



Wednesday, March 25th, 2020
Second Vespers (Evening Prayer)
of the Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord

Please stand

Introduction

God, come to my assistance.

Lord, make haste to help me.

Please bow

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.

Hymn

HAIL, QUEEN OF THE HEAVENS

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1. Hail, Queen of the heavens! Hail, Mistress of earth! Hail, Vir - gin most
2. Hail, Moth-er most pure! Hail, Vir-gin re-nown'd! Hail, Queen with the
3. O Moth-er of mer-cy! O Star of the wave! O Hope of the
4. These prais-es and prayers We lay at thy feet, O Vir - gin of

1. pure, Of im-mac-u-late birth! Clear star of the morn-ing, In
2. stars, As a di-a-dem crown'd! A - bove all the an - gels In
3. guil-ty! O light of the grave! Through thee may we come to the
4. Vir-gins! O Ma-ry most sweet! Be thou our true guide through this

1. beau-ty en-shrined; O La - dy, make haste to the help of man-kind.
2. glo-ry un-told; Standing next to the King in a ves-ture of gold.
3. ha-ven of rest And see Heav-en's King in the courts of the blest.
4. pil-grim-age here And stand by our side when death draw-eth near.

Psalm 109 (110)

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Please be seated

The Lord's revelation to my Master:
'Sit on my right:
your foes I will put beneath your feet.'

The Lord will wield from Sion
your scepter of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
'You are a priest forever,
a priest like Melchizeddek of old.'

The Master standing at your right hand
will shatter kings in the day of his great wrath.

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

Please stand and bow

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.

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Psalm-Prayer

Father, we ask you to give us victory and peace. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and King, we are already seated at your right hand. We look forward to praising you in the fellowship of all your saints in our heavenly homeland.

Psalm 129 (130)

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Please be seated

Out of the depths I cry to **you**, O Lord,
Lord, **hear** my voice!
O let your ears be **attentive**
to the voice of **my** pleading.

If you, O Lord, should **mark** our guilt,
Lord, who **would** survive?
But with you is found **forgiveness**:
for this we **revere** you.

My soul is waiting for **the** Lord.
I count **on** his word.
My soul is longing for **the** Lord
more than watchman **for** daybreak.
Let the watchman count on **daybreak**
and Israel **on** the Lord.

Because with the Lord there **is** mercy
and fullness **of** redemption,
Israel indeed he **will** redeem
from all **its** iniquity.

Please stand and bow

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**.

Do not be afraid, **Mary**; you have found **favor** with God. Behold, you shall conceive and **bear** a son, and he will be called the Son of **the** Most High.

Psalm-prayer

Listen with compassion to our prayers, Lord. The forgiveness of sins is yours. Do not look on the wrong we have done but grant us your merciful kindness.

I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you have said.

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Please be seated

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 fullness 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.

Please stand and bow

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and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

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Please be seated

Something which has existed since the beginning,
that we have heard,
and we have seen with our own eyes;
that we have watched
and touched with our hands:
the Word, who is life –
this is our subject.
That life was made visible:
we saw it and we are giving our testimony,
telling you of the eternal life
which was with the Father and has been made visible to us.

After a short period of silent reflection, please stand

Short Responsory

The Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us.
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He was with God in the beginning.
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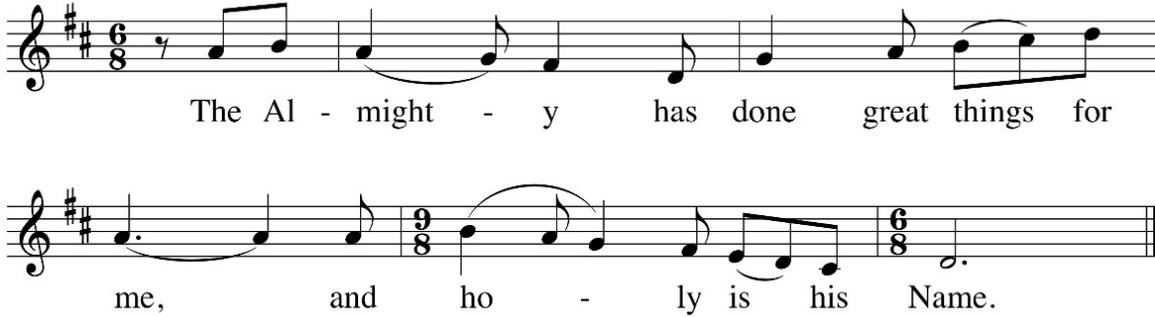
Canticle

Magnificat

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You are the most blessed **of** all women.'

