

**LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**MOTHER OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE**

**SOLEMNITY**

**NOVEMBER 12**

**EVENING PRAYER I**

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 forever.

Amen. Alleluia.

**HYMN**

O Virgin Mother, daughter of your son,  
most humble, most exalted of all creatures  
chosen of God in His eternal plan,

You are the one who ennobled human nature  
to the extent that He did not disdain,  
Who was its Maker, to make Himself man.

Within your womb rekindled was the love  
that gave the warmth that did allow this flower  
to come to bloom within this timeless peace.

For all up here you are the noonday torch  
of charity, and down on earth, for men,  
the living spring of their eternal hope.

Lady, you are so great, so powerful,  
that who seeks grace without recourse to you  
would have his wish fly upward without wings.

Not only does your loving kindness rush  
to those who ask for it, but often times  
it flows spontaneously before the plea.

In you is tenderness, in you is pity,  
in you munificence - in you unites  
all that is good in God's created beings. Amen.

**Text:** Dante Alighieri (1265-1321), *The Divine Comedy*, Paradise 33:  
(St. Bernard's Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary)

**Translator:** Mark Musa, Indiana University, 1984

**Ant. 1** The Mother of Jesus said:  
Do whatever he asks of you.

**Psalm 113**

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!

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.

**Ant. 1** The Mother of Jesus said:  
 Do whatever he asks of you.

**Ant. 2** The Lord said to his mother:  
 Woman, this is your son;  
 and to the disciple: This is your mother.

**Psalm 147: 12-20**

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.

**Ant. 2** The Lord said to his mother:  
 Woman, this is your son;  
 and to the disciple: This is your mother.

**Ant. 3** I place my delights in being among  
 the children of men.

**Canticle**

*Eph. 1:3-10*

Praised be the God and Father  
 of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 who 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 the earth.

**Ant. 3** I place my delights in being among  
the children of men.

### READING

*Is. 49:15*

Can a mother forget her infant,  
and not have pity  
on the child of her womb?  
Even if a mother should forget,  
I will never forget you.

### Responsory

Mary ever Virgin, Mother of the Lord.  
- Mary ever Virgin, Mother of the Lord.

Pray for us who have recourse to you.  
- O Mother of the Lord.

Glory to the Father. . .  
- Mary ever Virgin, Mother of the Lord.

### CANTICLE OF MARY

Luke 1:46-55

*The souls rejoices in the Lord*

**Ant.** Under your protection we seek refuge,  
O Holy Mother of God,  
do not despise the supplication of us  
who are under trial,  
and free us from every danger,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

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...

**Ant.** Under your protection we seek refuge,  
O Holy Mother of God,  
do not despise the supplication of us  
who are under trial,  
and free us from every danger,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

### INTERCESSIONS

United in the prayer of praise, let us glorify God,

the almighty Father, who has given us in Mary  
a sure pledge of consolation and hope.  
Let us say with trust:

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

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

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

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.

You made Mary full of grace:

- grant all men the joyful abundance of your grace.

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.

You crowned Mary queen of heaven:

- may all the dead rejoice in your kingdom with the  
saints for ever.

Our Father. .

Lord our God,  
your loving Providence is always wise and unailing;

through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of Divine Providence,  
remove from us all that would harm us  
and grant us all that will be for our good.

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.

### NIGHT PRAYER

(After Evening Prayer I on Sundays)

### INVITATORY

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)*

**Ant.** Come, let us sing to the Lord as we celebrate  
this feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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. **(Ant)**

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.  
**(Ant)**

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. **(Ant)**

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 my works. **(Ant)**

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." **(Ant)**

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. **(Ant)**

### OFFICE OF READINGS

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 forever.  
 Amen. Alleluia.

### HYMN

You who own the faith of Jesus  
 Sing the wonders that were done,  
 When the love of God the Father  
 Over our sin the victory won,  
 When he made the Virgin Mary  
 Mother of his only Son.  
 Hail, Mary, full of grace.

Blessed were the chosen people  
 Out of whom the Lord did come,  
 Blessed was the land of promise  
 Fashioned for his earthly home;  
 But more blessed far the mother,  
 She who bore him in her womb.  
 Hail Mary, full of grace.

