

Evening Prayer I - Saturday

What is the Liturgy of the Hours?

We hear the psalmist say in scripture, “Seven times a day I praise you.” (Ps118:164) and St. Paul telling us to, “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”(1Thes5:16-18), and this is what the Hours is.

The different hours are: **Morning Prayer** - at the start of the day's work and the coming of the light. **Daytime Prayer** - at mid-morning, noon and in the afternoon, to unite us with the one for whom and through whom we are working. **Evening Prayer** - at the end of the day's work, to offer up what we have done. **Night Prayer** - last thing at night, to commend our souls to God. **Office of Readings** - at whatever time of day is best for us to reflect on the mystery of salvation, with the help of Scripture and the writings of the Fathers of the Church. The purpose of the Liturgy of the Hours is to sanctify the day and all human activity, as we pray the same prayers with the Church across the globe.

This treasure is too marvelous to not be recited by more of the faithful. The Church commands us to attempt at least to try reciting Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer as laity, so we as a community are praying it together to help us grow during this special time.

- Hymn and psalms will be sung, join in as you catch on to the tune.
- When the **text is bolded**, all people say it together.
- When the psalms are said, we will *alternate sides* as directed.

The rest is easy, just read and pray the texts with the Church!

Celebrant: | All:

O God, **+** come to my as- sis-tance. O Lord, make haste

to help me. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy

Spir-it: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever

A-men. Al-le- lu- ia.

Hymn - Joy of Poor Sinners, Fairest Star of Heaven



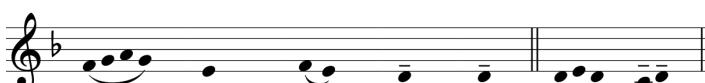
1. Joy of poor sin- ners, fair- est Star of hea- ven
2. You were the lad- der by which God de- scen- ded,
3. Choirs of bright an- gels throng with joy to meet you,
4. Praised be for e- ver Tri- ni- ty most ho- ly



1. Sun of true ju- stice chose you as his Mo- ther;
2. Through you the High- est came to seek the low- est;
3. Saints of the Old Law, pro- phets and a- post- les,
4. Who crowned you, Mary,



1. Save us who pe- rish, raise the sad- ly fa- llen,
2. By your pro- tec- tion, help us as we jour- ney
3. Ha- sten to lead you to your throne of glo- ry
4. And gave you to us, Queen and lo- ving Mo- ther,

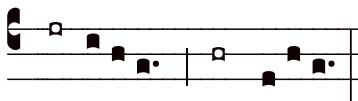


1. Ma- ry, pure Vir- gin.
2. on wards to hea- ven.
3. next to the God- head.
4. now and for- e- ver. A- men.

Please Sit

Psalmody

Cantor: Christ ascended into heaven * and prepared an everlasting place * for his immaculate Mother, alleluia.



Psalm 113

Left Side:

Praise, O servants of the Lord, *
praise the name of the Lord!

May the name of the Lord be
blessed * both now and for
evermore!

From the rising of the sun to its
setting * praised be the name of
the Lord!

Right Side:

High above all nations is the
Lord, * above the heavens his
glory.

Who is like the Lord, our God, *
who has risen on high to his
throne

Yet stoops from the heights to
look down, * to look down

upon heaven and earth?

Left Side:

From the dust he lifts up the
lowly, * from his misery he
raises the poor

to set him in the company of
princes, * yes, with the princes
of his people.

To the childless wife he gives a
home * and gladdens her heart
with children.

Left Side:

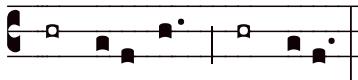
Glory to the Father, and to the
Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:

Right Side:

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

All: Christ ascended into heaven * and prepared an
everlasting place * for his immaculate Mother, alleluia.

Cantor: Through Eve the gates of heaven were closed to all mankind; * through the Virgin Mother they were opened wide again, * alleluia.



Psalm 147

Left Side:

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! *
Zion, praise your God!

