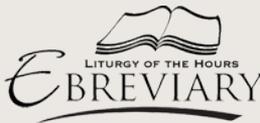


Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MORNING PRAYER

December 15, 2025

{ Monday of the Third Week of Advent }



Invitatory

Stand and make sign of cross on lips with thumb

Lord, open my lips.

— And my mouth will proclaim your praise.

Psalm 95

A call to praise God

Encourage each other daily while it is still today (Hebrews 3:13).

Come, let us worship the Lord, the King who is to come.

— Come, let us worship the Lord, the King who is to come.

Come, let us sing to the Lord

and shout with joy to the Rock who saves us.

Let us approach him with praise and thanksgiving

and sing joyful songs to the Lord.

— Come, let us worship the Lord, the King who is to come.

The Lord is God, the mighty God,

the great king over all the gods.

He holds in his hands the depths of the earth

and the highest mountains as well.

He made the sea; it belongs to him,

the dry land, too, for it was formed by his hands.

— Come, let us worship the Lord, the King who is to come.

Come, then, let us bow down and worship,

bending the knee before the Lord, our maker.

For he is our God and we are his people,

the flock he shepherds.

— Come, let us worship the Lord, the King who is to come.

Today, listen to the voice of the Lord:

Do not grow stubborn, as your fathers did

in the wilderness,

when at Meriba and Massah

they challenged me and provoked me,

Although they had seen all of my works.

— Come, let us worship the Lord, the King who is to come.

Forty years I endured that generation.

I said, “They are a people whose hearts go astray
and they do not know my ways.”

So I swore in my anger,

“They shall not enter into my rest.”

— Come, let us worship the Lord, the King who is to come.

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.

— Come, let us worship the Lord, the King who is to come.

Morning Prayer

HYMN

Behold a voice resounding, clear,
rebuking hidden fears and deeds:
Let dreams be driven far away,
for Christ shines forth from heaven’s height.

Now let the weary soul arise,
infirm and wounded by her sin;
a new star now sends forth its light
to rid the world of ev’ry harm.

The Lamb is sent from realms on high
to free us from our mortal debt.

Let ev’ry voice give thankful praise
and weep for tender mercy shown,

That when he comes like lightning flash
and terror grips the world in dread,
he need not punish us for guilt
but with compassion shield us then.

Praise to the Father, God most high,

all vict'ry to his only Son,
due honor to the Spirit blest,
through endless ages evermore. Amen.

*Metrical hymn, melody: Winchester New, 8 8 8 8; adapted from a chorale in
Musicalisches Hand-Buch, Hamburg, 1690*

Plainsong, mode D, melody 127; Liber Hymnarius, Solesmes, 1983, Text: Vox clara
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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Psalms 84

Longing for God's Temple

*Here we do not have a lasting city; we seek a home that is yet to come (Hebrews
13:14).*

How lóvely is your dwelling place,*
Lórd, Gód of hósts.

My sóul is lónging and yéarning,*
is yéarning for the cóurts of the Lórd.
My héart and my sóul ring out their jóy*
to Gód, the líving Gód.

The spárrrow hersélf finds a hóme*
and the swállow a nést for her bróod;
she láys her yóung by your áltars,*
Lord of hósts, my kíng and my Gód.

They are háppy, who dwéll in your hóuse,*
for éver sínging your práise.

They are háppy, whose stréngth is in yóu, *
in whose héarts are the róads to Zíon.

As they gó through the Bítter Váley †
they máke it a pláce of springs, *
the áutumn rain cóvers it with bléssings.
They wálk with éver growing stréngth, *
they will sée the God of góds in Zíon.

O Lórd God of hósts, hear my práyer, *
give éar, O Gód of Jácob.
Turn your éyes, O Gód, our shíeld, *
lóok on the fáce of your anóinted.

Óne day withín your cóurts *
is bétter than a thóusand elsewhére.
The thréshold of the hóuse of Gód *
I préfér to the dwéllings of the wícked.

