

ROGATIONISTS OF THE HEART OF JESUS  
and  
DAUGHTERS OF DIVINE ZEAL OF THE HEART OF JESUS

*Proper Liturgy of the Hours*

## FOREWORD TO THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION

WITH great joy, I present the English translation of the Liturgical Proper of the Family of the Rogate, for the use, *ad experimentum*, of Rogationist confreres and communities, as authorized by Fr. Bruno Rampazzo RCJ, Superior General of the Rogationists, in the letter Prot. No. 313/18, dated December 25, 2018.

The Congregation for the Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments approved and confirmed the texts in the original *Italian* in various phases: *Proper Calendar* (May 9, 2006), *Proper Masses* (March 27, 2008), and the *Proper Liturgy of the Hours* (October 2, 2008).

The translation in English of the same was initiated by Fr. Cesare Bettoni RCJ and Fr. Jessie Martirizar RCJ, and assumed by the Sub-Commission on the English Translation based in St. Matthew Province in the Philippines, taking into account the above mentioned translations. Then, the draft was submitted to the General Commission on Translations in Rome for ulterior review and editing. On July 8, 2018, the General Commission sent the final draft of the English translation of the Proper Liturgy of the Hours to all the Rogationist Circumscriptions where English is used, in order to solicit observations and corrections that can be integrated in the final edition. The same draft was also sent to the Superior General of the Daughters of Divine Zeal in Rome. On July 13, 2018, the same process was done for the final draft of the English translation of the Proper Mass, Proper Lectionary and the Prayer of the Faithful. Then, three months later, according to the deadline set, the General Commission integrated into the final edition the comments and corrections received. On December 2, 2018, the General Commission asked the Superior General, Fr. Bruno Rampazzo, for the authorization of the use of the said translation in English, *ad experimentum*, by Rogationist communities, which he granted.

The present text of the Rogationist Proper in English followed these criteria:

1. Use English translations that already exist in approved liturgical books, mainly from ICEL (2011), *Roman Missal*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Typical Ed.; in few cases, from ICEL (1973), *Roman Missal*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Typical Ed. whenever the English translation is closer to the original Italian; ICEL (2001) *Lectionary for Mass*; ICEL (2012), *Collection of Masses for the Blessed Virgin Mary Vol. I (Missal) and Vol. II (Lectionary)*; Somascan Fathers and Brothers (2015), *Book of Devotion; Discalced Carmelite Proper Missal and Proper Lectionary (2006)*.
2. When the Italian original of the Rogationist Proper does not have a corresponding English translation in the Roman Missal and the Lectionary for the Mass, the following choices were made:
  - take the biblical texts (Readings, Psalms, Antiphons, Acclamations) from the *New American Bible (1986)*, following the lead of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops that uses it as the basis of the Lectionary used at Mass in the dioceses of the United States;
  - translate the Mass formularies and Prayer of the Faithful, using the method of dynamic equivalence.

The use of this Proper Liturgy in English is *ad experimentum*, that is, in an interim stage pending the definitive approval of the competent office of the National Episcopal

Conferences, and the confirmation of the the Holy See, as indicated in Pope Francis' Motu proprio *Magnum principium* (2017). In this phase, the Circumscriptions should: a). take note of eventual errors and notify this Commission regarding these, b). initiate and complete the process for its approval and confirmation from the above mentioned competent authorities.

Without doubt, the Liturgical Proper in English is of great value for the living out and the transmission our charism and spirituality, as individuals and communities, in both initial and ongoing formation. Its use is primarily for the common and individual celebrations of the Liturgy, but it goes beyond that. It can also be profitable for meditation, deepening, retreats, conferences, lectures, studies and research.

May our journey in the Rogationist mission be animated by the Rogationist spirituality that resonates in the Rogationist Proper Liturgy, and inserted and harmonized in the rhythm of the liturgical life of the Church throughout the liturgical year.

Rome,  
December 27, 2018. Feast of St. John, the Evangelist

Fr. Jose Maria Ezpeleta RCJ  
President  
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Rogationists of the Heart of Jesus

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Rome. December 25, 2018

Prot. No. 313/18

Subject: Rogationist Proper Liturgy in English

To: Fr. Jose Maria Ezpeleta RCJ  
President  
Commission on Translations  
General Curia of the Rogationists, Rome

Most Rev. Fr. Ezpeleta,

In response to your letter dated December 2, 2018, which presented the complete Rogationist Proper Liturgy in English (Proper Calendar, Proper Masses, Proper Lectionary, Prayer of the Faithful, Proper Liturgy of the Hours) prepared by the Commission on Translations, I hereby authorize its use *ad experimentum* by Rogationist confreres and communities, pending its definitive approval by the competent ecclesiastical authorities.

May the Child Jesus be born in the heart of every confrere, especially through the liturgical life of the Congregation and the Church. In his Most Holy Name, I remain,

Fr. Bruno Rampazzo RCJ  
Superior General

Fr. Fortunato Siciliano RCJ  
General Secretary



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Mention of the confirmation granted by the Apostolic See must be included in the printed text of the Calendar.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

From the office of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments,  
May 9, 2006.

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**PROPER CALENDAR**

January 31	MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS	<i>feast</i>
February 1	ST. JOHN BOSCO, <i>Priest</i>	<i>memorial</i>
March 19	ST. JOSEPH, <i>Spouse</i> <i>of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Secondary Patron	<i>solemnity</i>
June 1	ST. HANNIBAL MARY DI FRANCIA, <i>Priest</i> Founder	<i>solemnity</i>
June 2	ST. JUSTIN, <i>Martyr</i>	<i>memorial</i>
June 13	ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, <i>Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> Principal Patron	<i>solemnity</i>
July 16	OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL	<i>memorial</i>
September 29	ST. MICHAEL, <i>Archangel</i>	<i>feast</i>
December 8	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	<i>solemnity</i>

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Friday after the II Sunday after Pentecost

MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS *solemnity*  
Titular of the Congregations

Saturday before the IV Sunday of Easter

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, *memorial*  
QUEEN AND MOTHER OF THE ROGATE



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JANUARY 31

## THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Feast

The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus played a key role in the spirituality of St. Hannibal Mary, who included it “*among the primary feasts*” in his Institutions. It is based on the promise of Jesus, “*Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. Until now you have not asked anything in my name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.*” (Jn 16: 23-24). The celebration expresses a profound link with the charism of the Rogate, centered on the unceasing prayer to the Master of the harvest.

### INVITATORY

**Ant.** Come, let us adore the Lord Jesus:  
his name is above every other name.

Invitatory psalm as in the Ordinary.

### Office of Readings

#### HYMN

Jesus, the very thought of Thee  
With sweetness fills the breast;  
But sweeter far Thy face to see,  
And in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,  
Nor can the memory find  
A sweeter sound than Thy blest Name,  
O Savior of mankind!

O hope of every contrite heart,  
O joy of all the meek,  
To those who fall, how kind Thou art!  
How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this  
Nor tongue nor pen can show;  
The love of Jesus, what it is,  
None but His loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be Thou,  
As Thou our prize will be;  
Jesus be Thou our glory now,  
And through eternity. Amen.

Original text in Latin: *Iesu dulcis memoria*, attributed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153)  
Translation in English: Edward Caswall (1848)

Or

*Jesus, you are our salvation,  
You are our love and our hope,  
Creator of the world and Lord  
made man in the fullness of times.*

*In your infinite mercy  
you took on you the sins of men,  
and saved them from eternal ruin  
by suffering a cruel death.*

*Descending to the nether world  
you delivered your faithful servants:  
now gloriously you triumph in heaven  
sitting at the right hand of the Father.*

*May your love for us compel you  
To forgive mercifully our sins,  
so that we may rejoice  
in contemplating your face forever.*

*O Jesus, be our joy,  
you who will be our reward;  
may we glory only in you  
today and forever. Amen.*

*O Gesù, sei la nostra salvezza,  
sei l'amore e la nostra speranza,  
Creatore del mondo e Signore  
fatto uomo alla fine dei tempi.*

*Nella tua infinita clemenza  
hai portato i peccati dell'uomo,  
e soffrendo una morte crudele  
l'hai salvato da eterna rovina.*

*Discendendo degli inferi al regno  
liberasti i tuoi servi fedeli:  
or trionfi glorioso nel cielo  
dove siedi alla destra del Padre.*

*Il tuo amore per noi ti sospinga  
al perdono dei nostri peccati,  
affinché ci possiamo saziare  
contempliamo per sempre il tuo volto.*

*O Gesù, sii la nostra letizia,  
tu che un giorno sarai nostro premio:  
solo in te noi possiamo gloriarci  
oggi e sempre nei secoli eterni. Amen.*

Or another suitable hymn or song approved by the ecclesiastical authority.

Ant. 1 How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

### PSALM 8

#### The majesty of the Lord and man's dignity

*The Father gave Christ lordship of creation and made him head of the Church (Ephesians 1:22).*

How great is your name, O Lord our God,  
through all the earth!

Your majesty is praised above the heavens;  
on the lips of children and of babes  
you have found praise to foil your enemy,  
to silence the foe and the rebel.

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,  
the moon and the stars which you arranged,  
what is man that you should keep him in mind,  
mortal man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than a god;  
with glory and honor you crowned him,  
gave him power over the works of your hands,  
put all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and cattle,  
yes, even the savage beasts,  
birds of the air, and fish  
that make their way through the waters.

How great is your name, O Lord our God,  
through all the earth! Glory...

**Ant.** How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

**Ant. 2** In the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven, on earth and under the earth.

**PSALM 18**  
**Praise the Lord, Creator of all**

*The dawn from on high shall break on us... to guide our feet into the way of peace (Luke 1:78,79).*

The heavens proclaim the glory of God,  
and the firmament shows forth the work of his hands.  
Day unto day takes up the story  
and night unto night makes known the message.

No speech, no word, no voice is heard  
yet their span extends through all the earth,  
their words to the utmost bounds of the world.

There he has placed a tent for the sun;  
it comes forth like a bridegroom coming from his tent,  
rejoices like a champion to run its course.

At the end of the sky is the rising of the sun;  
to the furthest end of the sky is its course.  
There is nothing concealed from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding forever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth

and all of them just.

They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold,  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb.

So in them your servant finds instruction;  
great reward is in their keeping.  
But who can detect all his errors?  
From hidden faults acquit me.

From presumption restrain your servant  
and let it not rule me.  
Then shall I be blameless,  
clean from grave sin.

May the spoken words of my mouth,  
the thoughts of my heart,  
win favor in your sight, O Lord,  
my rescuer, my rock! Glory ...

**Ant.** In the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven, on earth and under the earth.

**Ant. 3** Praise the Lord, invoke his name; proclaim that his name is exalted.

**Psalm 24**  
**The Lord's entry into his temple**

*Christ opened heaven for us in the manhood he assumed* (Saint Irenaeus).

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things,  
who has not sworn so as to deceive his neighbor.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

O gates, lift high your heads;

grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory!  
Who is the king of glory?

The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,  
the Lord, the valiant in war.  
O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory!  
Who is he, the king of glory?  
He, the Lord of armies,  
he is the king of glory. Glory ...

**Ant.** Praise the Lord, invoke his name; proclaim that his name is exalted.

I will always praise your name, O Lord.  
- I will sing hymns to you with gratitude.

#### **FIRST READING**

From the Acts of the Apostles

3:1-10; 4: 8-12

*There is no salvation through anyone else*

Peter and John were going up to the temple area for the three o'clock hour of prayer. And a man crippled from birth was carried and placed at the gate of the temple called "the Beautiful Gate" every day to beg for alms from the people who entered the temple.

