

Liturgy of the Hours
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OFFICE OF READINGS

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{ Memorial – Queenship of Mary }



Stand and make sign of cross

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

Ye who own the faith of Jesus,
Sing the wonders that were done,
When the love of God the Father
O'er our sin the victory won,
When he made the Virgin Mary
Mother of his only Son.
Hail, Mary, full of grace.

Blessed were the chosen people
Out of whom the Lord did come,
Blessed was the land of promise
Fashioned for his earthly home;
But more blessed far the mother,
She who bore him in her womb.
Hail, Mary, full of grace.

Wherefore let all faithful people
Tell the honor of her name,
Let the Church in her foreshadowed
Part in her thanksgiving claim;
What Christ's mother sang in gladness
Let Christ's people sing the same.
Hail, Mary, full of grace.

Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,
Praise thy Savior and thy Son,
Praise the everlasting Spirit,
Who hath made thee ark and throne.
O'er all creatures high exalted,

Lowly praise the three in one.
Hail, Mary, full of grace.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

Their own strength could not save them; it was your strength and the light of your face.

Psalm 44

The misfortunes of God's people

We triumph over all these things through him who loved us (Romans 8:37).

I

We héard with our ówn ears, O Gód, *
our fáthers have tóld us the stóry
of the thínigs you díd in their dáys, *
you yoursélf, in dáys long agó.

To plánt them you upróoted the nátions: *
to let them spréad you laid péoples lów.
No swórd of their ówn won the lánd; *
no árm of their ówn brought them víctory.
It was yóur right hánd, your árm *
and the líght of your fáce: for you lóved them.

It is yóu, my kíng, my Gód, *
who gránted víctories to Jácob.
Through yóu we béat down our fóes; *
in your náme we trámpled our aggréssors.

For it was nót in my bów that I trústed *
nor yét was I sáved by my swórd:
it was yóu who sáved us from our fóes, *
it was yóu who put our fóes to sháme.
All day lóng our bóast was in Gód, *
and we práised your náme without céasing.

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.

Antiphon

Their own strength could not save them; it was your strength and the light of your face.

Antiphon 2

Turn back to the Lord; he will not hide his face.

II

Yet now you have rejected us, disgraced us: *
you no longer go forth with our armies.
You make us retreat from the foe *
and our enemies plunder us at will.

You make us like sheep for the slaughter *
and scatter us among the nations.
You sell your own people for nothing *
and make no profit by the sale.

You make us the taunt of our neighbors, *
the laughing stock of all who are near.
Among the nations, you make us a byword, *
among the peoples a thing of derision.

All day long my disgrace is before me: *
my face is covered with shame
at the voice of the taunter, the scoffer, *
at the sight of the foe and the avenger.

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.

Antiphon

Turn back to the Lord; he will not hide his face.

Antiphon 3

Arise, Lord, do not abandon us for ever.

III

This befell us though we had not forgóttén you; *
though we had not been fálse to your cóvenant,
though we had not withdráwn our héarts; *
though our féet had not stráyed from your páth.
Yet you have crúshed us in a pláce of sórróws *
and cóvered us with the shádw of déath.

Had we forgóttén the náme of our Gód *
or strétched our hánds to another gód
would not Gód have fóund this óut, *
he who knóws the sécrets of the héart?
It is for yóu that we face déath all day lóng *
and are cóunted as shéep for the sláughter.

Awáke, O Lord, whý do you sléep? *
Aríse, do not rejéct us for éver!
Whý do you híde your fáce from us *
and forgét our oppréssion and míserý?

For we are bróught down lów to the dúst; *
our bódý lies próstrate on the éarth.
Stand úp and cóme to our hélp! *
Redéem us becáuse of your lóve!

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.

Antiphon

Arise, Lord, do not abandon us for ever.

VERSE

Let the light of your face shine on me, O Lord.

— Teach me your way of holiness.

READINGS

First reading

From the book of the prophet Isaiah

11:1-16

The root of Jesse and the return of the remnant of God's people

Thus says the Lord:

A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse,
and from his roots a bud shall blossom.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him:

a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,

A spirit of counsel and of strength,

a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord,

and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord.

Not by appearance shall he judge,

nor by hearsay shall he decide,

But he shall judge the poor with justice,

and decide aright for the land's afflicted.

He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth,

and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.

Justice shall be the band around his waist,

and faithfulness a belt upon his hips.

Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb,

and the leopard shall lie down with the kid;

The calf and the young lion shall browse together,

with a little child to guide them.