Wherefore let the faithful people  
 Tell the honor of her name,  
 Let the Church in her foreshadowed  
 Part in her thanksgiving claim;

What Christ's mother sang in gladness  
 Let Christ's people sing the same.  
 Hail, Mary, full of grace.

Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,  
 Praise your Savior and your Son,  
 Praise the everlasting Spirit,  
 Who have made you ark and throne.  
 Over all creatures high exalted,  
 Lowly praise the Three in One.  
 Hail, Mary, full of grace.

**Music:** J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739  
**Text:** V.S.S. Coles, 1845-1929

**Ant. 1** Remember, O Virgin Mother of God, while  
 you stand in the presence of the Lord,  
 to beg every good for us.

#### **Psalm 24**

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
 the world and all its peoples.  
 It is he who set on the seas;  
 on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
 Who shall stand in his holy place?  
 The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
 who desires not worthless things, \_\_\_\_\_

who has not sworn so as to deceive his neighbor.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
 and reward from the God who saves him.  
 Such are the men who seek him,  
 seek the face of the God of Jacob.

O gates, lift high your heads;  
 grow higher, ancient doors.  
 Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is the king of glory?  
 The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,  
 the Lord, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your heads;  
 grow higher, ancient doors.  
 Let him enter, the king of glory.

Who is he, the king of glory?  
 He, the Lord of armies,  
 he is the king of glory.

**Ant. 1** Remember, O Virgin Mother of God, while you  
 stand in the presence of the Lord,  
 to beg every good for us.

**Ant. 2** You are the glory of Jerusalem, the joy of  
 Israel; you are the fairest honor of our race.

**Psalm 46**

God is for us a refuge and strength,  
 a helper close at hand, in time of distress:  
 so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,  
 though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea,  
 even though its waters rage and foam,  
 even though the mountains be shaken by its waves.

The Lord of hosts is with us:  
 the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,  
 the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
 God is within, it cannot be shaken;  
 God will help it at the dawning of the day.  
 Nations are in tumult, kingdoms are shaken:  
 he lifts his voice, the earth shrinks away.

The Lord of hosts is with us:  
 the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come, consider the works of the Lord,  
 the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth.  
 He puts an end to wars over all the earth;  
 the bow he breaks, the spear he snaps.  
 He burns the shields with fire.  
 "Be still and know that I am God,  
 supreme among the nations, supreme on the earth!"

The Lord of hosts is with us: \_\_\_\_\_

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**Ant. 2** You are the glory of Jerusalem, the joy of  
 Israel; you are the fairest honor of our race.

**Ant. 3** Reign over us with your Son, because you  
 have set us free from the hands of our enemies.

**Psalm 87**

On the holy mountain is his city  
 cherished by the Lord.  
 The Lord prefers the gates of Zion  
 to all Jacob's dwellings.  
 Of you are told glorious things,  
 O city of God.

"Babylon and Egypt I will count  
 among those who know me;  
 Philistia, Tyre, Ethiopia,  
 these will be her children  
 and Zion shall be called 'Mother'  
 for all shall be her children."

It is he, the Lord Most High,  
 who gives each his place.  
 In his register of peoples he writes:  
 "These are her children,"  
 and while they dance they will sing:  
 "In you all find their home."

**Ant. 3** Reign over us with your Son, because you  
have set us free from the hands of our enemies.

Blessed are those who hear the word of God.  
- And cherish it in their hearts.

### FIRST READING

Is 7:10-14;8:10b;11:1-9

From the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord spoke to Ahaz: Ask a sign from the Lord, your God; let it be deep as the nether world, or high as the sky! But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the Lord!"

Then Isaiah said: Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary men, must you also weary my God? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel, for "With us is God!"

But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, A spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord, and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord.

Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide. But he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth,

and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the brand around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; The calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hands on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord, as water covers the sea.

### Responsory

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son;  
- he shall be called Wonderful, the Almighty God.

He shall sit on the throne of David and reign over his kingdom for ever.

- He shall be called Wonderful, the Almighty God.

### SECOND READING

From the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church of the Second Vatican Council (Lumen Gentium, 61-62)

The Blessed Virgin was predestined to be the

Mother of God in the eternal plan for the incarnation of God's Word. By decree of God's providence she was, here on earth, the loving mother of the divine Redeemer, the noblest of all his companions, and the humble servant of the Lord.

In conceiving Christ, in bearing him, in nursing him, in presenting him to the Father in the temple, in sharing her Son's passion, as he was dying on the cross by her obedience, her faith, her hope and burning love, she cooperated, in a way that was quite unique, in the work of the Savior in restoring supernatural life to souls.

She is therefore a mother to us in order of grace. This motherhood of Mary in order of grace - from the consent which she gave in faith at the annunciation, and which she continued to give unhesitatingly at the foot of the cross - lasts without interruption until all the elect enter into eternal fulfillment.

When she was taken up into heaven, she did not lay aside this saving role but she continues by her intercession for all to gain for us the gifts of eternal salvation. In her maternal love she cares for the brothers and sisters of her Son as they journey on the earth in the midst of dangers and hardships, until they are brought safely home to the happiness of heaven.

The Blessed Virgin is thus invoked in the Church under the titles of Advocate, Auxiliatrix, Adjutrix and Mediatrix. These titles must not, however, be understood as an equal with the incarnate Word, the Redeemer. But just as the priesthood of Christ is shared in various ways by his ministers and his faithful people, and as the goodness of God, one though it is, is, in different ways,

really shared with creatures, so also the unique mediation of Christ does not exclude but brings about a variety of shared cooperation, deriving from the one unique source.

The Church does not hesitate to acknowledge this kind of subordinate role in the person of Mary. The Church has continuous experience of its effects, and commends it to the hearts of the faithful, so that as they lean on her motherly protection they may brought into closer union with the Mediator, our Savior.

### Responsory

O pure and holy Virgin, how can I find words to praise your beauty?

- The highest heavens cannot contain God whom you carried in your womb.

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

- The highest heavens cannot contain God whom you carried in your womb.

### TE DEUM

You are God: we praise you;  
you are the Lord, we acclaim you;  
you are the eternal Father:  
all creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:

Father, of majesty unbounded,

your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,

and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,

the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free

you did not spurn the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death,

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,

bought with the price of your own blood,

and bring us with your saints

to glory everlasting.

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.

-- *Govern and uphold them now and always.*

Day by day we bless you.

-- *We praise your name for ever.*

Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.

-- *Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.*

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

-- *for we put our trust in you.*

In you, Lord, is our hope:

-- *and we shall never hope in vain.*

Let us pray.

Lord our God,

your loving Providence is always wise and unailing;

through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

Mother of Divine Providence,

remove from us all that would harm us

and grant us all that will be for our good.

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.

**MORNING PRAYER**

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 forever.

Amen. Alleluia.

**HYMN**

O Mary, of all women  
 Thou art the chosen one,  
 Who ancient prophets promised  
 Would bear God's only Son;  
 All Hebrew generations  
 Prepared the way to thee,  
 That in your womb the God-man  
 Might come to set man free.

O Mary, you embody  
 All God taught to our race,  
 For you are first and foremost  
 In fullness of his grace;  
 We praise this wondrous honor  
 That you gave birth to him  
 Who from you took his manhood  
 And saved us from our sin.

**Music:** 17th century Flemish Melody

**Text:** Michael Gannon

**Ant. 1** Show, O Mary, to us in the time of trial  
 and give us hope.

**Psalm 63:2-9**

*A soul thirsting for God*

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
 for you my soul is thirsting.  
 My body pines for you  
 like a dry, weary land without water.  
 So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
 to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,  
 my lips will speak your praise.  
 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.

**Ant. 1** Show, O Mary, to us in the time of trial  
 and give us hope.

**Ant. 2** Invoke the Lord, and intercede for us with your  
Son, O Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Canticle** - Daniel 3:57-88,56

*Let all creatures praise the Lord*

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 waters 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, with 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.

(No Glory is said)

**Ant. 2** Invoke the Lord, and intercede for us with your  
Son, O Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Ant 3** Grant, O Mother, that we may never reject you.