Right Side:

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 Side:

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 Side:

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 Side:

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 Side:

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

Left Side:

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

All: Through Eve the gates of heaven were closed to all
mankind; * through the Virgin Mother they were
opened wide again, * alleluia.

Cantor: The Virgin Mary has been exalted above all the heavens; * come, let all men glorify Christ the King, * whose kingdom will endure for ever, alleluia.



Canticle – Eph 1

Left Side:

Praised be the God and Father * of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who bestowed on us in Christ * every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

Right Side:

God chose us in him * before the world began,
to be holy * and blameless in his sight.

Left Side:

He predestined us * to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ, * such was his will and pleasure,

that all might praise the glorious favor * he has bestowed on us in his beloved.

Right Side:

In him and through his blood, * we have been redeemed, * and

our sins forgiven, so immeasurably generous * is God's favor to us.

Left Side:

God has given us the wisdom * to understand fully the mystery, the plan he was pleased * to decree in Christ.

Right Side:

A plan to be carried to be carried out * in Christ, in the fullness of time,

to bring all things into one in him, * in the heavens and on the earth.

Right Side:

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

Left Side:

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

All: The Virgin Mary has been exalted above all the heavens; * come, let all men glorify Christ the King, * whose kingdom will endure for ever, alleluia.

Reading - Romans 8:30

Those God predestined he likewise called; those he called he also justified; and those he justified he in turn glorified.

Responsory



Reader: As Mary is taken up to heaven * the angels of God rejoice.

All: **As Mary is taken up to heaven * the angels of God rejoice.**

Reader: They worship the Lord and sing his praises.

All: **the angels of God rejoice.**

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,* and to the Holy Spirit,

All: **As Mary is taken up to heaven * the angels of God rejoice.**

Please Stand

Gospel Canticle

Celebrant: All generations will call me blessed: * the Almighty has done great things for me, alleluia.



Luke 1:46-55 - The soul rejoices in the Lord

Left Side:

My soul + proclaims the greatness of the Lord, * my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor * on his lowly servant.

Right Side:

From this day all generations * will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great

things for me, * and holy is his Name.

Left Side:

He has mercy on those who fear him * in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

Right Side:

He has cast down the mighty

from their thrones, * and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,* and the rich he has sent away empty.

Left Side:

He has come to the help of his servant Israel * for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

the promise he made to our fathers, * to Abraham and his children for ever.

Right Side:

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

Left Side:

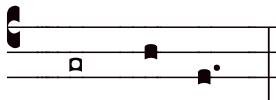
as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever.

Amen.

All: All generations will call me blessed: * the Almighty has done great things for me, alleluia.

Intercessions

Cantor: Let us praise God our almighty Father, who wished that Mary, his Son's mother, be celebrated by each generation. * Now in need we ask:



All: Mary full of grace, intercede for us.

Cantor: O God, worker of miracles, you made the immaculate Virgin Mary share, body and soul, in your Son's glory in heaven, * direct the hearts of your children to that same glory.

All: Mary full of grace, intercede for us.

Cantor: You made Mary our mother. Through her intercession grant strength to the weak, comfort to the sorrowing, pardon to sinners, * salvation and peace to all.

All: Mary full of grace, intercede for us.

Cantor: You made Mary *full* of grace, * grant all men the joyful abundance *of* your grace.

All: Mary full of grace, intercede *for* us.

Cantor: Make your Church of one mind and one *heart* in love, * and help all those who believe to be one in prayer with Mary, the *mother* of Jesus.

All: Mary full of grace, intercede *for* us.

Cantor: You crowned Mary *queen* of heaven, * may all the dead rejoice in your kingdom with the *saints* for ever.

All: Mary full of grace, intercede *for* us.

After an introduction by the celebrant all say: Our Father ...

Concluding Prayer

Celebrant: O God, who, looking on the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary, raised her to this grace, that your Only Begotten Son was born of her according to the flesh and that she was crowned this day with surpassing glory, grant through her prayers, that, saved by the mystery of your redemption, we may merit to be exalted by you on high. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever.

All: Amen.

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