The cow and the bear shall be neighbors,

together their young shall rest;

the lion shall eat hay like the ox.

The baby shall play by the cobra's den,

and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair.

There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain;

for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord,

as water covers the sea.

On that day,
The root of Jesse,
set up as a signal for the nations,
The Gentiles shall seek out,
for his dwelling shall be glorious.

On that day,
The Lord shall again take it in hand
to reclaim the remnant of his people
that is left from Assyria and Egypt,
Pathros, Ethiopia, and Elam,
Shinar, Hamath, and the isles of the sea.

He shall raise a signal to the nations
and gather the outcasts of Israel;
The dispersed of Judah he shall assemble
from the four corners of the earth.
The envy of Ephraim shall pass away,
and the rivalry of Judah be removed;
Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah,
and Judah shall not be hostile to Ephraim;
But they shall swoop down on the foothills
of the Philistines to the west,
together they shall plunder the Kedemites;
Edom and Moab shall be their possessions,
and the Ammonites their subjects.

The Lord shall dry up the tongue of the Sea of Egypt,
and wave his hand over the Euphrates in his fierce anger
And shatter it into seven streamlets,
so that it can be crossed in sandals.
There shall be a highway for the remnant of his people
that is left from Assyria,
As there was for Israel
when he came up from the land of Egypt.

Responsory

Isaiah 55:12; 11:16

You will depart with joy; you will be led away in peace.

— Mountains and hills will break into joyful song before you,
and all the trees of the forest will clap their hands.

There will be a highway for the remnant of my people as there was
for Israel when they came out of the land of Egypt.

— Mountains and hills will break into joyful song before you,
and all the trees of the forest will clap their hands.

Second reading

From a homily by Saint Amadeus of Lausanne, bishop

(Hom. 7: SC 72, 188. 190. 192. 200)

Queen of the world and of peace

Observe how fitting it was that even before her assumption the name of Mary shone forth wondrously throughout the world. Her fame spread everywhere even before she was raised above the heavens in her magnificence. Because of the honor due her Son, it was indeed fitting for the Virgin Mother to have first ruled upon earth and then be raised up to heaven in glory. It was fitting that her fame be spread in this world below, so that she might enter the heights of heaven in overwhelming blessedness. Just as she was borne from virtue to virtue by the Spirit of the Lord, she was transported from earthly renown to heavenly brightness.

So it was that she began to taste the fruits of her future reign while still in the flesh. At one moment she withdrew to God in ecstasy; at the next she would bend down to her neighbors with indescribable love. In heaven angels served her, while here on earth she was venerated by the service of men. Gabriel and the angels waited upon her in heaven. The virgin John, rejoicing that the Virgin Mother was entrusted to him at the cross, cared for her with the other apostles here below. The angels rejoiced to see their queen; the apostles rejoiced to see their lady, and both obeyed her with loving devotion.

Dwelling in the loftiest citadel of virtue, like a sea of divine grace or an unfathomable source of love that has everywhere overflowed its banks, she poured forth her bountiful waters on trusting and thirsting souls. Able to preserve both flesh and spirit from death she bestowed health-giving salve on bodies and souls. Has anyone

ever come away from her troubled or saddened or ignorant of the heavenly mysteries? Who has not returned to everyday life gladdened and joyful because his request had been granted by the Mother of God?

She is a bride, so gentle and affectionate, and the mother of the only true bridegroom. In her abundant goodness she has channeled the spring of reason's garden, the well of living and life-giving waters that pour forth in a rushing stream from divine Lebanon and flow down from Mount Zion until they surround the shores of every far-flung nation. With divine assistance she has redirected these waters and made them into streams of peace and pools of grace. Therefore, when the Virgin of virgins was led forth by God and her Son, the King of kings, amid the company of exulting angels and rejoicing archangels, with the heavens ringing with praise, the prophecy of the psalmist was fulfilled, in which he said to the Lord: *At your right hand stands the queen, clothed in gold of Ophir.*

Responsory

A great sign appeared in the heavens: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet,

— and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.

The queen clothed in cloth of gold, stood on your right hand.

— And upon her head a crown of twelve stars.

Stand

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Father,
you have given us the mother of your Son
to be our queen and mother.

With the support of her prayers
may we come to share the glory of your children
in the kingdom of heaven.

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

God, for ever and ever.

— Amen.

Acclamation

Let us praise the Lord.

— And give him thanks.

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