

ANGELUS

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to your word.

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And the Word was made flesh. And dwelt among us.

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Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MORNING PRAYER

May Jesus and his dear mother be with us on our journey.

The joy of the Lord is your strength.

O God, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day: Preserve us in your peace and awaken our hearts to praise, that we may walk as children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANTIPHON

Blessed are you, O God of compassion; your love is gentler than a mother's embrace.

Gather us beneath the shelter of your mercy, and teach us the way of love.

PSALM 57:7-11

My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; * I will sing and make melody.

Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp; * I myself will waken the dawn.

I will confess you among the peoples, O LORD; * I will sing praise to you among the nations.

For your loving kindness is greater than the heavens, * and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, * and your glory over all the earth.

READING

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 3:13–14*

A SONG OF MERCY'S EMBRACE

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, whose compassion surrounds us like the morning light. You know our joys and sorrows, our strengths and frailties, and love us through them all. You do not grow weary of our returning, nor tire of extending mercy. May our hearts become places of refuge, where others find welcome and rest. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. *Book of Common Prayer, 1979*

COLLECT

O God, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting: Soften whatever in us has become hardened by disappointment, anxiety, or pride. Give us hearts that are quick to forgive, ready to listen, and eager to show compassion, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

Holy God, strengthen us now to serve you faithfully in the world, with thankful hearts and steadfast hope; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

May the needy not be forgotten. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**