

# SHORTER CHRISTIAN PRAYER

The Four-Week Psalter  
of the Liturgy of the Hours  
Containing

MORNING PRAYER  
AND  
EVENING PRAYER

With Selections for the Entire Year

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**CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Father,  
may everything we do  
begin with your inspiration  
and continue with your saving help.  
Let our work always find its origin in you  
and through you reach completion.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Conclusion, as in the Ordinary, 29.**

**Evening Prayer**

God, come to my assistance. Glory to the Father.  
As it was in the beginning. Alleluia.

**HYMN, no. 34 or 47. Outside Ordinary Time, see Guide, 578.**

**PSALMODY**

**Ant. 1** The Lord looks tenderly on those who are poor.

**Easter:** Have courage; I have overcome the world, alleluia.

**Psalm 11**

**God is the unfailing support of the just**

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice; they shall be satisfied (Matthew 5:6).*

In the Lord I have taken my refuge.  
How can you say to my soul:  
“Fly like a bird to its mountain.

See the wicked bracing their bow;  
they are fixing their arrows on the string  
to shoot upright men in the dark.  
Foundations once destroyed, what can the just  
do?”



## WEEK III

### SUNDAY

#### Evening Prayer I

God, come to my assistance. Glory to the Father.  
As it was in the beginning. Alleluia.

**HYMN, no. 32 or 184. Outside Ordinary Time, see Guide, 578.**

#### PSALMODY

**Ant. 1** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
may the name of the Lord be praised.

**Advent:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, let your joy overflow; your  
Savior will come to you, alleluia.

**Lent, 3rd Sunday:** The Lord says: Turn away from sin  
and open your hearts to the Gospel.

**Easter, 3rd and 7th Sunday:** The Lord our God is high  
above the heavens; he raises up the lowly from the  
dust, alleluia.

#### Psalm 113

#### Praise the name of the Lord

*He has cast down the mighty and has lifted up the  
lowly (Luke 1:52).*

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.—

There were set the thrones of judgment  
of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

“Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!”

For love of my brethren and friends

I say: “Peace upon you!”

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good.

### Psalm-prayer

When you rose from the dead, Lord Jesus, you formed the Church into your new body and made of it the new Jerusalem, united in your Spirit. Give us peace in our day. Make all nations come to your Church to share your gifts in fellowship, that they may render you thanks without end and come to your eternal city.

**Ant. 2** From the morning watch until night, I have waited trustingly for the Lord.

**Advent:** Come, Lord, do not delay; free your people from their sinfulness.

**Lent, 4th Sunday:** Awake from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.

**Easter, 4th Sunday:** With your own blood, you have redeemed us for God, alleluia.

### Psalm 130

#### A cry from the depths

*He himself will save his people from their sins*  
(Mat-thew 1:21).

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,

Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading.

**Sunday in the Octave  
of Christmas**

**Psalter, Week I**

**HOLY FAMILY**

**Feast**



**When Christmas occurs on Sunday, the feast of the Holy Family is celebrated on December 30 and there is no Evening Prayer I.**

**Evening Prayer I**

**CANTICLE OF MARY**

**Ant.** The child Jesus remained in Jerusalem, and his parents did not know it. They thought he was in the group of travelers and looked for him among their relatives and friends.

**Invitatory**

**Ant.** Come, let us worship Christ, the Son of God, who was obedient to Mary and Joseph.

**Invitatory psalm, as in the Ordinary, 22.**

**Morning Prayer**

**CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH**

**Ant.** Lord, give us light through the example of your family and guide our feet into the way of peace.

**CONCLUDING PRAYER**

**Father,**  
help us to live as the holy family,  
united in respect and love.  
Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home.

**FRIDAY****Morning Prayer****READING****Acts 5:30-32**

The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the holy Spirit that God has given to those who obey him.

**RESPONSORY**

The Lord is risen from the tomb, alleluia, alleluia.

— The Lord is risen from the tomb, alleluia, alleluia.

He hung upon the cross for us,

— alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father . . .

— The Lord is . . .

**CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH**

**Ant.** My commandment is this: love one another as I have loved you, alleluia.

**INTERCESSIONS**

Let us pray to God the Father, who gave us new life through the risen Christ:

*Give us the glory of your Son.*

Lord our God, your mighty works have revealed your eternal plan: you created the earth, and you are faithful in every generation,

— hear us, Father of mercy.

Purify our hearts with your truth, and guide them in the way of holiness,

— so that we may do what is pleasing in your sight.

Let your face shine upon us,

— that we may be freed from sin and filled with your plenty.



