

Liturgy of the Hours
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

EVENING PRAYER

September 29, 2026

{ Feast – Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels }



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

Christ, we implore you,
send your angel Michael,
gracious and peaceful,
to this humble dwelling,
that all the blessings
from his frequent visits,
may grow within us.

May your swift angel,
Gabriel the mighty,
visit our temple,
flying down from heaven,
strong to defend us
from the ancient serpent,
zealous, unfailing.

And send from heaven
Raphael the angel,
holy physician
and our sure protector,
bringing salvation,
health to all the ailing,
guiding our actions.

Christ, radiant glory
of the holy angels,
let them draw near us,
that we may together
sing joyful praises

to the Triune Godhead
through all the ages. Amen.

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Michael ad istam, ca. 10th c.*

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Sit or stand

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

Your majesty is praised above the heavens, O King of the angels.

Psalm 8

The majesty of the Lord and man's dignity

The Father gave Christ lordship of creation and made him head of the Church (Ephesians 1:22).

How gréat is your náme, O Lórd our Gód,*
through áll the éarth!

Your májesty is práised above the héavens;*
on the líps of chıldren and of bábes
you have found práise to fóil your énemy,*
to sílence the fóe and the rébel.

When I see the héavens, the wórks of your hánds,*
the móon and the stárs which you arráinged,
what is mán that you should kéeep him in mínd,*
mortal mán that you cáre for hím?

Yet you have máde him little léss than a gód;*
with glóry and hónor you crówned him,
gave him pówer over the wórks of your hánd,*

put áll things únder his féet.

Áll of them, shéep and cáttle, *
yes, éven the sávage béasts,
bírd of the aír, and fish *
that máke their wáy through the wáters.

How gréat is your náme, O Lórd our Gód, *
thróugh áll the éarth!

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 majesty is praised above the heavens, O King of the angels.

Antiphon 2

In the company of the angels I will sing psalms to you, my God.

Psalm 138

Thanksgiving

The kings of the earth will bring glory and honor into the holy city (see Revelation 21:24).

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, *
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you. *
I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love *
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered; *
you increased the strength of my soul.

All earth's kings shall thank you *
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways: *
"How great is the glory of the Lord!"

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly *
and the haughty he knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of affliction *
you give me life and frustrate my foes.

You stretch out your hand and save me, *
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal, *
discard not the work of your hands.

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

In the company of the angels I will sing psalms to you, my God.

Antiphon 3

I saw the lamb, which appeared to have been slain, standing in
the center of the throne, and I heard the sound of angelic choirs
around the throne.

Canticle – Colossians 1:12-20

Christ the first-born of all creation and the first-born from the dead

Let us give thanks to the Father *
for having made you worthy
to share the lot of the saints *
in light.

He rescued us *
from the power of darkness
and brought us *
into the kingdom of his beloved Son.
Through him we have redemption, *
the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, *
the first-born of all creatures.
In him everything in heaven and on earth was created, *
things visible and invisible.

All were created through him; *

all were created for him.

He is before all else that is. *

In him everything continues in being.

It is he who is head of the body, the church! *

he who is the beginning,

the first-born of the dead, *

so that primacy may be his in everything.

It pleased God to make absolute fulness reside in him *

and, by means of him, to reconcile everything in his person,

both on earth and in the heavens, *

making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

I saw the lamb, which appeared to have been slain, standing in the center of the throne, and I heard the sound of angelic choirs around the throne.

Sit

READING

Revelation 1:4b-5

Grace and peace—from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first-born from the dead and ruler of the kings of earth, who loves us and freed us from our sins by his own blood.

Responsory

Clouds of incense rose in the presence of the Lord.

— Clouds of incense rose in the presence of the Lord.

From the hand of the angel incense rose

— in the presence of the Lord.

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

— Clouds of incense rose in the presence of the Lord.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon

The angel Gabriel spoke to Mary and said: You will conceive and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.

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

The angel Gabriel spoke to Mary and said: You will conceive and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.

INTERCESSIONS

The angels carry out God's will. Let us pray that we too may listen carefully for his voice and hear his call, as we say:

— We beg you, hear us.

That our prayers may rise like a pleasant fragrance before you,
through the hands of your angels.

— We beg you, hear us.

That our prayers may be brought to your altar on high,
through the hands of your angels.

— We beg you, hear us.

That we may proclaim glory to God in the highest and peace to his
people on earth,
with the multitude of the heavenly armies.

— We beg you, hear us.

That the angels may receive us at the end of our days,
and lead us home to paradise.

— We beg you, hear us.

That the holy standard-bearer, Michael, may bring into the light of
your presence,
the souls of those who have died.

— We beg you, 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.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God our Father,
in a wonderful way you guide the work of angels and men.
May those who serve you constantly in heaven
keep our lives safe from all harm on earth.

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.

Dismissal

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to
everlasting life.

— Amen.

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