

Psalms, Readings, Recitations, and Hymns for The Office of Matins
Thursday in the Week of Cantate: Fourth Sunday After Easter
May 19, 2022

Opening Prayers

In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that what we say with our lips we may believe in our hearts and practice in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Open our mouths, O Lord, to bless Your holy name. Cleanse our hearts from all vain, foolish, and wandering thoughts; enlighten our understanding, enkindle our affections, that we may recite this divine office with attention and devotion, and so may be fit to be heard before the Presence of Your divine Majesty; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Versicles

O Lord, open my lips.

And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

† Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; forevermore. Amen. Alleluia!

Easter Invitatory and Venite

The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia:

O come, let us worship Him.

O come, let us sing to the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it: and His hands form-ed the dry land.

O come, let worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; forevermore. Amen.

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Office Hymn: *O Lord and Everlasting King (Tune: 173)*

O Lord and everlasting King,
Maker of earth and everything,
Whom, ere the ages had begun,
The Father ever had for Son;

Who, when this world of ours began,
Didst fashion Adam, primal man,
Giving to him Thy stamp divine,
A countenance to mirror Thine;

When through beguilement brought him low
The devilm, man's relentless foe,
In human flesh Thou didst not scorn
To be in man's own likeness born;

That man to grace Thou mightest restore,
Whom Thou hadst fashioned of yore,
And us to God unite afresh
By sharing this our house of flesh.

Thou spurnedst not man, but for his sake
Thou didst the cross upon Thee take;
Thy blood Thou gavest forth, by this
To buy for us eternal bliss.

We pray Thee, King with glory decked,
In this our Paschal joy, protect
From all that death would fain effect,
Thy ransomed flock, Thine own elect.

To Thee who, dead, again dost live,
All glory, Lord, Thy people give;
All glory, as is ever meet,
To Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

Psalm 52

Tone 5



Antiphon

Alleluia! `Alleluia!:/ Al`leluia!

Psalm

Why do you boast in evil, `O mighty man?/ The goodness of God endures `continually.

²Your tongue devis`es destruction,/ Like a sharp razor, working `deceitfully.

³ You love e`vil more than good,/ Lying rather than speak`ing righteousness.

⁴ You love all `devouring words,/ You `deceitful tongue.

⁵ God shall likewise destroy `you forever;/ He shall take you away, and pluck you out of your dwelling place, And uproot you from the land `of the living.

⁶ The righteous also `shall see and fear,/ And shall laugh `at him, saying,

⁷ “Here `is the *man*/ who did not `make God his strength,

But trusted in the abundance `of his riches,/ And strengthened himself in `his wickedness.”

⁸ But I am like a green olive tree in `the house of God;/ I trust in the mercy of God forev`er and ever.

⁹ I will praise You forever,

Because `You have done it;/ And in the presence of Your saints I will wait on Your name, `for it is good.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father `and to the Son:/ and to `the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the be`ginning, is now:/ and ever shall be, forever `more. Amen.

Antiphon

Alleluia! `Alleluia!:/ Alleluia!

Weekly Bible Verse Recitation: *John 6:51*

[Jesus said:] I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world. *John 6:51*

Weekly Catechism Recitation: *The Benefit of the Sacrament of the Altar*

What benefit do we receive from such eating and drinking?

The benefit which we receive from such eating and drinking is shown us by these words: Given and shed for you for the remission of sins, namely, that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins there is also life and salvation.

First Lection: *Leviticus 24:1-23*

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: **2** “Command the children of Israel that they bring to you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to make the lamps burn continually. **3** Outside the veil of the Testimony, in the tabernacle of meeting, Aaron shall be in charge of it from evening until morning before the LORD continually; *it shall be* a statute forever in your generations. **4** He shall [a]be in charge of the lamps on the pure *gold* lampstand before the LORD continually.

5 “And you shall take fine flour and bake twelve cakes with it. Two-tenths *of an ephah* shall be in each cake. **6** You shall set them in two rows, six in a row, on the pure *gold* table before

the LORD. **7** And you shall put pure frankincense on *each* row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, an offering made by fire to the LORD. **8** Every Sabbath he shall set it in order before

the LORD continually, *being taken* from the children of Israel by an everlasting

covenant. **9** And it shall be for Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in a holy place; for it *is* most holy to him from the offerings of the LORD made by fire, by a perpetual statute.”

10 Now the son of an Israelite woman, whose father *was* an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel; and this Israelite *woman*’s son and a man of Israel fought each other in the

¹⁵Oh, let Israel `bless the *Lord*:/ praise Him and magnify `Him forever.

¹⁶O you priests of the Lord, `bless the *Lord*:/ O you servants of the Lord, `bless the *Lord*.

¹⁷O you spirits and souls of the righteous, `bless the *Lord*:/ O you humble men of heart, `bless the *Lord*.