**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).*

Sing a new song to the Lord,  
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.  
Let Israel rejoice in its Maker,  
let Zion's sons exult in their king.  
Let them praise his name with dancing  
and make music with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes delight in his people.  
He crowns the poor with salvation.  
Let the faithful rejoice in their glory,  
shout for joy and take their rest.  
Let the praise of God be on their lips  
and a two-edged sword in their hand,

to deal out vengeance to the nations  
and punishment on all the peoples;  
to bind their kings in chains  
and their nobles in fetters of iron;  
to carry out the sentence pre-ordained:  
this honor is for all his faithful.

**Ant 3** Grant, O Mother, that we may never reject you.

### READING

Judith 13:18-20a

Blessed are you, daughter, by the Most High God,  
above all the women on earth; and blessed be the Lord  
God, the creator of heaven and earth,  
who guided your blow at the head of the chief of our  
enemies.  
Your deed of hope will never be forgotten by those

who tell of the might of God. May God make this redound  
to your everlasting honor, rewarding you with blessings.

### Responsory

Obtain salvation for us, O Blessed Virgin Mary.  
- Obtain salvation for us, O Blessed Virgin Mary.

From you the Savior of the world was born,  
- O Blessed Virgin Mary.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
- Obtain salvation for us, O Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Ant.** O Blessed Virgin Mary,  
you have given us the fruit of life,  
Jesus the Lord.

### Gospel Cantic

*Luke 1:68-79*

*The Messiah and his forerunner*

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.

**Ant.** O Blessed Virgin Mary,  
you have given us the fruit of life,  
Jesus the Lord.

### 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.

Savior of the world, by your redeeming might  
you preserved your mother beforehand from all stain of  
sin,

-keep watch over us, lest we sin.

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.

Eternal Word, you taught your mother to choose the better  
part,

- grant that in imitating her we may seek the food  
that brings life everlasting.

Kin of kings, you lifted up your mother, body and soul,  
into heaven;

- help us to fix our thoughts on things above.

Lord of heaven and earth, you crowned Mary and set her  
at your right hand as queen,

- make us worthy to share this glory.

Our Father . . .

Lord our God,  
your loving Providence is always wise and unfailing;  
through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of Divine Providence,  
remove from us all that would harm us  
and grant us all that will be for our good.

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.

### DAYTIME PRAYER

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 forever.

Amen. Alleluia.

### HYMN

Loving mother of the Redeemer,  
Gate of heaven, star of the sea,  
Assist your people who have fallen  
Yet strive to rise again.

To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator,  
Yet remained a virgin after as before.  
You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting,  
Have pity on us poor sinners.

Alma Redemptoris Mater

Text: Hermanus Contractus, 1054

Music: Plainchant, Mode V

### PSALMODY

### Midmorning

**Ant.** All of them, united in heart, continued in prayer,  
with Mary the mother of Jesus.

### Midday

**Ant.** The mother of Jesus said:

"Do whatever he asks of you.

### Midafternoon

**Ant.** The Lord said to his mother: Woman this is your  
son, and to the disciple: This is your mother.

### Psalm 118

Song of joy for salvation

**I**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love endures for ever.

Let the sons of Israel say:

"His love endures for ever."

Let the sons of Aaron say:

"His love endures for ever."

Let those who fear the Lord say:

"His love endures for ever."

I called to the Lord in my distress;  
he answered and freed me.

The Lord is at my side; I do not fear. \_\_\_\_\_

What can man do against me?  
The Lord is at my side as my helper:  
I shall look down on my foes.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men:  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes.

## II

The nations all encompassed me;  
in the Lord's name I crushed them.  
They compassed me, compassed me about;  
in the Lord's name I crushed them.  
They compassed me about like bees;  
they blazed like a fire among thorns.  
In the Lord's name I crushed them.

I was hard-pressed and was falling  
but the Lord came to help me.  
The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he is my savior.  
There are shouts of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_

but not doomed to die.

## III

Open to me the gates of holiness:  
I will enter and give thanks.  
This is the Lord's own gate  
where the just may enter.  
I will thank you for you have answered  
and you are my savior.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.

O Lord, grant us salvation;  
O Lord, grant success.  
Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
the Lord God is our light.

Go forward in procession with branches  
even to the altar.  
You are my God, I thank you.  
My God, I praise you.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love endures for ever.

