*

With the Lord is unfailing love; great is his power to save.

*Psalm 130*

*A cry from the depths*

*He himself will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21).*

Out of the dépths I crý to you, O Lórd, \*  
Lórd, hear my vóice!  
O lét your éars be attentíve \*  
to the vóice of my pléading.

If you, O Lórd, should márk our guílt, \*  
Lórd, who would survíve?  
But with yóu is fóund forgíveness: \*  
for thís we revére you.

My sóul is wáiting for the Lórd, \*  
I cóunt on his wórd.  
My sóul is lónging for the Lórd \*  
more than wátchman for dáybreak.  
Let the wátchman cóunt on dáybreak \*  
and Ísrael on the Lórd.

Because with the Lórd there is mércy \*  
and fúllness of redémption,  
Ísrael indéed he will redéem \*  
from áll its iníquity.

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*

With the Lord is unfailing love; great is his power to save.

*Antiphon 3*

In the beginning, before time began, the Word was God; today he is born, the Savior of the world.

*Canticle – Colossians 1:12-20*

*Christ the first-born of all creation and the first-born from the dead*

Let us give thanks to the Father \*  
for having made you worthy  
to share the lot of the saints \*  
in light.

He rescued us \*  
from the power of darkness  
and brought us \*  
into the kingdom of his beloved Son.  
Through him we have redemption, \*  
the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, \*  
the first-born of all creatures.  
In him everything in heaven and on earth was created, \*  
things visible and invisible.

All were created through him; \*  
all were created for him.  
He is before all else that is. \*  
In him everything continues in being.

It is he who is head of the body, the church! \*  
he who is the beginning,  
the first-born of the dead, \*  
so that primacy may be his in everything.

It pleased God to make absolute fullness reside in him \*  
and, by means of him, to reconcile everything in his person,  
both on earth and in the heavens, \*  
making peace through the blood of his cross.

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*

In the beginning, before time began, the Word was God; today he is  
born, the Savior of the world.

*Sit*

READING

*Romans 8:3-4*

God sent his Son in the likeness of sinful flesh as a sin offering,  
thereby condemning sin in the flesh, so that the just demands of the  
law might be fulfilled in us who live, not according to the flesh, but  
according to the spirit.

RESPONSORY

The Word was made man, alleluia, alleluia.

— The Word was made man, alleluia, alleluia.

He lived among us.

— Alleluia, alleluia.

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

— The Word was made man, alleluia, alleluia.

*Stand*

GOSPEL CANTICLE

*Antiphon*

Virgin Mary, all that the prophets foretold of Christ has been fulfilled through you: as a virgin, you conceived, and after you gave birth, a virgin you remained.

*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*

Virgin Mary, all that the prophets foretold of Christ has been fulfilled through you: as a virgin, you conceived, and after you gave birth, a virgin you remained.

INTERCESSIONS

Dear friends, let us humbly pray to God the Father who so loved us that he sent us his Son:

— May the favor of your Son be with us, Lord.

God of love, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you had mercy on those walking in darkness,  
receive the prayers we offer for the salvation of all people.

— May the favor of your Son be with us, Lord.

Lord, remember your Church spread over all the world,  
bless your Christian people and give them peace.

— May the favor of your Son be with us, Lord.

You are the Father of all people; graciously grant peace to all, direct the eyes of all to your Son,  
and pour forth the spirit of peace on those who rule them.

— May the favor of your Son be with us, Lord.

You announced peace on earth at the coming of your Son,  
give eternal peace to those who have died.

— May the favor of your Son be with us, 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,  
we are filled with the new light  
by the coming of your Word among us.  
May the light of faith  
shine in our words and actions.

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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