¹⁸Let us bless the Father and the Son and the `Holy Spirit:/ let us praise Him and magnify `Him forever.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father `and to the Son:/ and to `the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the be`ginning, is now:/ and ever shall be, forever `more. *Amen.*

Antiphon

We praise `the Lord, *now*,/ henceforth `and forever.

Second Lection: *St. Luke 12:54 – 13:17*

54 Then He also said to the multitudes, “Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, ‘A shower is coming’; and so it is. **55** And when *you see* the south wind blow, you say, ‘There will be hot weather’; and there is. **56** Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how *is it* you do not discern this time?”

57 “Yes, and why, even of yourselves, do you not judge what is right? **58** When you go with your adversary to the magistrate, make every effort along the way to settle with him, lest he drag you to the judge, the judge deliver you to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. **59** I tell you, you shall not depart from there till you have paid the very last mite.”

13 There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had [[a](#)]mingled with their sacrifices. **2** And Jesus answered and said to them, “Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all *other* Galileans, because they suffered such things? **3** I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. **4** Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all *other* men who dwelt in Jerusalem? **5** I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”

6 He also spoke this parable: “A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. **7** Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, ‘Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it [[b](#)]use up the ground?’ **8** But he answered and said to him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize *it*. **9** [[c](#)]And if it bears fruit, *well*. But if not, after that you can cut it down.’”

10 Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. **11** And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way [[d](#)]raise *herself* up. **12** But when Jesus saw her, He called *her* to *Him* and said to her, “Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.” **13** And He laid *His* hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

14 But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, “There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day.”

15 The Lord then answered him and said, [[e](#)]“Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead *it* away to water it? **16** So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?” **17** And when He said these things, all His adversaries

were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Thanks be to You, O Lord.

Devotional Reading

Hymn: *97, O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide*

O Savior, rend the heavens wide;
Come down, come down with mighty stride;
Unlock the gates, the doors break down;
Unbar the way to heaven's crown.

O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,
When will our hearts behold Your dawn?
O Sun, arise, without Your light
We grope in gloom and dark of night.

Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;
Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.
O come, lead us with mighty hand
From exile to our promised land.

There shall we all our praises bring
Ever to You, our Savior King;
There shall we laud You and adore
Forever and forevermore.

Morning Versicle

O satisfy us early with Your mercy.

That we may rejoice and be glad.

Canticle: *The Benedictus*

Easter Antiphon

This is the day the Lord has made, alleluia: We will rejoice and be glad in it, alleluia!

Canticle

†“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for He has visited and redeemed His people
And has raised up a horn of salvation for us; in the house of servant David;

As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets: which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies; and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers; and to remember His holy covenant
To perform the oath which He swore to our father Abraham; that He would grant unto us;

That we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies: might serve Him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before Him; all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Highest: for you will go before the face of
the Lord to prepare His ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto His people by the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the Dayspring from on high has visited
us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death: to guide our feet into
the way of peace.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: forevermore. Amen.

Easter Antiphon

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Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father...

I believe in God the Father Almighty...

Collect

For the Week of Easter 5

O God, You make the minds of the faithful to be of one will: Grant unto Your people that they
may love what You command, and desire what You promise; that among the manifold changes of
this world, our hearts may always be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ,
Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and
forever. Amen.

For the Day from the Treasury of Daily Prayer

O Jesus, Lord of the Sabbath, rescue us from our hypocrisy, which keeps us from seeing You as
the center of all Scripture and acknowledging the present time as a time of salvation. Call us to
repent of our self-righteousness so that we might look to You alone as the source of our life; in
Your holy Name we pray. Amen.

For the Church

O Lord Jesus, we beseech You, remember Your holy catholic church which is spread from one
end of the earth to the other. Give her that peace which You have purchased with Your precious
blood and keep her in Your care unto the end of the world. Remember those who labor and do
good works in Your holy churches and grant them Your rich and heavenly gifts. Remember

every Christian soul, especially the afflicted, oppressed and struggling, and all those needing Your mercy and helping hand. Bring those who have wandered back to the true faith; Give health to the sick, and give rest to those that have fallen asleep in Jesus; In Whose Name we pray. **Amen.**

For the Ministry

Almighty and gracious God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You have commanded us to pray that You would send forth laborers into Your harvest, of Your infinite mercy give us true teachers and ministers of Your Word, and put Your saving Gospel in their hearts and on their lips that they may truly fulfill Your command and preach nothing contrary to Your holy Word, that we, being warned, instructed, nurtured, comforted, and strengthened by Your heavenly Word, may do those things which are well-pleasing to You and profitable to us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Right Use of Christ's Body and Blood

Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, in the holy Sacrament of the Altar you give us Your holy Body and precious Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins. Keep us, we beseech You, in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May this Sacrament preserve us in the true faith unto life everlasting. In Your holy Name we pray. **Amen.**

For the Morning

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new to us every morning, and, though we have in no way deserved Your goodness, You abundantly provide for all our needs of body and soul: Give us, we pray, Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

Benedicamus & Benediction

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit † be with us all. Amen.