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CALL TO WORSHIP (*stand*)

TONE 6



Cantor Come, let us celebrate the birth of the Virgin Mary,
All let us worship her Son, Christ the Lord.

(*bow*) Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son,
and to the **Holy** Spirit:
(*upright*) as it was in **the** beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alle**luia**.



HYMN

Bright as the Sun, Fair as the Moon

1. Bright as the sun, fair as the moon, she reigns, who
2. Night is not dark where she stands bright, the wom - an
3. O God, we read by her love's flame the Word in

held with - in her womb the Word made flesh, God's Son
robed in liv - ing light, crowned with the stars, who served
whom we sing your name: we bow be - fore your maj -

made hers, to whom the an - gel host de - fers.
on earth the Word to whom her faith gave birth.
es - ty, one ho - ly, three - fold Mys - ter - y.

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PSALMODY (*be seated*)

Psalm 63

TONE 3



Antiphon Mary was born of the **tribe** of Judah.

María nació de la tribu **de** Judá.

Cantor/All

¡Oh Dios, tú eres mi Dios,
por **ti** madrugo:
mi garganta está sedienta de ti,
mi carne desfallece por ti
como tierra seca, rese**ca** sin agua!
Que así te contemple en **el** santuario
viendo tu poder **y** tu gloria.

*God, my God, you I crave; my soul
thirsts for you, my body aches for
you like a dry and weary land. Let
me gaze on you in your temple: a
vision of strength and glory.*

Your love is **better** than life,
my speech is **full** of praise.
I give you a lifetime of worship,
my hands raised **in** your name.
I feast at a rich table,
my lips sing **of** your glory.

Porque tu amor vale más que la vida, te alabarán mis labios. Que así te bendiga mientras viva, alzando las manos en tu Nombre. Me saciaré como de enjundia y de manteca, y mi boca te alabará con labios jubilosos.

Si en mi lecho me acuerdo de ti,
en mis vigilias medito en ti,
porque tú has sido mi ayuda,
y a la sombra de tus alas
 salto de gozo.
Mi vida está unida a ti
y tu mano me sostiene.

*On my bed I lie awake, your
memory fills the night. You have
been my help, I rejoice beneath
your wings. Yes, I cling to you,
your right hand holds me fast.*

Let those who want me dead
end up deep **in** the grave!
They will die by the sword,
their bodies **food** for jackals.
But let the king find **joy** in God.
All who swear the truth be praised,
every lying **mouth** be shut.

Pero los que intentan quitarme la vida vayan a lo profundo de la tierra; sean pasados a filo de espada, sirvan de pasto a los chacales. Pero el rey se alegrará en Dios, el que jura por él se felicitará, cuando tapen la boca a los mentirosos.

Daniel 3:56–88

Antiphon When the most holy Virgin was born, the whole world was made radiant; blessed is the branch and blessed is the stem which bore such holy fruit.



1. Let all cre - a - tion bless the Lord, till
2. All liv - ing things up - on the earth, green
3. O men and wom - en ev - 'ry-where, lift

heav'n with praise is ring - ing. Sun, moon, and stars, peal
fer - tile hills and moun - tains, sing to the God who
up a hymn of glo - ry; let all who know God's

out a chord, stir up the an - gels' sing - ing. Sing,
gave you birth; be joy - ful, springs and foun - tains. Lithe
stead - fast care tell out sal - va - tion's sto - ry. No

wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet! Make mu - sic, day, night,
wa - ter - life, bright air - borne birds, wild rov - ing beasts, tame
tongue be si - lent; sing your part, you hum - ble souls and

cold and heat: ex - alt the God who made you.
flocks and herds: ex - alt the God who made you.
meek of heart: ex - alt the God who made you.

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TONE 1



2 Choirs

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PSALMODY DOXOLOGY

TONE 1



All (bow) Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
(upright) as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for everer. Amen.

READING (*be seated*)

RESPONSORY

TONE 1



Cantor The Lord has chosen her,
his loved one from the beginning.
All He has taken her to live with him,
his loved one from the beginning.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH (*stand*)

Antiphon Your birth, O Virgin Mother of God, proclaims joy to the whole world for from you arose the glorious Sun of Justice, Christ our God; he freed us from the age-old curse and filled us with holiness; he destroyed death and gave us eternal life.



1. Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to
 2. Now from the house of Da - vid a child of
 3. Where once were fear and dark - ness the sun be -

set us free, Who vis - its and re - deems us, and
 grace is giv'n; A Sav - iour comes a - mong us to
 gins to rise, The dawn-ing of for - give - ness up -

grants us lib - er - ty. The proph - ets spoke of
 raise us up to heav'n. Be - fore him goes the
 on the sin - ners' eyes, To guide the feet of

mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease; God shall ful -
 her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way: The proph-et
 pil - grims a - long the paths of peace: O bless our

fill the prom - ise to bring our peo - ple peace.
 of sal - va - tion, the mes - sen - ger of Day.
 God and Sav - iour with songs that nev - er cease!

