

Sunday August 16, 2026 Twentieth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time (LOTH) Mid afternoon Daytime  
Prayer

INTRODUCTION

God, + come to my assistance.  
— Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
— as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

HYMN

PSALMODY

**Cantor 1:** (note 1)

**Ant. 1 He who eats this bread will live for ever, alleluia.**

Psalm 23 (v IV p 1098)

*The Good Shepherd*

*The Lamb himself will be their shepherd and will lead them to the  
springs of living waters (Revelation 7:17).*

**The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
there is nothing I shall want.**

Fresh and green are the pastures \*  
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me, \*  
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; \*  
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness \*  
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff; \*  
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me \*  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil; \*

my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me \*  
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell \*  
for ever and ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
and will be for ever. Amen.

**Leader**

Psalm Prayer (v IV p 1098)

Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of your Church, you give us new birth in  
the waters of baptism; anoint us with saving oil, and call us to  
salvation at your table. Dispel the terrors of death and the darkness  
of error. Lead your people along safe paths, that they may rest  
securely in you and live for ever in your Father's house.

**Cantor 1:** (note 1)

**Ant. 1 He who eats this bread will live for ever, alleluia.**

(v IV p 1099)

**Cantor 2:** (note 2)

**Ant. 2 The Lord will come in glory and show himself**

**wonderful in his saints, alleluia.** (v IV p 1099)

Psalm 76 (v IV p 1099)

*Thanksgiving for victory*

*They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven (Matthew  
24:30).*

**I**

**God is made known in Judah; \*  
in Israel his name is great.**

He set up his tent in Jerusalem \*  
and his dwelling place in Zion.

It was there he broke the flashing arrows, \*  
the shield, the sword, the armor.

You, O Lord, are resplendent, \*  
more majestic than the everlasting mountains.  
The warriors, despoiled, slept in death; \*  
the hands of the soldiers were powerless.  
At your threat, O God of Jacob, \*  
horse and rider lay stunned.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
and will be for ever. Amen.

**Cantor 2:** (note 2)

**Ant. 2 The Lord will come in glory and show himself  
wonderful in his saints, alleluia.** (v IV p 1099)

**Cantor 1:** (note 1)

**Ant. 3 Pay your vows and bring offerings to the Lord our  
God, alleluia.** (v IV p 1099)

## II

**You, you alone, strike terror. \***  
**Who shall stand when your anger is roused?**  
You uttered your sentence from the heavens; \*  
the earth in terror was still  
when God arose to judge, \*  
to save the humble of the earth.

Men's anger will serve to praise you; \*  
its survivors surround you in joy.  
Make vows to your God and fulfill them. \*  
Let all pay tribute to him who strikes terror,  
who cuts short the life of princes, \*  
who strikes terror in the kings of the earth.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
and will be for ever. Amen.

**Leader:**

Psalm Prayer (v IV p 1100)

Your power is awesome, Father, and wonderful is your holiness. In your presence the earth both trembles and stands still, for you shattered death's power by the cross. Rise to help your people: give your light and grant salvation to the meek of the earth, that they may praise your name in heaven.

**Cantor 1:** (note 1)

**Ant. 3 Pay your vows and bring offerings to the Lord our  
God, alleluia.** (v IV p 1100)

**Reader:**

Song of Songs 8:6b-7a (v IV p 1101)

**Stern as death is love,  
relentless as the nether world is devotion;  
its flames are a blazing fire.  
Deep waters cannot quench love,  
nor floods sweep it away.**

*Pause*

**I love you, Lord; you are my strength.  
— You keep me safe; your mighty power protects me.**

**Leader:**

Concluding Prayer (v IV p 123)

God our Father,  
may we love you in all things and above all things  
and reach the joy you have prepared for us  
beyond all our imagining.  
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.  
— Amen.

Notes:

(1) CANTOR 1 MUST BE SITTING ON RIGHT SIDE FACING STAGE,  
(2) CANTOR 2 MUST BE SITTING ON LEFT SIDE FACING STAGE.