

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER II

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March 25, 2026

{ 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 revelátiún to my Máster: †  
“Sít on my ríght: \*  
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 hólý móuntains; \*  
from the wómb before the dáwn I begót you.

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

a priest like Melchizedek of old.”

The Máster stánding at your ríght hand \*  
will shatter kíngs in the dáy of his wráth.

He shall drínk from the stréam by the wáyside \*  
and thérefore he shall líft up his héad.

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 dépths I crý to you, O Lórd, \*  
Lórd, hear my vóice!  
O lét your éars be attentíve \*  
to the vóice of my pléading.

If you, O Lórd, should márk our guílt, \*  
Lórd, who would survíve?  
But with yóu is fóund forgíveness: \*  
for thís we revére you.

My sóul is wáiting for the Lórd, \*  
I cóunt on his wórd.  
My sóul is lónging for the Lórd \*  
more than wátchman for dáybreak.  
Let the wátchman cóunt on dáybreak \*  
and Ísrael on the Lórd.

Because with the Lord there is mercy \*  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem \*  
from all its iniquity.

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 fullness 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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