

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER II

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August 15, 2025

{ Solemnity – Assumption }



*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

New star of heaven,  
joy of all creation,  
bearing the Daystar,  
Mother of your Maker  
lift up the fallen,  
lend your aid to sinners,  
O Virgin Mary.

Surely, God made you  
as his holy ladder:  
he holds the summit,  
Highest seeking lowest;  
grant us, the lowly,  
to return ascending  
heights of high heaven.

At your Assumption,  
choirs of blessed angels,  
ranks of the prophets,  
and the great apostles  
wond'ring, behold you  
raised on high above them,  
next to the Godhead.

Praise in the highest  
be to God for ever,  
Trinity blessed,  
crowning you in heaven  
Queen of creation,

holy Virgin Mother,  
our gracious Lady. Amen.

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*Sit or stand*

## PSALMODY

### *Antiphon 1*

Mary has been taken up to heaven; the angels rejoice. They bless the  
Lord and sing his praises.

*Psalm 122*

*Holy city Jerusalem*

*You have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, heavenly Jerusalem  
(Hebrews 12:22).*

I rejoiced when I heard them say: \*

“Let us go to God’s house.”

And now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up, \*  
the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel’s law it is, \*  
there to praise the Lord’s name.

There were set the thrones of judgment \*  
of the house of David.

For the péace of Jerúsalem pray: \*  
“Péace be to your hómes!  
May péace réign in your wálls, \*  
in your pálaces, péace!”

For lóve of my bréthren and fríends \*  
I say: “Péace upon yóu!”  
For lóve of the hóuse of the Lórd \*  
I will ásk for your góod.

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*

Mary has been taken up to heaven; the angels rejoice. They bless the Lord and sing his praises.

### *Antiphon 2*

The Virgin Mary was taken up to the heavenly bridal chamber where the King of kings is seated on a starry throne.

### *Psalm 127*

*Apart from God our labors are worthless*

*You are God's building (1 Corinthians 3:9).*

If the Lórd does not build the hóuse, \*  
in váin do its builders lábor;  
if the Lórd does not wáitch over the cíty, \*  
in váin does the wáitchman keep vígil.

In váin is your éarlier rísing, \*  
your góing láter to rést,  
you who tóil for the bréad you éat: \*  
when he pours gifts on his belóved while they slumber.

Truly sóns are a gift from the Lórd, \*  
a bléssing, the frúit of the wómb.  
Indéed the sóns of yóuth \*  
are like árrows in the hánd of a wárríor.

Ó the háppiness of the mán \*  
who has fílléd his quíver with these árróws!  
Hé will have no cáuse for sháme \*  
when he dispútes with his fóes in the gáteways.

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 Virgin Mary was taken up to the heavenly bridal chamber  
where the King of kings is seated on a starry throne.

*Antiphon 3*

We share the fruit of life through you, O daughter blessed by the  
Lord.

*Canticle – Ephesians 1:3-10*

*God our Savior*

Praised be the God and Father \*  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has bestowed on us in Christ \*  
every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

God chose us in him \*  
before the world began  
to be holy \*  
and blameless in his sight.

He predestined us \*  
to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ,  
such was his will and pleasure, †  
that all might praise the glorious favor \*  
he has bestowed on us in his beloved.

In him and through his blood, we have been redeemed, \*  
and our sins forgiven,  
so immeasurably generous \*  
is God's favor to us.

God has given us the wisdom \*  
to understand fully the mystery,  
the plan he was pleased \*  
to decree in Christ.

A plan to be carried out \*  
in Christ, in the fulness of time,  
to bring all things into one in him, \*  
in the heavens and on 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.

*Antiphon*

We share the fruit of life through you, O daughter blessed by the Lord.

*Sit*

#### READING

*1 Corinthians 15:22-23*

Just as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will come to life again, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits and then, at his coming, all those who belong to him.

#### RESPONSORY

The Virgin Mary is exalted above the choirs of angels.

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Blessed is the Lord who has raised her up.

— Above the choirs of angels.

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

— The Virgin Mary is exalted above the choirs of angels.

*Stand*

## GOSPEL CANTICLE

*Antiphon*

Today the Virgin Mary was taken up to heaven; rejoice, for she reigns with Christ for ever.

*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*

Today the Virgin Mary was taken up to heaven; rejoice, for she

reigns with Christ for ever.

### INTERCESSIONS

Let us praise God our almighty Father, who wished that Mary, his Son's mother, be celebrated by each generation. Now in need we ask:

— Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.

O God, worker of miracles, you made the immaculate Virgin Mary share, body and soul, in your Son's glory in heaven, direct the hearts of your children to that same glory.

— Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.

You made Mary our mother. Through her intercession grant strength to the weak, comfort to the sorrowing, pardon to sinners, salvation and peace to all.

— Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.

You made Mary full of grace,  
grant all men the joyful abundance of your grace.

— Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.

Make your Church of one mind and one heart in love,  
and help all those who believe to be one in prayer with Mary, the mother of Jesus.

— Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.

You crowned Mary queen of heaven,  
may all the dead rejoice in your kingdom with the saints for ever.

— Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.

### *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*

All-powerful and ever-living God,  
you raised the sinless Virgin Mary,  
mother of your Son,  
body and soul to the glory of heaven.  
May we see heaven as our final goal  
and come to share her glory.

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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