When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked for alms. But Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." He paid attention to them, expecting to receive something from them. Peter said, "I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, rise and walk."

Then Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles grew strong. He leaped up, stood, and walked around, and went into the temple with them, walking and jumping and praising God. When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the one who used to sit begging at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with amazement and astonishment at what had happened to him.

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, answered them, "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is *the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone*. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

#### **RESPONSORY**

John 16:24; 14, 13

Until now you have not asked anything in my name:

- Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete. Whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
- Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

## SECOND READING

From the “Homilies on the Name of Jesus” by St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, priest and founder.  
(*Writings*, Vol. 13, 26-28)

### *The Name of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist*

Do you know how sweet the adorable name of Jesus is? What do I say? To make you understand the sweetness of this Name, I should have first understood it myself; but how can I comprehend it? The angels and the blessed ones understand up to a certain point, but not even fully, how sweet and gentle is the Name of Jesus! Come, therefore, Angels of heaven! But the Angels do not come! O little children! What need do we have of the Angels? Ah, behold here on this altar is the King of the Angels, the Angel of great council, as Isaiah calls him. Here, under the veils of bread, that adorable Jesus. Jesus himself! Jesus in person who speaks to us, who teaches us how sweet is his Name, how holy, how lovable, how divine, how glorious is his Most Holy Name!

Yes, all other teachers and preachers are quiet, because Jesus in the sacrament is the Divine Master who teaches us all the mysteries of love, of wisdom that are enclosed in this Most Holy Name: Jesus. Let us see it briefly.

In the book of the prophet Isaiah we read: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel” (Is 7:14). Immanuel, God with us: Eucharist and Name. Every name is not the thing or the person. In Jesus, the Name is the Person. In the Most Holy Eucharist, Jesus is there and his Name is there, and they are one.

How does Jesus in the most holy Eucharist makes us know the glories, the greatness and the sweetness of his Name? By staying in his presence. How desirable is the presence of Jesus in the Sacrament! That is why he wanted to stay among us. Could he have stayed in just one Church? Why did he want to remain in all the Churches? Because he wanted us to be in his presence, always; and when we are humble and gathered in his presence, then our soul and our thoughts are filled with the Name of Jesus. In those moments we say, “I am in the presence of Jesus; Jesus is on that altar; here I adore Jesus; here I love Jesus; here I see Jesus.” Yes, we see him in faith; and seeing him and calling his Name is the same thing! Imagine yourselves to be in the midst of the fog. There in front of you is a man whom you do not see, but you hear him speaking; you say, “It is him!” Then suddenly the fog vanishes and you see him. And so you exclaim, “Here he is!” and you call him by name. So does the soul in the presence of Jesus. He sees him with faith, and seeing him and calling his Name is one and the same thing.

How many loving souls, while being silent in front of the Most Blessed Sacrament, they do not cease to exclaim in their hearts, “O Jesus, O Jesus, O sacramental Jesus; O Jesus Host, O Jesus love, O overflowing of love, etc.”; and the name of Jesus becomes the pasture of their soul! The soul is filled with the Name of Jesus, longs for the Name of Jesus. This soul, in pure faith, sees the angels and hears them singing. What do the angels sing around the most Blessed Sacrament? They sing the glories of the Name of Jesus! The soul hears them sing, “Long live Jesus!” The soul sees the Saints; and what are they singing? “Jesus!” It sees Mary, and hears her repeating, “This is my Jesus, love my Jesus.” And the soul who stays with love before the Eucharist is filled of the Name of Jesus!

But there is even more! Jesus himself repeats his most Holy Name to the fortunate soul who is in his presence! Yes! Let us remember the apparition of God to Moses in the burning bush. “Who are you?” Moses asks him. And God answers from the bush, “Ego sum qui sum” “I am who I am” (Ex

3:2.14). This is the bush! The soul knows who he is [...]; but if it asks him, in order to hear that adorable name, it says, “Lord, who are you?” Then, it will hear him say, “I am Jesus!” Oh yes! While the soul speaks with Jesus in the Sacrament, Jesus in the Sacrament speaks with the soul and tells it, “I am Jesus.

As at Jacob’s well (Jn 4:1-42), the Samaritan woman, just at listening to him, already loves him, she already manifests the desire to know the Messiah. And Jesus tells her, “I am the Messiah”, or better, “I am Jesus” (Jn 4:26).

How many mysteries of love in the presence of the Sacramental Jesus! And the bond between the soul and the Sacramental God is the Name of Jesus! In fact, if there had not been the Name of Jesus there, the soul could have been lost, because here there is God, the Word of God (Jn 1,14), the incomprehensible, the inaccessible, the inscrutable, etc. But there is also the Name of Jesus, because the Word is present here in the Eucharist, that same Word that was incarnated and then became bread (Jn 1:14). Let us go up to Tabor. In the transfiguration, the divinity is manifested. The Apostles fell and could no longer move. The cloud that covered them is the cloud of faith. The Evangelist tells us that they did not see anyone else but Jesus alone (Mk 9:8). The same mystery is relived in the Eucharist. The divinity is hidden under the cloud of the bread and we see and hear only the Name: Jesus.

But the ineffable mysteries of the Most Holy Name of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist do not end here! I am speaking here with those souls who receive daily the most holy Communion with love, humility and faith. Oh! These souls who often receive Jesus, uniting themselves often with Jesus, transforming themselves with Jesus, cannot but live with that continuous remembrance, with that unceasing impression of the Name of Jesus. It is no longer a matter of receiving spiritually in faith the sweet sound of the most holy Name of Jesus, as in a beautiful adoration of Jesus in the Sacrament, but of receiving the substance of the Name of Jesus.

#### RESPONSORY

Mark 9:7; Matthew 17:8

A cloud came, casting a shadow over them;

- looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone.

In the most Holy Eucharist there is Jesus and there is his name, and they are one.

- looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone.

HYMN Te Deum.

PRAYER, as in Morning Prayer.



## Morning Prayer

### HYMN

O, meek and gracious Jesus,  
You are our only hope of joy,  
You are true happiness of heart,  
and gentle source of grace for all.

You are the hope of the repentant  
and goodness for those imploring you;  
those seeking you with all their heart  
find you who gives himself to them.

With your sublime love, O Jesus,  
Also our mind You nourish:  
you appease our inner longings  
increasing our desire for you.

Our much beloved Lord,  
for you we deeply long;  
searching, and crying and hoping,  
invoking you with all our heart.

Remain with us forever, Lord  
you are like daylight for us,  
drive out the darkness of the night  
and shine brightly over all you made.

Of the Virgin Mother, Blossom  
Jesus, our love and joy  
praise forever be raised to you  
in your kingdom's infinite light.  
Amen.

*O Gesù, tu sei mite e clemente,  
sei la sola speranza di gioia,  
sei la vera letizia del cuore,  
sei sorgente di grazia e dolcezza.*

*Sei speranza per l'uomo pentito,  
sei bontà per colui che ti implora:  
chi ti cerca con cuore sincero  
ti ritrova, e a lui doni te stesso.*

*O Gesù, col sublime tuo amore  
sei il cibo che nutre la mente:  
dello spirito placchi la brama  
mentre accresci di più il desiderio.*

*Diletissimo nostro Signore,  
a te l'anima nostra sospira;  
ti cerchiamo piangendo e sperando,  
t'invochiamo col grido del cuore.*

*Con noi resta sempre, Signore,  
tu sei per noi la luce del giorno,  
della notte le tenebre scacci  
ed illumini tutto il creato.*

*Della Vergine Madre sei il fiore,  
o Gesù, nostro amore e dolcezza,  
a te salga per sempre la lode  
nel tuo regno di luce infinita. Amen.*

### Or:

IESU, dulcis memoria,  
dans vera cordis gaudia,  
sed super mel et omnia,  
eius dulcis praesentia.

Nil canitur suavius,  
nil auditur iucundius,  
nil cogitatur dulcius,  
quam Iesus Dei Filius.

Iesu, spes paenitentibus,  
quam pius es petentibus!  
quam bonus te quaerentibus!  
sed quid invenientibus?

Nec lingua valet dicere,  
nec littera exprimere:  
expertus potest credere,  
quid sit Iesum diligere.

Sis, Iesu, nostrum gaudium,  
qui es futurus praemium:  
sit nostra in te gloria,  
per cuncta semper saecula. Amen.

*Text: Iesu dulcis memoria, attributed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153)*

**Or:**

At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,  
Ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now;  
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a reason, to receive a name  
From the lips of sinners, unto whom he came,  
Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

Bore it up triumphant, with his human light,  
Through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,  
To the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;  
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue  
All that is not holy, all that is not true;  
May your voice entreat him in temptations' hour;  
Let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
With his Father's glory o'er earth to reign;  
He is God the Savior, he is Christ the Lord;  
Ever to be worshipped, always blessed and adored.

*Melody: King' Weston  
65.65.D*

*Music: R. Vaughan Williams, d. 1958  
Text: C. Noel, d. 1877, alt.*

*Or another suitable hymn or song approved by the ecclesiastical authority.*

**Ant. 1** My soul thirsts for your holy Name, O Lord.

**Psalms and canticle from Sunday, Week I.**

**Ant. 2** Young men and maidens, old men together with children,  
praise the name of the Lord, for his Name alone is exalted.

**Ant. 3** Glorious and adorable is your holy name, worthy of praise and honor for ever.

## READING

Acts 4:12

There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.

## RESPONSORY

We give you thanks, O Lord, and we call upon your name.

- We give you thanks, O Lord, and we call upon your name.

We tell of your wonders,

- And we call upon your name.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

- We give you thanks, O Lord, and we call upon your name.

## CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

*Ant.* Where two or three are gathered together in my name,  
there I am in the midst of them, says the Lord.

## INTERCESSIONS

The Father listens to the voice of the poor who trust in the intercession of his Son. Comforted by this certainty, we say with faith:

*In the name of Jesus, hear us, O Father.*

We give you thanks, O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

- for having poured out into our hearts the spirit of prayer in the name of Jesus.

To your Son who humbled himself unto death on the cross, you have given the name that is above every other name,

- grant us meekness and humility of heart, so that the prayer for laborers of the harvest may be acceptable to you.

Send your Spirit upon us,

- so that love and harmony may always reign in our communities.

You are the Master of the harvest,

- send laborers into your harvest so that the name of Jesus may be known and glorified among all nations.

You created man in your own image and likeness,

- grant that we may recognize the name of your Son imprinted in every man and woman.

Our Father...

## PRAYER

O God, who founded the salvation of the human race  
on the incarnation of your Word:

give to this family the mercy it implores,

so that all may know that in order to be saved,

there is no other name to be invoked but the Name of Jesus,

your Only Begotten Son,

who lives and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

## DAYTIME PRAYER

Psalms from the current weekday.

### Midmorning

*Ant.* We give you thanks and call upon your name.

**READING** Acts 5:40-42

After recalling the apostles, [the leaders of the Sanhedrin] had them flogged, ordered them to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name. And all day long, both at the temple and in their homes, they did not stop teaching and proclaiming the Messiah, Jesus.

Redeem me, O Lord, have mercy on me:  
- I will proclaim your name to my brethren.

PRAYER, as in Morning Prayer.

### Midday

*Ant.* Celebrate the Lord with me, together let us exalt his name.

**READING** Colosians 3:14-17

And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Praise the Lord in his sanctuary.  
- Praise him in the firmament of his power.

PRAYER, as in Morning Prayer.

### Midafternoon

*Ant.* The Lord redeems the life of his servants; those who hope in his name will not be disappointed.

**READING** At 3:1-7.

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple area for the three o'clock hour of prayer. And a man crippled from birth was carried and placed at the gate of the temple called "the Beautiful Gate" every day to beg for alms from the people who entered the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked for alms. But Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." He paid attention to them, expecting to receive something from them. Peter said, "I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, [rise and] walk." Then Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles grew strong.

