

Psalms, Readings, Recitations, and Hymns for The Office of Matins
Thursday in the Week of Exaudi: The Sunday After the Ascension
June 2, 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!

Ascension Invitatory and Venite

Alleluia! The King ascends into heaven, 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 Christ, Who Mountest Up the Sky* - 17th century (Tune: 216)

O Christ, who mountest up the sky
To deck fair thrones for us on high,
Thine exiled sons in love restore
Unto their native land once more.

There gifts to all Thou dost afford
Thyself shall be our great reward;
How brief below our time of pain!
How long our pleasure shall remain!

With eye unveiled and sated heart
We there shall see Thee as Thou art,
And tell in hymns of sweet accord
Our love and praise of Thee, O Lord.

Lest we be orphaned of Thy love
Send down from Thy high halls above
The Spirit of adoption sweet
Salvation's pledge, the Paraclete

Jesus, to Thee our anthems tend
Who shalt be judge at time's last end;
To God the Father equal praise
And Holy Ghost through endless days. Amen.

Psalm 80

Tone 6



Antiphon

Alleluia! `Alleluia!:/ Al`leluia!

Psalm

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Jo`seph like a flock;/ You who dwell between the cher`ubim, shine forth!

² Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, `Stir up Your strength,/ And `come and save us!

³ Restore `us, O *God*;/ Cause Your face to shine, And `we shall be saved!

⁴ O LORD God of hosts, How long will `You be angry/ Against the prayer `of Your people?

⁵ You have fed them with `the bread of tears,/ And given them tears to drink `in great measure.

⁶ You have made us a strife `to our neighbors,/ And our enemies laugh `among themselves.

⁷ Restore us, `O God of hosts;/ Cause Your face to shine, And `we shall be saved!

⁸ You have brought a vine `out of Egypt;/ You have cast out the nations, `and planted it.

⁹ You prepared room for it,

And caused it `to take deep root,/ And `it filled the land.

¹⁰ The hills were covered `with its shadow,/ And the mighty ce`dars with its boughs.

¹¹ She sent out her `boughs to the Sea,/ And her branches `to the River.

¹² Why have You broken `down her hedges,/ So that all who pass by the `way pluck her fruit?

¹³ The boar out of the `woods uproots it,/ And the wild beast of the `field devours it.

¹⁴ Return, we beseech You, `O God of hosts;/ Look down from heaven and see, And `visit this vine

¹⁵ And the vineyard which Your right `hand has planted,/ And the branch that You made `strong for Yourself.

¹⁶ It is burned with fire, `it is cut down;/ They perish at the rebuke of `Your countenance.

¹⁷ Let Your hand be upon the man `of Your right hand,/ Upon the son of man whom You made `strong for Yourself.

¹⁸ Then we will not `turn back from You;/ Revive us, and we will call `upon Your name.

¹⁹ Restore us, O `LORD God of hosts;/ Cause Your face to shine,
And `we shall be saved!

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: 1 Corinthians 11:27

Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. *1 Corinthians 11:27*

Weekly Catechism Recitation: *Proper Reception of the Sacrament of the Altar*

Who then receives this Sacrament worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparation are indeed a fine outward training; But he is truly worthy and well-prepared who has faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins." But he who does not believe these words, or doubts them, is unworthy and unprepared; For the words for you require truly believing hearts.

First Lection: *Numbers 16:41 – 17:13*

41 On the next day all the congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, saying, "You have killed the people of the LORD." **42** Now it happened, when the congregation had gathered against Moses and Aaron, that they turned toward the tabernacle of meeting; and suddenly the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared. **43** Then Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of meeting.

44 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, **45** "Get away from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment."

And they fell on their faces.

46 So Moses said to Aaron, "Take a censer and put fire in it from the altar, put incense *on it*, and take it quickly to the congregation and make [a]tonement for them; for wrath has gone out from the LORD. The plague has begun." **47** Then Aaron took *it* as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the assembly; and already the plague had begun among the people. So he put in the incense and made atonement for the people. **48** And he stood between the dead and the living; so the plague was stopped. **49** Now those who died in the plague were fourteen thousand seven

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 20:1-18*

Now it happened on one of those days, as He taught the people in the temple and preached the gospel, *that* the chief priests and the scribes, together with the elders, confronted *Him* **2** and spoke to Him, saying, “Tell us, by what authority are You doing these things? Or who is he who gave You this authority?”

