The Liturgy of the Hours

Holy Thursday

The Sacred Paschal Tridum

Good Friday Holy Saturday Night Prayer

Morning Prayer

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Holy Thursday, April 2, 2015 11:50 PM Night Prayer

Good Friday, April 3, 2015 8:00 AM Morning Prayer

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2015 8:00 AM Morning Prayer

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Notes on Praying the Liturgy of the Hours

Some of the prayers of the Liturgy of the Hours may use a form of a prayer that is different than the one that you are accustomed to using (for example, the Doxology (the Glory Be...). Please pay attention to this usage as we pray together aloud. For example, the Doxology is

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.

CO

The Psalms and Canticles are traditionally recited in an antiphonal manner. This means that the "left" side recites one verse of the psalm together, and then the "right" side continues with reciting the next verse of the psalm. Verses are alternated between the left and right side.

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The prayers of the Liturgy of the Hours are not recited as fast as you may be accustomed to praying other prayers aloud. Please follow the pace of responding, according to the leader of your side.

DISMISSAL

If a priest or deacon presides, he dismisses the people: The Lord be with you.

— And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you,

- + the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Go in peace.

— Thanks be to God.

In the absence of a priest or deacon and in individual recitation, Morning Prayer concludes:

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

— Amen.

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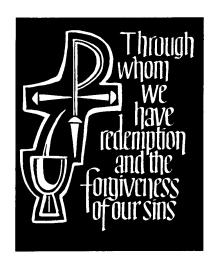
Prayer

All-powerful and ever-living God, your only Son went down among the dead and rose again in glory.

In your goodness raise up your faithful people, buried with him in baptism, to be one with him in the eternal life of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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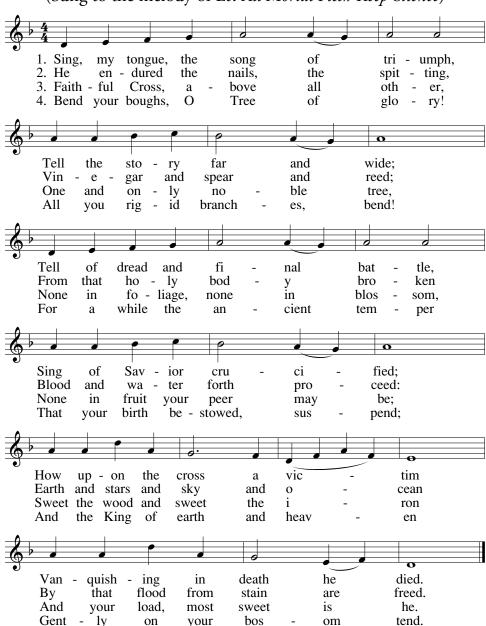
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Sing, My Tongue, the Song of Triumph

(Sung to the melody of Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence)



Text: Pange, lingua, gloriosi lauream certaminis; Venantius Fortunatus, c.530-609; tr. from The Three Days, 1981 Tune: PICARDY, 8 7 8 7 8 7; French Carol; harm. by Richard Proulx, b.1937

Reader Christ our Lord, like the seed buried in the ground, you brought forth for us the harvest of grace,

— may we die to sin and live for God.

Reader Christ, the Good Shepherd, in death you lay hidden from the world.

— teach us to love a life hidden with you in the Father.

Reader Christ, the new Adam, you entered the kingdom of death to release all the just since the beginning of the world,

— may all who lie dead in sin hear your voice and rise to life.

Reader Christ, Son of the living God, through baptism we were buried with you,

— risen also with you in baptism, may we walk in newness of life.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father ...

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 (All)

Save us, O Savior of the world. On the cross you redeemed us by the shedding of your blood; we cry out for your help, O God.

Intercessions

Leader Our Redeemer suffered and was buried for us in order to rise again. With sincere love we adore him, and aware of our needs we cry out:

Reader Christ our Savior, your sorrowing Mother stood by you at your death and burial,

— in our sorrows may we share your suffering.

Please see the notes on the inside front cover about praying the Liturgy of the Hours.

HOLY THURSDAY — NIGHT PRAYER

Stand

Leader **◆** God, come to my assistance

— Lord, make haste to help me.

Leader 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

PSALMODY

Antiphon Night holds no terrors for me sleeping (Leader) under God's wing.

Sit

Psalm 91

Safe in God's sheltering care

I have given you the power to tread upon serpents and scorpions (Luke 10:19)

Leader He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: "My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!"

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

Antiphon (Leader)

Save us, O Savior of the world. On the cross you redeemed us by the shedding of your blood; we cry out for your help, O God.

Gospel
Canticle:

Luke 1:68-79

Leader

All

♣ 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.

Left

Right

You will not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the plague that prowls in the darkness nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.

It is he who will free you from the snare

of the fowler who seeks to destroy you; he will conceal you with his pinions

and under his wings you will find refuge.

Right

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand fall at your right, you, it will never approach; his faithfulness is buckler and shield.

