

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
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MORNING PRAYER

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August 31, 2024

{ Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday }



# Invitatory

*Stand and make sign of cross on lips with thumb*

Lord, open my lips.

— And my mouth will proclaim your praise.

*Psalm 95*

*A call to praise God*

*Encourage each other daily while it is still today (Hebrews 3:13).*

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Come, let us sing to the Lord  
and shout with joy to the Rock who saves us.  
Let us approach him with praise and thanksgiving  
and sing joyful songs to the Lord.

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The Lord is God, the mighty God,  
the great king over all the gods.  
He holds in his hands the depths of the earth  
and the highest mountains as well.  
He made the sea; it belongs to him,  
the dry land, too, for it was formed by his hands.

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Come, then, let us bow down and worship,  
bending the knee before the Lord, our maker.  
For he is our God and we are his people,  
the flock he shepherds.

— Let us sing to the Lord as we keep this day in memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Today, listen to the voice of the Lord:  
Do not grow stubborn, as your fathers did  
in the wilderness,  
when at Meriba and Massah  
they challenged me and provoked me,  
Although they had seen all of my works.

— Let us sing to the Lord as we keep this day in memory of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary.

Forty years I endured that generation.  
I said, “They are a people whose hearts go astray  
and they do not know my ways.”  
So I swore in my anger,  
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

— Let us sing to the Lord as we keep this day in memory of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary.

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.

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Blessed Virgin Mary.

## Morning Prayer

### HYMN

Praise to Mary, Heaven’s Gate,  
Guiding Star of Christians’ way,  
Mother of our Lord and King,  
Light and hope to souls astray.

When you heard the call of God  
Choosing to fulfill his plan,  
By your perfect act of love  
Hope was born in fallen man.

Help us to amend our ways,

Halt the devil's strong attack,  
Walk with us the narrow path,  
Beg for us the grace we lack.

Mary, show your motherhood,  
Bring your children's prayers to Christ,  
Christ, your son, who ransomed man,  
Who, for us, was sacrificed.

Virgin chosen, singly blest,  
Ever faithful to God's call,  
Guide us in this earthly life,  
Guard us lest, deceived, we fall.

Mary, help us live our faith  
So that we may see your son;  
Join our humble prayers to yours,  
Till life's ceaseless war is won.

Praise the Father, praise the Son,  
Praise the holy Paraclete;  
Offer all through Mary's hands,  
Let her make our prayers complete.

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*Sit or stand*

## PSALMODY

### *Antiphon 1*

Dawn finds me ready to welcome you, my God.

*Psalm 119:145-152*

*XIX (Koph)*

I cáll with all my héart; Lord, héar me, \*  
I will kéep your commánds;  
I cáll upón you, sáve me \*

and I will do your will.

I rise before dawn and cry for help, \*  
I hope in your word.  
My eyes watch through the night \*  
to ponder your promise.

In your love hear my voice, O Lord; \*  
give me life by your decrees.  
Those who harm me unjustly draw near: \*  
they are far from your law.

But you, O Lord, are close: \*  
your commands are truth.  
Long have I known that your will \*  
is established 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*

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*Antiphon 2*

The Lord is my strength, and I shall sing his praise, for he has  
become my Savior.

*Canticle – Exodus 15:1-4a, 8-13, 17-18*

*Hymn of victory after the crossing of the Red Sea*

*Those who had conquered the beast were singing the song of Moses, God's servant (see  
Revelation 15:2-3).*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is gloriously triumphant; \*  
horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.

My strength and my courage is the Lord, \*  
and he has been my savior.  
He is my God, I praise him; \*  
the God of my father, I extol him.

The Lord is a warrior, \*

Lord is his name!

Pharaoh's chariots and army he hurled into the sea. \*

At a breath of your anger the waters piled up,  
the flowing waters stood like a mound, \*  
the flood waters congealed in the midst of the sea.

The enemy boasted, "I will pursue and overtake them; †  
I will divide the spoils and have my fill of them; \*  
I will draw my sword; my hand shall despoil them!"  
When your wind blew, the sea covered them; \*  
like lead they sank in the mighty waters.

Who is like to you among the gods, O Lord? \*  
Who is like to you, magnificent in holiness?  
O terrible in renown, worker of wonders, \*  
when you stretched out your right hand, the earth swallowed them!

In your mercy you led the people you redeemed; \*  
in your strength you guided them to your holy dwelling.

And you brought them in and planted them on the mountain of  
your inheritance— \*  
the place where you made your seat, O Lord,  
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands established. \*  
The Lord shall reign forever 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.

*Antiphon*

The Lord is my strength, and I shall sing his praise, for he has  
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*Antiphon 3*

O praise the Lord, all you nations.

*Psalm 117*

*Praise for God's loving compassion*

*I affirm that . . . the Gentile peoples are to praise God because of his mercy (Romans*

15:8-9).

O práise the Lórd, all you nátions,\*  
accláim him, all you péoples!

Stróng is his lóve for ús;\*  
he is fáithful for éver.

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*

O praise the Lord, all you nations.

*Sit*

#### READING

*Galatians 4:4-5*

When the designated time had come, God sent forth his Son born of a woman, born under the law, to deliver from the law those who were subjected to it, so that we might receive our status as adopted sons.

#### RESPONSORY

After the birth of your son, you remained a virgin.

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Mother of God, intercede for us;

— you remained a virgin.

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

— After the birth of your son, you remained a virgin.

*Stand*

#### GOSPEL CANTICLE

*Antiphon*

Let us celebrate with great devotion this day in memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary; may she intercede for us with the Lord Jesus

Christ.

*Luke 1:68-79*

*The Messiah and his forerunner*

*Make sign of cross*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old †  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
to give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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*

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## INTERCESSIONS

Let us glorify our Savior, who chose the Virgin Mary for his mother.  
Let us ask him:

— May your mother intercede for us, Lord.

Savior of the world, by your redeeming might you preserved your mother beforehand from all stain of sin,  
keep watch over us, lest we sin.

— May your mother intercede for us, Lord.

You are our redeemer, who made the immaculate Virgin Mary your purest home and the sanctuary of the Holy Spirit,  
make us temples of your Spirit for ever.

— May your mother intercede for us, Lord.

Eternal Word, you taught your mother to choose the better part,  
grant that in imitating her we may seek the food that brings life everlasting.

— May your mother intercede for us, Lord.

King of kings, you lifted up your mother, body and soul, into heaven;  
help us to fix our thoughts on things above.

— May your mother intercede for us, Lord.

Lord of heaven and earth, you crowned Mary and set her at your right hand as queen,  
make us worthy to share this glory.

— May your mother intercede for us, Lord.

### *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*

Lord God,  
give to your people the joy  
of continual health in mind and body.  
With the prayers of the Virgin Mary to help us,  
guide us through the sorrows of this life  
to eternal happiness in the life to come.

Grant 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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