

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
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MORNING PRAYER

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{ Memorial – John Neumann, Bishop }



# *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).*

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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.

— Christ has appeared to us; come, let us adore him.

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.

— Christ has appeared to us; come, let us adore him.

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.

— Christ has appeared to us; come, let us adore him.

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.

— Christ has appeared to us; come, let us adore him.

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.”

— Christ has appeared to us; come, let us adore him.

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.

— Christ has appeared to us; come, let us adore him.

## *Morning Prayer*

### HYMN

All you who long to see the Christ,  
lift up your eyes to heaven’s height,  
for there you will behold the sign  
of his eternal majesty.

This star in light and beauty bright  
outshines the circle of the sun.

It brings glad tidings to the earth,  
that God in mortal flesh has come.

Lo, Persian Magi from the East,  
the gateway of the rising sun,  
discern with wise and learned skill  
the royal standard of the King.

“This great one, who is he?,” they ask.

“The sov’rign ruler of the stars;  
celestial hosts before him quake,  
the light and skies obey his will.

“Some noble wonder we behold

that knows no limit, end, or death,  
sublime, exalted, boundless One,  
more ancient than the heights and depths.

“The King of nations, this is he,  
and sov’rign King of Israel,  
pledged to their father Abraham  
and his descendants evermore.”

To you, Lord Jesus, glory be,  
revealed to nations on this day,  
with God the Father, ever blest,  
and loving Spirit, ever one. Amen.

*Metrical hymn, melody: Eisenach, 8 8 8 8; Johann Hermann Schein, 1586–1630*

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Christum quæritis, Prudentius, ca. 348–405*

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*Sit or stand*

## PSALMODY

### *Antiphon 1*

When will I come to the end of my pilgrimage and enter the  
presence of God?

*Psalm 42*

*Longing for the Lord's presence in his Temple*

*Let all who thirst come; let all who desire it, drink from the life-giving water  
(Revelation 22:17).*

Like the déer that yéarns \*  
for rúnning stréams,  
só my sóul is yéarning \*  
for yóu, my Gód.

My sóul is thírsting for Gód,\*  
the Gód of my lífe;  
whén can I énter and sée \*  
the fáce of Gód?

My téars have becóme my bréad,\*  
by níght, by dáy,  
as I héar it sáid all the day lóng: \*  
“Whére is your Gód?”

Thése things will Í remémber \*  
as I póur out my sóul:  
how I would léad the rejóicing crówd \*  
into the hóuse of Gód,  
amid críes of gládness and thanksgíving,\*  
the thróng wild with jóy.

Whý are you cast dówn, my sóul,\*  
why gróan withín me?  
Hope in Gód; I will práise him stíll,\*  
my sáviór and my Gód.

My sóul is cast dówn withín me \*  
as I thínk of yóu,  
from the cóuntry of Jórdan and Mount Hérmon,\*  
from the Híll of Mízar.

Déep is cálling on déep,\*  
in the róar of wátters:  
your tórrents and áll your wáves \*  
swept óver mé.

By dáy the Lórd will sénd \*  
his lóving kíndness;  
by níght I will síng to hím,\*  
práise the Gód of my lífe.

I will sáy to Gód, my róck: \*  
“Whý have you forgóttén me?  
Whý do Í go móurning \*  
opprésed by the fóe?”

With cries that pierce me to the heart, \*  
my enemies revile me,  
saying to me all the day long: \*  
“Where is your God?”

Why are you cast down, my soul, \*  
why groan within me?  
Hope in God; I will praise him still, \*  
my savior and my God.

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*

When will I come to the end of my pilgrimage and enter the  
presence of God?

*Antiphon 2*

Lord, show us the radiance of your mercy.

*Canticle – Sirach 36:1-5, 10-13*

*Prayer of entreaty for the holy city, Jerusalem*

*This is eternal life: to know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have  
sent (John 17:3).*

Come to our aid, O God of the universe, \*  
and put all the nations in dread of you!  
Raise your hand against the heathen, \*  
that they may realize your power.

As you have used us to show them your holiness, \*  
so now use them to show us your glory.  
Thus they will know, as we know, \*  
that there is no God but you.

Give new signs and work new wonders; \*  
show forth the splendor of your right hand and arm.

Gather all the tribes of Jacob, \*  
that they may inherit the land as of old.

Show mercy to the people called by your name; \*  
Israel, whom you named your first-born.

Take pity on your holy city, \*  
Jerusalem, your dwelling place.  
Fill Zion with your majesty, \*  
your temple with your glory.

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, show us the radiance of your mercy.

*Antiphon 3*

The vaults of heaven ring with your praise, O Lord.

*Psalm 19A*

*Praise of the Lord, Creator of all*

*The dawn from on high shall break on us . . . to guide our feet into the way of peace  
(Luke 1:78,79).*

The héavens procláim the glóry of Gód \*  
and the firmament shows fóρθ the wórk of his hánds.  
Dáy unto dáy tákes up the stóry \*  
and níght unto níght makes knówn the méssage.

No spéech, no wórd, no vóice is héard †  
yet their spán exténds through áll the éarth, \*  
their wórd to the útmost bóunds of the wórd.

Thére he has pláced a tént for the sún; †  
it comes fóρθ like a brídegroom cóming from his tént, \*  
rejóices like a chámption to rún its cóurse.

At the énd of the ský is the rísing of the sún; †  
to the fúrthest énd of the ský is its cóurse. \*  
There is nóthing conceáled from its búrning héat.

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 vaults of heaven ring with your praise, O Lord.

*Sit*

READING

*Isaiab 9:5*

A child is born to us, a son is given us;  
upon his shoulder dominion rests.  
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,  
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.

RESPONSORY

All the kings of the earth will bow down in worship.

— All the kings of the earth will bow down in worship.

Men and women of every nation will serve him.

— They will bow down in worship.

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

— All the kings of the earth will bow down in worship.

*Stand*

GOSPEL CANTICLE

*Antiphon*

The wise men came from the East to adore the Lord in Bethlehem.  
Opening their treasures, they offered him three precious gifts: gold  
for the great King, frankincense for the true God, and myrrh for his  
burial, alleluia.

*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*

The wise men came from the East to adore the Lord in Bethlehem.  
Opening their treasures, they offered him three precious gifts: gold  
for the great King, frankincense for the true God, and myrrh for his  
burial, alleluia.

### INTERCESSIONS

All the ends of the earth have seen Jesus Christ, the saving power of  
God. Let us praise him and cry out in joy:

— Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Redeemer of all, you came to tear down the walls separating Jew

from Gentile,  
root out the prejudices which erode the depths of our humanity.

— Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Through your incarnation and your birth you established your presence among us,  
teach us to recognize the many forms of your presence in the Church and in one another.

— Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

You are the fullest revelation of God to men and women,  
show us how we can assent to your word with integrity of faith and action.

— Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

You are God-with-us, wondrously transforming all creation,  
let every heart, every voice, every deed throughout the universe now be transformed.

— Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*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,  
you called Saint John Neumann to labor for the gospel  
among the people of the new world.  
His ministry strengthened many others in the Christian faith.  
Through his prayers may faith grow strong in this land.  
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.

*Dismissal*

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to  
everlasting life.

— Amen.

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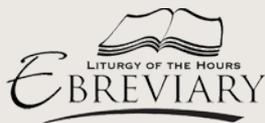








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