

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

DAYTIME PRAYER

March 23, 2025
{ Third Sunday of Lent }



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

May Christ, as he ascends the Cross,
consumed with thirst in noonday heat,
grant those who sing the psalms this hour
to grow in thirst for righteousness.

May hunger likewise fill their hearts,
which he from his own self will sate,
that they may lose all taste for sin
and virtue be their sole desire.

Then may the Holy Spirit's gifts
so fill the souls of those who pray,
that passion in the flesh may cool
and chill of mind and heart grow warm.

We ask the Father and the Son
and beg the Spirit of them both:
Sustain us with your loving care,
who reign for ever Three in One. Amen.

Metrical hymn, melody: O WALY WALY, 8 8 8 8; English traditional melody

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hora sitiit, 8th c.*

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon

As I live, says the Lord, I do not wish the sinner to die but to turn back to me and live.

Psalm 118

Song of joy for salvation

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

I

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 cálled to the Lórd in my distréss; *
he ánspered 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.

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.

II

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 fire 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.

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.

III

Ópen to mé the gates of hóliness: *
I will énter and give thánks.
Thís 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 buílders rejécted *
has becóme the córner stone.
Thís is the wórk of the Lórd, *

a marvel in our éyes.

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

O Lórd, gránt us salvátion; *

O Lórd, grant succés.

Blesséd 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 fórdward 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

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Sit

READING

Isaiah 30:15, 18

Thus said the Lord God,
the Holy One of Israel:

By waiting and by calm you shall be saved,
in quiet and in trust your strength lies.

Yet the Lord is waiting to show you favor,
and he rises to pity you;

For the Lord is a God of justice:

blessed are all who wait for him!

Verse

Turn your face away from my sins.

— Blot out all my guilt.

Stand

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Father,

you have taught us to overcome our sins
by prayer, fasting and works of mercy.

When we are discouraged by our weakness,
give us confidence in your love.

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.

Acclamation

Let us praise the Lord.

— And give him thanks.

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