Praise the Lord and call upon his name.  
- Proclaim his deeds among his peoples.

PRAYER, as in Morning Prayer.

## Evening Prayer

### HYMN

Jesus, triumphant sovereign,  
you are worthy of all the glory:  
sweetness ineffable and pure  
that quenches the thirsting heart.

Jesus, you won the evil one,  
You overcame pain, sin and death;  
as glorious winner you spread open  
the kingdom of heaven for us men.

The heavenly choirs sing to you  
with a perennial hymn of praise:  
you brought grace to the whole world  
and reconcile us with the Father.

Jesus you reign with peace,  
the peace we all are longing for:  
the peace that you did grant to us  
by your life offered on the cross.

Jesus, receive this song of ours,  
may praise and prayer come to you:  
and kindly grant to us one day  
to enjoy you forever in heaven.  
Amen.

*O Gesù, trionfatore sovrano,  
tu sei degno di tutta la gloria:  
sei dolcezza ineffabile e pura  
che soddisfa la sete del cuore.*

*O Gesù, hai sconfitto il maligno,  
il dolore, il peccato, la morte,  
con gloriosa vittoria hai dischiuso  
per gli uomini il regno dei cieli.*

*A te cantano i cori celesti  
con un inno di lode perenne:  
hai portato nel mondo la grazia  
conciliando col Padre i suoi figli.*

*O Gesù con la pace tu regni,  
quella pace cui l'anima aspira:  
è la pace che tu ci hai offerto  
immolandoti sopra la croce.*

*O Gesù, il nostro canto tu accogli,  
a te salga la lode e la prece:  
e tu un giorno concedi benigno  
di goderti per sempre nel cielo.  
Amen.*

### Or:

IESU, Rex admirabilis  
et triumphator nobilis,  
dulcedo ineffabilis,  
totus desiderabilis.

Quando cor nostrum visitas,  
tunc lucet ei veritas,  
mundi vilescit vanitas,  
et intus fervet caritas.

Iesu, dulcedo cordium,  
fons vivus, lumen mentium,  
excedens omne gaudium  
et omne desiderium.

Iesum omnes agnoscite,  
amorem eius poscite;  
Iesum ardentem quaerite,  
quaerendo inardescite.

Te nostra, Iesu, vox sonet,  
nostri te mores expriment;  
te corda nostra diligant  
et nunc, et in perpetuum. Amen.

*Text: Iesu Rex admirabilis, attributed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153)*

Or:

O Jesus, King most wonderful  
Thou Conqueror renowned,  
Thou sweetness most ineffable  
In Whom all joys are found!

When once Thou visit the heart,  
Then truth begins to shine,  
Then earthly vanities depart,  
Then kindles love divine.

O Jesus, light of all below,  
Thou fount of living fire,  
Surpassing all the joys we know,  
And all we can desire.

Jesus, may all confess Thy Name,  
Thy wondrous love adore,  
And, seeking Thee, themselves inflame  
To seek Thee more and more.

Jesus, our love and joy to Thee,  
The virgin's holy Son,  
All might and praise and glory be,  
While endless ages run. Amen.

*Original text in Latin: Jesu, Rex admirabilis attributed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153)*  
*Translation in English: Edward Caswall (1848)*

**Ant. 1** Our strength is in the name of the Lord.

Psalm 110:1-5, 7  
The Messiah, king and priest

*Christ's reign will last until all his enemies are made subject to him (1 Corinthians 15:25).*

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

The Lord will wield from Zion †  
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 Melchizedeck of old.”

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

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

**Ant.** Our strength is in the name of the Lord.

**Ant. 2** Let us bless the Name of the Lord, now and forever.

**Psalm 115**  
**Praise of the true God**

*You have renounced idol worship to serve the living and true God (1 Thessalonians 1:9).*

Not to us, Lord, not to us,  
but to your name give the glory  
for the sake of your love and your truth,  
lest the heathen say: "Where is their God?"

But our God is in the heavens;  
he does whatever he wills.  
Their idols are silver and gold,  
the work of human hands.

They have mouths but they cannot speak;  
they have eyes but they cannot see;  
they have ears but they cannot hear;  
they have nostrils but they cannot smell.

With their hands they cannot feel;†  
with their feet they cannot walk.  
No sound comes from their throats.  
Their makers will come to be like them  
and so will all who trust in them.

Sons of Israel, trust in the Lord;  
he is their help and their shield.  
Sons of Aaron, trust in the Lord;  
he is their help and their shield.

You who fear him, trust in the Lord;  
he is their help and their shield.  
He remembers us, and he will bless us;†  
he will bless the sons of Israel.  
He will bless the sons of Aaron.

The Lord will bless those who fear him,  
the little no less than the great:  
to you may the Lord grant increase,  
to you and all your children.

May you be blessed by the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.  
The heavens belong to the Lord  
but the earth he has given to men.

The dead shall not praise the Lord,  
nor those who go down into the silence.  
But we who live bless the Lord  
now and forever. Amen. Glory ...

**Ant.** Let us bless the Name of the Lord, now and forever.

**Ant. 3** Heaven and earth bow down at the Name of Jesus.

**Canticle Philippians 2:6-11**  
**Christ, God's holy servant**

Though he was in the form of God,  
Jesus did not deem equality with God  
something to be grasped at.

Rather, he emptied himself  
and took the form of a slave,  
being born in the likeness of men.

He was known to be of human estate,  
and it was thus that he humbled himself,  
obediently accepting even death,  
death on a cross!

Because of this,  
God highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name  
above every other name,

So that at Jesus' name  
every knee must bend  
in the heavens, on the earth,  
and under the earth,

and every tongue proclaim  
to the glory of God the Father:  
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD. Glory ...

**Ant. 3** Heaven and earth bow down at the Name of Jesus.

**READING**

**2 Thessalonians 1:11-12**

We always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith, that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, in accord with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ.

**RESPONSORY**

From the rising of the sun to its setting, praise the name of the Lord.

- From the rising of the sun to its setting, praise the name of the Lord.

His glory is beyond the heavens:

- praise the name of the Lord.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

- From the rising of the sun to its setting, praise the name of the Lord.

**CANTICLE OF MARY**

**Ant.** Whatever you ask the Father in my name, I will do, says the Lord.



## INTERCESSIONS

At the hour when, in the paschal meal, Christ, the only Mediator revealed the secret of the prayer in his name, let us lift up our grateful praise to him:

*We praise and adore you, O Lord.*

We praise and adore you, O Christ, origin and model of our prayer, because you are our intercessor before the Father,

- *We praise and adore you, O Lord.*

For giving us every day the opportunity to unite ourselves with the perfect praise that you render to the Father in the Sacrament of the Eucharist,

- *We praise and adore you, O Lord.*

For enriching the Church and our Religious Family with vocations according to your heart,

- *We praise and adore you, O Lord.*

For continuing to assist us with your providence and making us capable of living at the service of the poor,

- *We praise and adore you, O Lord.*

For associating our brothers and sisters with your redeeming death,

- *We praise and adore you, O Lord.*

Our Father...

PRAYER, as in Morning Prayer.

## MARCH

March 19

### SAINT JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Solemnity

St. Joseph, the *just man*, the patron of the universal Church, was considered by St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia as *special protector of the Work (Institution), model of interior life and procurator of good evangelical laborers*. In the spirituality of the Family of the Rogate, St. Joseph is the one who intercedes in a special way for the gift of vocations to the ministerial priesthood and to consecrated life.

From the Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours, except for the following:

#### Office of Readings

Or:

#### SECOND READING

From the *Writings* of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, priest and founder.  
(Vol. 54, pp. 246-248)

*St. Joseph, procurator of the good evangelical laborers for the Holy Church*

Oh, how great is our Patriarch St. Joseph! With that my youthful voice, I would thunder throughout the entire world to stir up, in every heart, love and devotion for the most sublime among all the Saints, for the pure Spouse of the Most Holy Virgin Mary and the Virgin Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us, therefore, fix our gaze on the greatest of all the saints; let us focus on the glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, as the Procurator of the Provident Father of the family in governing the holy Church.

It was at daybreak, when the Father of the Family went out to look for laborers for his vineyard (cf. Mt 20:1). Who is then this Father of the Family? It is our Lord Jesus Christ who comes from heaven upon earth to redeem us from the slavery to sin and eternal damnation.

His Family is the holy Church, for which he comes to found; the vineyard for which he seeks laborers is every soul to be saved. [...] Now which mouth is it that our Lord Jesus Christ used to invite his beloved ones, his 'Benjamins,' with accents that the world does not hear nor appreciate, to enter the sanctuary, where they can cultivate the vineyard of the great Father of the Family? Without doubt it is the mouth of St. Joseph, who, in the gospel, is called the *Just One* (Cf. Mt 1:19), that is, the owner of every virtue.

St. Joseph calls the laborers with the voice of his virtues, and with the great power that the Most High God has given him. His call consists in making them hear internally the promptings of the grace of vocation; and in calling, he awakens in them a gentle sentiment for the holy things and abhorrence for sin and for all that is fleeting. St. Joseph calls the laborers, and often reminds them that the Lord has destined them to sanctify themselves and to work for the salvation of others by means of prayer, preaching and the administration of the holy Sacraments.

In this humble little chapel of ours, in the interior oratory of our Mother House, a silver lamp is burning day and night for the most glorious Patriarch St. Joseph. Ever since we, have called it the '*Lamp of Vocations.*'

It reminds the greatest among all the saints of the trust that we place in his most powerful intercession before the good God so as to obtain for us good evangelical laborers for the Holy Church. Oh, how beautiful is the mission that the good God has deigned to entrust to this Institute, that of praying to him every day, by means of a vow, so that he may send Sacred Ministers to the Sanctuary: good, zealous, ardent, lovers of every holy undertaking, men dead to the world and to themselves, and full of the most pure and heavenly desires. But we are unworthy of this divine election; and since we are weak, we would be daring if we put trust in our strength for obtaining holy priests from the Most High. Instead, we pray with confidence and certainty that we will be heard, because while we pray, St. Joseph, as Procurator of the provident Father of the Family, calls to the Divine Service those for whom we raise our petitions.

Not without reason, the Most Provident God has destined the Holy Patriarch as first Protector of these humble Institutes from their very beginning; precisely because there is no one else like St. Joseph who could inspire us to form ourselves to such a noble Prayer or Rogation.

**RESPONSORY**

**Cf. Genesis 45, 8.7; Psalm 117: 14**

God made me a father to the King, Lord and guardian of his family;

- he gave me glory to save the lives of many people.

The Lord is my strength and my song; he is my savior.

- He gave me glory to save the lives of many people.

## JUNE

June 1

### SAINT HANNIBAL MARY DI FRANCIA, Priest and Founder

#### Solemnity

Born in Messina (1851 -1927), Hannibal Mary Di Francia was ordained a priest on March 16, 1878. He dedicated himself to the moral and spiritual redemption of the Avignone District and founded the *Anthonian Orphanages* (1882-1883) for girls and for boys, and the religious Congregations of the *Daughters of Divine Zeal* (March 19, 1887) and of the *Rogationists of the Heart of Jesus* (May 16 1897). He intuited since his adolescence the necessity of the prayer for vocations and worked with every means for the propagation of the command of Jesus: “*The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.*” (Mt 9:37-38; Lk 10:2). He is renowned as “*true father of the orphans and of the poor*” and as “*authentic precursor and zealous teacher of the modern pastoral care for vocations*”.

#### Evening Prayer I

Hymn, as in Morning Prayer.

