

MATINS

Officiant: O God, open our lips.

Response: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All: Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God, *
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.
Alleluia.

THE INVITATORY

Invitatory Antiphons

Our God has redeemed the world: *

O come, let us worship.

VENITE

PSALM 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Holy One; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving, *

and raise a loud shout with psalms.

For you, O God, are a great God; *

you are great above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are yours also.

The sea is yours, for you made it, *

and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, *

and kneel before God, our Maker,

For you are our God,

and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. *

Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

The invitatory antiphon is repeated, 1

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Antiphon for psalms

Ordinary Time:

→ Be not far away, O God; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

PSALM 102

- 1 O God, hear my prayer, and let my cry come before you; *
hide not your face from me in the day of my trouble.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
when I call, make haste to answer me,
- 3 For my days drift away like smoke, *
and my bones are hot as burning coals.
- 4 My heart is smitten like grass and withered, *
so that I forget to eat my bread.
- 5 Because of the voice of my groaning, *
I am but skin and bones.
- 6 I have become like a vulture in the wilderness, *
like an owl among the ruins.
- 7 I lie awake and groan; *
I am like a sparrow, lonely on a house-top.
- 8 My enemies revile me all day long, *
and those who scoff at me have taken an oath against me.
- 9 For I have eaten ashes for bread *
and mingled my drink with weeping.
- 10 Because of your indignation and wrath, *
you have lifted me up and thrown me away.
- 11 My days pass away like a shadow, *
and I wither like the grass.
- 12 But you, O God, endure for ever, *
and your Name from age to age.
- 13 You will arise and have compassion on Zion,
for it is time to have mercy; *
indeed, the appointed time has come.
- 14 For your servants love its very rubble *
and are moved to pity even for its dust.
- 15 The nations shall fear your Name, O God, *
and all the rulers of the earth your glory.
- 16 You, O God, will build up Zion, *
and your glory will appear.
- 17 You will look with favor on the prayer of the homeless *
and will not despise their plea.
- 18 Let this be written for a future generation, *
so that a people yet unborn may praise you, O God.
- 19 For you looked down from your holy place on high; *
from the heavens you beheld the earth,
- 20 That you might hear the groan of the captive *
and set free those condemned to die,

- 21 That they may declare in Zion your Name, O God, *
and your praise in Jerusalem,
- 22 When the peoples are gathered together, *
and the nations also, to serve you.
- 23 You have brought down my strength before my time; *
you have shortened the number of my days.
- 24 And I said, "O my God,
do not take me away in the midst of my days; *
your years endure throughout all generations.
- 25 In the beginning, O God, you laid the foundations
of the earth, *
and the heavens are the work of your hands.
- 26 They shall perish, but you will endure;
they all shall wear out like a garment; *
as clothing you will change them,
and they shall be changed,
- 27 But you are always the same, *
and your years will never end.
- 28 The children of your servants shall continue, *
and their offspring shall stand fast in your sight."

→ *After the psalm(s) is said:*

Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit, *
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

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THE LESSONS

Matins continues with the First Lesson, followed by the appointed canticle.

1st Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25

Friday Matins Canticle

Ordinary Time:

HABAKKUK 3:2-3, 13A, 17-19

O God, I have heard of your renown; *
I stand in awe of all you have made.

In our own time make all your work known; *
in our own time revive it,
and in wrath may you remember mercy.

O God, you came from Teman, *
from Mount Paran, O Holy One.

Your radiance overspreads the skies, *
and your splendor fills the earth.

You come forth to save your people; *
you come to save your anointed.

Although the figtree does not blossom, *
the vines bear no fruit, the olive crop fails,
the orchards yield no food;

The flock is cut off from its fold, *
and there are no cattle in the stalls,

Yet I will exult in you, O Most High, *
and rejoice in you, O God of my salvation,

For you are my strength; *
you make my feet nimble as a mountain goat's,
and set me to range the heights.

2nd Lesson: Mark 12:28-34

Friday Matins Hymn

*Other hymns for Matins are according to the Saint or Season.
For seasonal hymns, see Sunday Matins.*

Eternal glory of the sky,
blest hope of frail humanity,
from Mary you were humbly born,
yet reign the Sun of every morn.

Uplift us with your arm of might,
and let our hearts rise pure and bright;
in love and gratitude we pray
for all your blessings through the day.

The Daystar's rays are shining clear
and tell that day itself is here;
so, holy Light, illumine the heart,
and to us all your gifts impart.

The faith that first must be possessed
root deep within our inmost breast,
and joyous hope in second place,
then holy love, your greatest grace.

To you all glory, Trinity,
all laud, O Holy Unity;
to you on this new day we raise
our grateful hearts in songs of praise. Amen.

BENEDICTUS

Friday: In your tender compassion, O God, *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

LUKE 1:68-79

Blest are you, O God of Israel; *
you have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, *
born of the house of your servant David.
Through your holy prophets you promised of old,
that you would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
You promised to show mercy to our forebears *
and to remember your holy covenant.
This was the oath you swore to Sarah and Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship you without fear, *
holy and righteous before you all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Promised One to prepare the way,
To give all people knowledge of salvation, *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God, *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit, *
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

The antiphon is repeated.

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the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

APOSTLES' CREED

On occasion the Creed may be omitted.

All recite together:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

MATINS CLOSING PRAYERS

Officiant: Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison.

Response: Christ, have mercy. *or* Christe eleison.

All: Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison.

All recite together:

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.

SUFFRAGES

The Suffrages are recited on all Sundays and feasts.

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- v. Help us, O God our Savior;
r. deliver us and forgive us our sins.
- v. Look upon your congregation;
r. give to your people the blessing of peace.
- v. Declare your glory among the nations;
r. and your wonders among all peoples.
- v. Let not the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
r. never forget the lives of your poor.
- v. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
r. and your favor to those who are true of heart.
- v. Satisfy us by your loving kindness in the morning;
r. so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

➔ *A Collect for Fridays:*

Almighty God, whose most dear One went not up to joy before suffering pain, and entered not into glory before being crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. *Amen.*

† *A Collect for Guidance:*

O God, our Creator and Sustainer, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

A Collect for Morning:

O Christ, our true and only Light: Receive our morning prayers and illumine the secrets of our hearts with your healing goodness, that no evil desires may possess us who are made new in the light of your heavenly grace, through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen. (Gelasian Sacramentary)*

Cantor: Let us bless our God.
Response: To God be thanks for ever.

Matins concludes with one of the following:

Officiant:

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation in the church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*