

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER II

March 25, 2025

{ Solemnity – Annunciation }



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.

HYMN

Hail, O star of ocean,
God's own loving Mother,
yet a virgin always,
blessed Gate of heaven.

Heeding that great "Ave"
from the mouth of Gabriel,
in your peace confirm us,
Eva's name transforming.

Break the bonds of sinners,
offer light to blindness,
drive away our evil,
beg for us all blessings.

Show yourself our Mother:
pray that he may hear us,
who for our salvation
deigned to be your offspring.

Peerless holy Virgin,
meek beyond all others,
free us from our failings,
make us chaste and humble.

Keep us pure and faithful,
guard us on life's journey,
that on seeing Jesus
we rejoice for ever.

Praise to God the Father,

glory to Christ Jesus
and the Holy Spirit:
to all three one honor. Amen.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

The angel of the Lord brought God’s message to Mary. And she
conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 110:1-5, 7

The Messiah, king and priest

*Christ’s reign will last until all his enemies are made subject to him
(1 Corinthians 15:25).*

The Lórd’s revelátion to my Máster: †
“Sít on my right: *
your fóes I will pút beneath your féet.”

The Lórd will wíeld from Zíon †
your scépter of pówer: *
rúle in the mídst of all your fóes.

A prínce from the dáy of your bírth †
on the hóly móuntains; *
from the wómb before the dáwn I begót you.

The Lórd has sworn an óath he will not chánge. †
“You are a príest for éver, *

a priest like Melchizedek of old.”

The Master standing at your right hand *
will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside *
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

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

The angel of the Lord brought God’s message to Mary. And she
conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Antiphon 2

Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. Behold you
shall conceive and bear a son, and he will be called the Son of the
Most High.

Psalm 130

A cry from the depths

He himself will save his people from their sins (Matthew 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.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, *
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness: *
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord, *
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord *
more than watchman for daybreak.
Let the watchman count on daybreak *
and Israel on the Lord.

Because with the Lórd there is mércy *
and fúllness of redémption,
Ísrael indéed he will redéem *
from áll its iníquity.

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

Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. Behold you shall conceive and bear a son, and he will be called the Son of the Most High.

Antiphon 3

I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you have said.

Canticle – Colossians 1:12-20

Christ the first-born of all creation and the first-born from the dead

Let us give thanks to the Father *
for having made you worthy
to share the lot of the saints *
in light.

He rescued us *
from the power of darkness
and brought us *
into the kingdom of his beloved Son.
Through him we have redemption, *
the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, *
the first-born of all creatures.
In him everything in heaven and on earth was created, *
things visible and invisible.

All were created through him; *
all were created for him.

He is before all else that is. *
In him everything continues in being.

It is he who is head of the body, the church! *
he who is the beginning,
the first-born of the dead, *
so that primacy may be his in everything.

It pleased God to make absolute fulness reside in him *
and, by means of him, to reconcile everything in his person,
both on earth and in the heavens, *
making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you have said.

Sit

READING

1 John 1:1-2

This is what we proclaim to you:
what was from the beginning,
what we have heard,
what we have seen with our eyes,
what we have looked upon
and our hands have touched—
we speak of the word of life.
This life became visible;
we have seen and bear witness to it,
and we proclaim to you the eternal life
that was present to the Father
and became visible to us.

RESPONSORY

The Word was made man and he lived among us.

— The Word was made man and he lived among us.

He was in the beginning with God,

— and he lived among us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

— The Word was made man and he lived among us.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

The angel Gabriel said to Mary in greeting: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women.

Luke 1:46-55

The soul rejoices in the Lord

Make sign of cross

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, *
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. *

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me, *
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel *

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for 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.

Antiphon

The angel Gabriel said to Mary in greeting: Hail, full of grace, the
Lord is with you; blessed are you among women.

INTERCESSIONS

On this day the eternal Father sent his angel to bring Mary the good
news of our salvation. Let us turn to God and pray with confidence:

— Lord, fill our hearts with your love.

You chose the Virgin Mary as the mother of your Son,
have mercy on all who look for your gift of salvation.

— Lord, fill our hearts with your love.

You sent Gabriel to give Mary your message of peace and joy,
give to the whole world the joy of salvation and your gift of true
peace.

— Lord, fill our hearts with your love.

Mary gave her consent, the Holy Spirit overshadowed her, and your
Word came to dwell among us,
touch our hearts that we may welcome Christ as Mary did.

— Lord, fill our hearts with your love.

You look with love on the humble, and fill the hungry with your
gifts,
raise up the downcast, help all in need, comfort and strengthen the
dying.

— Lord, fill our hearts with your love.

Lord our God, you alone work wonders and with you all things are

possible,
give us the fullness of salvation when you raise up the dead on the
last day.

— Lord, fill our hearts with your love.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Concluding Prayer

God our Father,
your Word became man and was born of the Virgin Mary.
May we become more like Jesus Christ,
whom we acknowledge as our redeemer, God and man.
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.

Dismissal

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to
everlasting life.

— Amen.

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