**Ant. 1** I became a servant of the Gospel, according to the gift of the grace of God.

Psalms and canticle as in the common of Pastors.

**Ant. 2** All this I do for the sake of the Gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.

**Ant. 3** I will rise up for myself a faithful priest, says the Lord;  
he will act according to my heart and my desires.

#### READING

1 Peter 5:1-4

To the elders among you, I, a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and sharer in the glory that is to be revealed, make this appeal. God's flock is in your midst; give it a shepherd's care. Watch over it willingly as God would have you do, not under constraint; and not for shameful profit either, but generously. Be examples to the flock, not lording it over those assigned to you, so that when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will win for yourselves the unfading crown of glory.

#### RESPONSORY

Priests of the Lord, give thanks and praise to the Lord.  
- Priests of the Lord, give thanks and praise to the Lord.  
You of holy and humble heart, acclaim your Lord,  
- give thanks and praise to the Lord.  
Glory to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
- Priests of the Lord, give thanks and praise to the Lord.

## CANTICLE OF MARY

**Ant:** Like the servants of Cana, under the maternal protection of Mary, Hannibal did everything that Jesus had told him.

## INTERCESSIONS

To God the Father, the inexhaustible source of holiness and grace, let us offer our prayers with childlike hearts:

*O God, listen to our prayer.*

Holy Father, who in Christ your Son, you have shown the world your compassion for the crowds who went astray like sheep without a shepherd,

- multiply in your harvest numerous laborers who eagerly announce the Gospel of peace in today's world and hasten the coming of your Kingdom.

Holy Father, who in St. Hannibal Mary, you have manifested Your affection for the little ones and the poor,

- help us to recognize in them the face of Christ your Son, and grant that no one would lack the daily bread and our fraternal help.

Holy Father, in your Son Jesus, you reveal your love for all humanity,

- through the example of St. Hannibal Mary, make us faithful heralds of your Word of salvation and effective instruments of your love.

Holy Father, you inflamed in the heart of St. Hannibal Mary the desire for perfect charity,

- grant that we may faithfully bear witness to our vocation and devote all our strength to produce abundant fruits of good laborers.

Holy Father, in St. Hannibal Mary, you have given to your Church a living image of Jesus, the Good Shepherd,

- grant that no one may be lost among those who rely on our prayers and pastoral care, and reward with your blessings our relatives, friends and those who do us good.

Holy Father, you have called to yourself many brothers and sisters who have responded to your command to pray for the spread of your Kingdom,

- grant them the reward promised to good and faithful servants.

Our Father...

**PRAYER, as in Morning Prayer.**

## Night Prayer

**After Sunday, Evening Prayer I.**

## Office of the Readings

### INVITATORY

**Ant.** Come; let us adore Christ the Lord, lover of the poor.

Or:

**Ant.** Let us praise the Lord our God, on the feast of St. Hannibal Mary.

Invitatory psalm as in the Ordinary.

### HYMN

The grace that is inscribed into your name  
is the Lord's gift to his Church;  
St. Hannibal dear lover of the Gospel  
You are Christ's loving shepherd among all peoples.

You went into his vineyard, prompt to labor  
Impelled by Christ's mandate to plead for laborers  
You invited many more to plead the Lord:  
"Pray with great faith to the harvest's Lord!"

Your best friends were the poor everywhere  
They opened you the doors of the Lord's kingdom,  
And you greeted them all with joyful peace  
That is the Risen One's gift to his friends.

You founded all your knowledge on the Cross,  
this was the main book guiding all your life;  
thus being determined to defend the afflicted,  
St. Hannibal, remind us of Christ.

O Father, who finds pleasure in your Saints,  
all praise we give to You in Christ your Son  
on whom you were pleased to consecrate with the Anointing;  
to you all honor, glory and joy forever!  
Amen!

(Liturgical Hymn for the canonization of St. Hannibal  
Text in Italian: L. De Simone, Music: G. Liberto)

Or any other suitable song or hymn approved by the ecclesiastical authority.

From the common of Pastors, except for the following:

**Ant. 1** He who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life, says the Lord.

**Ant. 2** I proclaimed to men the name of Jesus, and I announced to them the words I received from Him.

**Ant. 3** Whoever wants to serve me must follow me; and where I am, there also will my servant be.

### SECOND READING

From the *Writings* of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, priest and founder.

(*Declarations and promises*, n. 21; *Writings*, Vol. 5 – *Regolamenti*, Ed. Rogate Roma 2009, pp. 604-606)

*Pray to the Master of the Harvest, that He may send laborers to His harvest.*

I will consider the Church of Jesus Christ as the great field covered with harvest, namely the people of the world and the numberless multitude of souls from all social classes and conditions. I will always consider how most of this harvest perishes for lack of laborers.

I will feel my heart pierced by so much harm affecting particularly the tender harvest, which is the emerging generation. I will immerse myself in the intimate sorrows of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus for such continuous and secular misery. I will remember His divine words: *“Pray therefore the Master of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest.”* I will hold that for the salvation of peoples, of nations, of society, of the Church, and especially of children and the youth, for the evangelization of the poor, and for every other spiritual and temporal good for the human family, no remedy can be more efficacious and sovereign than this command given to us by our Lord Jesus Christ himself, namely, to beseech unceasingly the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, His Most Holy Mother, the Angels and the Saints, so that the Holy and Divine Spirit himself, would raise up all-powerful vocations, most elect souls, holy priests, apostolic men, new apostles filled with faith, zeal and charity for the salvation of all souls.

I will unceasingly dedicate all my days and all my actions to this prayer, and I will have a great solicitude and zeal so that this divine mandate of our Lord Jesus Christ, so little appreciated until now, be fulfilled everywhere; so that in all the world, all the priests, secular and religious, all the Prelates of the Holy Church up to the Supreme Pontiff, all the virgins consecrated to Jesus, all clerics and seminarians, all pious souls, all the poor and the children, all will pray to the Almighty God to send, without delay, numberless and holy laborers, either men or women, to the priesthood and in the lay state, for the sanctification and salvation of souls. With the Lord's help, I will be ready to make any sacrifice, even by giving my blood and my life, so that this “Rogation” would become universal.

**RESPONSORY**

**Luke 10: 2; Psalm 62:9**

The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few, pray the Master of the harvest

- that he may send laborers to His harvest.

Take refuge in God, all you people: pour out your hearts before Him;

- that He may send laborers to His harvest.

**Morning Prayer**

**HYMN**

*[The portions in parenthesis may be omitted]*

The grace that is inscribed into your name  
is the Lord's gift to his Church;

St. Hannibal dear lover of the Gospel

You are Christ's loving shepherd among all peoples.

**[Ref.]**

*Let your Rogate be proclaimed with joy*

*and let it be the seal of all our life,*

*St. Hannibal, master of true wisdom,*

*tell Christ about us, please pray for us!]*

You went into his vineyard, prompt to labor

Impelled by Christ's mandate to plead for laborers

You invited many more to plead the Lord:  
"Pray with great faith to the harvest's Lord!"

Your best friends were the poor everywhere  
They opened you the doors of the Lord's kingdom,  
And you greeted them all with joyful peace  
That is the Risen One's gift to his friends.

*[The light of dawn breaks forth  
And God responded to your pleadings;  
you begged and wisdom was given you:  
you trusted Him, your heart's Lord.*

*God's power engulfed you from on high  
bodies and souls you healed, oh good servant;  
by the power of the Spirit, all hardness bend,  
draw the true goodness from every life.*

*To the weak you endowed with the Lord's strength,  
To the orphans, home and warmth you give;  
You quenched the thirst of every soul,  
By cleansing them with soothing care and love.]*

You founded all your knowledge on the Cross,  
this was the main book guiding all your life;  
thus being determined to defend the afflicted,  
St. Hannibal, remind us of Christ.

O Father, who finds pleasure in your Saints,  
all praise we give to You in Christ your Son  
on whom you were pleased to consecrate with the Anointing;  
to you all honor, glory and joy forever! Amen!  
*(Liturgical Hymn for the canonization of St. Hannibal  
Text in Italian: L. De Simone, Music: G. Liberto)*

*Or: (Original text)*

La grazia che si scrive col Tuo nome  
E' dono del Signore alla Sua Chiesa,  
Annibale, Amante del Vangelo,  
Pastore, tu, di Cristo tra le genti.

*[Ritornello  
Risuoni come canto il tuo "Rogate",  
E sia l'emblema della nostra vita,  
Maestro di sapienza, Padre Annibale,  
Parla con Lui, prega per noi!]*

Andasti a lavorare nella vigna;  
Col monito benevolo di Cristo



Spronasti altri a chiedere al Signore:  
"pregate il padrone della messe!"

I poveri che furono tuoi amici  
t'aprono le porte del Suo Regno,  
E tu li salutasti con la pace  
Donata dal Risorto ai suoi fedeli.

*[Spunto' la luce chiara dell'aurora  
e Dio rispose alla tua invocazione;  
Chiedesti e ti fu data la sapienza:  
Credesti in Lui Signore del tuo cuore.*

*Dall'alto la sua forza t'ha inondato,  
Curasti, servo buono, corpi e menti;  
Per l'Alito che piega ogni durezza  
Traesti da ogni vita il vero bene.*

*Ai deboli donasti la sua forza,  
Agli orfani la casa ed il vestito;  
Saziasti d'ogni anima la sete  
Tergendola col bagno dell'Amore.]*

Fondasti nella Croce il tuo sapere,  
Leggesti questo libro piu d'ogni altro;  
Tenace difensore degli afflitti,  
Annibale, ricordaci al Signore.

O Padre che nei Santi ti compiacci,  
Noi ti rendiamo lode per il tuo Figlio  
Su cui ti compiacesti con l'Unzione;  
Onore, Gloria e giubilo per sempre. Amen!  
*(Liturgical Hymn for the canonization of St. Hannibal  
Text in Italian: L. De Simone, Music: G. Liberto)*

*Or any other suitable song or hymn approved by the ecclesiastical authority*

*Ant. 1* In faith of the truth, God called us through the Gospel, to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Psalm and canticle from Sunday, Week I.*

*Ant. 2* Let your light shine before all men, so that they will see your good works and give glory to God, your Father.

*Ant. 3* I made myself the slave to all, so as to win many for Christ the Lord.

**CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH**

**Ant.** Exemplary priest, father of the orphans, defender of the poor, you who practiced what you taught, pray for us to the Lord.

### INTERCESSIONS

Let us give thanks to God, the Father, who called St. Hannibal Mary to be in the Church an example of prayer for vocations and a loving father for the little ones and the poor. In remembrance of him, we pray:

*Send, O Lord, laborers into your harvest.*

You raise up in your Church faithful shepherds to guide your people,

- grant that the Pope, Bishops, Priests, Deacons and missionaries may announce the Gospel of charity and joy through a generous witnessing of their vocation.

You call men and women in every age to follow Christ chaste, poor and obedient, with the total gift of self,

- raise up generous vocations for the Church and for the religious families founded by St. Hannibal Mary.

You give us the joy of celebrating the solemnity of St. Hannibal Mary, a priest according to the heart of Your Son,

- grant that we may always be comforted by his example and intercession.

You made St. Hannibal Mary a model of spiritual life,

- bless and increase the number of the laity who share the charism of the *Rogate* in the Church.

You inspired St. Hannibal Mary to promote the spiritual and material welfare of young men and women,

- grant that we may strive to form in them the true image of Christ, the perfect man.

You have promised the Kingdom of heaven to those who recognize the face of Your Son in the poor, the suffering and the marginalized,

- make us instruments of your Providence for those who are suffer in body and spirit.

Our Father...

### PRAYER

O God, hope of the humble,

refuge of the poor and father of the orphans,

You chose St. Hannibal Mary, priest,

as an outstanding Apostle of Prayer for Vocations.