Left

Your eyes have only to look to see how the wicked are repaid, you who have said: "Lord, my refuge!" and have made the Most High your dwelling.

Right

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways.

Left

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon.

Antiphon I was dead, but now I live for ever, and I (All) hold the keys of death and of hell.

READING

Hosea 5:15b—16:2

Thus says the Lord:

In their affliction, they shall look for me:

"Come, let us return to the Lord,

For it is he who has rent, but he will heal us;

he has struck us, but he will bind our wounds.

He will revive us after two days; on the third day he will raise us up, to live in his presence."

RESPONSORY

Antiphon (Leader) For our sake Christ was obedient, accepting even death, death on a cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him the name above all other names.

Antiphon (All)

For our sake Christ was obedient, accepting even death, death on a cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him the name above all other names. Right Since he clings to me in love, I will free him; protect him for he knows my name.

When he calls I shall answer: "I am with you." I will save him in distress and give him glory.

Left With length of life I will content him; I shall let him see my saving power.

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

Left As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon Night holds no terrors for me sleeping (All) under God's wing.

READING

Revelation 22:4-5.

They shall see him face to face and bear his name on their foreheads. The night shall be no more. They will need no light from lamps or the sun, for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever.

RESPONSORY

Antiphon For our sake Christ was obedient, accepting even death.

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(All) even death.

Stand

CANTICLE OF SIMEON

Antiphon (Leader)

Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep, that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace.

Gospel Canticle: Luke 2:29-32

Christ is the light of the nations and the glory of Israel

Leader ΑII

♣ Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people:

a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

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 (All)

Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep, that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace.

Antiphon From the jaws of hell, Lord, rescue my soul (All)

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I was dead, but now I live for ever, and I Antiphon (Leader) hold the keys of death and of hell.

Psalm 150

Leader Praise God in his holy place, praise him in his mighty heavens. Left Praise him for his powerful deeds, praise his surpassing greatness.

Right O praise him with sound of trumpet, praise him with lute and harp. Praise him with timbrel and dance. praise him with strings and pipes.

Left O praise him with resounding cymbals, praise him with clashing of cymbals. Let everything that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord.

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

Left As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Prayer

Left Like a swallow I utter shrill cries;

I moan like a dove;

My eyes grow weak, gazing heaven-ward: O Lord, I am in straits; be my surety!

Right You have preserved my life from the pit of destruction, when you cast behind your back all my sins.

For it is not the nether world that gives you thanks,
nor death that praises you;
neither do those who go down into the pit await your kindness.

Right The living, the living give you thanks, as I do today.
Fathers declare to their sons,
O God, your faithfulness.

Left The Lord is our savior; we shall sing to stringed instruments in the house of the Lord all the days of our life.

Right 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.

Lord,
we beg you to visit this house
and banish from it
all the deadly power of the enemy.
May your holy angels dwell here
to keep us in peace,
and may your blessing be upon us always.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

♣ May the all-powerful Lord grant us a restful night and a peacful death.

— Amen.

Antiphon in Honor of the Blessed Virgin

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.

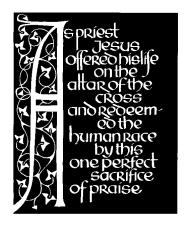
To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.

To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.

Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this exile show to us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

(The Blessed Sacrament is reposed and we leave in silence.)

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GOOD FRIDAY — MORNING PRAYER

Stand

Leader + God, come to my assistance

— Lord, make haste to help me.

Leader 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

Antiphon (All)

Though sinless, the Lord has been put to death. The world is in mourning as for an

only son.

Antiphon (Leader)

From the jaws of hell, Lord, rescue my soul.

Canticle:

Isaiah 38:10-14, 17-20

Leader

Once I said,

Left "In the noontime of life I must depart!

To the gates of the nether world I shall be

consigned

for the rest of my years."

Right

I said, "I shall see the Lord no more

in the land of the living.

No longer shall I behold my fellow men among those who dwell in the world."

Left

My dwelling, like a shepherd's tent is struck down and borne away from me; you have folded up my life, like a weaver

who severs the last thread.

Right

Day and night you give me over to torment;

I cry out until the dawn.

Like a lion he breaks all my bones;

day and night you give me over to torment.

Right They sharpen their tongues like swords; they aim bitter words like arrows to shoot at the innocent from ambush, shooting suddenly and recklessly.

Left They scheme their evil course; they conspire to lay secret snares. They say: "Who will see us? Who can search out our crimes?"

Right He will search who searches the mind and knows the depth of the heart. God has shot them with his arrow and dealt them sudden wounds. Their own tongue has brought them to ruin and all who see them mock.

Left Then will all men fear: they will tell what God has done. They will understand God's deeds. The just will rejoice in the Lord and fly to him for refuge. All the upright hearts will glory.

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

Left As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

PSALMODY

Antiphon God did not spare his own Son, but gave (Leader) him up to suffer for our sake.

Sit

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Psalm 51

Leader Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offense. Left O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

Right My offenses truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done.

