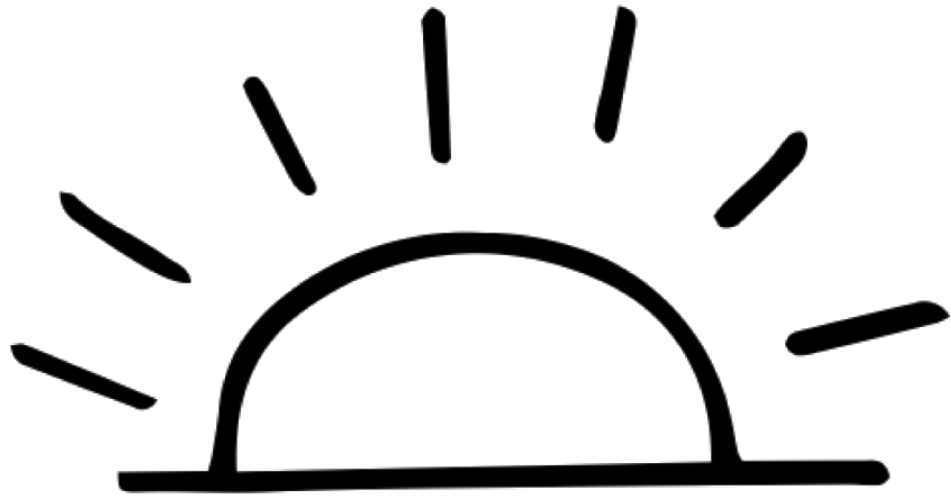


THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS



MATINS

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CHAPTER ONE Matins

Dialogue and Doxology

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God,
**that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Praise to the blest and holy Trinity, one God,
who gives us life, salvation, and resurrection.
Alleluia.**

Psalmody

Give glory to God, our light and our life
O come let us worship and praise!

**Oh, give thanks! Oh, give thanks!
God's love endures forever!
Oh, give thanks! Oh, give thanks!
God's love endures forever!**

**With our dreams and our fears,
with our joys and our pain,
we come, we come. Refrain**

**With our strength and our weakness,
with our gifts and our needs,
we come, we come. Refrain**

God's Love Endures Forever

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Song

Night has passed and the day lies open
Night has passed and the day lies open
Before us
Let us pray with one heart and mind
Let us pray with one heart and mind
We rejoice, we rejoice
In the gift of this day
In the gift of this day
Morning comes
With the light of Your presence
Morning comes
With the light of Your presence
Upon us
Let us pray with one heart and mind
Let us pray with one heart and mind
We rejoice, we rejoice
In the gift of this day (x4)
Morning has broken, like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird
Praise for the singing
Praise for the morning

Praise for them springing
Fresh from the word
In the gift of this day (x4)
We rejoice, we rejoice
We rejoice, we rejoice
In the gift of this day (x4)

Night Has Passed / Morning Has Broken

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Word

Reading: Isaiah 55:1, 10-13

A reading from Isaiah, chapter 55

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and
eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money
and without price. For as the rain and the snow
come down from heaven, and do not return
there until they have watered the earth, making
it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the
sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word
be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not
return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that
which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for
which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be
led back in peace; the mountains and the hills
before you shall burst into song, and all the trees
of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the
thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the
brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to
the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign
that shall not be cut off.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsory

You have been born anew through the living
and abiding word of God

Gospel Canticle: Blessed Be the God of Israel, ELW 250

Blessed be the God of Israel
who comes to set us free
and raises up new hope for us:
a Branch from David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared
that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies
and all who wish us harm.

With promised mercy will God still
the covenant recall,
the oath once sworn to Abraham,
from foes to save us all;
that we might worship without fear
and offer lives of praise,
in holiness and righteousness
to serve God all our days.

My child, as prophet of the Lord
you will prepare the way,
to tell God's people they are saved
from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high
shine forth and never cease
to drive away the gloom of death
and lead us into peace.

Blessed Be the God of Israel (ELW 250)

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944, based on Luke 1:68-79

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Prayers

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the
resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen
Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you—

for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .
for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of
healing and forgiveness . . .
for the gifts of relationship with others . . .
for the communion of faith in your church . . .

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world,
heal the hurts of all your children, and bring
about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the
living Lord.

