

Morning Prayer of the Church for Tuesday of Holy Week

We make the sign of the cross as we say:

O God come to our aid
Glory be to the Father...

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.
All: As it was in the ...without end, Amen.



Invitatory Psalm

Psalm 94 (95)

*From the earliest times the Church has used this psalm as a call to worship.
We are invited to come singing into the presence of God; to come with enthusiastic joy and thanksgiving
as the best way to express our love to God, who is both saviour and king.*

Leader: Christ the Lord was tempted and suffered for us. Come, let us adore him.
All: Christ the Lord was tempted and suffered for us. Come, let us adore him.

Leader: Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the God who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

All: Christ the Lord was tempted and suffered for us. Come, let us adore him.

A mighty God is the Lord, a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his.
To him belongs the sea, for he made it and the dry land shaped by his hands.

All: Christ the Lord was tempted and suffered for us. Come, let us adore him.

Leader: Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

All: Christ the Lord was tempted and suffered for us. Come, let us adore him.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.

All: Christ the Lord was tempted and suffered for us. Come, let us adore him.

Leader: For forty years I was wearied of these people and I said:
“Their hearts are astray, these people do not know my ways.”
Then I took an oath in my anger: “Never shall they enter my rest.”

All: Christ the Lord was tempted and suffered for us. Come, let us adore him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Hymn

BEHOLD, BEHOLD THE WOOD OF THE CROSS
On which is hung our salvation
O Come let us adore.

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall
upon the ground and die
It shall remain but a single grain
and not give life.

And when my hour of glory comes
as all was meant to be
You shall see me lifted up,
upon a tree.

Psalm 42 (43) Longing for the temple

Our exiled priest friend, whom we met in yesterday's psalm has reached a different stage now in the struggle of his heart, which enables him to pass victoriously through the darkness, to stand in the quiet assurance of faith and trust that his prayer is being answered. He holds firmly on to the reality of God's presence – with him now. He prays that God will vindicate him before his foes, will let these godless people see that the Lord is God indeed, and will deliver him out of their hand. He seems unaware that he has transcended his great problem – his belief that God could only be found in the Temple in Jerusalem. God is here with him now, in his trouble.

Antiphon *Lord, plead my cause; from deceitful and cunning men rescue me.*

Leader

Defend me, O God, and plead my cause
against a godless nation.
From deceitful and cunning men
rescue me, O God.

O send forth your light and your truth;
let these be my guide.
Let them bring me to your holy mountain,
to the place where you dwell.

Why are you cast down my soul,
why groan within me?
Hope in God; I will praise him still,
my saviour and my God.

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Antiphon **Lord, plead my cause; from deceitful and cunning men rescue me.**

ALL

**Since you, O God, are my stronghold,
why have you rejected me?
Why do I go mourning
oppressed by the foe?**

**And I will come to the altar of God,
the God of my joy.
My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp,
O God, my God.**


**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,**

**By day the Lord will send his loving kindness;
by night I will sing to him, praise the God of my life.**

Psalm-prayer

Father, your Son was condemned by reason of our sins, but on Easter morning you glorified him with the glory he always had with you. Do not leave us, his members, in the enemy's hands, but bring us, through our joyful participation at your altar, to your eternal tabernacle on high to adore in spirit and truth.

Short Reading

 ver the House of David and the citizens of Jerusalem I will pour out a spirit of kindness and prayer. They will look on the one whom they have pierced; they will mourn for him as for an only son, and weep for him as people weep for a first-born child. When that day comes, there will be great mourning in Judah.

Short Responsory

You have redeemed us, Lord, by your blood.

From every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

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

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Canticle of Zechariah (*The Benedictus*)

Antiphon: *Father, glorify me in your own presence, with the glory
which I had with you before the world began.*

Blest be the Lord, the God of Israel,
Who brings the dawn and darkest night dispels,
Who raises up a mighty Saviour from the earth,
Of David's line, a son of royal birth.

The prophets tell a story just begun
Of vanquished foe and glorious vict'ry won,
Of promise made to all who keep the law as guide:
God's faithful love and mercy will abide.

This is the oath once sworn to Abraham:
All shall be free to dwell upon the land,
Free now to praise, unharmed by the oppressor's rod,
Holy and righteous in the sight of God.

And you, my child, this day you shall be called
The promised one, the prophet of our God,
For you will go before the Lord to clear the way,
And shepherd all into the light of day.

The tender love God promised from our birth
Is soon to dawn upon this shadowed earth,
To shine on those whose sorrows seem to never cease,
To guide our feet into the path of peace.

All glory be to God, Creator blest,
To Jesus Christ, God's love made manifest,
And to the Holy Spirit, gentle Comforter,
All glory be, both now and ever more.

Antiphon: **Father, glorify me in your own presence, with the glory
which I had with you before the world began.**

Prayers and intercessions

Let us pray earnestly to Christ our Saviour, who redeemed us by his death and resurrection.

Lord have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

You went up to Jerusalem to endure the passion and enter into glory; lead your Church into the paschal feast of eternal life.

Lord have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

Your heart was pierced with a lance; heal the wounds of our human weakness.

Lord have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

You made your cross the tree of life; share your victory with all the baptized.

Lord have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

You gave salvation to the repentant thief; pardon all our sins.

Lord have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

Our Father, who art in heaven.....

Concluding Prayer

All-powerful, ever-living God, may our sacramental celebration of the Lord's passion bring us your forgiveness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

THE ANGELUS

*The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:
Hail Mary....*

**And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Holy Mary....**

*Behold the handmaid of the Lord:
Hail Mary....*

**Be it done unto me according to Thy word.
Holy Mary....**

*And the Word was made Flesh:
Hail Mary....*

**And dwelt among us.
Holy Mary....**

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

ALL: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen