

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
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MORNING PRAYER

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September 29, 2025

{ Feast – Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels }



# *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).*

Come, let us worship the Lord in the company of his angels.

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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.

— Come, let us worship the Lord in the company of his angels.

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 Lord in the company of his angels.

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 Lord in the company of his angels.

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 Lord in the company of his angels.

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 Lord in the company of his angels.

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 Lord in the company of his angels.

## *Morning Prayer*

### HYMN

Christ, the splendor of the Father,  
life and strength of ev’ry heart,  
in the sight of all the angels  
we sing psalms to you in prayer,  
voices sounding, then responding,  
raising songs of praise on high.

We acclaim with praise and honor  
great Archangels in their choir,  
but we chiefly praise the captain  
of the mighty heav’nly host,  
Michael, who with pow’r unvanquished  
trampled Satan underfoot.

Under his defense in battle,  
Christ most loving King and Lord,  
banish Satan’s snares and cunning,  
lead us back to Paradise,  
cleansed in body, mind, and spirit,

by your mercy, pure and kind.

Glory be to God the Father,  
glory be to Christ, his Son,  
glory to the Holy Spirit,  
from all ages, Three in One:  
let us sing with pleasing voices  
praise resounding evermore. Amen.

*Metrical hymn, melody: Westminster Abbey, 8 7 8 7 8 7 ; adapted from an anthem by  
Henry Purcell (1659-1695)*

*Plainsong, mode II, melody 33; Liber Hymnarius, Solesmes, 1983\*, Text: Tibi, Christe,  
splendor Patris, wrongly attributed to Rabanus Maurus, O.S.B., ca. 780-856*

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*Sit or stand*

## PSALMODY

### *Antiphon 1*

Let us join the angels in praising the Lord, as the cherubim and  
seraphim sing: Holy, holy, holy.

*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 drý, 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 bless you all my life,\*  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,\*  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you.\*  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;\*  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you,\*  
your right hand holds me fast.

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*

Let us join the angels in praising the Lord, as the cherubim and seraphim sing: Holy, holy, holy.

### *Antiphon 2*

Angels of the Lord, sing praise to the Lord for ever.

*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*

Angels of the Lord, sing praise to the Lord for ever.

### *Antiphon 3*

All the angels in heaven praise you, O Lord, and with one voice they say: To you we owe our hymn of praise, O God.

*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 sǫng to the Lórd,\*  
his práise in the assémbly of the fáithful.  
Let Ísrael rejóice in its máker,\*  
let Zíon's sons exúlt in their kíng.  
Let them práise his náme with dǎncing\*  
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 déál 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*

All the angels in heaven praise you, O Lord, and with one voice they say: To you we owe our hymn of praise, O God.

*Sit*

READING

*Genesis 28: 12-13a*

Jacob had a dream: a stairway rested on the ground, with its top

reaching to the heavens; and God's messengers were going up and down on it. And there was the Lord standing beside him and saying: "I, the Lord, am the God of your forefather Abraham and the God of Isaac."

### RESPONSORY

An angel stood by the altar.

— An angel stood by the altar.

And held a golden censer

— by the altar.

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

— An angel stood by the altar.

*Stand*

### GOSPEL CANTICLE

*Antiphon*

Truly I say to you: You will see the heavens open up, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.

*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*

Truly I say to you: You will see the heavens open up, and the angels  
of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.

### INTERCESSIONS

With one voice the choirs of angels sing their unceasing praise of  
the Lord. Let us join in their worship as we proclaim:

— Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord.

You commanded your angels to guard us in all our ways,  
keep us from sin as you lead us in your path this day.

— Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord.

Father, the angels stand for ever before your face,  
nourish in us a never-failing hope of coming at last into your  
presence.

— Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord.

Your children will be like the angels in heaven,  
grant us chastity in both mind and body.

— Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord.

Send Michael, the prince of the heavenly hosts, to the aid of your

people,  
may he defend them against Satan and his angels on the day of  
battle.

— Angels of the Lord, bless the 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*

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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