Through his intercession,

send into your harvest worthy laborers of the Gospel,

and, moved by the same spirit of charity,

we may grow in the love of you and of neighbor.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

### Daytime Prayer

From the common of Pastors with Complementary Psalmody

HYMNS are those found in the Breviary in English.

## Evening Prayer II

Hymn, as in Morning Prayer.

**Ant. 1** Those who keep the Word with a good and perfect heart, produce an abundant harvest through perseverance.

Psalms and canticle from the common of Pastors.

**Ant. 2** Good and faithful servant, you have been faithful in little things, I give you authority over many. Come, share in the joy of the Lord, your God.

**Ant. 3** My sheep listen to my voice and there will be one flock under one shepherd.

### READING

1 Peter 5:1-4

To the elders among you, I, a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and sharer in the glory that is to be revealed, make this appeal. God's flock is in your midst; give it a shepherd's care. Watch over it willingly as God would have you do, not under constraint; and not for shameful profit either, but generously. Be examples to the flock, not lording it over those assigned to you, so that when the Chief Shepherd appears you will win for yourselves the unfading crown of glory.

### RESPONSORY

This is a man who loved his brethren and ever prayed for them.

— This is a man who loved his brethren and ever prayed for them.

He spent himself in their service,

— and ever prayed for them.

Glory to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

— This is a man who loved his brethren and ever prayed for them.

### CANTICLE OF MARY

**Ant.** Like the servants in Cana, under the maternal protection of Mary, Hannibal did all that the Lord told him.

### INTERCESSIONS

At the close of this day, let us pray with confidence to God the Father who has called St. Hannibal Mary to collaborate in the work of salvation of His Son. Confident that he will grant us what we ask, let us pray:

*Make us holy, Lord, for you are holy.*

You inspired St. Hannibal Mary to dedicate his life to the prayer for vocations,

- grant that humble and generous souls may flourish in abundance, who will faithfully commit themselves for the coming of the Kingdom.

You relieved the poverty of the poor and the abandonment of the orphans through the pastoral zeal of St. Hannibal Mary,

- teach us to meet the needs of the needy and to recognize you in those who mourn.

You set your gaze of predilection on St. Hannibal Mary to fulfill your plan of salvation for souls,

- increase in us the fidelity to the charism of our Founder, to be instruments of the compassion and ardent zeal of the Heart of your Son.

In your providence, you have given to your Church a great teacher to teach us a path to holiness,

- make us sharers in his fervor and his glory.

You have entrusted the pilgrim Church in the world to the maternal tenderness of Mary,

- enlarge our hearts so that we may learn to live our vocation with meekness and humility.

You promised eternal life to those who dedicated themselves totally to the service of others,

- grant our deceased brothers and sisters full participation in the eternal banquet of your Kingdom.

Our Father...

PRAYER, as in Morning Prayer.

## Night Prayer

After Sunday, Evening Prayer I.

## JUNE

June 13

### SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA, Priest and Doctor of the Church

#### Solemnity

St. Anthony of Padua, *Evangelical Doctor, patron of the poor and the suffering, and true model of Gospel laborer*, was proclaimed by St. Hannibal Mary “*outstanding benefactor of our Work (Institution)*”. Hence, he is the principal Patron of the Congregations of the Daughters of Divine Zeal and of the Rogationists.

#### Evening Prayer I

Hymn, antiphons and psalms from Evening Prayer II.

#### READING

Sirach 39:1. 6-10

He explores the wisdom of all the ancients and is occupied with the prophecies; if it pleases the Lord Almighty, he will be filled with the spirit of understanding; He will pour forth his words of wisdom and in prayer give praise to the Lord. He will direct his knowledge and his counsel, as he meditates upon God’s mysteries. He will show the wisdom of what he has learned and glory in the Law of the Lord’s covenant. Many will praise his understanding; his name can never be blotted out. Unfading will be his memory, through all generations his name will live. Peoples will speak of his wisdom, and the assembly will declare his praise.

#### RESPONSORY

His memory will never fade away.

- His memory will never fade away.

His name will live forever in blessing:

- it will never fade away.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

- His memory will never fade away.

#### CANTICLE OF MARY

**Ant.** I have become all things to all,  
that all may be saved.

I do all for the sake of the Gospel.

INTERCESSIONS from Evening Prayer II

PRAYER, as in Morning Prayer.

#### Night Prayers

After Sunday, Evening Prayer I.

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## INVITATORY

**Ant.** On the Solemnity of St. Anthony of Padua, let us praise the Lord our God.  
or

**Ant.** Let us adore the Lord, King of Glory, author of miracles.

Invitatory psalm as in the Ordinary.

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## Office of Readings

### HYMN

In the mists enfolding the world  
a bright light shines forth:  
let us joyfully raise our praise  
to the great saint sent by God.

*Nelle nebbie che avvolgono il mondo  
una fulgida luce risplende:  
esultanti innalziamo la lode  
al gran Santo mandato da Dio.*

As a youth he left everything  
to follow the Lord alone;  
aiming heartily at sanctity  
as an eager son of St. Francis.

*Giovanetto abbandona ogni cosa  
per seguire soltanto il Signore;  
ma bramando le vette più eccelse  
di Francesco vuol essere figlio.*

Secretly he mortifies his body,  
his spirit he lifts to the Lord  
who floods him with heavenly gifts  
of wisdom, grace and light.

*Nel segreto mortifica il corpo,  
al Signore lo spirito eleva:  
è inondato di spirito celeste  
di sapienza, di grazia e di luce.*

Thus, he consecrates himself  
as apostle for his brothers' good;  
restoring piety, justice and faith  
throughout the whole Church.

*Alla vita apostolica, al bene  
dei fratelli consacra se stesso;  
fa risorgere in tutta la Chiesa  
la pietà, la giustizia, la fede.*

His Seraphic Father Francis  
rejoices that such a holy wise master  
has sprouted among his children  
to teach the wisdom leading to God.

*Il serafico Padre Francesco si allietta  
che un maestro del sacro sapere  
tra i suoi figli sia apparso ed insegni  
la sapienza che guida al Signore.*

O Evangelical Doctor,  
grant to the faithful imploring you  
to learn the Word of God  
and to draw light and support.

*O Dottore Evangelico,  
dona ai devoti che a te fan ricorso  
di studiar la Parola di Dio  
per attingere luce e sostegno.*

Glory be to the Father of heaven,  
to Jesus the world's Redeemer,  
and to the Consoler Spirit,  
now and forever. Amen

*Sia gloria al Padre dei cieli  
a Gesù Redentore del mondo,  
allo Spirito Consolatore,  
ora e sempre nei secoli eterni.*

Or

Sing joyful praise to the King,  
a loyal soldier's recompense;  
to Anthony he grants his grace,  
his miracles through human word.

**Refrain:**

O Anthony, God's chosen one,  
with mortal eyes you saw your Lord;  
a solemn pledge of glorious life,  
a foretaste of your own reward.

From Padua first, to East and West,  
arose a hymn of praise and fame;  
through heaven's grace we still affirm,  
unending honor to your name. **Ref.**

May glory to the Father be,  
and to the Son eternally;  
the Spirit, too, in essence one,  
in persons three, be honor done. **Ref.**

Text: Fr. Mariano Montero, OFM, 1947 Music: Walter J. Pais

Or another suitable hymn or song approved by the ecclesiastical authority.

Antiphons, psalms and responsory from the common of Pastors and Doctors of the Church.

**FIRST READING**

From the book of the prophet Isaiah 49:1-13

*I shall make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

Hear me, coastlands, listen distant peoples. Before birth the Lord called me, from my mother's womb he gave me my name. He made my mouth like a sharp-edged sword, concealed me, shielded by his hand. He made me a sharpened arrow; in his quiver he hid me. He said to me, you are my servant, in you, Israel, I show my glory.

Though I thought I had toiled in vain, for nothing and for naught spent my strength, yet my right is with the Lord, my recompense is with my God. For now, the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb, that Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him. I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God is now my strength! It is too little, he says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel. I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. Thus says the Lord, the redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, to the one despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers. When kings see you, they shall stand up, and princes shall bow down because of the Lord who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen you.

Thus says the Lord: in a time of favor I answer you, on the day of salvation I help you. I form you and set you as a covenant for the people, to restore the land and allot the devastated heritages, to say to the prisoners: Come out! To those in darkness: Show yourselves! Along the roadways they shall find pasture, on every barren height shall their pastures be. They shall not hunger or thirst, nor shall scorching wind or sun strike them; for he who pities them leads them and guides them beside springs

of water. I will turn all my mountains into roadway, and make my highways level. See, these shall come from afar: some from the north and the west, others from the land of Syene. Sing out, heavens, and rejoice earth; break forth into song, you mountains, for the Lord comforts his people and shows mercy to his afflicted.

## RESPONSORY

Psalm 98:2-3

The Lord has made known his salvation:

- in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.

He has remembered his truth and love,

- in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.

## SECOND READING

From the *Writings* of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, priest and founder.

(Vol. I, p. 133; Vol. 8 p. 72)

### *St. Anthony of Padua, outstanding benefactor of the Work*

When we did not think of him, [St. Anthony] made us go out into the open sea and obtained for us an ever growing increase, every kind of constant spiritual and temporal help, beautiful though difficult and unexpected, and an ever new stability for our Houses.

Having borne for many years the weight of the exceptional efforts and of the sterile toil of our Institution, I feel a profound gratitude towards this, our most lovable and most gentle Saint, just as you should feel the same. This year, therefore, we feel compelled to honor him with the third proclamation of the title: by greeting the sublime St. Anthony of Padua with the title of '*Great Universal Benefactor*', we justly think of doing something most pleasing to the Most Holy Hearts of Jesus and of Mary, to the Patriarch St. Joseph and to all the Angels and Saints who are our advocates and protectors.

O sublime and glorious Saint Anthony of Padua, on such a great day of your feast, kneeling at your feet, all of us members of this Institute and Orphanage, first of all, bless the Lord Jesus for the particular love with which he accompanied you, drew you to himself, and filled you with his gifts and his graces, inflaming you totally with seraphic love and with apostolic zeal.

We thank and bless the divine goodness for having given you in such abundance the gift of miracles, both in life and after your death, for which the entire world greets you as a most powerful intercessor before God, and dispenser of every kind of favors and marvels. It is for this that we come before you today and, offer you these Institutes which bears the holy evangelical motto: "*Rogate ergo Dominum messis ut mittat operarios in messem suam*". We beg you to take them under your special protection, and remembering how you have been greatly beneficent to us in many circumstances, we proclaim you "*Outstanding Benefactor of these Institutes and of all of us*."

O glorious Saint, accept this devout proclamation, and from now on be effectively our outstanding benefactor, both in the spiritual and in the temporal order, by obtaining for us, from the Most Holy Hearts of Jesus and of Mary, the effective means for the sanctification, formation and growth of these Institutes, and for the complete fulfillment of our good desires "*ad maiorem consolationem Cordis Iesu*" (for the greater consolation of the Heart of Jesus).

O most gentle Saint, look with heavenly love and Seraphic zeal upon our situation, and come to our aid with the Divine Mercy of that Little Child Jesus whom you hold close to your heart and who is all yours, as you were all his. Out of love for him, for the Immaculate Mother Mary, and for your Father, Saint Francis, be our outstanding benefactor; multiply your heavenly favors on us, and grant



us not only graces, but also miracles of charity and mercy “*ad infinitam consolationem Cordis Iesu*” (for the infinite consolation of the Heart of Jesus). Amen.