**Midmorning**

**Ant.** All of them, united in heart, continued in prayer,  
with Mary the mother of Jesus.

READING

Zeph. 3:14, 15

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!  
Sing joyfully, O Israel!  
Be glad and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!  
The king of Israel, The Lord,  
is in your midst.

Blessed are those who hear the word of God.  
- And cherish it in their hearts.

**Midday**

**Ant.** The mother of Jesus said:  
"Do whatever he asks of you.

READING

Zech. 9:9

Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion!  
Shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem.  
See, your king shall come to you;  
A just savior is he.

Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary.  
- Who bore the Son of the Eternal Father.

**Midafternoon**

**Ant.** The Lord said to his mother: Woman this is your  
son, and to the disciple: This is your mother.

READING

Judith 13:13

Blessed are you in every tent of Judah; and in every  
foreign nation, all who hear of you will be struck  
with terror.

Blessed are you among women.  
- And blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Let us pray.

Lord our God,  
your loving Providence is always wise and unailing;  
through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of Divine Providence,  
remove from us all that would harm us  
and grant us all that will be for our good.  
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.

**EVENING PRAYER II**

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 forever.

Amen. Alleluia.

**HYMN**

I wish to learn from you, O Mother Mary,

To lead a life of love and supplication.

I wish to learn from you, dear Virgin Mary,

To bind myself to Jesus Christ your Son.

Taking my hand in yours, beloved Mother,

Guide me along the highway of our Savior.

This kind of help I need to reassure me

Of progress on my way to eternal life.

I bind myself, Madonna, to be faithful;

I promise ardent love throughout my lifetime;

My total self, you see, I wish to give you,

That you, dear Mother, give me to Jesus.

Text and Music: Unknown

**PSALMODY**

**Ant. 1** The mother of Jesus said:

"Do whatever he asks of you.

**Psalm 122**

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

"Let us go to God's house."

And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city  
strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgment  
of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

"Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!"

For love of my brethren and friends

I say: "Peace upon you!"

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good.

**Ant. 1** The mother of Jesus said:

"Do whatever he asks of you.

**Ant. 2** The Lord said to his mother: Woman, this is your son, and to the disciple: This is your mother.

**Psalm 127**

If the Lord does not build the house,  
in vain do its builders labor;  
if the Lord does not watch over the city,  
in vain does the watchman keep vigil.

In vain is your earlier rising,  
your going later to rest,  
you who toil for the bread you eat:  
when he pours gifts on his beloved  
while they slumber.

Truly sons are a gift from the Lord,  
a blessing, the fruit of the womb.  
Indeed the sons of youth  
are like arrows in the hand of a warrior.

O the happiness of the man  
who has filled his quiver with these arrows!  
He will have no cause for shame  
when he disputes with his foes in the gateways.

**Ant. 2** The Lord said to his mother: Woman, this is your son, and to the disciple: This is your mother.

**Ant. 3** I place my delight with the children of men.

**Canticle**

Eph. 1:3-10

Praised be the God and Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who 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 the earth.

**Ant. 3** I place my delight with the children of men.

**READING**

Is. 49:15

Can a mother forget her infant,  
and not have pity on the child of her womb?  
Even if a mother should forget,  
I will never forget you.

**Responsory**

He who finds me finds life.  
- He who finds me finds life.

He obtains favor from the Lord,  
- and finds life.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
- He who finds me finds life.

**CANTICLE OF MARY**

Luke 1:46-55

*The souls rejoices in the Lord*

**Ant.** Under your protection we seek refuge,  
O Holy Mother of God,  
do not despise the supplication of us  
who are under trial,

and free us from every danger,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

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.

**Ant.** Under your protection we seek refuge,  
O Holy Mother of God,

do not despise the supplication of us  
 who are under trial,  
 and free us from every danger,  
 O glorious and blessed Virgin.

### **INTERCESSIONS**

Let us praise God our almighty Father, who wished that  
 Mary, his Sons's mother, be celebrated by each  
 generation. Now in need we ask:

*Mary full of grace, intercede for us.*

You made Mary the mother of mercy,  
 - may all who are faced with trials feel her motherly  
 love.

You wished Mary to be the mother of the family in the  
 home of Jesus and Joseph,  
 - may all mothers of families foster love and  
 holiness through her intercession.

