Liturgy of the Hours

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Evening Prayer II

January 1, 2027

{ Solemnity – Mary, Mother of God }

during Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament

concluding with
Benediction and Reposition

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EBREVIARY

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

Sing, my tongue, the hidden myst'ry
of Christ's Body glorified,
and his Precious Blood most holy,
shed in ransom for the world,
offered by the King of nations,
born the fruit of noble womb.

Born for us and given to us
Son of Mary, Virgin pure,
in the world he lived among us,
sowed as seeds the word of truth;
then the season of his sojourn
with a wondrous rite he closed.

On the night of that Last Supper
feasting with his chosen friends,
he obeyed the law completely
in the food and drink prescribed;
then he gave his twelve Apostles
with his hands himself as food.

Word made flesh, true bread from heaven,
by a word, made bread his Flesh,
purest wine Christ's Blood becoming,
though our sense cannot perceive;
faith alone brings full assurance
to the pure and faithful heart.

Let us, therefore, bow and worship
such a wondrous Sacrament;

let the ancient law and custom
to a newer rite now yield;
let our faith supply conviction
where the senses tire and fail.

To the Father, unbegotten,
and the Sole-begotten Son,
be salvation, blessing, honor,
jubilation, pow'r, and praise;
to the One from both proceeding
equal glory and renown. Amen.

Metrical hymn, melody: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, 8 7 8 7 8 7; adapted from an anthem by Henry Purcell (1659–1695)

Plainsong, mode III, melody 55; Liber Hymnarius, Solesmes, 1983, Text: Pange, lingua, gloriosi corporis mysterium, attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas, O.P., 1225–1274

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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

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

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

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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.

Kneel

Benediction

Tantum ergo sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et iubilatio
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

Melody: Pange Lingua 87.87.87; Music: Mode III Vatican Plainsong; Text: Pange Lingua, St. Thomas Aquinas, c. 1225–1274

Incensation

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you gave us the eucharist
as the memorial of your suffering and death.

May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood
help us to experience the salvation you won for us
and the peace of the kingdom
where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

— Amen.

Blessing

Divine Praises

Blessed be God.
Blessed be his holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
Blessed be the name of Jesus.
Blessed be his most sacred Heart.
Blessed be his most precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and immaculate conception.
Blessed be her glorious assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

Reposition

Stand

Hymn

Holy God, we praise thy name!
Lord of all, we bow before thee!
All on earth thy scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore thee!
Infinite thy vast domain,

Everlasting is thy reign.

Hark the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord!

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name thee,
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim thee;
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

Melody: Grosser Gott 78.78.77; Music: Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, c. 1774;
Text: Ignaz Franz, 1719-1790; Translator: Clarence Walworth, 1820-1900

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