

# THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY



## VESPERS

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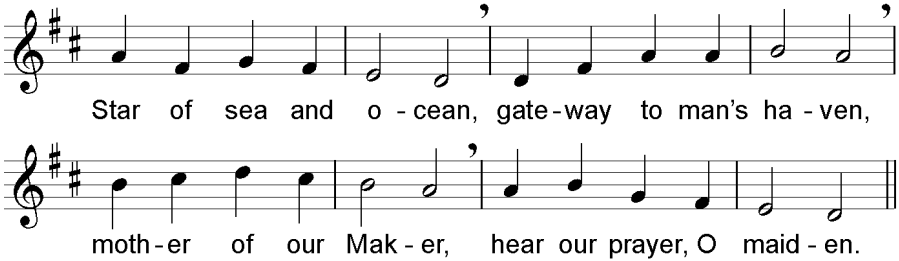
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## VESPERS

O God, come to our aid,  
O Lord, make haste to help us.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now  
and shall be for ever, amen. Alleluia!

### HYMN

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moth - er of our Mak - er, hear our prayer, O maid - en.

Welcoming the Ave  
of God's simple greeting,  
you have borne a saviour  
far beyond all dreaming.

Loose the bonds that hold us  
bound in sin's own blindness  
that with eyes now open'd  
God's own light may guide us.

Show yourself our mother  
he will hear your pleading  
whom your womb has sheltered  
and whose hand brings healing.

Gentlest of all virgins,  
that our love be faithful  
keep us from all evil  
gentle, strong and grateful.

Guard us through life's dangers  
never turn and leave us  
may our hope find harbour  
in the calm of Jesus.

Sing to God our Father  
through the Son who saves us  
joyful in the Spirit  
everlasting praises.

Trans. Ralph Wright

**ANTIPHON 1:** It is \* the birthday of the glorious Virgin Mary, descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Judah!

Psalm 22



The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now  
and shall be for ever, amen.

**ANTIPHON 1:** It is \* the birthday of the glorious Virgin Mary, descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Judah!

**ANTIPHON 2:** Mary \* is born, and her glorious life fills all the Church with light!

Psalm 112



Alleluia!

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!

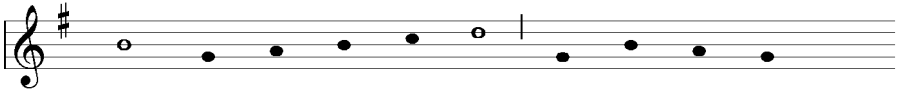
High above all nations is the Lord,  
above the heavens his glory.  
Who is like the Lord, our God,  
who has risen on high to his throne  
yet stoops from the heights to look down,  
to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,  
from the dungheap 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.

Glory be to the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit,  
both now and for ever, amen.

**ANTIPHON 2:** Mary \* is born, and her glorious life fills all the Church with light!

### ANTIPHON 3



God \* chose us in his Son, and made us his



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### NT Canticle 10

(Ephesians 1: 3-10)



Blessed be the God and Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us in Christ  
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

He chose us in him  
before the foundation of the world,  
that we should be holy  
and blameless before him.

He destined us in love  
to be his sons through Jesus Christ,  
according to the purpose of his will,  
( to the praise of his glorious grace,  
which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood,  
the forgiveness of our trespasses,  
according to the riches of his grace  
which he lavished upon us.

He has made known to us in all wisdom and insight  
the mystery of his will,  
according to his purpose  
which he set forth in Christ.

His purpose he set forth in Christ  
as a plan for the fullness of time,  
to unite all things in him,  
things in heaven and things on earth.


Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now  
and shall be for ever, amen.

**REPEAT ANTIPHON**




## SCRIPTURE READING

## RESPONSORY




Hail Ma - ry, full of grace, the Lord is with you!  
(repeat)

You are the honour of Jerusalem,  
the glory of your people:



The Lord is with you!

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



Hail Ma - ry, full of grace, the Lord is with you!

## MAGNIFICAT ANTIPHON

Rejoice, \* full of grace: maiden and mother, we keep your feast with gladness.







## INTERCESSIONS

**OUR FATHER**

*(said by the Superior)*

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

LET US BLESS THE LORD  
THANKS BE TO GOD

May the divine assistance remain always with us  
And with our absent brothers and sisters. Amen.

