

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
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NIGHT PRAYER

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December 7, 2023

{ Solemnity – Immaculate Conception }



*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.

## PENITENTIAL RITE

*Brief moment of silence*

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

*All strike their breast*

through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

*Presiding minister*

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

— Amen.

## 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.

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## PSALMODY

### *Antiphon 1*

Have mercy, Lord, and hear my prayer.

*Psalm 4*

*Thanksgiving*

*The resurrection of Christ was God's supreme and wholly marvelous work (Saint Augustine).*

When I cáll, ánsWER me, O Gód of jústice; \*  
from ánguish you reléased me; have mércy and héar me!

O mén, how lóng will your héarts be clósed, \*  
will you lóve what is fútile and séek what is fálse?

It is the Lórd who grants fávors to thóse whom he lóves; \*  
the Lórd héars me whenéver I cáll him.

Fear him; do not sín: pónDER on your béd and be stÍll. \*  
Make jústice your sácrifice and trúst in the Lórd.

“What can brÍng us háppiness?” mány sáy. \*  
Let the líght of your fáce shÍne on us, O Lórd.

You have pÚt into my héart a gréater jóy \*  
than théy have from abúndance of córn and new wÍne.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once \*  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

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*

Have mercy, Lord, and hear my prayer.

*Antiphon 2*

In the silent hours of night, bless the Lord.

*Psalm 134*

*Evening prayer in the temple*

*Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great (Revelation 19:5).*

O come, bless the Lord, \*  
all you who serve the Lord,  
who stand in the house of the Lord, \*  
in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands to the holy place \*  
and bless the Lord through the night.

May the Lord bless you from Zion, \*  
he who made both heaven and 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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READING

*Deuteronomy 6:4-7*

Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your

soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today. Drill them into your children. Speak of them at home and abroad, whether you are busy or at rest.

### RESPONSORY

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

— Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.

— I commend my spirit.

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

— Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

### GOSPEL CANTICLE

#### *Antiphon*

Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep, that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace.

*Luke 2:29-32*

*Christ is the light of the nations and the glory of Israel*

#### *Make sign of cross*

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; \*  
your word has been fulfilled:

my own eyes have seen the salvation \*  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:

a light to reveal you to the nations \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
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## CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord,  
we beg you to visit this house  
and banish from it  
all the deadly power of the enemy.  
May your holy angels dwell here  
to keep us in peace,  
and may your blessing be upon us always.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

— Amen.

### *Blessing*

May the all-powerful Lord grant us a restful night and a peaceful death.

— Amen.

## ANTIPHON OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Loving mother of the Redeemer,  
gate of heaven, star of the sea,  
assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again.  
To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator,  
yet remained a virgin after as before.  
You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting,  
have pity on us poor sinners.

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