

Liturgy of the Hours
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{ 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 Mary, Virgin Mother blest,
O holy daughter of your Son,
most humble and yet most sublime,
above the whole created world:

You are the summit fixed of old,
predestined by divine decree,
to be our nature's perfect crown,
the height of beauty and of grace.

In you our nature shone so fair
that its Creator, God most high,
with art so wondrous to behold,
was made a creature formed through you.

Within the Virgin's purest womb
the flame of love is born anew,
and by its warmth, upon the earth
celestial flowers come to bloom.

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

Bow down and hear me, Lord; come to my rescue.

Psalms 31:1-17, 20-25

A troubled person's confident appeal to God

Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit (Luke 23:46).

I

In yóu, O Lórd, I take réfuge.*
Let me néver be pút to sháme.
In your jústice, sét me frée,*
héar me and spéedily réscue me.

Be a rók of réfuge fór me,*
a míghty stróngthold to sáve me,
for yóu are my rók, my stróngthold.*
For your náme's sake, léad me and gúide me.

Reléase me from the snáres they have hídden*
for yóu are my réfuge, Lórd.
Into your hánds I comménd my spírit.*
It is yóu who will redéem me, Lórd.

O Gód of trúth, you detést*
those who wórship fálse and empty góds.
As for mé, I trúst in the Lórd:*
let me be glád and rejóice in your lóve.

Yóu have séen my afflíction*
and taken héed of my sóul's distréss,
have not hánded me óver to the ényemy,*
but sét my féet at lárge.

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

Bow down and hear me, Lord; come to my rescue.

Antiphon 2

Lord, let the light of your countenance shine on your servant.

II

Have mércy on mé, O Lórd, *
for Í am in distréss.
Téars have wásted my éyes, *
my thróat and my héart.

For my life is spént with sórrow *
and my yéars with síghs.
Afflíction has bróken down my stréngth *
and my bónes waste áway.

In the fáce of áll my fóes *
Í am a repróach,
an óbject of scórn to my néighbors *
and of féar to my friends.

Thóse who sée me in the stréet *
run fár áway from me.
Í am like a déad man, forgóttén, *
like a thíng thrown áway.

I have héard the slándér of the crówd, *
féar is all aróund me,
as they plót togéther agáinst me, *
as they plán to take my life.

But as for mé, I trust in yóu, Lórd, *
I say: “Yóu are my Gód.
My life is in your hánds, delíver me *
from the hánds of those who háte me.

Let your fáce shíne on your sérvant.*
Sáve me in your lóve.”

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

Lord, let the light of your countenance shine on your servant.

Antiphon 3

Blessed be the Lord, for he has poured out his mercy upon me.

III

How gréat is the góodness, Lórd,*
that you kéep for those who féar you,
that you shów to thóse who trúst you*
in the síght of mén.

You híde them in the shéltér of your présence*
from the plótting of mén:
you kéep them sáfe within your tént*
from dispúting tóngues.

Bléssed be the Lórd who has shówn me †
the wónders of his lóve*
in a fórtified cíty.

“I am fár remóved from your síght,”*
I sáid in my alárm.
Yet you héard the vóice of my pléa*
when I críed for hélp.

Lóve the Lórd, all you sáints.*
He guárds his fáithful
but the Lórd will repáy to the fúll*
those who áct with príde.

Be stróng, let your héart take cóurage,*
all who hópe in the Lórd.

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 be the Lord, for he has poured out his mercy upon me.

VERSE

Guide me in the way of your truth and teach me.

— For you are my saving God.

Sit

READINGS

First reading

The beginning of the book of Joshua

1:1-18

Joshua, called by God, encourages the tribes to unity

After Moses, the servant of the Lord, had died, the Lord said to Moses' aide Joshua, son of Nun: "My servant Moses is dead. So prepare to cross the Jordan here, with all the people into the land I will give the Israelites. As I promised Moses, I will deliver to you every place where you set foot. Your domain is to be all the land of the Hittites, from the desert and from Lebanon east to the great river Euphrates and west to the Great Sea. No one can withstand you while you live. I will be with you as I was with Moses: I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be firm and steadfast, so that you may give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers I would give them.

"Above all, be firm and steadfast, taking care to observe the entire law which my servant Moses enjoined on you. Do not swerve from it either to the right or to the left, that you may succeed wherever you go. Keep this book of the law on your lips. Recite it by day and by night, that you may observe carefully all that is written in it; then you will successfully attain your goal. I command you: be firm and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord, your God, is

with you wherever you go.”

