

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
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MORNING PRAYER

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September 15, 2025

{ Memorial – Our Lady of Sorrows }



## *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.

— Let us adore Christ, the Savior of the world, who called his mother to share in his passion.

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 adore Christ, the Savior of the world, who called his mother to share in his passion.

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 adore Christ, the Savior of the world, who called his  
mother to share in his passion.

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 adore Christ, the Savior of the world, who called his  
mother to share in his passion.

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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## *Morning Prayer*

### HYMN

Font of love, O fairest Mother,  
let me feel your sorrow's burden,  
so that I may mourn with you.

Stir my heart to flaming ardor,  
that by loving Christ my Savior,  
I may please him as my God.

Holy Mother, grant this favor:  
place the wounds the Cross inflicted  
firm and deep within my heart.

Share with me the bitter Passion

of your wounded Son in torment,  
who endured so much for me.

Through my life, O let me truly  
weep with you and share the anguish  
suffered by the Crucified.

At the Cross in lamentation,  
there to stand with you in sorrow:  
such is all my heart's desire.

When in death my body slumbers,  
lead my soul to endless glory  
in the joy of Paradise. Amen.

*Metrical hymn, melody: Stabat mater, 8 8 7; from the Mainz Gesangbuch, 1661*

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fons amoris, taken from Stabat mater dolorosa, attributed to Iacopone da Todi, ca.  
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*Sit or stand*

## PSALMODY

### *Antiphon 1*

My soul clings to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*Psalm 63:2-9*

*A soul thirsting for God*

*Whoever has left the darkness of sin yearns for God.*

O Gód, you are my Gód, for you I lóng; \*  
for yóu my sóul is thírsting.  
My bódy pínes for yóu \*  
like a drý, weary lánd without wáter.  
So I gáze on yóu in the sánctuary \*

to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life, \*  
my lips will speak your praise.  
So I will bless you all my life, \*  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, \*  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you. \*  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help; \*  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

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*

Let us rejoice that we have been made sharers in Christ's passion.

*Canticle – Daniel 3:57-88, 56*

*Let all creatures praise the Lord*

*All you servants of the Lord, sing praise to him (Revelation 19:5).*

Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord. \*  
Praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord. \*  
You heavens, bless the Lord.  
All you waters above the heavens, bless the Lord. \*  
All you hosts of the Lord, bless the Lord.  
Sun and moon, bless the Lord. \*  
Stars of heaven, bless the Lord.

Every shower and dew, bless the Lord. \*  
All you winds, bless the Lord.

Fire and heat, bless the Lord. \*  
Cold and chill, bless the Lord.  
Dew and rain, bless the Lord. \*  
Frost and chill, bless the Lord.  
Ice and snow, bless the Lord. \*  
Nights and days, bless the Lord.  
Light and darkness, bless the Lord. \*  
Lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.

Let the earth bless the Lord. \*  
Praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Mountains and hills, bless the Lord. \*  
Everything growing from the earth, bless the Lord.  
You springs, bless the Lord. \*  
Seas and rivers, bless the Lord.  
You dolphins and all water creatures, bless the Lord. \*  
All you birds of the air, bless the Lord.  
All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord. \*  
You sons of men, bless the Lord.

O Israel, bless the Lord. \*  
Praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Priests of the Lord, bless the Lord. \*  
Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.  
Spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord. \*  
Holy men of humble heart, bless the Lord.  
Hananiah, Azariah, Mishael, bless the Lord. \*  
Praise and exalt him above all forever.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. \*  
Let us praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Blessed are you, Lord, in the firmament of heaven. \*  
Praiseworthy and glorious and exalted above all forever.

### *Antiphon*

Let us rejoice that we have been made sharers in Christ's passion.

### *Antiphon 3*

It has pleased the Father to reconcile all creation in himself through the blood of Christ.

*Psalm 149*

*The joy of God's holy people.*

*Let the sons of the Church, the children of the new people, rejoice in Christ, their King  
(Hesychius).*

Síng a new sǫng to the Lórd,\*  
his práise in the assémbly of the fáithful.

Let Ísrael rejóice in its máker,\*  
let Zíon's sons exúlt in their kíng.

Let them práise his náme with dǎncing\*  
and make músic with tímbrél and hárp.

For the Lórd takes délight in his péople.\*

He crówns the póor with salvátion.

Let the fáithful rejóice in their glóry,\*  
shout for jóy and táke their rést.

Let the práise of Gód be on their líps\*  
and a twó-edged swórd in their hánd,

to déal out véngeance to the nátions\*  
and púnishment on áll the péoples;

to bínd their kíngs in cháins\*  
and their nóbles in fétters of íron;

to cárry out the séntence pre-ordáined;\*  
this hórner is for áll his fáithful.

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*

It has pleased the Father to reconcile all creation in himself through the blood of Christ.

*Sit*

READING

*Colossians 1:24-25*

Even now I find my joy in the suffering I endure for you. In my own flesh I fill up what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ for the sake

of his body, the church. I became a minister of this church through the commission God gave me to preach among you his word in its fullness.

### RESPONSORY

Through you we drink from the wellsprings of salvation, O Blessed Virgin Mary.

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From the sacred wounds of Christ,

— O Blessed Virgin Mary.

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

— Through you we drink from the wellsprings of salvation, O Blessed Virgin Mary.

*Stand*

### GOSPEL CANTICLE

*Antiphon*

Rejoice, O sorrowful Mother; after your great sufferings, you shine forth as Queen, enthroned beside your Son.

*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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forth as Queen, enthroned beside your Son.

### 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.

Sun of Justice, the immaculate Virgin was the white dawn  
announcing your rising,  
grant that we may always live in the light of your coming.

— May your mother intercede for us, Lord.

Eternal Word, you chose Mary as the uncorrupted ark of your  
dwelling place,  
free us from the corruption of sin.

— May your mother intercede for us, Lord.

Savior of mankind, your mother stood at the foot of your cross,  
grant, through her intercession, that we may rejoice to share in your  
passion.

— May your mother intercede for us, Lord.

With ultimate generosity and love, you gave Mary as a mother to your beloved disciple,  
help us to live as worthy sons of so noble a mother.

— 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*

Father,  
as your Son was raised on the cross,  
his mother Mary stood by him, sharing his sufferings.  
May your Church be united with Christ  
in his suffering and death  
and so come to share in his rising to new life,  
where he 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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