

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
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MORNING PRAYER

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August 15, 2012

{ Solemnity – Assumption }



## *Invitatory*

*Stand and make sign of cross on lips with thumb*

Lord, open my lips.

— And my mouth will proclaim your praise.

*Psalm 95*

*A call to praise God*

*Encourage each other daily while it is still today (Hebrews 3:13).*

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Come, let us sing to the Lord  
and shout with joy to the Rock who saves us.  
Let us approach him with praise and thanksgiving  
and sing joyful songs to the Lord.

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The Lord is God, the mighty God,  
the great king over all the gods.  
He holds in his hands the depths of the earth  
and the highest mountains as well.  
He made the sea; it belongs to him,  
the dry land, too, for it was formed by his hands.

— Come let us worship the King of kings; on this day his Virgin Mother was taken up to heaven.

Come, then, let us bow down and worship,  
bending the knee before the Lord, our maker.  
For he is our God and we are his people,  
the flock he shepherds.

— Come let us worship the King of kings; on this day his Virgin Mother was taken up to heaven.

Today, listen to the voice of the Lord:  
Do not grow stubborn, as your fathers did  
in the wilderness,  
when at Meriba and Massah  
they challenged me and provoked me,  
Although they had seen all of my works.

— Come let us worship the King of kings; on this day his  
Virgin Mother was taken up to heaven.

Forty years I endured that generation.  
I said, “They are a people whose hearts go astray  
and they do not know my ways.”  
So I swore in my anger,  
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

— Come let us worship the King of kings; on this day his  
Virgin Mother was taken up to heaven.

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.

— Come let us worship the King of kings; on this day his  
Virgin Mother was taken up to heaven.

## *Morning Prayer*

### HYMN

Mary the dawn, Christ the Perfect Day;  
Mary the gate, Christ the Heavenly Way!  
Mary the root, Christ the Mystic Vine;  
Mary the grape, Christ the Sacred Wine!  
Mary the wheat, Christ the Living Bread;  
Mary the stem, Christ the Rose blood-red!  
Mary the font, Christ the Cleansing Flood;  
Mary the cup, Christ the Saving Blood!  
Mary the temple, Christ the temple's Lord;

Mary the shrine, Christ the God adored!

Mary the beacon, Christ the Haven's Rest;  
Mary the mirror, Christ the Vision Blest!

Mary the mother, Christ the mother's Son  
By all things blest while endless ages run. Amen.

*Melody: Mary the Dawn; Music: Anon.; Text: Anon., alt. by the Dominican Sisters of Summit, 1972*

*Sit or stand*

## PSALMODY

### *Antiphon 1*

Blessed are you, O Mary, for the world's salvation came forth  
through you; now in glory, you rejoice for ever with the Lord.

*Psalm 63:2-9*

*A soul thirsting for God*

*Whoever has left the darkness of sin yearns for God.*

O Gód, you are my Gód, for you I lóng; \*  
for yóu my sóul is thírsting.  
My bódy pínes for yóu \*  
like a dry, weary lánd without wáter.  
So I gáze on yóu in the sánctuary \*  
to sée your stréngth and your glóry.

For your lóve is bétter than lífe, \*  
my líps will spéak your práise.  
So I will bléss you áll my lífe, \*  
in your náme I will líft up my hánds.  
My sóul shall be filled as with a bánquet, \*  
my móuth shall práise you with jóy.

On my béd I remémber yóu. \*  
On yóu I múse through the níght  
for yóu have béen my hélp; \*  
in the sháadow of your wíngs I rejóice.  
My sóul clíngs to yóu; \*  
your ríght hand hólds me fást.

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 are you, O Mary, for the world's salvation came forth  
through you; now in glory, you rejoice for ever with the Lord.

*Antiphon 2*

The Virgin Mary is exalted above the choirs of angels; let all  
believers rejoice and bless the Lord.