So Joshua commanded the officers of the people: “Go through the camp and instruct the people, ‘Prepare your provisions, for three days from now you shall cross the Jordan here, to march in and take possession of the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you.’”

Joshua reminded the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh: “Remember what Moses, the servant of the Lord, commanded you when he said, ‘The Lord, your God, will permit you to settle in this land.’ Your wives, your children, and your livestock shall remain in the land Moses gave you here beyond the Jordan. But all the warriors among you must cross over armed ahead of your kinsmen and you must help them until the Lord has settled your kinsmen, and they like you possess the land which the Lord, your God, is giving them. Afterward you may return and occupy your own land, which Moses, the servant of the Lord, has given you east of the Jordan.”

“We will do all you have commanded us,” they answered Joshua, “and we will go wherever you send us. We will obey you as completely as we obeyed Moses. But may the Lord, your God, be with you as he was with Moses. If anyone rebels against your orders and does not obey every command you give him, he shall be put to death. But be firm and steadfast.”

Responsory

Joshua 1:5, 6, 7, 9; Deuteronomy 31:20

The Lord says: As I was with Moses, so I will be with you.

- Be strong and courageous; you will lead my people to a land where milk and honey flow.

Do not be afraid for I am with you. I will never leave you, nor will I abandon you wherever you go.

- Be strong and courageous; you will lead my people to a land where milk and honey flow.

Second reading

From the Address of Pope Saint Paul VI, at the conclusion of the

third session of the most holy Second Vatican Council

(November 21, 1964: AAS 56 [1964], 1015-1016)

Mary, Mother of the Church

Taking into consideration the close ties by which Mary and the Church are bound together, to the glory of the Blessed Virgin and for our consolation, We declare Mary Most Holy to be Mother of the Church, that is, of the whole Christian people, faithful and Pastors alike, who invoke her as their most loving Mother; and We establish that by this sweetest of names the whole Christian people should henceforth give still greater honor to the Mother of God and offer her their supplications.

Venerable Brothers, this concerns a title by no means new to Christian piety; indeed the Christian faithful and the universal Church choose to invoke Mary principally by the name of Mother. In truth, this name belongs to the genuine nature of devotion to Mary, since it rests firmly on that very dignity with which Mary is endowed as the Mother of the Incarnate Word of God.

Just as the Divine Motherhood is the basis both for Mary's unique relationship with Christ and for her presence in the work of human salvation accomplished by Christ Jesus, so likewise, it is principally from the Divine Motherhood that the relationships which exist between Mary and the Church flow. Mary is indeed the Mother of Christ who, at the moment he assumed human nature in her virginal womb, joined to himself, as Head, his Mystical Body, which is the Church. Mary, therefore, as Mother of Christ, must also be regarded as Mother of all the faithful and Pastors alike, that is to say, of the Church.

Herein lies the reason why we, though unworthy and weak, yet in a spirit of trust and with ardent filial love, raise our eyes to her. She who once gave us Jesus, the fount of heavenly grace, cannot fail to offer her maternal help to the Church, especially at this time in which the Spouse of Christ strives with greater zeal to fulfil her salvific mission.

These closest of bonds between our heavenly Mother and the human race urge Us, moreover, to foster and further strengthen this

confidence. Even though she has been enriched with superabundant and wondrous gifts from God so as to be made worthy to be Mother of the Incarnate Word, nevertheless, Mary is very near to us. Like us, she is a child of Adam and so too our sister on account of our common human nature; she was preserved from the stain of original sin by reason of the future merits of Christ, but she added to these gifts received from on high the example of her own perfect faith and so merited the proclamation in the Gospel: “Blessed are you who have believed.”

In this mortal life she embodied the perfect form of a disciple of Christ, she was the mirror of all virtues, and in her manner of life exemplified fully those beatitudes proclaimed by Christ Jesus. Consequently, the universal Church, while she lives out the many facets of her life and in her active zeal, draws from the Virgin Mother of God the peerless example of how to imitate Christ perfectly.

Responsory

Cf. Luke 1:35

The Holy Spirit came down upon Mary:

— the Power of the Most High overshadowed her.

Once more it filled her, sharing in the Passion of her Son as the Mother of the redeemed:

— the Power of the Most High overshadowed her.

Stand

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

Acclamation

Let us praise the Lord.

— And give him thanks.

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