

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER

June 9, 2025

{ Memorial – Mary, Mother of the Church }



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

O Virgin, Mother of the Church,
O glorious, everlasting gate,
come, be our refuge, plead for us
before the Father and the Son.

O glorious Mother, Ark of God,
created by your heav'nly Son,
remember us and pray for all
who honor you with praise this day.

Star of the sea, resplendent light,
and royal offspring, Mother blest,
beseech the Father and the Son
to send the Holy Paraclete.

O clement Virgin, gracious Queen,
most loving Virgin, Cause of joy,
sweet Virgin Mary, hear the prayers
of all who cry to you with love.

Pour forth these prayers to Christ your Son,
who, wounded, scourged, and crowned with thorns,
was given bitter gall to drink
and for our sake was crucified.

O Mother of the King of kings,
O light and gate to heav'n on high,
with gracious love bend down to those
who mourn and weep with sighs and tears.

Praise to the Father and the Son

and to the Holy Paraclete,
for by their gift you are proclaimed
the blessed Mother of the Church. Amen.

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

Yours is more than mortal beauty; every word you speak is full of grace.

Psalm 45

The marriage of the king

The Bridegroom is here; go out and welcome him (Matthew 25:6).

I

My héart overflóws with nóble wórds. †
To the kíng I must spéak the sóng I have máde; *
my tóngue as nímble as the pén of a scríbe.

You are the fáirest of the children of mén †
and gráciousness is póured upón your líps: *
because Gód has bléssed you for évermóre.

O míghty one, gírd your swórd upon your thíg; †
in spléndor and státe, ríde on in tríumph *
for the cáuse of trúth and góodness and ríght.

Take áim with your bów in your dréad right hánd. †
Your árrows are shárp: péoples fall benéath you. *

The fóes of the kíng fall dówn and lose héart.

Your thróne, O Gód, shall endúre for éver. †
A scépter of jústice is the scépter of your kíngdom. *
Your lóve is for jústice; your hátred for évil.

Therefore Gód, your Gód, has anóinted yóu †
with the óil of gládness abóve other kíngs: *
your róbes are frágrant with áloes and mýrrh.

From the ívory pálace you are gréeted with músic. †
The dáughters of kíngs are amóng your lóved ones. *
On your ríght stands the quéén in góld of Óphir.

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

Yours is more than mortal beauty; every word you speak is full of grace.

Antiphon 2

The Bridegroom is here; go out and welcome him.

II

Lísten, O dáughter, give éar to my wórd: *
forgét your own péople and your fáther's hóuse.
Só will the kíng desíre your béauty: *
hé is your lórd, pay hómage to hím.

And the péople of Týre shall cóme with gifts, *
the ríchest of the péople shall séek your fávor.
The dáughter of the kíng is clóthed with spléndor, *
her róbes embróidered with péarls set in góld.

She is léd to the kíng with her maíden compánions. †
Théy are escórted amid gládness and jóy; *
they páss withín the pálace of the kíng.

Sóns shall be yóurs in pláce of your fáthers: *

you will make them princes over all the earth.
May this song make your name for ever remembered. *
May the peoples praise you from age to age.

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 Bridegroom is here; go out and welcome him.

Antiphon 3

God planned in the fullness of time to restore all things in Christ.

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

God planned in the fullness of time to restore all things in Christ.

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

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

— Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

— The Lord is with you.

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

— Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

The Lord said to his mother: Woman, behold your son. And to the

disciple: Behold your mother.

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 Lord said to his mother: Woman, behold your son. And to the
disciple: Behold your mother.

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

O God, Father of mercies,
whose Only Begotten Son, as he hung upon the Cross,

chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, his Mother,
to be our Mother also,
grant, we pray, that with her loving help
your Church may be more fruitful day by day
and, exulting in the holiness of her children,
may draw to her embrace all the families of the peoples.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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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