



Vespers

Friday Evening Prayer
Vigil of the Assumption of Mary
August 14, 2026



INTRODUCTION

Leader: God, + come to my assistance.

All: Lord, make haste to help me.

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

All: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

PSALMODY

Psalm 113 Praise the name of the Lord

*He has cast down the mighty and has lifted up the lowly
(Luke 1:52)*

Antiphon:

Leader: Christ ascended into heaven

All: **and prepared an everlasting place
 for his immaculate Mother, alleluia.**

Leader: Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting
praised be the name of the Lord!

All: **High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from his misery he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.
To the childless wife he gives a home
and gladdens her heart with children.

**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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Psalm Prayer

Leader: Lord Jesus, Word of God, surrendering the brightness of your glory you became man so that we may be raised from the dust to share your very being. May there be innumerable children of the Church to offer homage to your name from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Psalm 147:12-20: The restoration of Jerusalem
Come, I will show you the bride of the Lamb
(Revelation 21:9)

Antiphon:

Leader: Through Eve the gates of heaven were closed
to all mankind;

All: **through the Virgin Mother they were opened
wide again, alleluia.**

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!

**He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you.
He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.**

He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command.
He showers down snow white as wool,
he scatters hoar-frost like ashes.

**He hurls down hailstones like crumbs.
The waters are frozen at his touch;
he sends forth his word and it melts them:
at the breath of his mouth the waters flow.**

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees.

**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:

Leader: Through Eve the gates of heaven were closed
to all mankind;

All: **through the Virgin Mother they were opened
wide again, alleluia.**

Psalm Prayer

Leader:

All-powerful God, it is through your Church, generously
endowed with gifts of grace and fortified by the Holy Spirit,
that you send out your word to all nations. Strengthen your
Church with the best of all food and make it dauntless in faith.
Multiply its children to celebrate with one accord the mysteries
of your love at the altar on high.

Canticle: Ephesians 1:3-10: God our savior

Antiphon

Leader: The Virgin Mary has been exalted
above all the heavens;
All: **come, let all men glorify Christ the King,
whose kingdom will endure for ever, alleluia.**

Praised be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has bestowed on us in Christ
every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

**God chose us in him
before the world began
to be holy
and blameless in his sight.**

He predestined us
to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ,
such was his will and pleasure,
that all might praise the glorious favor
he has bestowed on us in his beloved.

**In him and through his blood, we have been redeemed,
and our sins forgiven,
so immeasurably generous
is God's favor to us.**

God has given us the wisdom
to understand fully the mystery,
the plan he was pleased
to decree in Christ.

**A plan to be carried out
in Christ, in the fullness of time,
to bring all things into one in him,
in the heavens and on 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

Leader: The Virgin Mary has been exalted
above all the heavens;
All: **come, let all men glorify Christ the King,
whose kingdom will endure for ever, alleluia.**

READING: Romans 8:30

Reader: Those God predestined he likewise called; those he called he also justified, and those he justified he in turn glorified.

RESPONSORY

Reader: As Mary is taken up to heaven, the angels of God rejoice.
All: As Mary is taken up to heaven, the angels of God rejoice.

They worship the Lord and sing his praises.
– **The angels of God rejoice.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
– **As Mary is taken up to heaven, the angels of God rejoice.**

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Canticle of Mary: Luke 1:46-55

The soul rejoices in the Lord

Leader: All generations will call me blessed;
All: **the Almighty has done great things for me, alleluia.**

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:

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INTERCESSIONS

Reader: Let us praise God our Almighty Father, who wished that Mary, his Son’s mother, be celebrated by each generation. Now in need we ask:

All: **Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.**

O God, worker of miracles, you made the Immaculate Virgin Mary share body and soul in your Son’s glory in heaven,

– direct the hearts of your children to that same glory.

Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.

You made Mary our mother. Through her intercession grant strength to the weak, comfort to the sorrowing, pardon to sinners,

– salvation and peace to all.

Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.

You made Mary full of grace,
– grant all men the joyful abundance of your grace.

Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.

Make your Church of one mind and one heart in love,
– and help all those who believe to be one in prayer with Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.

You crowned Mary queen of heaven,
– may all the dead rejoice in your kingdom with the saints for ever.

Mary, full of grace, intercede for 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

O God, who looking on the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary, raised her to this grace,
that your Only Begotten Son was born of her according to the flesh and that she was crowned this day with surpassing glory,
grant through her prayers, that, saved by the mystery of your redemption, we may merit to be exalted by you on high.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
– Amen.

DISMISSAL

If a priest or deacon presides, he dismisses the people:

The Lord be with you.

– **And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

– **Amen.**

Go in peace.

– **Thanks be to God.**