3 But He answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one thing, and answer

Me: **4** The baptism of John—was it from heaven or from men?”

5 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say, ‘Why []then did you not believe him?’ **6** But if we say, ‘From men,’ all the people will stone us, for they are persuaded that John was a prophet.” **7** So they answered that they did not know where *it was* from.

8 And Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

9 Then He began to tell the people this parable: “A certain man planted a vineyard, leased it to [**b**]vinedressers, and went into a far country for a long time. **10** Now at [**c**]vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that they might give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the vinedressers beat him and sent *him* away empty-handed. **11** Again he sent another servant; and they beat him also, treated *him* shamefully, and sent *him* away empty-handed. **12** And again he sent a third; and they wounded him also and cast *him* out.

13 “Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. Probably they will respect *him* when they see him.’ **14** But when the vinedressers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.’ **15** So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed *him*. Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? **16** He will come and destroy those vinedressers and give the vineyard to others.”

And when they heard *it* they said, “Certainly not!”

17 Then He looked at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone which the builders rejected

Has become the chief cornerstone”?

18 Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.”

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Thanks be to You, O Lord.

Devotional Reading

Hymn: 393, *The Head That Once Was Crowned*

The Head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty Victor's brow.

The highest place that heav'n affords
Is His, is His by right,
The King of kings, and Lord of lords,
And heav'ns eternal Light.

The joy of all who dwell above,
The Joy of all below,
To whom He manifests His love
And grants His name to know.

To them the cross with all its shame,
With all its grace is giv'n;
Their name, an everlasting name;
Their joy, the joy of heav'n.

They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with Him above,
Their profit and their joy to know
The myst'ry of His love.

The cross He bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to Him;
His people's hope, His people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

Morning Versicle

O satisfy us early with Your mercy.
That we may rejoice and be glad.

Morning Cantic: *The Benedictus*

Ascension Antiphon

I will not leave you comfortless, alleluia!: I go away and come again to you, alleluia!

Cantic

†“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.

Ascension Antiphon

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Kyrie, Lord's Prayer & Apostles' Creed

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 the Sunday After the Ascension

Almighty, everlasting God, grant us always to have a devout will towards You, and the desire to
serve Your majesty with a pure heart; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for the Day from the Treasury of Daily Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are the stone that the builders rejected. But on the third day, You became the
cornerstone. By Your Word and Spirit, open our hearts to receive You as the beloved Son sent
from the Father so that we might always embrace suffering as the means by which we enter into
Your glory; in Your holy Name we pray. Amen.

Prayer for Purity of Word and Sacrament and for Right Reception of Christ's Body and
Blood

O Lord Jesus Christ, true King of heaven and earth, You promised to Your Church that the gates
of hell would not prevail against her, and You still cause Your Word to be preached and Your Holy

Sacraments to be administered among us. But ah! O Lord, the sins of Your people obscure the majesty of Your Bride. Your holy vineyard is trampled and Your blessed sacrifice stand neglected. Many think themselves strong and despise the life-giving food that You have ordained for Your people, for the forgiveness of their sins. Pardon all our arrogance and do not come to us in wrath to remove the lamp of Your Word from before our eyes! O Lord, we pray You: visit this vine, which You once established for Yourself, and renew us with the sun of Your mercy and the water of eternal life. Give us a great hunger for the food of Your true body and blood, and let all Your faithful people ever be found in the apostles' doctrine, in the fellowship, in the breaking of Your bread, and in the prayers. We implore You, O Lord, for our altar, that it may ever be a place where the medicine of eternal life, the forgiveness of our sins, strengthens us in body and soul; that disbelief and impenitence may stay far from all who come there so that they may not eat and drink to their own judgment. O Eternal High Priest, let the fruit of Your Spirit grow in us, which is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, and chastity. Cause us to live in holy conduct toward one another to the glory of Your holy name, here in time and hereafter in eternity; in Your holy name we pray. **Amen.**

For the Morning

O Lord Jesus Christ, bright Sun of the world: Shine upon our spirit and drive away the night of sin, that we may walk in Your holy light all our life and even forevermore; You who live and reign with the Father 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.