Especially we pray—

for those who govern nations of the world . . .
for the people in countries ravaged by strife or
warfare . . .
for all who work for peace and international
harmony . . .
for all who strive to save the earth from
carelessness and destruction . . .
for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

Almighty and everlasting God, you have
brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us
with your mighty power, that we may not fall
into sin nor be overcome in adversity. In all we
do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray
as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty God, the Father, ✠ the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

Amen.

Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.

CHAPTER TWO Vespers

Dialogue

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
The light no darkness can overcome.
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
And the day is almost over.
Let your light scatter the darkness
And illumine your church.

Hymn of Light: "Light and Darkness"

(anonymous)

Thanksgiving for Light

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning you called light into being,
and you set light in the sky
to govern night and day.
In a pillar of cloud by day
and a pillar of fire by night
you led your people into freedom.
Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ:
may your Word be a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path;
for you are merciful,
and you love your whole creation,
and with all your creatures we give you glory,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.
Amen.

Psalmody

Psalm 141: "We Lift Our Hands in Prayer"

Refrain:

**We lift our hands in prayer like incense rising
and offer our lives to you, O God.**

God we call, for you are near: hear us and help us.
Be now among us here: hear us and help us.
Be thou the loving ear: hear us and help us and all
who cry. *Refrain*

Touch our lips, form every word: keep us from evil.
Unbind our hearts, O Lord: keep us from evil.
Remind us we are restored: keep us from evil and
all its lies. *Refrain.*

As we turn our gaze to you: Light of creation;
and live our days with you: Light of creation;
and burn and blaze in you: Light of creation, open
our eyes. *Refrain.*

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Psalm Prayer

O God, from the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is worthy of all praise. Let our prayer
rise before you as incense and with the lifting up
of our hands may we offer our whole lives to
you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Song: "Evening is Falling"

Evening is falling like the first evening
Peeper is calling like the first frog.
Praise the dark singing. Praise for the evening
Murmurs go winging all through the bog.

Sweet resurrection. Compost is breaking
Like the first making of the first soil
Molding in wetness under the leaf pile
Broken completeness where She has toiled.

Gentle the black heart soul of the evening
Born on the wine-dark face of the deep
Hues of contentment color the midnight
all is renewed in circles of sleep.

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Word

Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:1, 7-10

A reading from Second Corinthians, chapter 4

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are
engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.
But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it
may be made clear that this extraordinary

power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reading

It helps, now and then,
to step back and take a long view.
The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,
it is even beyond our vision.
We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny
fraction of the magnificent
enterprise that is God's work.
Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of
saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.
No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection.
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.
No program accomplishes the Church's mission.
No set of goals and objectives includes
everything.
This is what we are about.
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted,
knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further
development.
We provide yeast that produces far beyond our
capabilities.
We cannot do everything, and there is a sense
of liberation in realizing that.
This enables us to do something,
and to do it very well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a
step along the way, an
opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do
the rest.
We may never see the end results,
but that is the difference between the master
builder and the worker.
We are workers, not master builders;
ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not our own.

This prayer was first presented by Cardinal Dearden in 1979 and quoted by Pope Francis in 2015. This reflection is an excerpt from a homily written for Cardinal Dearden by then-Fr. Ken Untener on the occasion of the Mass for Deceased Priests, October 25, 1979. Pope Francis quoted Cardinal Dearden in his remarks to the Roman Curia on December 21, 2015. Fr. Untener was named bishop of Saginaw, Michigan, in 1980.

Scripture Dialogue

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness.

Gospel Cantic: "My Soul Proclaims"

Refrain:

**My soul proclaims your greatness, O God,
my spirit rejoices in the love of my Savior.
You have looked with favor on my simple ways,
and I will praise you all of my days.**

You have called me blessed,
done great things for me.
You have shown your mercy, set my spirit free.
You have lifted the lowly, sent the rich away.
You have filled the hungry, and holy is your
name. *Refrain.*

You have humbled the mighty,
scattered earthly pride.
You have strengthened your servants,
kept us by your side.
You have honored your promise
made so long ago.
You have blessed your children from age to
age, and so: *Refrain.*

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Prayers

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our
salvation, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the
well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here
their worship and praise,
let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the health of the creation, for abundant
harvests that all may share,
and for peaceful times, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For public servants, the government, and those
who protect us;

for those who work to bring peace, justice,
healing, and protection

in this and every place, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel, for those who are sick and
suffering,

and for those who are in captivity, let us | pray
to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath,
danger, and need,

let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us
and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of
all the saints, we commend ourselves, one
another, and our whole life to you, through
Christ our Lord.

To you, O Lord.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Song: "Lake of Mercy"

From the shore, from the shore
Where moonlight bathes the sand.
I set sail, I set sail
And leave behind the land.

Chorus:

Let me rest upon your waters
Lake of Mercy, precious friend.
Rock me softly in the midnight wind
And make me whole again.

2. As I sleep, as I sleep,
Oh make my body whole.
Heal me deep, heal me deep
Within my blood and soul.

3. Carry me, carry me,
Oh rock me through the night.
Calm my fears, calm my fears
When no help is in sight.

4. Make me strong, make me strong,
Oh, fill me with your power.
Stay with me, stay with me
Now in this troubled hour.

5. Take away, take away
My present pains and past.
May your peace, may your peace
Then fill my empty glass.

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Blessing

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The peace of God, which surpasses all
understanding, keep our hearts and our minds
in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

Song: "Deep Peace"

Deep peace of the running waves
deep peace of the flowing air,
deep peace of the shining stars to you,
deep peace of the quiet earth.

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CHAPTER THREE Compline

Dialogue

Almighty God grant us a quiet night and peace at the last. Amen.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sign praise to your name, O Most High;
To herald your love in the morning, your truth at the close of the day.

Night Hymn: All Praise to Thee, My God This Night, ELW 565

- 1 All praise to thee, my God, this night
for all the blessings of the light.
Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings,
beneath thine own almighty wings.
- 2 Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
the ill that I this day have done;
that with the world, myself, and thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
- 3 Teach me to live, that I may dread
the grave as little as my bed.
Teach me to die, that so I may
rise glorious at the awesome day.
- 4 Oh, may my soul in thee repose,
and may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
sleep that shall me more vig'rous make
to serve my God when I awake!
- 5 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

I confess to God Almighty,
before the whole company of heaven,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned by my own fault
in thought, word, and deed.
I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,
forgive me all my sins,
and bring me to everlasting life.

**Almighty and merciful God
grant you healing, pardon,
and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.
I confess to God Almighty,
before the whole company of heaven,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned by my own fault
in thought, word, and deed.
I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,
forgive me all my sins,
and bring me to everlasting life.**

Almighty and merciful God
grant you healing, pardon, and
forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

Psalmody: ELW Psalm 130

1 Out | of the depths
I cry to | you, O Lord;
2 O Lord, | hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.
3 If you were to keep watch | over sins,
O Lord, | who could stand?
4 Yet with you | is forgiveness,
in order that you | may be feared.
5 I wait for you, O Lord; | my soul waits;
in your word | is my hope.
6 My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning,
more than those who keep watch | for the morning.
7 O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is | steadfast love;
with the Lord there is plen- | teous redemption.
8 For the Lord shall | redeem Israel
from | all their sins.

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Psalm Prayer

God of compassion, you sent your Word into the world to announce the dawn of salvation. Do not leave us in the depths of our sins, but give to us the fullness of your redeeming grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Song: Children of the Heav'nly Father (ELW 781)

1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

- 2 God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.
- 4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958

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Reading: John 14:27

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

The Gospel of our Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Responsory

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Into your hands I commend my spirit.

You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

Into your hands I commend my spirit.

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

Into your hands, I commend my spirit.

Gospel Canticle: Canticle for Departure (Rundman)

Jonathan Rundman

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Now Lord you... let your ser vant go in peace, your word has been ful -

5 filled, My eyes have seen the sal - va - tion, you have pre - pared in the sight of ev'ry one. A

10 light to re - veal you to the na - tions, and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra -

13 el. Now Lord you... let your ser vant go in peace, your word has been ful - filled.

Prayers

Hear my prayer, O Lord; listen to my cry.
Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings.
In righteousness I shall see you;
when I awake, your presence will bring me joy.
Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night,
so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may
find our rest in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work or watch or weep this night, and give your angels charge
over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort
the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.
Almighty and merciful God, Father +Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forevermore.
Amen.

Song: The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended ELW #569

- 1 The day you gave us, Lord, has ended;
the darkness falls at your behest.
To you our morning hymns ascended;
your praise shall hallow now our rest.
- 2 We thank you that your church, unsleeping
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world its watch is keeping,
and never rests by day or night.

- 3 As to each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.
- 4 The sun, here having set, is waking
your children under western skies,
and hour by hour, as day is breaking,
fresh hymns of thankful praise arise.
- 5 So be it, Lord; your realm shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
but stand and grow and rule forever,
till all your creatures own your sway.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826-1893, alt.

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