

LITURGY OF THE HOURS – Simplified Evening Prayer

Thursday 09 Apr 2020

Holy Thursday

Introductory Verse

O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Psalmody

(Ant.) Christ is the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He has made us a kingdom for his God and Father.

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgment.

May the mountains bring forth peace for the people
and the hills, justice.

May he defend the poor of the people
and save the children of the needy
and crush the oppressor.

He shall endure like the sun and the moon
from age to age.

He shall descend like rain on the meadow,
like raindrops on the earth.

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

Before him his enemies shall fall,
his foes lick the dust.
The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him.

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as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Scripture

Hebrews 13:12-15

Jesus suffered outside the gate to sanctify the people with his own blood. Let us go to him, then, outside the camp, and share his degradation. For there is no eternal city for us in this life but we look for one in the life to come. Through him, let us offer God an unending sacrifice of praise, a verbal sacrifice that is offered every time we acknowledge his name.

A period of silence may be observed after the scripture reading.

Short Responsory

In place of the short responsory the following antiphon is said:

(Ant.) Christ humbled himself for us and, in obedience, accepted death.

The Magnificat

(Ant.) As they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to his disciples.

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
remembering his mercy,
to Abraham and his sons for ever.

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as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Intercessions

Let us adore our Saviour, who at the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, entrusted to the Church the memorial of his death and resurrection to be celebrated throughout the ages. Confident that he will hear us, we pray:

Sanctify the people whom you redeemed by your blood.

Christ, our Redeemer, let us share in your passion by works of penance;
let us attain the glory of your resurrection.

Sanctify the people whom you redeemed by your blood.

Grant us the protection of your Mother, the comforter of the afflicted;
may we bring to others the consolation you have given us.

Sanctify the people whom you redeemed by your blood.

Unite the faithful to your passion in times of trouble and distress;
let the power of your salvation shine forth in their lives.

Sanctify the people whom you redeemed by your blood.

You humbled yourself even to accepting death, death on a cross;
grant to your servants obedience and patience.

Sanctify the people whom you redeemed by your blood.

Share with the dead your bodily glory;
let us rejoice one day with them in the fellowship of the saints.

Sanctify the people whom you redeemed by your blood.

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.

Amen.

Prayer

Lord God,
since for your glory and our salvation,
you willed Christ your Son to be the eternal High Priest:
grant that the people he gained for you by his blood,
may be strengthened by his cross and resurrection
when they take part in his memorial sacrifice.

(We make our prayer) through our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

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