

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MORNING PRAYER

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January 12, 2025

{ Feast – Baptism of the Lord }



# *Invitatory*

*Stand and make sign of cross on lips with thumb*

Lord, open my lips.

— And my mouth will proclaim your praise.

*Psalm 95*

*A call to praise God*

*Encourage each other daily while it is still today (Hebrews 3:13).*

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Come, let us sing to the Lord  
and shout with joy to the Rock who saves us.  
Let us approach him with praise and thanksgiving  
and sing joyful songs to the Lord.

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The Lord is God, the mighty God,  
the great king over all the gods.  
He holds in his hands the depths of the earth  
and the highest mountains as well.  
He made the sea; it belongs to him,  
the dry land, too, for it was formed by his hands.

— Come let us worship Christ, the beloved Son in whom the Father was well pleased.

Come, then, let us bow down and worship,  
bending the knee before the Lord, our maker.  
For he is our God and we are his people,  
the flock he shepherds.

— Come let us worship Christ, the beloved Son in whom the Father was well pleased.

Today, listen to the voice of the Lord:  
Do not grow stubborn, as your fathers did  
in the wilderness,  
when at Meriba and Massah  
they challenged me and provoked me,  
Although they had seen all of my works.

— Come let us worship Christ, the beloved Son in whom the  
Father was well pleased.

Forty years I endured that generation.  
I said, “They are a people whose hearts go astray  
and they do not know my ways.”  
So I swore in my anger,  
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

— Come let us worship Christ, the beloved Son in whom the  
Father was well pleased.

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.

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Father was well pleased.

## *Morning Prayer*

### HYMN

Christ Jesus, clothed in splendid light,  
redeems all nations by his love;  
let all the faithful ev'rywhere  
extol him with a hymn of praise.

While thirty years have run their course,  
in human flesh he lives our life  
and, though he lacks all stain of sin,  
for us he asks to be baptized.

Then blessed John recoils in fear,

to plunge him in the flowing tide,  
beholding him, who by his blood  
can cleanse the world of ev'ry sin.

And so the Father's voice on high  
resounds in witness to his Son;  
the Spirit's mighty pow'r pours forth,  
true source of ev'ry holy gift.

To you, O Christ, we lift our voice:  
Protect us all, we humbly pray,  
and fill our minds and hearts with light,  
that cleansed, we all may live for you.

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.

*Metrical hymn, melody: Eisenach, 8 8 8 8; Johann Hermann Schein, 1586–1630*

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*Sit or stand*

## PSALMODY

### *Antiphon 1*

The soldier baptizes his king, the servant his Lord, John his Savior;  
the waters of the Jordan tremble, a dove hovers as a sign of witness,  
and the voice of the Father is heard: This is my Son.

*Psalm 63:2-9*

*A soul thirsting for God*

*Whoever has left the darkness of sin yearns for God.*

O Gód, you are my Gód, for you I lóng; \*  
for yóu my sóul is thírsting.

My bódy pínes for yóu \*  
like a drý, weary lánd without wáter.  
So I gáze on yóu in the sánctuary \*  
to sée your stréngth and your glóry.

For your lóve is bétter than lífe, \*  
my líps will spéak your práise.  
So I will bléss you áll my lífe, \*  
in your náme I will líft up my hánds.  
My sóul shall be filled as with a bánquet, \*  
my móuth shall práise you with jóy.

On my béd I remémber yóu. \*  
On yóu I múse through the níght  
for yóu have béen my hélp; \*  
in the sháadow of your wíngs I rejóice.  
My sóul clíngs to yóu; \*  
your ríght hand hólds me fást.

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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the waters of the Jordan tremble, a dove hovers as a sign of witness,  
and the voice of the Father is heard: This is my Son.

*Antiphon 2*

Springs of water were made holy as Christ revealed his glory to the  
world. Draw water from the fountain of the Savior, for Christ our  
God has hallowed all creation.

