

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER

December 17, 2024

{ Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent }



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

Receive, O Mary, Virgin pure,
within your chaste and blessed womb
the saving Word proclaimed for all,
proceeding from the Father's mouth.

The fruitful Spirit's shadow comes
and fills you now with heaven's light,
that you may carry Christ the Lord,
the Father's own coequal Son.

She is the sacred temple gate,
for ever sealed and barred to all;
yet for the heav'nly Prince alone
the blessed threshold opens wide.

Foretold by prophets long ago
and born before the morning star,
the one proclaimed by Gabriel
is Christ the Lord come down to earth.

Rejoice together, angel hosts!
Let all the peoples sing for joy.
The Most High comes, a humble child,
to save and ransom what was lost.

To you, O Christ, most loving King,
and to the Father, glory be,
one with the Spirit Paraclete,
from age to age for evermore. Amen.

Metrical hymn, melody: Winchester New, 8 8 8 8; adapted from a chorale in

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

The Lord will come from his holy place to save his people.

Psalm 125

The Lord, guardian of his people

Peace to God's true Israel (Galatians 6:16).

Those who put their trust in the Lord †
are like Mount Zion, that cannot be shaken, *
that stands for ever.

Jerusalem! The mountains surround her, †
so the Lord surrounds his people *
both now and for ever.

For the scepter of the wicked shall not rest *
over the land of the just
for fear that the hands of the just *
should turn to evil.

Do good, Lord, to those who are good, *
to the upright of heart;
but the crooked and those who do evil, †
drive them away! *
On Israel, peace!

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 will come from his holy place to save his people.

Antiphon 2

Zion is our mighty citadel, our saving Lord its wall and its defense;
throw open the gates, for our God is here among us, alleluia.

Psalm 131

Childlike trust in God

Learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart (Matthew 11:29).

O Lórd, my héart is not próud *
nor háughty my éyes.
I have not góne after things too gréat *
nor márvels beyónd me.

Trúly I have sét my sóul *
in sílence and péace.
As a chíld has rést in its mother's árms, *
even só is my sóul.

O Ísrael, hópe in the Lórd *
both nów and for éver.

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 is our mighty citadel, our saving Lord its wall and its defense;
throw open the gates, for our God is here among us, alleluia.

Antiphon 3

Lord, make known your will throughout the earth; proclaim your
salvation to every nation.

Redemption hymn

O Lord our God, you are worthy*
to receive glory and honor and power.

For you have created all things;*
by your will they came to be and were made.

Worthy are you, O Lord,*
to receive the scroll and break open its seals.

For you were slain;*
with your blood you purchased for God
men of every race and tongue,*
of every people and nation.

You made of them a kingdom, †
and priests to serve our God,*
and they shall reign on the earth.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain*
to receive power and riches,
wisdom and strength,*
honor and glory and praise.

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

Lord, make known your will throughout the earth; proclaim your
salvation to every nation.

Sit

READING

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May the God of peace make you perfect in holiness. May he
preserve you whole and entire, spirit, soul, and body, irreproachable
at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls us is

trustworthy, therefore he will do it.

RESPONSORY

Lord, show us your mercy and love.

— Lord, show us your mercy and love.

And grant us your salvation,

— your mercy and love.

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

— Lord, show us your mercy and love.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation.

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

Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation.

INTERCESSIONS

Jesus Christ is the joy and happiness of all who look forward to his coming. Let us call upon him and say:

— Come, Lord, and do not delay!

In joy, we wait for your coming,
come, Lord Jesus.

— Come, Lord, and do not delay!

Before time began, you shared life with the Father,
come now and save us.

— Come, Lord, and do not delay!

You created the world and all who live in it,
come to redeem the work of your hands.

— Come, Lord, and do not delay!

You did not hesitate to become man, subject to death,
come to free us from the power of death.

— Come, Lord, and do not delay!

You came to give us life to the full,
come and give us your unending life.

— Come, Lord, and do not delay!

You desire all people to live in love in your kingdom,
come and bring together those who long to see you face to face.

— Come, Lord, and do not delay!

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,
creator and redeemer of mankind,
you decreed, and your Word became man,
born of the Virgin Mary.
May we come to share the divinity of Christ,
who humbled himself to share our human nature,
for he 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.

Receive, O Mary, Virgin Pure

Verbum salutis



1. Re - ceive, O Mar - y, Vir - gin pure,
2. The fruit - ful Spir - it's shad - ow comes
3. She is the sa - cred tem - ple gate,
4. Fore - told by proph - ets long a - go



1. with - in your chaste and bles - sed womb
2. and fills you now with heav - en's light,
3. for ev - er sealed and barred to all;
4. and born be - fore the morn - ing star,



1. the sav - ing Word pro - claimed for all,
2. that you may car - ry Christ the Lord,
3. yet for the heav'n - ly Prince a - lone
4. the one pro - claimed by Ga - bri - el



1. pro - ceed - ing from the Fa - ther's mouth.
2. the Fa - ther's own co - e - qual Son.
3. the bles - sed thresh - old o - pens wide.
4. is Christ the Lord come down to earth.

5. Re - jice to - geth - er, an - gel hosts!
6. To you, O Christ, most lov - ing King,

5. Let all the peo - ples sing for joy.
6. and to the Fa - ther, glo - ry be,

5. The Most High comes, a hum - ble child,
6. one with the Spir - it Par - a - clete,

5. to save and ran - som what was lost.
6. from age to age for ev - er - more.

6. A - men.

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