**RESPONSORY** Cf. Hosea 14:6; Psalm 91:13; Sirach 24:1-2

The just will blossom like a lily  
- and will flourish forever before the Lord.  
He will be praised in the assembly of the saints  
- and will flourish forever before the Lord.

**HYMN** Te Deum

**PRAYER**, as in Morning Prayer.

### Morning Prayer

**HYMN**

We rejoice in Christ  
for the shining glory  
granted to Anthony  
in the eternal abode.

Faithfully following  
the example of Francis,  
he became the apostle  
of grace and salvation.

As a victor, he passed  
through the world's ills,  
he brings justice and peace  
and forgiveness to all.

Imitating his example  
let us be bearers of hope;  
may Anthony sustain us  
in the dangerous battle.

Glory to the Father, to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
now and forever. Amen.

*In Cristo esultiamo  
per la fulgida gloria  
concessa ad Antonio  
nell'eterna dimora.*

*Seguendo fedelmente  
l'esempio di Francesco,  
l'apostolo diventa  
di grazia e di salvezza.*

*Vittorioso egli passa  
tra i mali del mondo,  
porta a tutti la pace,  
la giustizia e il perdono.*

*Imitando il suo esempio  
infondiamo speranza;  
e nell'aspra battaglia  
il Santo ci sostenga.*

*Gloria al Padre e al Figlio  
e allo Spirito Santo,  
com'era nel principio,  
ora e in perpetuo. Amen.*

**Or**

Simple saint and faithful priest,  
at this Eucharistic feast  
we recall thy holy face,  
and with thee our Lord embrace.

Give us true simplicity:  
pray for us, Saint Anthony.

Word of God thou didst proclaim;  
unto thee God's Spirit came,  
bringing faith when thou didst preach,  
showing truth when thou didst teach.  
May we speak words truthfully:  
pray for us Saint Anthony.

Error flees before God's Light:  
through thy life Christ shineth bright,  
showing men the way to peace,  
evil's hold from them release.  
Free from evil may we be:  
pray for us Saint Anthony.

Music: Bread of Heaven, by William Dalrymple Maclagan (1826-1910)  
Text: Fr. Christopher G. Phillips

Or another suitable hymn or song approved by the ecclesiastical authority.

**Ant. 1** For the great wisdom of his preaching, all were amazed and glorified God

Psalm and canticle from Sunday, Week I.

**Ant. 2** The Lord did wonders for his faithful and listened to his pleadings.

**Ant. 3** I will praise the Lord with my heart and my life; I will glorify Him who has given me wisdom.

## READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the one bringing good news, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, saying to Zion, "Your God is King!" Listen! Your sentinels raise a cry, together they shout for joy, for they see directly, before their eyes, the LORD's return to Zion. Break out together in song, O ruins of Jerusalem! For the LORD has comforted his people, has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; all the ends of the earth can see the salvation of our God.

## RESPONSORY

In the ardor of his faith, he revealed himself as prophet of God.  
- In the ardor of his faith, he revealed himself as prophet of God  
His faithfulness to the Lord shined in his preaching:  
- he revealed himself as prophet of God  
Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
- In the ardor of his faith, he revealed himself as prophet of God

## CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

**Ant.** The Lord has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to comfort all who mourn.

### INTERCESSIONS

United in the liturgy of praise, let us invoke Christ the Lord, so that through the intercession of Saint Anthony, he may grant us to serve him in holiness and justice all the days of our life:

*Sanctify your people, Lord.*

O Christ, who in St. Anthony of Padua, you have given us a living image of your merciful love,  
- raise up good laborers for the harvest even in our time.

May our intentions be pleasing to you as the first fruits of a new day,  
- as well as the desires of all those who trust in you through the intercession of St. Anthony.

May the spirit of service that inspired St. Anthony of Padua,  
- commit us to produce genuine fruits of holiness in your Church.

Through the intercession of St. Anthony of Padua, you provide us our daily bread,  
- help our relatives, benefactors, friends and confreres in their needs.

You, who have guided the Christian people through the wisdom and love of the Holy Doctor Anthony of Padua,

- may the preachers of the Gospel help us to know and love you.

Our Father...

### PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God,  
you gave St. Anthony of Padua to your people,  
as true model of Gospel laborer,  
an outstanding preacher and a patron of the poor and the suffering;  
grant that through his intercession,  
we may follow the teachings of the Gospel  
and experience in trials the help of your mercy.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.

## Daytime Prayer

Antiphons and psalms from the common of the Pastors and Doctors of the Church.

## Evening Prayer II

### HYMN

O great saint, your holiness and miracles  
make you renown all over the world;  
graciously hear the prayers and wishes  
your devout faithful address to you.

Blessed was that gentle land  
that produced such a beautiful flower;  
once poor, obscure and unknown,  
now made glorious by your name.

You left the riches and honors  
of your earthly family;  
rejecting the world's splendors  
you chose the Cross of Christ.

You spent long nights at prayer  
meditating the divine mysteries;  
having known this valley of tears,  
now from heaven you grant us joy.

Let a song of praise be raised to God,  
Who sends Saints as beacons of light  
for his children pilgrims on earth  
to guide them to the eternal home.  
Amen.

*Grande Santo, glorioso nel mondo  
per la tua santità e i prodigi,  
porgi ascolto alle suppliche e ai voti  
che i fedeli a te volgono fidenti.*

*Fortunata la terra gentile  
che ha prodotto sì splendido fiore:  
era povera, oscura ed ignota,  
or gloriosa l'ha resa il tuo nome.*

*Hai lasciato ricchezze ed onori  
della tua famiglia terrena;  
rifiutati i fastigi del mondo  
hai eletto la Croce di Cristo.*

*Lunghe notti hai passato in preghiera  
meditando i misteri divini;  
conosciuta la valle del pianto  
or dispensi dal cielo la gioia.*

*Salga il canto di lode al Signore,  
che ai suoi figli in cammino qui in terra  
manda i Santi qual faro di luce  
per guidarli all'eterna dimora. Amen.*

### Or

Praise to God the mighty Father,  
who didst call Saint Anthony  
from a life of sore temptation  
to the way of purity.  
Humble work and meek obedience  
marked his holy way of love;  
now, his earthly task completed,  
works his wonders from above.

Praise to Jesus Christ our Savior,  
who didst give Saint Anthony  
grace to preach with zeal and boldness,  
giving truth new charity.  
Men, once lost, who heard the Gospel

from the lips of Francis' son  
came to know God's grace and favor,  
and the life which Christ had won.

Praise to God the Holy Spirit,  
who inspired Saint Anthony  
in the way of love and service,  
calling men to charity.  
Lifting up the fallen sinner,  
feeding them with Living Bread,  
showing men the way to heaven,  
there to live with Christ their Head.

Gracious Doctor and Confessor,  
holy Priest with golden tongue,  
joined with all the saints of heaven,  
praising God the Three in One.  
Help us in our earthly journey,  
keep our thoughts on God most high,  
that with thee, Christ's saint and servant,  
we may live and never die.

Melody: Rustington, by Charles H. H. Parry (1848-1918)  
Text: Fr. Christopher G. Phillips

Or another suitable hymn or song approved by the ecclesiastical authority.

**Ant. 1** He was loved by God and by men; his remembrance is a blessing.

**Psalms and canticle from the common of the Pastors and Doctors of the Church.**

**Ant. 2** Behold, my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight: I have placed my Spirit on him.

**Ant. 3** The Lord has given me a tongue as my reward, with which I will praise him.

### READING

Job 29:12-16a

The ear that heard blessed me; the eye that saw acclaimed me. For I rescued the poor who cried out for help, the orphans, and the unassisted; the blessing of those in extremity came upon me, and the heart of the widow I made joyful. I wore my righteousness like a garment; justice was my robe and my turban. I was eyes to the blind, and feet to the lame was I. I was a father to the poor.

### RESPONSORY

The Lord loved him; he has filled him with honor.

- The Lord loved him; he filled him with honor.

Our outstanding benefactor,

- he has filled him with honor.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

- The Lord loved him; he has filled him with honor.

## CANTICLE OF MARY

**Ant.** The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; go, I am sending you like lambs among wolves;  
say to all: the Kingdom of God is at hand for you.

## INTERCESSIONS

Jesus Christ is worthy of all praise, for he was appointed high priest among men and women and their representative before God. United in the evening prayer, we invoke his name:

*Through the intercession of St. Anthony, bear us, O Lord*

You gave St. Anthony of Padua to the Church to show your face as comforter of the afflicted,  
- may your people never lack the announcers of your Gospel.

In St. Anthony of Padua, you continue to heal every disease and infirmity,

- assist the young and the poor all over the world.

Through the intercession of St. Anthony of Padua, you have taken care of this, your family,

- keep in us the gifts of your love and protect our benefactors.

You placed in the heart of the Christian people a living trust in the intercession of Saint Anthony of Padua,

- hear the wishes and pleadings of those who cry out to you.

Through St. Anthony of Padua, you opened to many the way of life,

- grant to our departed brothers and sisters the eternal joy of heaven.

Our Father...

**PRAYER**, as in Morning Prayer.

## JULY

July 16

### OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

#### Memorial

Venerated with special devotion by St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, the memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel expresses a profound relationship with the charism of the Rogate. Mount Carmel is the place where Elijah carried out his mission as the *prophet of the divine zeal*, prefiguring *Christ's zeal for the glory of the Father*, the zeal that was manifested also in the command of prayer for the *laborers of the harvest* (Cf. Mt 9, 35-38).

*From the Proper of the Carmelites, here we added the Hymn for the Office of Reading and an alternative second reading and Hymn for Morning Prayer.*

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#### INVITATORY

**Ant.** Come, let us sing to the Lord as we celebrate the memory Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Invitatory psalm as in the Ordinary.

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#### Office of Readings

**HYMN, from the common of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**Or:**

Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel  
Whom in ancient prophecy  
God revealed to Saint Elijah  
By an Oriental sea,  
Rise again on God's creation,  
Bring to bloom this arid place  
With the white cloud of your beauty  
And the rainfall of your grace.

Mother fair above all mothers,  
By the Scapular we wear,  
By your own Sign of Salvation,  
Which our willing shoulders bear,  
Shield us from the foes of darkness,  
We are prey they seek to win.  
Guard us as thy loving children

From the tragedy of sin.

Lady of the mystic mountain  
Where the Lord has set his throne,  
Up its steep ways of the spirit  
None can walk save love alone.  
Grant us grace to climb Mount Carmel  
And to learn that love is loss;  
Guide us till our ways outdistance  
All earth's treasures save the Cross.

Blessed cloud of God's protection  
And his luminous abode,  
Light the pathway of your pilgrims  
To the Promised Land of God.  
On the mount of contemplation  
Be our surety and stay,  
In the night a pillar glowing  
And a cloud of love by day.

Virgin of the Incarnation,  
In the mysteries of grace  
God has made his habitation  
In our soul's most secret place.  
Toward that bright and inner kingdom  
All our words and ways compel,  
For the Father, Son and Spirit  
In its sacred silence dwell.

Queen and beauty of Mount Carmel  
Virgin of the solitude.  
In the wilderness of Carmel  
Lies the world's eternal good,  
Draw us to its deep seclusion  
And make God alone our goal  
In the mystical Mount Carmel  
That lies hidden in the soul

Melody: 87.87.D  
Text: Sr. Miriam, OCD

Or another suitable hymn or song approved by the ecclesiastical authority.

**Ant. 1** Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord, who shall stand in his holy place? One who has clean hands and a pure heart.

**Psalms and canticle from the current weekday.**

**Ant. 2** I will lead them to my holy mountain and will fill them with joy in my house of prayer.



**Ant. 3** Glorious things are said of you, O city of God, established on his holy mountain.

I have led you into the land of Carmel  
- to feast on its best and finest fruits.

