

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

DAYTIME PRAYER

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December 27, 2025

{ Feast – John, Apostle and Evangelist }



*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.

*Metrical hymn, melody: A la venue de Noël, 8 8 8 8; Fleurs des Noël, Lyons, 1535*

*Plainsong, mode II, melody 46; Liber Hymnarius, Solesmes, 1983, Text: Rector potens,  
verax Deus, unknown author, very ancient; traditionally attributed to St. Ambrose,  
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*Sit or stand*

## PSALMODY

*Antiphon*

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

*Psalm 119:169-176*

*XXII (Tau)*

Lórd, let my crý come befóre you: \*

téach me by your wórd.

Let my pléading cóme befóre 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 láu 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 remémber 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.

*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 scribe.

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 benéath 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 hátred 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 Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
and will be for ever. Amen.

## II

Lísten, O dáughter, give éar to my wórd: \*  
forgét your own péople and your fáther's hóuse.  
Só will the kíng desíre your béauty: \*  
hé is your lórd, pay hómage to hím.

And the péople of Týre shall cóme with gífts, \*  
the ríchest of the péople shall séek your fávor.  
The dáughter of the kíng is clóthed with spléndor, \*  
her róbes embróidered with péarls set in góld.

She is léd to the kíng with her maíden compánions. †

Théy are escórted amid gládness and jóy; \*  
they páss withín the pálace of the kíng.

Sóns shall be yóurs in pláce of your fáthers: \*  
you will máke them prínces over áll the éarth.  
May this sóng make your náme for éver remémbered. \*  
May the péoples práise you from áge to áge.

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

*Acts 5:12a, 14*

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

*Verse*

I have held fast to Christ's message.

— I have kept the precepts he gave me.

*Stand*

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our Father,  
you have revealed the mysteries of your Word  
through John the apostle.  
By prayer and reflection  
may we come to understand the wisdom he taught.  
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.

*Acclamation*

Let us praise the Lord.

— And give him thanks.

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