

Evening Prayer I: Immaculate Conception of Mary

P/ O God, come to my assistance,

R/ O Lord make haste to help me.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

And to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be

World without end. Amen.

Ant. 1 I will make you **enemies**,* you and the woman, your off**spring** and hers.

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 **es** 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 be to the Father and to the **Son** * And to the **Holy** Spirit

As it was in the beginning is now and ever **shall** be * World without **end**. Amen.

Ant. 1 I will make you **enemies**,* you and the woman, your off**spring** and hers.

Ant. 2 The Lord has clothed me with garments of **salvation**; * he has covered me with **a** robe of justice.

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 hailstone **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.
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Ant. 3 Hail Mary, full of **grace**; the Lord **is** with you.

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 full**ness** of time,
To bring all things into one in **him** * In the heavens and **on** the earth.
Glory be to the Father and to the **Son** * And to the **Holy** Spirit
As it was in the beginning is now and ever **shall** be * World without **end**. Amen.

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A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Those whom God foreknew he predestined to share in the image of his Son. Those he predestined he likewise called; those he called he also justified.

Responsorial

I shall glorify you, for you have rescued me O Lord

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You have not let me enemies rejoice over me

--For you have rescued me O Lord

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

--I shall glorify you, for you have rescued me O Lord

Ant. 4 All generations will call **me** blessed: * the Almighty has done **great** things for me.

Luke 1: 45-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of **the** Lord, * my spirit rejoices **in** God my Saviour,

For he has looked upon the lowliness of **his** handmaid; * henceforth all ages **shall** call me blessed.

He who is mighty has done great things **for** me — * **Holy** is his name!

His mercy extends from age **to** age * **upon** those who fear him.

He has shown the power of **his** arm * and scattered **the** proud of heart.

He has cast down the mighty from **their** thrones * and **lifted** up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with **good** things * and sent the rich **empty** away.

He has protected his **servant** Israel, * **mindful** of his mercy,

The mercy he promised to **our** Fathers, * Abraham and his **descendants** forever.

Glory be to the Father and to **the** Son * and to **the** Holy Spirit.

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Intercessions

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:

R/ 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.

R/ 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.

R/ 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.

R/ Mary full of grace intercede **for** us.

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.

R/ Mary full of grace intercede **for** us.

You crowned Mary queen of heaven,

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

R/ Mary full of grace intercede **for** us.

Our Father...

Father,
You prepared the Virgin Mary
to be the worthy mother of your Son.
You let her share beforehand in the salvation Christ would bring by his death,
and kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception.
Help us by her prayers
to live in your presence without sin.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.

The Lord be with you
R/ And with your spirit

May almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever

Let us bless the Lord
R/ Thanks be to God