

Fixed Hour Prayer
Palm Sunday—April 5, 2020

The Morning Office To be observed between 6 and 9 a.m.

The Call to Prayer

Almighty God, you are the light and life of every soul and my only source of hope. Grant that in this time of worship I may experience your transforming power preparing me for this day and this holy week. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Request for Presence

Hear my voice, O Lord, according to your loving-kindness; according to your judgments, give me life. (Psalm 119:149)

The Greeting

Hosanna, Lord, hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna! (Psalm 118:25, 26)

The Refrain for the Morning Lesson

God is the Lord; He has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar. (Psalm 118:27)

A Reading from Matthew 21: 1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, “Tell the daughter of Zion; Look, your King is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the

road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Refrain for the Morning Lessons

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A Hymn of Praise: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, King; to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the king of Israel, and David's royal Son; now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. (Refrain)

The company of angels are praising you on high; creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. (Refrain)

Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring, great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. (Refrain)

The Refrain

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. (Psalm 118:26)

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. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Concluding Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in His obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of His resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



The Midday Office

To be observed between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The Call to Prayer

Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever. Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all His praise? Happy are those who observe justice and who do righteousness at all times. (Psalm 106:1-3)

The Request for Presence

“Come,” my heart says, “seek His face!” Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. (Psalm 27:8-9a)

The Greeting

Hosanna, Lord, hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna! (Psalm 118:25, 26)

The Refrain for the Midday Lesson

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. (Psalm 8:1)

A Reading from Philippians 2: 5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Refrain for the Midday Lesson

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. (Psalm 8:1)

The Cry of the Church

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. (Psalm 31:1-2)

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. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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The Call to Prayer

You, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us, O Lord our God. (Jeremiah 14:9)

The Request for Presence

I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words. (Psalm 17:6)

The Hymn: Prepare the Royal Highway

Prepare the royal highway, the king of kings is near! Let every hill and valley a level road appear! Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story;

Hosanna to the Lord, for He fulfills God's word.

His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heaven above. His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth and love. So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding;

Hosanna to the Lord, for He fulfills God's word.

Vespers Psalm

I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, so I shall be saved from my enemies (Psalm 18: 1-3)

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The Concluding Prayer

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

