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Evening Prayer II

January 1, 2027

{ Solemnity – Mary, Mother of God }

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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

Of the Father's heart begotten
ere the dawning of the world,
he is Alpha and Omega,
ancient source and final end
of all things that are and have been
and shall be in years to come.

He assumed a mortal body,
frail and needy, fit to die,
that the race of Adam's children
might not perish, lost in death,
where sin's harmful law immersed them
in the hidden depths of hell.

O how blest that splendor rising
when the Virgin, giving birth,
fruitful by the Holy Spirit,
our salvation brought to light;
and the child, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face.

Lo, the one whom through the ages
bards have sung with one accord,
whom the prophets in their writings
filled with faith had long foretold,
splendid child of ancient promise:
let creation sing him praise.

Praise and glory to the Father,
let our voices ring with song.

Praise and glory to Christ Jesus,
from the Virgin Mother born.
Endless glory to the Spirit,
high exalted Paraclete. Amen.

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Sit or stand

Psalmody

Antiphon 1

O marvelous exchange! Man's Creator has become man, born of a virgin. We have been made sharers in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Psalm 122

Holy city Jerusalem

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

I rejóiced when I héard them sáy: *
"Let us gó to God's hóuse."
And nów our féet are stánding *
within your gátes, O Jerúsalem.

Jerúsalem is buílt as a cíty *
stróngly compáct.
It is thére that the tríbes go úp, *
the tríbes of the Lórd.

For Ísrael's láw it ís, *

there to práise the Lord's náme.
Thére were set the thrónes of júdgment *
of the hóuse of Dávid.

For the péace of Jerúsalem práy: *
"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

O marvelous exchange! Man's Creator has become man, born of a virgin. We have been made sharers in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Antiphon 2

By your miraculous birth of the Virgin you have fulfilled the Scriptures: like a gentle rain falling upon the earth you have come down to save your people. O God, we praise you.

Psalm 127

Apart from God our labors are worthless

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

If the Lórd does not buíld the hóuse, *
in váin do its buílders lábor;
if the Lórd does not wátch over the cíty, *
in váin does the wátchman keep vígil.

In váin is your éarlier rísing, *
your góing láter to rést,
you who tóil for the bréad you éat: *

when he pours gífts on his belóved while they slúmber.

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

Ó the háppiness of the mán *
who has fílled his quíver with these árrows!
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

By your miraculous birth of the Virgin you have fulfilled the Scriptures: like a gentle rain falling upon the earth you have come down to save your people. O God, we praise you.

Antiphon 3

Your blessed and fruitful virginity is like the bush, flaming yet unburned, which Moses saw on Sinai. Pray for us, Mother of God.

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 fullness 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

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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

The Word was made man, alleluia, alleluia.

— The Word was made man, alleluia, alleluia.

He lived among us.

— Alleluia, alleluia.

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

— The Word was made man, alleluia, alleluia.

Stand

Gospel Canticle

Antiphon

Blessed is the womb which bore you, O Christ, and the breast that nursed you, Lord and Savior of the world, alleluia.

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

Blessed is the womb which bore you, O Christ, and the breast that nursed you, Lord and Savior of the world, alleluia.

Intercessions

To Christ, Emmanuel, whom the Virgin conceived and brought forth, let us give praise and pray to him:

— Son of the Virgin Mary, hear us.

You gave Mary the joy of motherhood,
give all parents true joy in their children.

— Son of the Virgin Mary, hear us.

King of peace, your kingdom is one of justice and peace,
help us to seek the paths of peace.

— Son of the Virgin Mary, hear us.

You came to make the human race the holy people of God,
bring all nations to acknowledge the unifying bond of your love.

— Son of the Virgin Mary, hear us.

By your birth you strengthened family ties,
help families to come to a greater love for one another.

— Son of the Virgin Mary, hear us.

You desired to be born into the days of time,
grant that our departed brothers and sisters may be born into the day of eternity.

— Son of the Virgin Mary, hear 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

God our Father,
may we always profit by the prayers
of the Virgin Mother Mary,
for you bring us life and salvation
through Jesus Christ her 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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