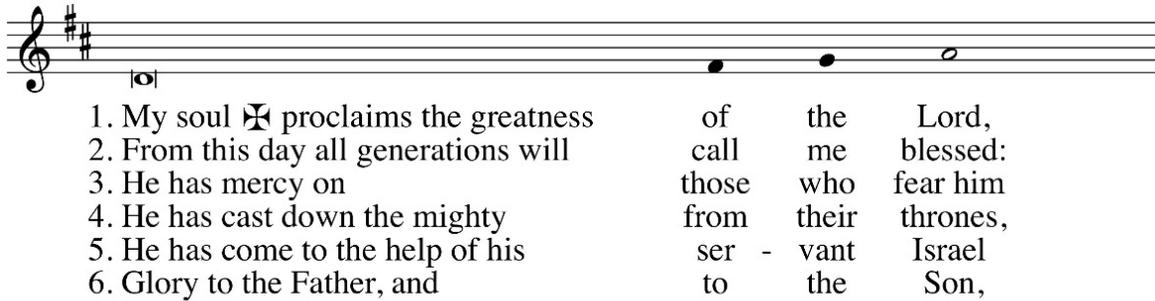
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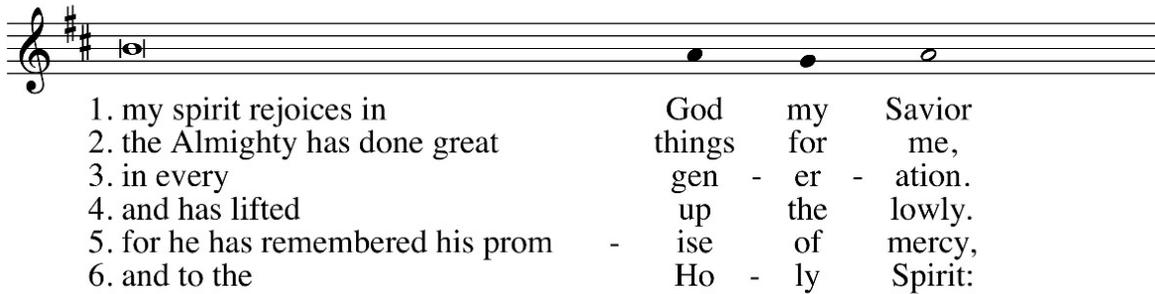


The Al - might - y has done great things for
me, and ho - ly is his Name.

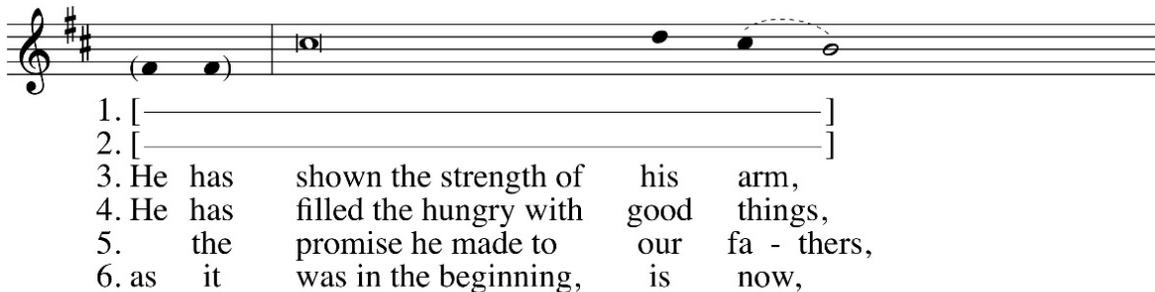
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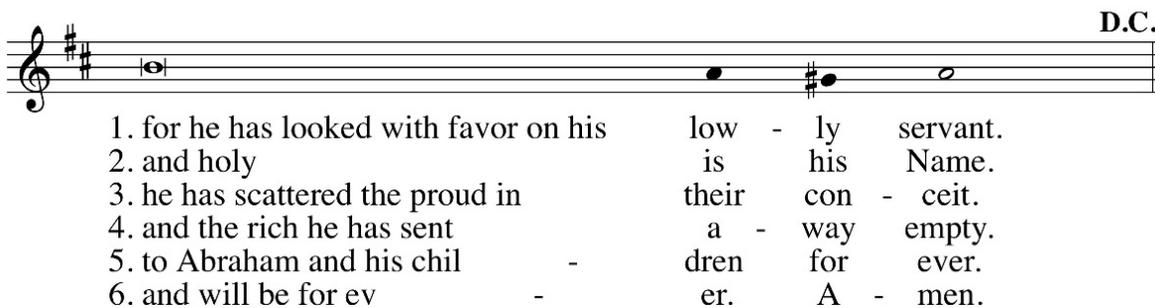
1. My soul ✠ proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
2. From this day all generations will call me blessed:
3. He has mercy on those who fear him
4. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
5. He has come to the help of his ser - vant Israel
6. Glory to the Father, and to the Son,



1. my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
2. the Almighty has done great things for me,
3. in every gen - er - ation.
4. and has lifted up the lowly.
5. for he has remembered his prom - ise of mercy,
6. and to the Ho - ly Spirit:



1. [_____]
2. [_____]
3. He has shown the strength of his arm,
4. He has filled the hungry with good things,
5. the promise he made to our fa - thers,
6. as it was in the beginning, is now,



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1. for he has looked with favor on his low - ly servant.
2. and holy is his Name.
3. he has scattered the proud in their con - ceit.
4. and the rich he has sent a - way empty.
5. to Abraham and his chil - dren for ever.
6. and will be for ev - er. A - men.

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Prayers and Intercessions

On this day the eternal Father sent his angel to bring to Mary the good news of our salvation. Let us turn to God and pray with confidence:

Lord, fill our hearts with your love.

You chose the Virgin Mary as the mother of your Son,
have mercy on all who look for your gift of salvation.

Lord, fill our hearts with your love.

You sent Gabriel to give Mary your message of peace and joy,
give to the whole world the joy of salvation and your gift of true peace.

Lord, fill our hearts with your love.

Mary gave her consent, the Holy Spirit overshadowed her,
and your Word came to dwell among us,
touch our hearts that we may welcome Christ as Mary did.

Lord, fill our hearts with your love.

You look with love on the humble, and fill the hungry with your gifts,
raise up the downcast, help all in need, comfort and strengthen the dying.

Lord, fill our hearts with your love.

Lord our God, you alone work wonders and with you all things are possible,
give us the fullness of salvation when you raise up the dead on the last day.

Lord, fill our hearts with your love.

***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.***

Shape us in the likeness of the divine nature of our Redeemer,
whom we believe to be true God and true man,
since it was your will, Lord God,
that he, your Word, should take to himself our human nature
in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

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