For the Lord Gód is a rámpart, a shíeld; *
he will gíve us his fávor and glóry.
The Lórd will not refúse any góod *
to thóse who wálk without bláme.

Lórd, Gód of hósts, *
háppy the mán who trusts in yóu!

Glory to the Fátter, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spírit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for éver. Amen.

Antiphon

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Antiphon 2

Come, let us climb the mountain of the Lord.

Canticle – Isaiah 2:2-5

The mountain of the Lord's dwelling towers above every mountain

All peoples shall come and worship in your presence (Revelation 15:4).

In days to come,^{*}
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest mountain^{*}
and raised above the hills.

All nations shall stream toward it;^{*}
many peoples shall come and say:
“Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain,^{*}
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may instruct us in his ways,^{*}
and we may walk in his paths.”

For from Zion shall go forth instruction,^{*}
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,^{*}
and impose terms on many peoples.
They shall beat their swords into plowshares^{*}
and their spears into pruning hooks;
one nation shall not raise the sword against another,^{*}
nor shall they train for war again.

O house of Jacob, come,^{*}
let us walk in the light of the 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

Come, let us climb the mountain of the Lord.

Antiphon 3

Sing to the Lord and bless his name.

Psalm 96

The Lord, king and judge of the world

A new theme now inspires their praise of God; they belong to the Lamb (see Revelation 14:3).

O síng a new sóng to the Lórd, †
síng to the Lórd, all the éarth. *

O síng to the Lórd, bless his náme.

Procláim his hélp day by dáy, †
téll among the nátions his glóry *
and his wónders amóng all the péoples.

The Lord is gréat and wórtthy of práise, †
to be féared abóve all góds; *
the góds of the héathens are náught.

It was the Lórd who máde the héavens, †
his are májesty and státe and pówer *
and spléndor in his hólý pláce.

Give the Lórd, you fámilies of péoples, †
give the Lórd glóry and pówer, *
give the Lórd the glóry of his náme.

Bring an óffering and énter his cóurts, †
wórsnip the Lórd in his témples. *
O éarth, trémble befóre him.

Procláim to the nátions: “God is kíng.” †
The wórd he made fírm in its pláce; *
he will júdge the péoples in fáirness.

Let the héavens rejóice and earth be glád, *
let the séa and all withín it thunder práise,
let the lánd and all it béars rejóice, *
all the trées of the wóod shout for jóy

at the présence of the Lórd for he cómes, *
he cómes to rúle the éarth.

With jústice he will rúle the wórd, *
he will júdge the péoples with his trúth.

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

Sing to the Lord and bless his name.

Sit

READING

Isaiah 2:3b

Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
That he may instruct us in his ways,
and we may walk in his paths.
For from Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

RESPONSORY

Your light will come, Jerusalem; the Lord will dawn on you in
radiant beauty.

— Your light will come, Jerusalem; the Lord will dawn on you
in radiant beauty.

You will see his glory within you;

— the Lord will dawn on you in radiant beauty.

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

— Your light will come, Jerusalem; the Lord will dawn on you
in radiant beauty.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

From heaven he comes, the Lord and Ruler; in his hand are honor
and royal authority.

Luke 1:68-79

The Messiah and his forerunner

Make sign of cross

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old †
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of 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

From heaven he comes, the Lord and Ruler; in his hand are honor
and royal authority.

INTERCESSIONS

Christ the Lord, Son of the living God, light from light, leads us

into the light and reveals his holiness. With confidence let us make our prayer:

— Come, Lord Jesus.

Light that never fades, dispel the mists about us,
awaken our faith from sleep.

— Come, Lord Jesus.

Guard us from all harm today,
may your glory fill us with joy.

— Come, Lord Jesus.

Give us unfailing gentleness at all times,
toward everyone we meet.

— Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to create a new earth for us,
where there will be justice and peace.

— Come, Lord Jesus.

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

Lord,
hear our voices raised in prayer.
Let the light of the coming of your Son
free us from the darkness of sin.

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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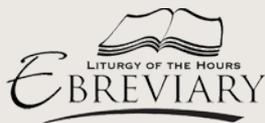
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