

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER I

February 1, 2025

{ Feast – Presentation 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

Truths once predicted
by the noble prophets
singing in chorus,
prompted by the Spirit,
now are accomplished,
clearly seen in Mary,
God's holy Mother.

Worthy and holy,
she conceived as virgin
God of high heaven,
Lord of earth and Ruler;
virgin she bore him,
yet remained untainted,
virgin for ever.

Simeon, righteous,
elderly and faithful,
took up the infant,
blessing God with gladness,
for in the Temple
he beheld in wonder
Christ, long-awaited.

Mary, O Mother
of the King eternal,
show us your favor,
hear our supplications,
graciously pouring

gifts of light upon us
from your Son's goodness.

Christ, light and glory
of the heav'nly Father,
op'ning the riches
of the Father's wisdom,
grant us to praise you
in the halls of heaven,
light everlasting. Amen.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

The parents of Jesus brought him to Jerusalem to present him to the
Lord.

Psalm 113

Praise the name of the Lord

He has cast down the mighty and has lifted up the lowly (Luke 1:52).

Práise, O sérvants of the Lórd,*
práise the náme of the Lórd!
May the náme of the Lórd be bléssed *
both nów and for évermóre!
From the rising of the sún to its sétting*
práised be the náme of the Lórd!

High above all nátions is the Lórd,*
abóve the héavens his glóry.
Whó is like the Lórd, our Gód,*
who has rísen on hígh to his thróne
yet stóops from the héights to look dówn,*
to look dówn upon héaven and éarth?

From the dúst he lífts up the lówly,*
from his míserý he ráises the póor
to sét him in the cómpany of prínces,*
yés, with the prínces of his péople.
To the chíldless wífe he gives a hóme*
and gláddens her héart with chíldren.

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 parents of Jesus brought him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

Antiphon 2

Zion, prepare your wedding chamber to receive Christ the King.

Psalm 147:12-20

The restoration of Jerusalem

Come, I will show you the bride of the Lamb (Revelation 21:9).

O práise the Lórd, Jerúsalem!*
Zíon, práise your Gód!

He has stréngthened the bárs of your gátes,*
he has bléssed the chíldren wíthín you.
He estáblished péace on your bórders,*
he féeds you with fínest whéat.

He sénds out his wórd to the éarth*
and swíftly rúns his commánd.
He shówers down snów white as wóol,*

he scatters hóar-frost like áshes.

He húrls down háilstones like crúmb. *
The wáters are frózen at his tóuch;
he séndz forth his wórd and it méltz them: *
at the bréath of his móuth the waters flów.

He mákes his wórd known to Jácob, *
to Ísrael his láws and decrées.
He has not déalt thus with óther nátions; *
he has not táught them híz decrées.

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

Zion, prepare your wedding chamber to receive Christ the King.

Antiphon 3

Blessed are you, good Simeon; you held in your arms Christ the
Lord, the Savior of his people.

Canticle – Philipians 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

Blessed are you, good Simeon; you held in your arms Christ the Lord, the Savior of his people.

Sit

READING

Hebrews 10:5-7

On coming into the world, Jesus said:
“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you have prepared for me;
Holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight in.
Then I said, ‘As is written of me in the book,
I have come to do your will, O God.’”

RESPONSORY

The Lord has made known his saving power.

— The Lord has made known his saving power.

Which he has prepared in the sight of every people.

— His saving power.

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

— The Lord has made known his saving power.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

The old man carried the child, but the child was the old man's Lord.
The Virgin gave birth to the child yet remained a virgin for ever. She
knelt in worship before her child.

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

The old man carried the child, but the child was the old man's Lord. The Virgin gave birth to the child yet remained a virgin for ever. She knelt in worship before her child.

INTERCESSIONS

Today our Savior was presented in the temple. Let us adore him as we say:

— Lord, may our eyes see your saving power.

Christ Jesus, you are the light that enlightens all nations, shine upon those who do not know you, that they may come to believe in you, the one true God.

— Lord, may our eyes see your saving power.

You are the redeemer and the glory of your people Israel, may your Church proclaim your salvation to the ends of the earth.

— Lord, may our eyes see your saving power.

Jesus, desire of the nations, Simeon, the just man, rejoiced at your coming, lead all men to recognize that you still come to them.

— Lord, may our eyes see your saving power.

Lord, when you were presented in the temple, Simeon foretold that a sword of sorrow would pierce your mother's heart, strengthen us to accept the sufferings we endure for the sake of your name.

— Lord, may our eyes see your saving power.

Christ Jesus, joy of all the saints, Simeon longed to see you before he died, and his prayer was answered, hear our plea for all the dead who still yearn to see you face to face.

— Lord, may our eyes see your saving power.

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

All-powerful Father,
Christ your Son became man for us
and was presented in the temple.
May he free our hearts from sin
and bring us into your presence.

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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