

# LITURGY OF THE HOURS – Simplified

## Morning Prayer

Sunday 19 Apr 2020

## Second Sunday of Easter

### 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. (Alleluia).

### Psalmody

*(Ant.) Christ has risen: he is the light of his people, whom he has redeemed with his blood.  
Alleluia.*

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water.  
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise.  
So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.

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.

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### Scripture

God raised Jesus from death on the third day and caused him to appear. He was not seen by all the people, but only by us who are the witnesses that God had already chosen. We ate and drank with him after God raised him from death. And he commanded us to preach the gospel to the appointed Judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets spoke about him, saying that everyone who believes in him will have his sins forgiven through the power of 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.) This is the day which was made by the Lord: let us rejoice and be glad, alleluia.*

## Gospel Cantic

*(Ant.) Put your hand here and see the mark of the nails; doubt no longer but believe, alleluia.*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!  
He has visited his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty saviour  
in the house of David his servant,  
as he promised by the lips of holy men,  
those who were his prophets from of old.

A saviour who would free us from our foes,  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
So his love for our fathers is fulfilled  
and his holy covenant remembered.

He swore to Abraham our father to grant us,  
that free from fear, and saved from the hands of our foes,  
we might serve him in holiness and justice  
all the days of our life in his presence.

As for you, little child,  
you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High.  
You shall go ahead of the Lord  
to prepare his ways before him,

To make known to his people their salvation  
through forgiveness of all their sins,  
the loving-kindness of the heart of our God  
who visits us like the dawn from on high.

He will give light to those in darkness,  
those who dwell in the shadow of death,  
and guide us into the way of peace.

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.

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## Intercessions

Let us pray to the Father, the all-powerful God, who raised up Jesus, our prince and our Saviour.

**Glorify us, Lord, with the glory of Christ.**

Father, you brought your beloved Son from the darkness of death to the light of glory;  
let us enter into the regions of your own wonderful light.

**Glorify us, Lord, with the glory of Christ.**

You saved us through faith in Jesus Christ;  
help us to live today in the grace of our baptism.

**Glorify us, Lord, with the glory of Christ.**

You have told us to seek the things that are in heaven;  
enable us to resist the attraction of sin.

**Glorify us, Lord, with the glory of Christ.**

Reveal the riches of our hidden life in Christ  
that men may see the signs of the new heaven and the new earth.

**Glorify us, Lord, with the glory of 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.

**Amen.**

## Concluding Prayer

God of eternal compassion,  
each Easter you rekindle the faith of your consecrated people.  
Give them still greater grace, so that all may truly understand  
the waters in which they were cleansed,  
the Spirit by which they were reborn,  
the blood by which they were redeemed.  
(We make our prayer) through our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

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