*Canticle – Daniel 3:57–88, 56*

*Let all creatures praise the Lord*

*All you servants of the Lord, sing praise to him (Revelation 19:5).*

Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord. \*  
Praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord. \*  
You heavens, bless the Lord.  
All you waters above the heavens, bless the Lord. \*  
All you hosts of the Lord, bless the Lord.  
Sun and moon, bless the Lord. \*  
Stars of heaven, bless the Lord.  
Every shower and dew, bless the Lord. \*  
All you winds, bless the Lord.  
Fire and heat, bless the Lord. \*  
Cold and chill, bless the Lord.  
Dew and rain, bless the Lord. \*  
Frost and chill, bless the Lord.  
Ice and snow, bless the Lord. \*  
Nights and days, bless the Lord.  
Light and darkness, bless the Lord. \*  
Lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.  
Let the earth bless the Lord. \*  
Praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Mountains and hills, bless the Lord. \*

Everything growing from the earth, bless the Lord.  
You springs, bless the Lord.\*  
Seas and rivers, bless the Lord.  
You dolphins and all water creatures, bless the Lord.\*  
All you birds of the air, bless the Lord.  
All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord.\*  
You sons of men, bless the Lord.

O Israel, bless the Lord.\*  
Praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Priests of the Lord, bless the Lord.\*  
Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.  
Spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord.\*  
Holy men of humble heart, bless the Lord.  
Hananiah, Azariah, Mishael, bless the Lord.\*  
Praise and exalt him above all forever.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.\*  
Let us praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Blessed are you, Lord, in the firmament of heaven.\*  
Praiseworthy and glorious and exalted above all forever.

*Antiphon*

The Virgin Mary is exalted above the choirs of angels; let all believers rejoice and bless the Lord.

*Antiphon 3*

The Lord has made you so glorious that your praise will never cease to resound among men.

*Psalm 149*

*The joy of God's holy people.*

*Let the sons of the Church, the children of the new people, rejoice in Christ, their King (Hesychius).*

Síng a new sǒng to the Lórd,\*  
his práise in the assémbly of the fáithful.  
Let Ísrael réjóice in its máker,\*  
let Zíon's sons exúlt in their kíng.  
Let them práise his náme with dáncing\*  
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and make músic with tímbrel and hárp.  
For the Lórd takes delíght in his péople.\*  
He crówns the póor with salvátion.  
Let the fáithful rejóice in their glóry,\*  
shout for jóy and táke their rést.  
Let the práise of Gód be on their líps\*  
and a twó-edged swórd in their hánd,  
to déal out véngeance to the nátions\*  
and púnishment on áll the péoples;  
to bínd their kíngs in cháins\*  
and their nóbles in fétters of íron;  
to cárry out the séntence pre-ordáined;\*  
this hónor is for áll his fáithful.

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 has made you so glorious that your praise will never cease  
to resound among men.

*Sit*

READING

*See Isaiah 61:10*

I rejoice heartily in the Lord,  
in my God is the joy of my soul;  
For he has clothed me with a robe of salvation,  
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,  
like a bride bedecked with her jewels.

RESPONSORY

Today the Virgin Mary was taken up to heaven.

— Today the Virgin Mary was taken up to heaven.

For all eternity she shares the victory of Christ.

— The Virgin Mary was taken up to heaven.

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

— Today the Virgin Mary was taken up to heaven.

*Stand*

## GOSPEL CANTICLE

*Antiphon*

This daughter of Jerusalem is lovely and beautiful as she ascends to heaven like the rising sun at daybreak.

*Luke 1:68-79*

*The Messiah and his forerunner*

*Make sign of cross*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old †  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
to give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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*

This daughter of Jerusalem is lovely and beautiful as she ascends to heaven like the rising sun at daybreak.

INTERCESSIONS

Let us glorify our Savior, who chose the Virgin Mary for his mother.  
Let us ask him:

— May your mother intercede for us, Lord.

Eternal Word, you chose Mary as the uncorrupted ark of your dwelling place,  
free us from the corruption of sin.

— May your mother intercede for us, Lord.

You are our redeemer, who made the immaculate Virgin Mary your purest home and the sanctuary of the Holy Spirit,  
make us temples of your Spirit for ever.

— May your mother intercede for us, Lord.

King of kings, you lifted up your mother, body and soul, into heaven,  
help us to fix our thoughts on things above.

— May your mother intercede for us, Lord.

Lord of heaven and earth, you crowned Mary and set her at your right hand as queen,  
make us worthy to share this glory.

— May your mother intercede for us, Lord.

*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*

All-powerful and ever-living God,  
you raised the sinless Virgin Mary,  
mother of your Son,  
body and soul to the glory of heaven.  
May we see heaven as our final goal  
and come to share her glory.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one 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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