Left That you may be justified when you give sentence and be without reproach when you judge. O see, in guilt I was born, a sinner was I conceived.

Right Indeed you love truth in the heart; then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom. O purify me, then I shall be clean; O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.

Left Make me hear rejoicing and gladness that the bones you have crushed may revive. From my sins turn away your face and blot out all my guilt.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Left Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervor sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you.

Right O rescue me, God, my helper, and my tongue shall ring out your goodness. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.

For in sacrifice you take no delight,
burnt offering from me you would refuse,
my sacrifice, a contrite spirit.
A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

Right In your goodness, show favor to Zion, rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice, holocausts offered on your altar.

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HOLY SATURDAY — MORNING PRAYER

On Holy Saturday, the Church pauses at the Lord's tomb, meditating on his Passion and Death, his descent into Hell, and, with prayer and fasting, awaits his resurrection.

Stand

Leader
All — Lord, make haste to help me.

Leader 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

PSALMODY

Antiphon (Leader) Though sinless, the Lord has been put to death. The world is in mourning as for an only son.

Sit

Psalm 64

Leader Hear my voice, O God, as I complain,
Left guard my life from dread of the foe.
Hide me from the band of the wicked,
from the throng of those who do evil.

Prayer

Remember your mercies, O Lord, and with your eternal protection sanctify your servants, for whom Christ your Son, by the shedding of his Blood, established the Paschal Mystery. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

DISMISSAL

If a priest or deacon presides, he dismisses the people: The Lord be with you.

— And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you,

- + the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Go in peace.

— Thanks be to God.

In the absence of a priest or deacon and in individual recitation, Morning Prayer concludes:

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

— Amen.

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As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon God did not spare his own Son, but gave

(All) him up to suffer for our sake.

Antiphon Jesus Christ loved us, and poured out his (Leader) own blood for us to wash away our sins.

Canticle: Habakkuk 3:2–4, 13a, 15–19

Leader O Lord, I have heard your renown,

Left and feared, O Lord, your work.

In the course of the years revive it,

in the course of the years make it known;

in your wrath remember compassion!

Right God comes from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. Covered are the heavens with his glory, and with his praise the earth is filled.

Left His splendor spreads like the light; rays shine forth from beside him, where his power is concealed. You come forth to save your people, to save your anointed one.

Intercessions

Right You tread the sea with your steeds amid the churning of the deep waters. I hear, and my body trembles; at the sound, my lips quiver.

Left Decay invades my bones,
my legs tremble beneath me.
I await the day of distress
that will come upon the people who attack us.

Right For though the fig tree blossom not nor fruit be on the vines, though the yield of the olive fail and the terraces produce no nourishment.

Though the flocks disappear from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet will I rejoice in the Lord and exult in my saving God.

Right God, my Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet swift as those of hinds and enables me to go upon the heights.

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.

Leader For our sake our Redeemer suffered death and was buried, and rose again. With heartfelt love let us adore him and pray:

Reader Christ our teacher, for our sake you were obedient even to accepting death,

— teach us to obey the Father's will in all things.

Reader Christ our life, by your death on the cross you destroyed the power of evil and death,

— may we die with you, to rise with you in glory.

Reader Christ our King, you became an outcast among us, a worm and no man,

— teach us the humility by which you saved the world.

Reader Christ our salvation, you gave yourself up to death out of love for us,

— help us to show your love to one another.

Reader Christ our Savior, on the cross you embraced all time with your outstretched arms,

— unite God's scattered children in your kingdom of salvation.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father ...

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.

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Antiphon Over his head, they hung their accusation: (All) Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.

Antiphon Jesus Christ loved us, and poured out his (All) own blood for us to wash away our sins.

Antiphon We worship your cross, O Lord, and we (Leader) praise and glorify your holy resurrection, for the wood of the cross has brought joy to the world.

Psalm 147:12-20

Leader O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Left Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you. He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat.

Left He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command.
He showers down snow white as wool, he scatters hoar-frost like ashes.

Right He hurls down hailstones like crumbs.

The waters are frozen at his touch;
he sends forth his word and it melts them:
at the breath of his mouth the waters flow.

Left He makes his word known to Jacob,

to Israel his laws and decrees,

He has not dealt thus with other nations;

he has not taught them his decrees.

Right Glory to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Spirit:

Left As it was in the beginning, is now,

and will be for ever. Amen.

We worship your cross, O Lord, and we Antiphon (All)

praise and glorify your holy resurrection, for

the wood of the cross has brought joy to the

world.

READING Isaiah 52:13–15

See, my servant shall prosper, he shall be raised high and greatly exalted. Even as many were amazed at him so marred was his look beyond that of man, and his appearance beyond that of mortals — So shall he startle many nations, because of him kings shall stand speechless; For those who have not been told shall see, those who have not heard shall ponder it.

RESPONSORY

Antiphon For our sake Christ was obedient, accepting

(Leader) even death, death on a cross.

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Stand

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

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Gospel Luke 1:68-79

Canticle:

♣ Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; Leader ΑII

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