Liturgy of the Hours LITURGY OF THE HOURS

DAYTIME PRAYER

April 15, 2025 { Tuesday of Holy Week }



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.

HYMN

May Christ, as he ascends the Cross, consumed with thirst in noonday heat, grant those who sing the psalms this hour to grow in thirst for righteousness.

May hunger likewise fill their hearts, which he from his own self will sate, that they may lose all taste for sin and virtue be their sole desire.

Then may the Holy Spirit's gifts so fill the souls of those who pray, that passion in the flesh may cool and chill of mind and heart grow warm.

We ask the Father and the Son and beg the Spirit of them both: Sustain us with your loving care, who reign for ever Three in One. Amen.

Metrical hymn, melody: O WALY WALY, 8 8 8 8; English traditional melody

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PSALMODY

Antiphon

I know my own sheep, and my own know me, as the Father knows me and as I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.

Psalm 119:49-56

VII (Zain)

Remémber your word to your sérvant * by whích you gave me hôpe.
Thís is my cómfort in sórrow * that your prómise gives me lífe.

Though the próud may útterly deríde me * I kéep to your láw. I remémber your decrées of óld * and thése, Lord, consóle me.

I am séized with indignátion at the wícked * who forsáke your láw. Your commánd has becóme my sóng * in the lánd of éxile.

I thínk of your náme in the níght-time * and I kéep your láw.
Thís has béen my bléssing, * the kéeping of your précepts.

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 53

The foolishness of sinners

We all have sinned and are deprived of God's glory (Romans 3:23).

The fóol has sáid in his héart: *
"There is no Gód abóve."
Their déeds are corrúpt, depráved; *

not a góod man is léft.

Gód looks dówn from héaven * on the sóns of mén to sée if ány are wíse, * if ány seek Gód.

Áll have left the ríght páth,* depráved, every óne.
There is nót a góod man léft,* nó, not even óne.

Will the évil-doers nót understánd? * They éat up my péople as thoúgh they were éating bréad: * they néver pray to Gód.

Sée how they trémble with féar * without cáuse for féar: for Gód scatters the bónes of the wícked. * They are shámed; God rejécts them.

O that Ísrael's salvátion might cóme from Zíon! † When Gód delívers his péople from bóndage, * then Jácob will be glád and Ísrael rejóice.

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 54:1-6, 8-9

Plea for help

The prophet prays that God will deliver him from the malice of his enemies (Cassian).

O Gód, sáve me by your náme; * by your pówer, uphóld my cáuse. O Gód, héar my práyer; * listén to the wórds of my móuth.

For proud men have risen against me, † rúthless men séek my lífe. *

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They have no regard for Gód. But Í have Gód for my hélp. * The Lórd uphólds my lífe.

I will sácrifice to you with willing héart * and práise your náme for it is góod: for you have réscued me from áll my distréss * and my éyes have seen the dównfall of my fóes.

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Sit

READING

1 Corinthians 1:22-24

Yes, Jews demand "signs" and Greeks look for "wisdom," but we preach Christ crucified—a stumbling block to Jews, and an absurdity to Gentiles; but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Verse

Ours were the sufferings he bore.

— Ours the weight of guilt he endured.

Stand

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Father,

may we receive your forgiveness and mercy as we celebrate the passion and death of the Lord, 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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