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CHRISTIAN PRAYER: The Liturgy of the Hours

MORNING PRAYER

DAYTIME PRAYER

(Selections)

EVENING PRAYER

NIGHT PRAYER

OFFICE OF READINGS

(Selections)

♪ Edition with Music ♪

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PROPER OF SAINTS

January	1060	July	1186
February	1077	August	1206
March	1101	September	1244
April	1124	October	1276
May	1139	November	1300
June	1160	December	1329

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Liturgical Guide	1502
Hymns (nos. 1-185)	1507

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS	1709
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Psalter	1785
Biblical Readings	1870
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ADVENT SEASON

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Psalter, Week I

Evening Prayer I

HYMN, no. 61 or 62.

Ant. 1 Proclaim the good news among the nations:
Our God will come to save us.

Psalms and canticle from Sunday, Week I, 701.

Ant. 2 Know that the Lord is coming and with him
all his saints; that day will dawn with a wonder-
ful light, alleluia.

Ant. 3 The Lord will come with mighty power; all
mortal eyes shall see him.

READING

1 Thessalonians 5:19-24

Do not stifle the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test everything; retain what is good. Avoid any semblance of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect in holiness. May he preserve you whole and entire, spirit, soul, and body, irreproachable at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls us is trustworthy, therefore he will do it.

RESPONSORY

Lord, show us your mercy and love
— Lord, show us your mercy and love.

And grant us your salvation,
— your mercy and love.

Glory to the Father . . .

— Lord, show us . . .

CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. See the Lord coming from afar; his splendor fills
the earth.

born of the Virgin Mary.

May we come to share the divinity of Christ,
 who humbled himself to share our human nature,
 for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.

DECEMBER 18

Morning Prayer

READING

Romans 13:11-14

It is now the hour for you to wake from sleep, for our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith. The night is far spent; the day draws near. Let us cast off deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us live honorably as in daylight; not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual excess and lust, not in quarreling and jealousy. Rather, put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.

RESPONSORY

Your light will come, Jerusalem;
 the Lord will dawn on you in radiant beauty.

— Your light will come, Jerusalem;
 the Lord will dawn on you in radiant beauty.

You will see his glory within you;
 — the Lord will dawn on you in radiant beauty.

Glory to the Father . . .

— Your light will . . .

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

Ant. Let everything within you watch and wait, for the Lord our God draws near.



EASTER SUNDAY

The beginning of the Easter Season

Invitatory

On Easter Sunday the Invitatory is always said at the beginning of Morning Prayer.

Ant. The Lord is risen, alleluia.

Invitatory psalm, as in the Ordinary, 688.

Morning Prayer

HYMN, no. 117 or 118-123, 14.

Ant. 1 The splendor of Christ risen from the dead has shone on the people redeemed by his blood, alleluia.

Psalms and canticle from Sunday, Week I, 707.

Ant. 2 Our Redeemer has risen from the tomb; let us sing a hymn of praise to the Lord our God, alleluia.

Ant. 3 Alleluia, the Lord is risen as he promised, alleluia.

READING

Acts 10: 40-43

God raised up Jesus on the third day and granted that he be seen, not by all, but only by such witnesses as had been chosen beforehand by God—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and to bear witness that he is the one set apart by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets testify,

PENTECOST
Solemnity

Evening Prayer I



HYMN, no. 127 or 21.

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 On the day of Pentecost they had all gathered together in one place, alleluia.

Psalm 113

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting
praised be the name of the Lord!

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from his misery he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.
To the childless wife he gives a home
and gladdens her heart with children.