

Liturgy of the Hours

CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

INTRODUCTION

V - O God, come to our aid
R - O Lord, make haste to help us
Glory be...

Intercessions:

Since we are part of a building that has the apostles for its foundation, let us pray to the Father for his holy people:

R: Lord, remember your Church

Father, when your Son rose from the dead, you showed him first to the apostles: let us make him known, near and far. **R**

You sent your Son into the world to proclaim the good news to the poor: grant that we may bring his gospel into the darkness of men's lives. **R**

You sent your Son to plant in men's hearts the seeds of imperishable life: may we labour to sow his word and reap a harvest of joy. **R**

You sent your Son to reconcile the world with yourself by the shedding of his blood: let us become his fellow workers in restoring men to your friendship. **R**

You placed your Son at your own right hand in heaven: receive the dead into the happiness of your kingdom. **R**



OUR FATHER

Our Father,
Who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day
our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Concluding Prayer:

Today, Lord, we celebrate the conversion of Saint Paul, your chosen vessel for carrying your name to the whole world. Help us to make our way towards you by following in his footsteps, and by witnessing to your truth before the men and women of our day.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

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



Amazing Grace

Tw'as grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind but now I see

Though many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come
Tw'as grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

Ant. 1: I will freely boast of my weakness, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Psalm 115 (116)

I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted,'
and when I said in my alarm:
'No man can be trusted.'

How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfill
before all his people
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfill
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Glory be to the Father...

Ant.: I will freely boast of my weakness, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Ant. 2: I planted, Apollo watered, but it is God who gave the increase.

Psalm 125 (126)

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said:
'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves.

Glory be to the Father...

Ant.: I planted, Apollo watered, but it is God who gave the increase.

Ant. 3: For me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain; I must glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ

Canticle – Eph. 1: 3 – 10

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

He chose us in him
before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy
and blameless before him.

He destined us in love
to be his sons through Jesus Christ
according to the purpose of his will,
to the praise of his glorious grace
which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the richness of his grace
which he lavished upon us.

He has made known to us
in all wisdom and insight
the mystery of his will,
according to his purpose
which he set forth in Christ.

His purpose he set forth in Christ,
as a plan for the fullness of time,
to unite all things in him,
things in heaven and things on earth.

Glory be to the Father...

Ant.: For me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain; I must glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ

Scripture Reading:

1 Cor 15: 9 – 10

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others.

Short Responsory

R: I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

V: I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

R: I will tell of your name among the peoples.

V: I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

R: Glory be to the Father...

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MAGNIFICAT



Ant: *Saint Paul, apostle, preacher of the truth and teacher of the nations, pray for us to God, who chose you.*

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God,
my Saviour.
He looks on His servant
in her lowliness; Henceforth all ages
will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy His name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

He puts forth His arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from
their thrones and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel His servant,
remembering His mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons forever.

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