**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Psalter, Week I**

**Evening Prayer I**

**CANTICLE OF MARY**

**Ant.** Those who welcome you are welcoming me,  
and those who welcome me are welcoming  
him who sent me.

**Morning Prayer**

**CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH**

**Ant.** Jesus, turning, saw the woman and said: Take  
courage, daughter; your faith has saved you,  
alleluia.

**CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Father,  
you call your children  
to walk in the light of Christ.  
Free us from darkness  
and keep us in the radiance of your truth.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Alternative Prayer**

Father in heaven,  
the light of Jesus  
has scattered the darkness of hatred and sin.  
Called to that light  
we ask for your guidance.  
Form our lives in your truth, our hearts in your love.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Evening Prayer II**

**CANTICLE OF MARY**

**Ant.** The Son of Man did not come to condemn men  
but to save them.

# LITURGICAL GUIDE FOR HYMNS

## PROPER OF SEASONS

No.

### ADVENT

- 54 On Jordan's bank  
55 Maranatha  
56 Come, thou long-expected  
    Jesus  
57 Be consoled, my people  
58 Hear the herald voice  
59 The King of glory  
60 Wake, awake, the night is  
    dying  
61 Creator of the stars of night  
62 You heavens  
63 O come, O come, Emmanuel  
64 The coming of our God  
65 Behold a Virgin bearing him  
66 The night is ending (Song of  
    Salvation)  
67 Behold, a rose of Judah

### CHRISTMAS

- 68 Unto us a child is born (A child  
    is born)  
69 From heaven high  
70 Go tell it on the mountain  
71 O come, all ye faithful  
72 Songs of praise the angels  
    sang  
73 Virgin-born, we bow before  
    you  
74 What child is this?  
75 A child is born in Bethlehem  
76 Unto us a child is given

### HOLY FAMILY

- 77 Sing of Mary, pure and lowly  
78 Joseph

No.

### MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

- 73 Virgin-born, we bow before  
    you  
79 Joy to you  
80 O Mary, of all women

### EPIPHANY

- 3 Sion, sing  
11 All you nations  
81 As with gladness men of old  
84 Songs of thankfulness

### BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- 82 Sing praise to our Creator  
83 When Jesus comes to be  
    baptized  
84 Songs of thankfulness

### LENT

- 53 The Master came  
85 Now let us all with one ac-  
    cord  
86 Creator of the earth and  
    skies  
87 Lord, your glory in Christ we  
    have seen  
88 Praise to the holiest  
89 The glory of these forty days  
90 Grant to us  
91 With hearts renewed  
92 Take up your cross  
93 For forty years  
94 Lord who throughout these  
    holy days  
95 This is our accepted time  
96 Draw near, O Lord

## Sion, Sing

Melody: Sion, Sing  
Irregular with Antiphon

Music: Lucien Deiss, C.S.Sp.  
Text: Lucien Deiss, C.S.Sp.

**Antiphon:** Sion, sing, break into song!  
For within you is the Lord  
With his saving power.

**1**  
Rise and shine forth, for your light has  
come,  
And upon you breaks the glory of the  
Lord;  
For the darkness covers the earth,  
And the thick clouds, the people.

**Antiphon**

**2**  
But upon you the Lord shall dawn,  
And in you his splendor shall be re-  
vealed;  
Your light shall guide the Gentiles on  
their path,  
And kings shall walk in your brightness.

**Antiphon**

**3**  
Wonder and thanksgiving shall fill your  
heart,  
As the wealth of nations enriches you;  
You shall be called the City of the Lord,  
Dear to the Holy One of Israel.

**Antiphon**

**4**  
You who were desolate and alone,  
A place unvisited by men  
Shall be the pride of ages untold,  
And everlasting joy to the nations.

**Antiphon**

**5**  
No more shall the sun be your light by  
day,  
Nor the moon's beam enlighten you by  
night;  
The Lord shall be your everlasting light,  
And your God shall be your glory.

**Antiphon**

**6**  
No more for you the setting of suns,  
No more the waning of moons;  
The Lord shall be your everlasting light  
And the days of your mourning shall  
come to an end.

**Antiphon**

## Morning Has Broken

Melody: Bunessan 55.54.D

Music: Old Gaelic Melody  
Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965

**1**  
Morning has broken  
Like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken  
Like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing  
Fresh from the Word!

**3**

Mine is the sunlight!  
Mine is the morning,  
Born of the one light  
Eden saw play!

**2**  
Sweet the rains new fall  
Sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dew fall  
On the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness  
Of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness  
Where his feet pass.

Praise with elation,  
Praise every morning,  
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Of the new day!

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