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Daytime Prayer

December 27, 2026

{ Feast – Holy Family }



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 mighty Ruler, God of truth,
for days and seasons setting bounds,
you clothe with splendor morning light
and midday skies with brilliant heat.

Extinguish flames of bitter strife,
all harmful passion take away,
grant health unto our mortal frame,
and on our hearts bestow true peace.

Most loving Father, hear our prayer,
and you, O Christ coequal Son,
who with the Spirit Paraclete
now reign for all eternity. Amen.

Metrical hymn, melody: A la venue de Noël, 8 8 8 8; Fleurs des noëls, Lyons, 1535

Plainsong, mode II, melody 46; Liber Hymnarius, Solesmes, 1983, Text: Rector potens, verax Deus, unknown author, very ancient; traditionally attributed to St. Ambrose, 340–397

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Sit or stand

Psalmody

Antiphon

Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

Psalm 118

Song of joy for salvation

This Jesus is the stone which, rejected by you builders, has become the chief stone supporting all the rest (Acts 4:11).

I

Give thánks to the Lórd for he is góod, *
for his lóve endures for éver.

Let the sóns of Ísrael sáy: *
"His lóve endures for éver."
Let the sóns of Áaron sáy: *
"His lóve endures for éver."
Let thóse who fear the Lórd sáy: *
"His lóve endures for éver."

I cálled to the Lórd in my distréss; *
he ánswered and fréed me.
The Lórd is at my síde; I do not féar. *
What can mán do agáinst me?
The Lórd is at my síde as my hélper: *
I shall look dówn on my fóes.

It is bétter to take réfuge in the Lórd *
than to trúst in mén:
it is bétter to take réfuge in the Lórd *
than to trúst in prínces.

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.

II

The nátions áll encómpassed me; *

in the Lórd's name I crúshed them.
They cómpassed me, cómpassed me abóut; *
in the Lórd's name I crúshed them.
They cómpassed me abóut like bées; †
they blázed like a fíre among thórns. *
In the Lórd's name I crúshed them.

I was hárd-préssed and was fálling *
but the Lórd came to hélp me.
The Lórd is my stréngth and my sóng; *
hé is my sávior.
There are shóuts of jóy and víctory *
in the ténts of the júst.

The Lórd's right hánd has tríumphed; *
his ríght hand ráised me.
The Lórd's right hánd has tríumphed; †
I shall not díe, I shall líve *
and recóunt his déeds.
I was púnished, I was púnished by the Lórd, *
but nót doomed to díe.

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.

III

Ópen to mé the gates of hóliness: *
I will énter and give thánks.
Thís is the Lórd's own gáte *
where the júst may énter.
I will thánk you for yóu have ánswered *
and yóu are my sávior.

The stóne which the buílders rejécted *
has becóme the córner stone.
Thís is the wórk of the Lórd, *
a márvel in our éyes.
Thís day was máde by the Lórd; *

we rejóice and are glád.

O Lórd, gránt us salvátion; *
O Lórd, grant succéss.
Bléssed in the náme of the Lórd *
is hé who cómes.
We bléss you from the hóuse of the Lórd; *
the Lord Gód is our líght.

Go fórward in procéssion with bránches *
éven to the áltar.
Yóu are my Gód, I thánk you. *
My Gód, I práise you.
Give thánks to the Lórd for he is góod; *
for his lóve endures 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

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Sit

Reading

Colossians 3:14-15

Over all these virtues put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect. Christ's peace must reign in your hearts, since as members of the one body you have been called to that peace. Dedicate yourselves to thankfulness.

Verse

I am a poor man. I have worked since my youth.

— I was raised up only to be brought low and left bewildered.

Stand

Concluding Prayer

Let us pray.

Father,
help us to live as the holy family,
united in respect and love.
Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

— Amen.

Acclamation

Let us praise the Lord.

— And give him thanks.

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