

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
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EVENING PRAYER I

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August 24, 2024

{ Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time }



*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

Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom his world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms  
Has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

O may this gracious God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts,  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
Preserve us in his grace,  
And guide us in distress,  
And free us from all sin,  
Till heaven we possess.

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son and Spirit blest,  
Who reigns in highest heaven;  
Eternal, Triune God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be ever more.

*Melody: Nun Danket 67.67.66.66; Music: Johann Cruger, 1598-1662; Text: Martin Rinkart, 1586-1649; Translator: Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878*

*Sit or stand*

PSALMODY

*Antiphon 1*

Like burning incense, Lord, let my prayer rise up to you.

*Psalm 141:1-9*

*A prayer when in danger*

*An angel stood before the face of God, thurible in hand. The fragrant incense soaring aloft was the prayer of God's people on earth (Revelation 8:4).*

I have called to you, Lórd; hásten to hélp me! \*

Héar my vóice when I crý to yóu.

Let my práyer aríse befóre you like íncense, \*  
the ráising of my hánds like an évening oblátion.

Sét, O Lórd, a guard óver my móuth; \*  
keep wáitch, O Lórd, at the dóor of my líps!

Do not túrn my héart to thínigs that are wróng, †  
to évil déeds with mén who are sínners. \*

Néver allów me to sháre in their féasting.

If a góod man stríkes or repróves me it is kíndness; †  
but let the óil of the wícked not anóint my héad. \*

Let my práyer be éver agáinst their málice.

Their prínces were thrown dówn by the síde of the rók: \*  
thén they understóod that my wórds were kínd.

As a míllstone is shátted to píeces on the gróund, \*  
so their bónes were stréwn at the móuth of the gráve.

To yóu, Lord Gód, my éyes are túrned: \*  
in yóu I take réfuge; spáre my sóul!

From the tráp they have láid for me kéepp me sáfe: \*  
kéepp me from the snáres of thóse who do évil.

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*

Like burning incense, Lord, let my prayer rise up to you.

*Antiphon 2*

You are my refuge, Lord; you are all that I desire in life.

*Psalm 142*

*You, Lord, are my refuge*

*What is written in this psalm was fulfilled in our Lord's passion (Saint Hilary).*

With all my voice I cry to the Lord, †  
with all my voice I entreat the Lord. \*

I pour out my trouble before him;  
I tell him all my distress †  
while my spirit faints within me. \*  
But you, O Lord, know my path.

On the way where I shall walk \*  
they have hidden a snare to entrap me.  
Look on my right and see: \*  
there is not one who takes my part.  
I have no means of escape, \*  
not one who cares for my soul.

I cry to you, O Lord. †  
I have said: "You are my refuge, \*  
all I have in the land of the living."  
Listen then to my cry \*  
for I am in the depths of distress.

Rescue me from those who pursue me \*  
for they are stronger than I.  
Bring my soul out of this prison \*  
and then I shall praise your name.  
Around me the just will assemble \*  
because of your goodness to 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.

*Antiphon*

You are my refuge, Lord; you are all that I desire in life.

*Antiphon 3*

The Lord Jesus humbled himself, and God exalted him for ever.

*Canticle – Philippians 2:6-11*

*Christ, God's holy servant*

Though he was in the form of God, †  
Jesus did not deem equality with God \*  
something to be grasped at.

Rather, he emptied himself †  
and took the form of a slave, \*  
being born in the likeness of men.

He was known to be of human estate, \*  
and it was thus that he humbled himself,  
obediently accepting even death, \*  
death on a cross!

Because of this, \*  
God highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name \*  
above every other name,

So that at Jesus' name \*  
every knee must bend  
in the heavens, on the earth, \*  
and under the earth,  
and every tongue proclaim †  
to the glory of God the Father: \*  
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

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 Lord Jesus humbled himself, and God exalted him for ever.

*Sit*

READING

*Romans 11:33-36*

How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How inscrutable his judgments, how unsearchable his ways! For “who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor? Who has given him anything so as to deserve return?” For from him and through him and for him all things are. To him be glory forever. Amen.

RESPONSORY

Our hearts are filled with wonder as we contemplate your works, O Lord.

— Our hearts are filled with wonder as we contemplate your works, O Lord.

We praise the wisdom which wrought them all,

— as we contemplate your works, O Lord.

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

— Our hearts are filled with wonder as we contemplate your works, O Lord.

*Stand*

GOSPEL CANTICLE

*Antiphon*

You are Christ, the Son of the living God. Blessed are you, Simon, son of John.

*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*

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### INTERCESSIONS

We give glory to the one God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and  
in our weakness we pray:

— Lord, be with your people.

Holy Lord, Father all-powerful, let justice spring up on the earth,  
then your people will dwell in the beauty of peace.

— Lord, be with your people.

Let every nation come into your kingdom,  
so that all peoples will be saved.

— Lord, be with your people.

Let married couples live in your peace,  
and grow in mutual love.

— Lord, be with your people.

Reward all who have done good to us, Lord,  
and grant them eternal life.

— Lord, be with your people.

Look with compassion on victims of hatred and war,  
grant them heavenly peace.

— Lord, be with your people.

### *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*

Father,  
help us to seek the values  
that will bring us lasting joy in this changing world.  
In our desire for what you promise  
make us one in mind and heart.

Grant 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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