

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.

Let heaven and earth rejoice in the goodness of God.

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 136:1-9

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, * for his mercy endures for ever.

Give thanks to the God of gods, * for his mercy endures for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords, * for his mercy endures for ever.

Who only does great wonders, * for his mercy endures for ever;

Who by wisdom made the heavens, * for his mercy endures for ever;

Who spread out the earth upon the waters, * for his mercy endures for ever;

Who created great lights, * for his mercy endures for ever;

The sun to rule the day, * for his mercy endures for ever;

The moon and the stars to govern the night, * for his mercy endures for ever.

READING

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunderpeals, crying out, Hallelujah! For the Lord God the Almighty reigns. *Revelation 19:6*

A SONG OF GOD'S NEARNESS

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who remains with us through every season of life. In times of joy, you rejoice with us. In times of grief, you stay beside us. In times of uncertainty, you guide us. Nothing can separate us from the reach of your compassion. Therefore we praise you for your faithful presence, today and always. Blessed be God forever.

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

Holy God, whose love is gentler than a mother's care and stronger than death itself: As this week draws to its close, gather us beneath the shelter of your mercy. Quiet our restless hearts, renew our trust in your goodness, and prepare us to receive with gratitude all that you have yet to reveal; through 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.**