

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER II

January 12, 2025

{ Feast – Baptism 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

As John fulfilled his sacred charge,
Christ Jesus, Author of the world,
immersed this day in Jordan's tide,
by bathing, washed its waters clean.

Born from the Virgin Mother's womb,
he did not need to be baptized,
yet by his washing, he desired
to take away our guilt and sin.

The Father speaks, his voice proclaims:
This is my own beloved Son;
from heaven's height on him descends,
in dovelike form, the Spirit blest.

Beneath the myst'ry of this Name,
salvation shines within the Church;
the Trinity abides with her,
one God through ev'ry time and place.

All glory be to you, O Christ;
the Father and the Spirit blest,
in splendor from the heights of heav'n,
reveal that you are Life and Truth. Amen.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

The Father's voice resounded from the heavens: This is my Son in whom I delight, listen to what he says to 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 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 Melchízedeck 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

The Father's voice resounded from the heavens: This is my Son in whom I delight, listen to what he says to you.

Antiphon 2

In the Jordan river our Savior crushed the serpent's head and wrested us free from his grasp.

Psalm 112

The happiness of the just man

Live as children born of the light. Light produces every kind of goodness and justice and truth (Ephesians 5:8-9).

Happy the man who fears the Lórd, *
who takes delight in his commands.
His sons will be powerful on éarth; *
the children of the upright are blessed.

Ríches and wéalth are in his hóuse; *
his jústice stands firm for éver
He is a light in the dárkness for the upright: *
he is génerous, mérciful and júst.

The góod man takes píty and lénds, *
he condućts his affáirs with hónor.
The júst man will néver wáver: *
hé will be remémbeređ for éver.

He has no féar of évil néws; *
with a firm heart he trústs in the Lórd.
With a stéadfast héart he will not féar; *
he will sée the dównfall of his fóes.

Open-hándeđ, he gíves to the póor; †
his jústice stands firm for éver. *
His héad will be ráiseđ in glóry.

The wícked man sées and is ángry, †
grinds his téeth and fádes awáy; *

the desire of the wicked leads to doom.

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 Jordan river our Savior crushed the serpent's head and
wrested us free from his grasp.

Antiphon 3

A wondrous mystery is declared to us today: the Creator of the
universe has washed away our sins in the waters of the Jordan.

Canticle – Revelation 15:3-4

Hymn of adoration

Mighty and wonderful are your works, *
Lord God Almighty!
Righteous and true are your ways, *
O King of the nations!

Who would dare refuse you honor, *
or the glory due your name, O Lord?

Since you alone are holy, *
all nations shall come
and worship in your presence. *
Your mighty deeds are clearly seen.

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

A wondrous mystery is declared to us today: the Creator of the
universe has washed away our sins in the waters of the Jordan.

Sit

READING

Acts 10:37-38

I take it you know what has been reported all over Judea about Jesus of Nazareth, beginning in Galilee with the baptism John preached; of the way God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good works and healing all who were in the grip of the devil, and God was with him.

RESPONSORY

Christ comes to us. He comes in water and in blood.

— Christ comes to us. He comes in water and in blood.

Jesus Christ our Lord.

— Comes in water and in blood.

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

— Christ comes to us. He comes in water and in blood.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

Christ Jesus loved us, poured out his blood to wash away our sins, and made us a kingdom and priests for God our Father. To him be glory and honor for ever.

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

Christ Jesus loved us, poured out his blood to wash away our sins,
and made us a kingdom and priests for God our Father. To him be
glory and honor for ever.

INTERCESSIONS

Our Redeemer desired to be baptized in the Jordan by John; let us
make our petition to him:

— Lord, send forth your Spirit upon us.

Christ, Servant of God, the Father acknowledged you as his own
Son with whom he was pleased,
send forth your Spirit upon us.

— Lord, send forth your Spirit upon us.

Christ, Chosen One of God, you did not break the crushed reed or
extinguish the wavering flame,
have mercy on all who are seeking you in good faith.

— Lord, send forth your Spirit upon us.

Christ, Son of God, the Father called you to be a light to the nations
in the new covenant,
open the eyes of the blind by the waters of baptism.

— Lord, send forth your Spirit upon us.

Christ, Savior of mankind, the Father anointed you with the Holy
Spirit for the ministry of salvation,
lead all to see you and to believe in you, that they may have eternal
life.

— Lord, send forth your Spirit upon us.

Christ, our hope, you lead those in darkness to the light of salvation,
receive our departed brothers and sisters into your kingdom.

— Lord, send forth your Spirit upon 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

Almighty, eternal God,
when the Spirit descended upon Jesus
at his baptism in the Jordan,
you revealed him as your own beloved Son.
Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit,
faithful to our calling.

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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