

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
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DAYTIME PRAYER

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December 25, 2024  
{ Solemnity – Christmas }



*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 mighty Ruler, God of truth,  
for days and seasons setting bounds,  
you clothe with splendor morning light  
and midday skies with brilliant heat.

Extinguish flames of bitter strife,  
all harmful passion take away,  
grant health unto our mortal frame,  
and on our hearts bestow true peace.

Most loving Father, hear our prayer,  
and you, O Christ coequal Son,  
who with the Spirit Paraclete  
now reign for all eternity. Amen.

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*Sit or stand*

PSALMODY

*Antiphon*

Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

*Psalm 19B*

*Praise of God who gave us the law of love*

*You must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect (Matthew 5:48).*

The law of the Lórd is péréct,\*  
it revíves the sóul.

The rúle of the Lórd is to be trústed,\*  
it gives wísdóm to the símpel.

The précept of the Lórd are ríght,\*  
they gládden the héart.

The commánd of the Lórd is cléar,\*  
it gives líght to the éyes.

The féar of the Lórd is hóly,\*  
abíding for éver.

The decreés of the Lórd are trúth\*  
and áll of them júst.

They are móre to be desíred than góld,\*  
than the púrest of góld,  
and swéeter are théy than hóney,\*  
than hóney from the cómb.

So in thém your sérvant finds instrúction;\*  
great rewárd is in their kéeping.

But whó can detéct all his érrors? \*  
From hídden faults acquít me.

From présúption restráin your sérvant\*  
and lét it not rúle me.

Thén shall Í be blámeless,\*  
cléan from grave sín.

May the spóken wórds of my móuth,\*  
the thóughts of my héart,

win fávor in your sight, O Lórd, \*  
my réscuer, my róck!

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.

*Psalm 47*

*The Lord Jesus is King of all*

*He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and his kingdom will have no end.*

All péoples, cláp your hánds, \*  
cry to Gód with shóuts of jóy!  
For the Lórd, the Most High, we must féar, \*  
great kóng over áll the éarth.

He subdúes péoples únder us \*  
and nátions únder our féet.  
Our inhéritance, our glóry, is from hím, \*  
gíven to Jácob out of lóve.

God goes úp with shóuts of jóy; \*  
the Lord goes úp with trúmpet blást.  
Sing práise for Gód, sing práise, \*  
sing práise to our kóng, sing práise.

God is kóng of áll the éarth. \*  
Sing práise with áll your skíll.  
God is kóng óver the nátions; \*  
God réigns on his hólý thróne.

The prínces of the péoples are assémbled \*  
with the péople of Ábraham's Gód.  
The rúlers of the éarth belong to Gód, \*  
to Gód who réigns over áll.

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.

*Psalm 48*

*Thanksgiving for the people's deliverance*

*He took me up a high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, God's holy city (Revelation 21:10).*

The Lord is gréat and wórthy to be práised \*  
in the cíty of our Gód.

His holy móuntain ríses in béauty, \*  
the jóy of all the éarth.

Mount Zíon, true póle of the éarth, \*  
the Gréat King's cíty!

Gód, in the mídst of its cítadels, \*  
has shówn himself its strónghold.

For the kíngs assémbled togéther, \*  
togéther they advánced.

They sáw; at ónce they were astóunded; \*  
dismáyed, they fled in féar.

A trémbling séized them thére, \*  
like the pángs of bírth.

By the éast wind yóu have destróyed \*  
the shíps of Társhish.

As we have héard, só we have séen \*  
in the cíty of our Gód,  
in the cíty of the Lórd of hósts \*  
which Gód upholds for éver.

O Gód, we pónder your lóve \*  
withín your témples.

Your práise, O Gód, like your náme \*  
reaches the énds of the éarth.

With jústice your ríght hand is filled. \*  
Mount Zíon rejóices;  
the péople of Júdah rejóice \*  
at the síght of your júdgments.

Walk through Zíon, wálk all róund it; \*  
count the númer of its tówers.

Review all its ramparts, \*  
examine its castles,  
that you may tell the next generation \*  
that such is our God,  
our God for ever and always. \*  
It is he who leads us.

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*

Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

*Sit*

READING

*1 John 4:9*

God's love was revealed in our midst in this way: he sent his only  
Son to the world that we might have life through him.

*Verse*

All the ends of the earth, alleluia.

— Have seen the saving power of God, alleluia.

*Stand*

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord God,  
we praise you for creating man,  
and still more for restoring him in Christ.  
Your Son shared our weakness:  
may we share his glory,  
for he 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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