

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER

February 2, 2026

{ Feast – Presentation of the Lord }



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

Truths once predicted
by the noble prophets
singing in chorus,
prompted by the Spirit,
now are accomplished,
clearly seen in Mary,
God's holy Mother.

Worthy and holy,
she conceived as virgin
God of high heaven,
Lord of earth and Ruler;
virgin she bore him,
yet remained untainted,
virgin for ever.

Simeon, righteous,
elderly and faithful,
took up the infant,
blessing God with gladness,
for in the Temple
he beheld in wonder
Christ, long-awaited.

Mary, O Mother
of the King eternal,
show us your favor,
hear our supplications,
graciously pouring

gifts of light upon us
from your Son's goodness.

Christ, light and glory
of the heav'nly Father,
op'ning the riches
of the Father's wisdom,
grant us to praise you
in the halls of heaven,
light everlasting. Amen.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

The Holy Spirit had revealed to Simeon that he would not see death
until he had seen the Lord.

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 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 thérfore 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

The Holy Spirit had revealed to Simeon that he would not see death until he had seen the Lord.

Antiphon 2

As the law prescribed, they offered to the Lord a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons.

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 atténtive *
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 wáatchman for dáybreak.
Let the wáatchman cóunt on dáybreak *
and Ísrael on the Lórd.

Becáuse 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

As the law prescribed, they offered to the Lord a pair of turtle doves
or two young pigeons.

Antiphon 3

My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the
sight of every people.

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 redempton, *
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 fulness 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

My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people.

Sit

READING

Hebrews 4:15-16

We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but one who was tempted in every way that we are, yet never sinned. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and favor and to find help in time of need.

RESPONSORY

The Lord has made known his saving power.

— The Lord has made known his saving power.

Which he has prepared in the sight of every people.

— His saving power.

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

— The Lord has made known his saving power.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

Today the Blessed Virgin Mary presented the Child Jesus in the temple; and Simeon, inspired by the Holy Spirit, took him in his arms, and gave thanks to God.

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

Today the Blessed Virgin Mary presented the Child Jesus in the temple; and Simeon, inspired by the Holy Spirit, took him in his arms, and gave thanks to God.

INTERCESSIONS

Today our Savior was presented in the temple. Let us adore him as we say:

— Lord, may our eyes see your saving power.

Christ Jesus, you are the light that enlightens all nations, shine upon those who do not know you, that they may come to believe in you, the one true God.

— Lord, may our eyes see your saving power.

You are the redeemer and the glory of your people Israel, may your Church proclaim your salvation to the ends of the earth.

— Lord, may our eyes see your saving power.

Jesus, desire of the nations, Simeon, the just man, rejoiced at your coming, lead all men to recognize that you still come to them.

— Lord, may our eyes see your saving power.

Lord, when you were presented in the temple, Simeon foretold that a sword of sorrow would pierce your mother's heart, strengthen us to accept the sufferings we endure for the sake of your name.

— Lord, may our eyes see your saving power.

Christ Jesus, joy of all the saints, Simeon longed to see you before he died, and his prayer was answered, hear our plea for all the dead who still yearn to see you face to face.

— Lord, may our eyes see your saving power.

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

All-powerful Father,
Christ your Son became man for us
and was presented in the temple.
May he free our hearts from sin
and bring us into your presence.

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.

Dismissal

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to
everlasting life.

— Amen.

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