You gave Mary strength at the foot of the cross and filled  
 her with joy at the resurrection of your Son,  
 - lighten the hardships of those who are burdened  
 and deepen their sense of hope.

You made Mary open to your word and faithful as your  
 servant,  
 - through her intercession make us servants and

true followers of your Son.

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

Our Father . . .

Lord our God,  
 your loving Providence is always wise and unailing;  
 through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
 Mother of Divine Providence,  
 remove from us all that would harm us  
 and grant us all that will be for our good.  
 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.

### **NIGHT PRAYER**

(see After Evening Prayer II on Sundays)

PROPER OF THE MASS

**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**MOTHER OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE**

SOLEMNITY

NOVEMBER 12

INTRODUCTORY RITES

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OPENING PRAYER

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through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of Divine Providence,  
remove from us all that would harm us,  
and grant us all that will be for our good.  
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.

FIRST READING Is. 66:10-14

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her,  
all you who love her;  
exult, exult with her,  
all you who were mourning over her!  
Oh, that you may suck fully  
of the milk of her comfort,  
that you may nurse with delight  
at her abundant breasts!  
For thus says the Lord:  
Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem

like a river, and the wealth of the nations like  
an overflowing torrent.

As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms,  
and fondled in her lap;

as a mother comforts her child,  
so I will comfort you;

in Jerusalem you shall find your comfort.

When you see this, your heart shall rejoice,  
and your bodies flourish like the grass;

the Lord's power shall be known to his servants,  
but to his enemies his wrath.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 131: 1-3

In you my soul takes refuge, O Lord.

Lord, my heart is not proud;

nor are my eyes haughty;

I do not busy myself with great matters,  
with things too sublime for me.

In you my soul takes refuge, O Lord.

Rather, I have stilled my soul,  
hushed it like a weaned child.

Like a weaned child on its mother's lap,  
so is my soul within me.

In you my soul takes refuge, O Lord.

Israel, hope in the Lord,  
now and for ever.

In you my soul takes refuge, O Lord.

SECOND READING

Gal. 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

But when the fullness of time had come,  
God sent his Son, born of a woman,  
born under the law, in order to redeem those who were  
under the law,

so that we might receive adoption as children.

And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit  
of his Son into our hearts, crying "Abba! Father!"

So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child  
then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

John 2:1

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee,  
and the mother of Jesus was there.

GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee,  
 and the mother of Jesus was there.  
 Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.  
 When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus  
 said to him, "They have no wine."  
 And Jesus said to her,  
 "Woman, how does your concern affect me?  
 My hour has not yet come."  
 His mother said to the servers,  
 "Do whatever he tells you."  
 Now there were six stone water jars for Jewish  
 ceremonial washings, each holding twenty  
 to thirty gallons.  
 Jesus told the servers, "Fill the jars with water."  
 So they filled them to the brim.  
 Then Jesus told them, "Draw some out now  
 and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it.  
 And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had  
 become wine,  
 without knowing where it came from  
 (although the servers who had drawn the water knew),  
 the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him,  
 "Everyone serves good wine first,  
 and then when people have drunk freely,  
 an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until  
 now."  
 Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in  
 Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began  
 to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,  
 in your goodness  
 accept the gifts of your Church,  
 so that, through the intercession  
 of the Mother of your Son,  
 we may receive your mercy and grace  
 in our time of need.  
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PREFACE

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,  
 we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In the wisdom of your Providence  
 the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit  
 and gave birth to the savior of the world.  
 In Cana of Galilee,  
 when she interceded with her Son  
 for the bridegroom and bride,  
 he gave the first of his signs:  
 water was turned into wine,  
 the wedding guests rejoiced,  
 and the disciples believed in their Master.

Now enthroned as queen at her Son's right hand,

she provides for all the needs of the Church  
as the handmaid of your love,  
and as a mother who cares for each of her children,  
entrusted to her by Christ Jesus  
while he hung upon the cross.

Now with all the saints and angels,  
we praise you for ever:

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Glorious things are said of you, Virgin Mary,  
for the Almighty has done great things for you.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of mercy,  
let this heavenly table continue to strengthen  
your faithful people, so that, through the intercession  
of Mary, Mother of Divine Providence,  
we may seek your kingdom and its justice above all else,  
and receive your help for our earthly needs.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.