### FIRST READING

From the First Book of Kings 18:20-39

#### *Elijah's zeal for the Lord; the sacrifice on Mount Carmel*

So Ahab summoned all the Israelites and had the prophets gather on Mount Carmel.

Elijah approached all the people and said, "How long will you straddle the issue? If the Lord is God, follow him; if Baal, follow him." But the people did not answer him. So Elijah said to the people, "I am the only remaining prophet of the Lord, and there are four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal. Give us two young bulls. Let them choose one, cut it into pieces, and place it on the wood, but start no fire. I shall prepare the other and place it on the wood, but shall start no fire. You shall call upon the name of your gods, and I will call upon the name of the Lord. The God who answers with fire is God." All the people answered, "We agree!"

Elijah then said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one young bull and prepare it first, for there are more of you. Call upon your gods, but do not start the fire." Taking the young bull that was turned over to them, they prepared it and called upon Baal from morning to noon, saying, "Baal, answer us!" But there was no sound, and no one answering. And they hopped around the altar they had prepared. When it was noon, Elijah taunted them, "Call louder, for he is a god; he may be busy doing his business, or may be on a journey. Perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened." They called out louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears according to their ritual until blood gushed over them. Noon passed and they remained in a prophetic state until the time for offering sacrifice. But there was no sound, no one answering, no one listening.

Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come here to me." When they drew near to him, he repaired the altar of the Lord which had been destroyed. He took twelve stones, for the number of tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the Lord had said: Israel shall be your name. He built the stones into an altar to the name of the Lord, and made a trench around the altar large enough for two measures of grain. When he had arranged the wood, he cut up the young bull and laid it on the wood. He said, "Fill four jars with water and pour it over the burnt offering and over the wood." "Do it again," he said, and they did it again. "Do it a third time," he said, and they did it a third time. The water flowed around the altar; even the trench was filled with the water. At the time for offering sacrifice, Elijah the prophet came forward and said, "Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. Answer me, Lord! Answer me, that this people may know that you, Lord, are God and that you have turned their hearts back to you." The Lord's fire came down and devoured the burnt offering, wood, stones, and dust, and lapped up the water in the trench. Seeing this, all the people fell prostrate and said, "The Lord is God! The Lord is God!"

### RESPONSORY

*Cf. 1 Kings 19:10*

Elijah said, I am burning with zeal  
- for the Lord of hosts.  
Grant us zeal, O Virgin Mary,  
- for the Lord of hosts.

## SECOND READING

From the *Writings* of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, priest and founder.  
(Vol. XXV, p. 58; Vol. XLV, p. 121; Vol. I, p. 205)

### *The Divine Zeal of the Heart of Jesus*

What is zeal? Zeal was described by the doctor of the Church St. Francis de Sales as the *fervor of charity*. Oh, what a definition! When charity is fervent, when it cannot be contained in one's heart, when this fire bursts out, and its intense flames spread; when this holiest love for the others' good can no longer remain idle but needs to operate, to prevent the damnation of others, to remedy others' dangers, to snatch innocent souls from idleness, dissipation, moral and civil ruin; Oh, then charity turns into zeal!

Charity generates in itself a virtue that is like its fervor and flame, which rises up to God, and draws the reasons for his most intense activity from the Love and Glory of the Infinite. This virtue is the zeal for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. It replaces the selfishness of the world with true altruism, and makes a person so intensely interested in the true good of others and the triumph of truth; that a person is taken by it and can no longer remain inactive. His life, thus, becomes a continuous labor for God, for the truth, for the moral good of all, and a continuous martyrdom in seeing so much evil surge in society, and not being able to embrace the whole world in the limited extent of his actions.

True zeal is the child of Charity, and has therefore the same qualities that St. Paul enumerates for Charity, that is: it is patient, kind, it is not pompous, it is not rude, it is not insolent nor ambitious, it seeks not one's own interest, it is not quick-tempered, it does not think evil, but bears all things, endures all things (Cf. 1 Cor. 13:4-7). Real zeal is an open flame, burning, always at work, but always calm; it extends to everyone and everything, but without violence and haste. Who can have more zeal than the Divine Zeal which was burning in the Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ and was consuming him? (Cf. Ps 69:10). In fact, he said, "*Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart*" (Mt 11:29).

**RESPONSORY.** Cf. Matthew 15:32; Psalm 68:10; Matthew 9:38

My heart is moved with pity for this crowd

- because the Zeal for your house consumes me.

Pray the Master of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest,

- because the zeal of your house consumes me.

## SECOND READING (Alternative)

From the *Mystical Instructions* by Michael of Saint Augustine  
(L. 1, tr. 1, C. 18: ed. Antwerp 1671, pp. 31-32)

### *Through Mary to Jesus*

It is my duty, I feel, to recommend to everyone this outstandingly effective means of leading a devout life in Christ: heartfelt devotion, filial love and the most tender affection toward Mary, the most lovable of mothers. We hail her, do we not, as Mother of Grace and Mother of Mercy? But both grace and mercy are indispensable if we wish to live devoutly; and who has a better claim to receive our appeals for grace and mercy than the Mother of Grace and Mother of Mercy? For this reason, I say with Hebrews: Let us go with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may obtain mercy, and receive the timely help of grace (cf. Heb 4:16).

But if we are to go with confidence to this throne, to this Mother of Grace, we must first be worthy of her love. We proudly proclaim ourselves her slaves, her sons and daughters and her brothers and sisters: let us make sure that our lives substantiate this claim by being in conformity with what we profess. We must try to resemble as closely as possible our most holy Lady, our lovable mother, and our gracious sister, by imitating her perfections and making her excellence our own. If indeed you love her as a mother, imitate her humility, her chastity, her poverty and her obedience; imitate her love of God, her love of neighbor, and all her other virtues.

How can you show her adequate love and honor? Each day, after offering yourself and all you have to the most holy Trinity according to Christ's intentions and in union with his merits, make a practice of offering yourself especially, and all you have, to this your most lovable mother; and as you do all you have to do in the word of the Lord, do it also in the word—in the name—of Mary.

Commit yourself to her completely. Have recourse to her as the best of teachers; consult her as the most prudent of virgins; in a word, conduct yourself as befits a good child, and you will learn by experience that she is the mother of fair love and holy hope, in whom you may expect to receive every grace of life and truth, and in whom in every hope of life and virtue will shine before you; nor will she ever cease to obtain for you the graces you need to persevere in true devotion. Indeed, you will find her a well of living water. At the hour of your death, she will not refuse to say she is your sister, indeed your mother, so that then more than ever, it may be well with you, and your soul may live by virtue of her grace. If you lead a devout life in her honor and service, you will surely deserve to breathe your last confidently, peacefully and devoutly in her love, and be joyfully borne to the haven of salvation in her maternal arms; for to those who love Mary it will go well at the last.

#### RESPONSORY

Cf. Psalm 34:12, Is 2:3, Sirach 24:30,34

Come, my children, listen to me; come, let us climb the mountain of the Lord.

- Whoever pays heed to me will not be put to shame.

I am the mother of fair love and of holy hope; in me is all grace of the way and of the truth.

- Whoever pays heed to me will not be put to shame.

PRAYER, as in Morning Prayer.

### Morning Prayer

#### HYMN

Let us in spirit make our way  
to Carmel's mountain height;  
our Virgin Mother calls us there  
to gather flowers of light.

This is indeed a holy place  
where God has ever reigned;  
here hearts are healed in silent prayer,  
and strength of mind attained.

This is where living water flowed  
to save the thirsting land,

to clothe the desert with fresh grass,  
with trees the burning sand.

Cradle of our religious life  
is Carmel's height austere;  
wherever Mary turns her gaze  
flow waters springing clear.

Let us adore the Trinity  
the Father honors her,  
the Son embraces her with love,  
the Spirit reigns in her!

*Text: C.M. Carmeli ad altos vertices Translation: unknown*

*Or from the common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or another suitable hymn or song approved by the ecclesiastical authority.*

*Ant. 1* Sinless Virgin, let us follow joyfully your footsteps; draw us after you in the fragrance of your holiness.

*Psalms and canticle from the current weekday.*

*Ant. 2* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you, blessed are you among women.

*Ant. 3* Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary: you are the mother of your Maker, yet you remain a virgin forever.

## READING

*Isaiah 35:1-2*

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom; they will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God.

## RESPONSORY

Under your protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God.

- Under your protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God.

Despise not our petitions in our necessities,

- O Holy Mother of God.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

- Under your protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God.

## CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

*Ant.* I sought wisdom openly in my prayer; it gives me delight as a first fruit.

INVOCATIONS from the common of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**PRAYER**

Father,  
may the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother and Queen of Carmel,  
protect us, and bring us  
to your holy Mountain, Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever.

**Evening Prayer**

HYMN, from the common of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Or another suitable hymn or song approved by ecclesiastical authority.

*Ant. 1* I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let us be done to me as you have said (alleluia).

Psalms and canticle from the current weekday.

*Ant. 2* Mary heard the word of God and kept it; she pondered it in her heart.

*Ant. 3* The apostles were constantly at prayer together, with Mary the Mother of Jesus.

READING and RESPONSORY from the common of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**CANTICLE OF MARY**

*Ant.* Mary listened to every word of God, and kept it, pondering on it in her heart.

INTERCESSIONS from the common of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

PRAYER, as in Morning Prayer.

## SEPTEMBER

September 29

### SAINT MICHAEL, Archangel

#### Feast

The Archangel Michael, "*guardian of the holy Church*", was appointed by St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia among the special protectors of his religious families. The Archangel is the defender of the Work (Institute) from the attacks of the evil one. He is the powerful intercessor so that the "*good evangelical laborers*" may never be lacking in the Church.

From the Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours, except for the following:

#### Office of Readings

From the *Writings* of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, priest and founder.  
(Vol. V, pp. 70-71)

#### *Prayer to St. Michael for the zeal of the Rogate*

O great Prince of the heavenly host, you are the great guardian to whom Jesus Christ our Lord entrusted his Church. You see how the mystical bride is everywhere deprived of the light of the world and of the salt of the earth, who are the priests. Peoples deserved this; we all deserved this because of the innumerable sins, and for neglecting the Divine Command given to us by our Lord Jesus Christ when he said, "*Rogate Dominum messis ergo, ut mittat operarios in messem Suam*" (Mt 9:38). In vain the Holy Church invites us to prayer and fasting in the Ember Days to obtain from the divine Goodness priests according to the Heart of God, if we do not heed his call. Many people dear to God pray and sigh for the many interests of the Heart of Jesus, but they do not pay homage directly to the Divine Command of the Divine Zeal of the Heart of Jesus. They do not present to this Divine Heart the implicit promise that he made to grant the holy Church chosen laborers for the mystical harvest! The forgetfulness and almost total neglect of this prayer certainly awaits a great punishment of the Lord for all peoples, and its effect cannot be taken for granted!

Therefore, O glorious Archangel St. Michael, who are so powerful before the Throne of the Most Holy Trinity, not only we beseech you to pray in union with the Most Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary to the Eternal God and infinite Goodness so that this great treasure may be granted to the holy Church in the fullness of God's mercy, but we also pray to you to obtain that this spirit of prayer may spread to the hearts of all Christians, and especially of those chosen people who are more united to Jesus, and are wounded by the interests of his Divine Heart (cf. Phil 2: 21), and are burning for the zeal of his glory and the salvation of souls. Do it now, as the rising sun shines from the East to the West, so that this Divine Command of Divine Zeal of the Heart of Jesus, may suddenly shine brightly in the minds of these people, and this particularly urgent interest of the Heart of Jesus may penetrate them and make them groan and sigh incessantly to your divine Presence, so that God's mercy, without

further delay, may fill the earth with holy Apostles and expand everywhere, so that the kingdom of Satan may be torn down and destroyed, and Jesus Christ may reign in all hearts. Amen.