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SEPTEMBER 8
EVENING PRAYER
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and to the Holy Spirit:
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HYMN

Hail, Mary, Our Icon



1. Hail, Ma - ry, our i - con of trust in God's word,
 2. Hail, moth - er of Je - sus, of all moth - ers blest,
 3. We pray you, O wom - an of all wom - en blest,
 4. To God, your cre - a - tor, glad hymns with us raise;

1. in faith you con - ceived and God's life in you stirred.
 2. to you joy - ful prais - es and prayers are ad - dressed.
 3. to care for the home - less, the poor and op - pressed.
 4. to Je - sus, your Son, and the Spir - it, give praise;

1. O wo - man of wis - dom, now show us the way;
 2. The saints and the an - gels your glo - ry pro - claim;
 3. Be with us, your peo - ple, in joy and in pain;
 4. and pray for the church - es, that all may be one:

1. let our hearts be o - pen to Christ day by day.
 2. the faith - ful in con - fi - dence call on your name.
 3. be near us and hear us till heav - en we gain.
 4. on earth as in heav - en, may God's will be done!

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PSALMODY (*be seated*)

Psalm 122

Antiphon The Virgin Mary came forth from the root of Jesse, and the Spirit of the Most High came to dwell in her heart.

ANTIPHON



VERSES



I rejoiced when I heard them say:
"Let us go to God's house."
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgment
of the house of David.

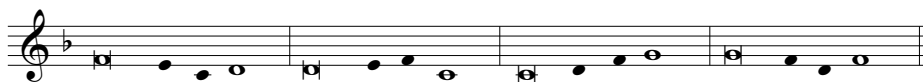
For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
"Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!"

For love of my family and friends
I say: "Peace upon you."
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good.

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Psalm 127

TONE 8



Antiphon God saw her beauty and visited her in her lowliness.
Dios vio su belleza y la visitó en su humildad.

Cantor/All

Si el Señor no construye la casa,
en vano trabajan los albañiles;
si el Señor no cuida la ciudad,
en vano vigila la guardia.

*If God does not build the house,
the builders work in vain. If God
does not watch over the city, the
guards watch in vain.*

How foolish to rise early
and slave until night for bread.
Those who please God receive
as much
even while they sleep.

*Es inútil que se levanten
temprano, y retrasen el descanso
los que comen el pan de los ídolos,
el Dios fiel da el éxito a su amigo.*

La herencia del Señor son los hijos,
su salario el fruto del vientre.
Como saetas en manos de un
guerrero
son los hijos de la juventud.
¡Dichoso el hombre que llena
con ellas la aljaba!
No será humillado,
al alejar de la puerta a sus enemigos.

*Children are God's gift, a blessing
to those who bear them; like
arrows in the hand of an archer are
children born to the young. Happy
those with a full quiver: facing
their enemies at the gate, they
stand without shame!*

Ephesians 1:3–10

Please stand for this canticle of praise.

TONE 2



Antiphon Blessed and worthy of our praise
is the holy Virgin Mary, the Motherer of God.
We celebrate her birth
that she might intercede for us before the Lord.

2 Choirs

Bless God, the Father of our Lord **J**esus Christ,
who blessed us from heaven through Christ
with every blessing **of** the spirit.

Before laying the **world's** foundation,
God chose us in Christ
to live a pure and **holy** life.

God determined **out** of love
to adopt us through **J**esus Christ
for the praise and glory **of** that grace
granted us in **the** Beloved.

By Christ's blood we were redeemed,
our sins forgiven
through extravagant love.

With perfect wisdom and insight
God freely displayed the mystery
of what was always intended:
a plan for the fullness of time
to unite the entire universe through Christ.

PSALMODY DOXOLOGY

TONE 2



All (bow) Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
(upright) as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for everer. Amen.

READING (*be seated*)

RESPONSORY

TONE 1



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

CANTICLE OF MARY

Antiphon Let us commemorate the illustrious birth of the glorious Virgin Mary, for the Lord has looked with favor on his lowly servant. He sent his angel to announce to her that she would conceive the Savior of the world.



1. My soul pro - claims the great - ness of the Lord.
2. Through me great deeds will God make man - i - fest,
3. God's might - y arm, pro - tec - tor of the just,
4. Soon will the poor and hun - gry of the earth



1. My spir - it sings to God, my sav - ing God,
2. And all the earth will come to call me blest.
3. Will guard the weak and raise them from the dust.
4. Be rich - ly blest, be giv - en great - er worth.



1. Who tru - ly on this day did fa - vor me
2. Un - bound - ed love and mer - cy I pro - claim
3. But might - y kings will fall from thrones cor - rupt.
4. And Is - ra - el, as sworn to A - bra - ham,



1. And raised me up, a light for all to see.
2. For all who know and praise God's ho - ly name.
3. The strong brought low, the low - ly lift - ed up.
4. Will live in peace through - out the prom - ised land.

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