

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
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DAYTIME PRAYER

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August 24, 2024

{ Feast – Bartholomew, Apostle }



*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

Most ancient of all mysteries,  
Before your throne we lie;  
Have mercy now, most merciful,  
Most holy Trinity.

When heaven and earth were still unmade,  
When time was yet unknown,  
You in your radiant majesty  
Did live and love alone.

You were not born, there was no source  
From which your Being flowed;  
There is no end which you can reach,  
For you are simply God.

How wonderful creation is,  
The work which you did bless;  
What then must you be like, dear God,  
Eternal loveliness!

Most ancient of all mysteries,  
Before your throne we lie,  
Have mercy now and evermore,  
Most holy Trinity.

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*Sit or stand*

PSALMODY

*Antiphon 1*

I have chosen to do your will; may your hand be always there to strengthen me.

*Psalm 119:169-176*

*XXII (Tau)*

Lórd, let my cry come before you: \*  
téach me by your wórd.

Let my pléading come before you; \*  
sáve me by your prómise.

Let my líps procláim your práise \*  
because you téach me your commánds.  
Let my tóngue síng your prómise \*  
for your commánds are júst.

Let your hánd be réady to hélp me, \*  
since I have chósén your précepts.  
Lord, I lóng for your sáving hélp \*  
and your lów is my delíght.

Give life to my sóul that I may práise you. \*  
Let your decreés give me hélp.  
I am lóst like a shéep; seek your sérvant \*  
for I reméber your commánds.

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*

I have chosen to do your will; may your hand be always there to strengthen me.

*Antiphon 2*

Your throne stands firm, O God, for ever.

*Psalm 45*

*The marriage of the king*

*The Bridegroom is here; go out and welcome him (Matthew 25:6).*

*I*

My héart overflóws with nóble wórds. †  
To the kíng I must spéak the sóng I have máde; \*  
my tóngue as nímble as the pén of a scríbe.

Yóu are the fáirest of the children of mén †  
and gráciousness is póured upón your líps: \*  
because Gód has bléssed you for évermóre.

O míghty one, gírd your swórd upon your thíg; †  
in spléndor and státe, ríde on in tríumph \*  
for the cáuse of trúth and góodness and ríght.

Take áim with your bów in your dréad ríght hánd. †  
Your árrows are shárp: péoples fall beneath you. \*  
The fóes of the kíng fall dówn and lose héart.

Your thróne, O Gód, shall endúre for éver. †  
A scépter of jústice is the scépter of your kíngdom. \*  
Your lóve is for jústice; your hátréd for évil.

Therefore Gód, your Gód, has anóinted yóu †  
with the óil of gládness abóve other kíngs: \*  
your róbes are frágrant with áloes and mýrrh.

From the ívory pálace you are gréeted with músic. †  
The dáughters of kíngs are amóng your lóved ones. \*  
On your ríght stands the quéén in góld of Óphir.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spírít:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
and will be for ever. Amen.

*Antiphon*

Your throne stands firm, O God, for ever.

*Antiphon 3*

I saw the new Jerusalem, beautiful as a bride adorned to meet her husband.

*II*

Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: \*  
forget your own people and your father's house.  
So will the king desire your beauty: \*  
he is your lord, pay homage to him.

And the people of Tyre shall come with gifts, \*  
the richest of the people shall seek your favor.  
The daughter of the king is clothed with splendor, \*  
her robes embroidered with pearls set in gold.

She is led to the king with her maiden companions. †  
They are escorted amid gladness and joy; \*  
they pass within the palace of the king.

Sons shall be yours in place of your fathers: \*  
you will make them princes over all the earth.  
May this song make your name for ever remembered. \*  
May the peoples praise you from age to age.

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*

I saw the new Jerusalem, beautiful as a bride adorned to meet her husband.

*Sit*

READING

*Acts 5:12a, 14*

Through the hands of the apostles, many signs and wonders occurred among the people. Nevertheless more and more believers, men and women in great numbers, were continually added to the Lord.

*Verse*

The apostles held fast to Christ's message.

— They kept the precepts he gave them.

*Stand*

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord,  
sustain within us the faith  
which made Saint Bartholomew ever loyal to Christ.  
Let your Church be the sign of salvation  
for all the nations of the world.

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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