*Canticle – Daniel 3:57-88, 56*

*Let all creatures praise the Lord*

*All you servants of the Lord, sing praise to him (Revelation 19:5).*

Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord.\*  
Praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord.\*  
You heavens, bless the Lord.  
All you waters above the heavens, bless the Lord.\*  
All you hosts of the Lord, bless the Lord.  
Sun and moon, bless the Lord.\*  
Stars of heaven, bless the Lord.  
Every shower and dew, bless the Lord.\*  
All you winds, bless the Lord.  
Fire and heat, bless the Lord.\*  
Cold and chill, bless the Lord.  
Dew and rain, bless the Lord.\*  
Frost and chill, bless the Lord.  
Ice and snow, bless the Lord.\*  
Nights and days, bless the Lord.  
Light and darkness, bless the Lord.\*  
Lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.  
Let the earth bless the Lord.\*  
Praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Mountains and hills, bless the Lord.\*  
Everything growing from the earth, bless the Lord.  
You springs, bless the Lord.\*  
Seas and rivers, bless the Lord.  
You dolphins and all water creatures, bless the Lord.\*  
All you birds of the air, bless the Lord.  
All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord.\*  
You sons of men, bless the Lord.  
O Israel, bless the Lord.\*  
Praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Priests of the Lord, bless the Lord.\*  
Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.

Spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord.\*  
Holy men of humble heart, bless the Lord.  
Hananiah, Azariah, Mishael, bless the Lord.\*  
Praise and exalt him above all forever.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.\*  
Let us praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Blessed are you, Lord, in the firmament of heaven.\*  
Praiseworthy and glorious and exalted above all forever.

*Antiphon*

Springs of water were made holy as Christ revealed his glory to the world. Draw water from the fountain of the Savior, for Christ our God has hallowed all creation.

*Antiphon 3*

You burned away man's guilt by fire and the Holy Spirit. We give praise to you, our God and Redeemer.

*Psalm 149*

*The joy of God's holy people.*

*Let the sons of the Church, the children of the new people, rejoice in Christ, their King (Hesychius).*

Sing a new song to the Lord,\*  
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.  
Let Israel rejoice in its maker,\*  
let Zion's sons exult in their king.  
Let them praise his name with dancing\*  
and make music with timbrel and harp.  
For the Lord takes delight in his people.\*  
He crowns the poor with salvation.  
Let the faithful rejoice in their glory,\*  
shout for joy and take their rest.  
Let the praise of God be on their lips\*  
and a two-edged sword in their hand,  
to deal out vengeance to the nations\*  
and punishment on all the peoples;  
to bind their kings in chains\*

and their nobles in fetters of iron;  
to carry out the sentence pre-ordained; \*  
this honor is for all his faithful.

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 burned away man's guilt by fire and the Holy Spirit. We give  
praise to you, our God and Redeemer.

*Sit*

READING

*Isaiah 61:1-2a*

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly,  
to heal the broken hearted,  
To proclaim liberty to the captives  
and release to the prisoners,  
To announce a year of favor from the Lord.

RESPONSORY

Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us.

— Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us.

Today you revealed yourself to us.

— Have mercy on us.

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

— Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us.

*Stand*

GOSPEL CANTICLE

*Antiphon*

Christ is baptized, the world is made holy; he has taken away our



sins. We shall be purified by water and the Holy Spirit.

*Luke 1:68-79*

*The Messiah and his forerunner*

*Make sign of cross*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old †  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
to give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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 is baptized, the world is made holy; he has taken away our  
sins. We shall be purified by water and the Holy Spirit.

## INTERCESSIONS

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

— Lord, have mercy.

Christ, you made your light shine on us by revealing yourself, grant us the spirit of humble service to all people.

— Lord, have mercy.

Christ, you humbled yourself and received baptism from your servant to show us the way of humility, grant us the spirit of humble service to our fellow men.

— Lord, have mercy.

Christ, through your baptism you cleansed us of every blemish and made us children of your Father, bestow your spirit of adoption on all who seek you.

— Lord, have mercy.

Christ, through baptism you have consecrated creation and opened the door of repentance to all who prepare for baptism, make us servants of your Gospel in the world.

— Lord, have mercy.

Christ, through your baptism you revealed to us the Holy Trinity when the Father called you his beloved Son and the Holy Spirit came down upon you, renew the spirit of adoption among the royal priesthood of the baptized.

— Lord, have mercy.

### *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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