

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER

May 25, 2026

{ 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

Give thanks to the Lord, for his great love is without end.

Psalm 136

Easter Hymn

We praise God by recalling his marvelous deeds (Cassiodorus).

I

O give thánks to the Lórd for he is góod,*
for his lóve endúres for éver.

Give thánks to the Gód of góds,*
for his lóve endúres for éver.

Give thánks to the Lórd of lórd, *
for his lóve endúres for éver;

who alóne has wrought márvellous wórks,*
for his lóve endúres for éver;

whose wísdóm it wás made the skíes,*
for his lóve endúres for éver;

who fixed the earth firmly on the séas,*
for his lóve endúres for éver.

It was hé who máde the great lights, *
for his lóve endúres for éver,
the sún to rúle in the dáy, *
for his lóve endúres for éver,
the móon and stárs in the níght, *
for his lóve endúres for éver.

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

Give thanks to the Lord, for his great love is without end.

Antiphon 2

Great and wonderful are your deeds, Lord God the Almighty.

II

The first-bórn of the Eгы́ptians he smóte, *
for his lóve endúres for éver.
He brought Ísrael óut from their mídst, *
for his lóve endúres for éver;
arm outstrétched, with pówer in his hánd, *
for his lóve endúres for éver.

He dívided the Réd Sea in twó, *
for his lóve endúres for éver;
he made Ísrael páss through the mídst, *
for his lóve endúres for éver;
he flung Pháraoh and his fórcé in the séa, *
for his lóve endúres for éver.

Through the désert his péople he léd, *
for his lóve endúres for éver.
Nátions in their gréatness he strúck, *
for his lóve endúres for éver.
Kíngs in their spléndor he sléw, *
for his lóve endúres for éver.

Síhon, kíng of the Ámorites, *

for his love endures for ever;
and Óg, the king of Báshan, *
for his love endures for ever.

He let Ísrael inherit their land, *
for his love endures for ever.
On his servant their land he bestowed, *
for his love endures for ever.
He remembered us in our distress, *
for his love endures for ever.

And he snatched us away from our foes, *
for his love endures for ever.
He gives food to all living things, *
for his love endures for ever.
To the God of heaven give thanks, *
for his love endures 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

Great and wonderful are your deeds, Lord God the Almighty.

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

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, for your great faith; all that the Lord promised you will come to pass through you.

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

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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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