**RESPONSORY.**

**Cf. Daniel 12:1; Revelation 19:1**

Michael, the great prince who guards the children of your people, will rise;

- salvation, glory and power to our God.

At that time, your people will be saved;

- salvation and glory and power to our God.

**DECEMBER**

December 8

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY**

Solemnity

All from the Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours.



# MOVABLE FEASTS

Friday after the II Sunday after Pentecost

**MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS,**  
Titular of the Congregations

Solemnity

From the Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours, except for the following:

**Office of Readings**

Or:

**SECOND READING**

From the *Writings* of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, priest and founder.  
(Vol. X, pp. 136-137)

*The compassion of the Heart of Jesus*

Compassion is the specific attribute of a noble and generous heart. Compassion consists of a mixed sentiment of love and tenderness that moves us to sympathize with the suffering of others, to dry the tears of the unfortunate, to share the pains of the afflicted. Certainly in this world, the number of the hearts who feel compassion is small, as small is the number of those who love God, because mercy is the effect of charity. But compassion resides in its entirety, as in its center, in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. That Divine Heart is all compassion, tenderness and mercy. In fact, for three reasons a heart may be able to feel compassion and all three of these reasons, which I will tell you, move powerfully the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus to have compassion on our pains.

First, the Heart of Christ is such by its nature. Who can doubt this? I will not tell you that the Divine Heart was formed by the Holy Spirit in the womb of Mary Immaculate, and is therefore the most perfect work of Divine Love, but I will tell you that just as it was formed [in the pure womb of Mary], it was assumed by the Divinity, thus it is the Heart of a God: a God who is the infinite generosity, kindness, and eternal love. The Most Sacred Heart [of Jesus] is by its nature all tenderness, sensitivity, compassion, and mercy. For this reason alone, every groan moves him; every sigh softens him; every grief of ours makes him quiver.

Secondly, once we admit that the sight of other people's misery moved him, it takes little to understand how compassionate the Heart of Jesus is. Was he not always in contact with the miserable humanity? Jesus Christ did not love to stay among the great, to take part in revelries; on the contrary he stayed among the poor, among the afflicted. How that Divine Heart becomes tender at the sight of their misery! Notice how much compassion he had for the widow of Naim. As soon as he saw her crying, [he was moved and resurrected her son (Cf. Lk 7:11-15)]. He [was preaching] on the mountains of Judea, when he realized [that a large crowd was following him], and Philip [did not know the answer on how to feed so many people], he felt compassion and multiplied the loaves (Cf. Jn 6:5-11). He expressed an even more tender compassion shown at the Pool of Bethesda: He saw a poor paralytic who [had been sick] for 38 years, and he came over and healed him (Cf. Jn 5:2). Likewise, with the man born blind [who was shouting], "Son of David, have mercy on me" (Cf. Mk 10: 46-52; Lk 18: 35-43). Jesus Christ, in his mortal life, saw all human misfortunes: poverty, indigence, suffering, disease, and for all these, he felt tenderness, compassion, and mercy.

Thirdly, this reason of experience could not but certainly move the Sacred Heart of Jesus to infinite compassion towards all. What a terribly bitter experience did Jesus Christ not have for all our sorrows! Ah, tell me just one pain that he did not suffer. Poverty? He suffered it since his birth. Hunger and thirst? He suffered them throughout his mortal life up to Calvary (Cf. Jn 19:28). Persecutions? He was always highly persecuted. Sicknesses? [He was] a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity (Is 53:3). The secret anguish of the heart, the struggles and intimate pains. He bore them his entire life and especially in his Passion! We could say not only that He [suffered all our pains], but also that [all human sufferings were] in the Heart of Jesus Christ. However, also for this reason, the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is all full of tenderness, sensitivity, compassion and mercy. We suffer in this world; we are beaten by the storms; but the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus watches over us because we are his brothers, friends, spouses: he is our Father. He loves us with an infinite love. How, then, could he not have compassion?

**RESPONSORY.**

**Cf. Matthew 9:36; Hosea 11:8**

At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity;

- my heart is overwhelmed; my pity is stirred.

They were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd;

- my heart is overwhelmed; my pity is stirred.

Saturday before the IV Sunday of Easter

**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,  
QUEEN AND MOTHER OF THE ROGATE**

**Memorial**

The Blessed Virgin Mary, who “kept every word of the Son in his heart” (Cf. Lk 2:51), is the model for those who *bear the word of God and observe it* (Lk 11:28). Even now, she intercedes with the Heavenly Father so that he may provide many holy apostles to the people of God.

**INVITATORY**

**Ant.** Come, let us sing to the Lord, as we celebrate the memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen and Mother of the Rogate. Alleluia.

Invitatory psalm as in the Ordinary.

**Office of Readings**

From the common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, except for the following:

**SECOND READING**

From the *Writings* of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, priest and founder.  
(Vol. LIV, pp. 165-168)

*Mary kept and reflected in her heart the words of her Son*

Our Lord Jesus Christ conferred the sacred character to the Apostles, instructed them in all his mysteries, but they understood nothing [...]. Instead, [Mary] the Seat of Wisdom, filled with the Holy Spirit since the moment of the Incarnation, understood everything, and after the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ, she gathered the Apostles and disciples in the Cenacle, and urged them to pray for the Holy Spirit to descend upon them.

And the Apostles and the disciples prayed, and having with them the Mother of God, they persevered in prayer. More than the melodious sound of angelic harp, the fervent prayers coming from the Immaculate Heart of Mary penetrated the Divine Presence! O purest Heart, O most Immaculate Heart, why do you not open up to the contemplation of our faith? Then, we will understand which prayers of yours were in those divine hours in the Cenacle, when you were keeping watch to invoke the Holy Spirit on the Apostles!

But if I look at that Immaculate heart, I see all the words uttered by our Lord Jesus Christ imprinted with golden characters. How true the saying of St. Luke is: *‘Mary kept all the words of the Son, reflecting on them in her heart’* (Lk 2:19.51). That being said, it is impossible not to find imprinted with heavenly characters in her Immaculate Heart those words coming from the divine zeal of the Heart of Jesus: *‘Rogate ergo Dominum messis ut mittat operarios in messem suam...’* Yes, Mary welcomed this command in her heart and observed it” (cf. Lk 11:28).

Extending her sight on all the afflicted humankind, Mary could see all the peoples of the world as a large abandoned harvest. She felt the great necessity of the mystical laborers in this vast field and could not but remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: “*Rogate ergo dominum messem ut mittat operarios in messem suam*” (Lk 9:38). Yes, Mary was praying! And she was praying to the great Master of the harvest, who is God, to send out the evangelical laborers. Who can tell how she was inflamed with this prayer!

According to Cornelius Alapide in his commentary to this passage of the Gospel, if the Apostles in all their life obeyed the divine command by praying that the Lord would not allow their successor be lacking in the Church, how much more can we say of Mary most Holy, whose living concerns were the concerns of the Heart of Jesus (cf. Ph 2:21), and who was praying continuously and untiringly in order to obtain the evangelical laborers for the Holy Church? That “*Rogate*” so often repeated by her divine Son, was resounding in her ears and in her heart, and she was praying, praying, praying [...].

And here we must consider that the laborers in the Holy Church are not only priests, but also the holy virgins consecrated to God. The first Gospel laborer was precisely the Most Holy Virgin, who throughout her entire life worked in the mystical field of faith, and crowned her divine mission with all that she did, so that the Gospel could be preached in all the world, and souls saved.

And as Mary most Holy has not ceased and will not cease to pray to obtain for the Holy Church the priceless treasure of good Gospel laborers, so she did not cease and will not cease to pray for the good evangelical laborers, that is, the holy virgins and all the chosen souls to whom she communicates the flames of her heavenly zeal.

That is why the Prophet said, “She is led to the King; the virgins, her companions, follow her” (cf. Ps 44:15).

**RESPONSORY.** Cf. Luke 2:19.51; 11:28; Matthew 9:38

Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it:

- Mary, on her part, treasured the words of her Son and pondered them in her heart. Alleluia. Pray, therefore, the Master of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Alleluia.
- Mary, on her part, treasured the words of her Son and pondered them in her heart. Alleluia.

**PRAYER, as in Morning Prayer.**

## Morning Prayer

**HYMN, from the common of Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**Antiphons, psalms and canticle from the current weekday.**

**READING** Sirach 24:18-22

I am the mother of fair love, of reverence,  
of knowledge, and of holy hope;  
Since I am eternal, I am given to all my children,  
who are named by him.

Come to me, all who desire me, and be filled with my fruits.  
You will remember me as sweeter than honey,  
better to have than the honeycomb.  
Those who eat of me will hunger still,  
those who drink of me will thirst for more.  
Whoever obeys me will not be put to shame,  
and those who serve me will never go astray.”

### RESPONSORY

The Lord has chosen and favored you. Alleluia, alleluia.  
- The Lord has chosen and favored you. Alleluia, alleluia.  
- He has taken you to live with him. Alleluia, alleluia.  
Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
- The Lord has chosen and favored you. Alleluia, alleluia.

### CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

*Ant.* Blessed are You, O Virgin Mary: You kept the word of God, meditating on it in your heart.

### INVOCATIONS

Let us raise our praise and our prayer to Christ the Savior, born of the Virgin Mary, and say:

*May your Mother intercede for us, Lord.*

You, gathered the Apostles in the Cenacle with Mary, your mother,  
- strengthen our communities, under her maternal protection, in the unity of the charism and in the spirit of the Founder.

Through the intercession of Mary, Queen and Mother of the Rogate,

- send many holy vocations to your Church.

May many follow the way of perfect charity,

- following the example of the Virgin Mary and your Saints.

You have made Mary attentive to your word and made her your faithful servant,

- through her intercession grant us to be always obedient to your command of the Rogate.

You have entrusted Mary as a Mother to us,

- following her example may young people be docile to your call.

Our Father...

### PRAYER

Lord our God,

as the Blessed Virgin was at prayer with the Apostles in the Cenacle,

you poured out on her in abundance the gifts of the Holy Spirit;

grant that united with Mary, our mother,

we too, being filled with the same Spirit,

may persevere with one mind in the unceasing prayer

for the gift of new laborers of the harvest,

to bring to the world around us the Good News of salvation.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who is God,  
and lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
for ever and ever.

VOTIVE  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS



## MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

### Votive Office

This votive office is particularly recommended because it reveals the centrality of the Eucharist, the living God “who came to dwell among us” (Jn 1:14). The mystery of the Eucharist, in fact, has marked and continues to mark the history of the Family of the Rogate in its arduous and joyful “pilgrimage”, giving strength and vigor to the spiritual sons and daughters of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia.

### INVITATORY

*Ant.* Behold, the Lord comes to dwell among us, alleluia

*Invitatory psalm as in the Ordinary.*

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### Office of Readings

#### HYMN

Thou, who at Thy first Eucharist didst pray  
That all Thy Church might be forever one,  
Grant us at ev'ry Eucharist to say  
With longing heart and soul, “Thy will be done.”  
O may we all one bread, one body be,  
Through this blest sacrament of unity.

For all Thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;  
Make Thou our sad divisions soon to cease;  
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,  
By drawing all to Thee, O Prince of Peace;  
Thus may we all one bread, one body be,  
Through this blest sacrament of unity.

We pray thee too for the wanderers from thy fold;  
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,  
Back to the faith which saints believed of old,  
Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:  
Soon ma we all one bread, one body be,  
Through this blest sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,  
May we be one with all Thy Church above,  
One with Thy saints in one unbroken peace,  
One with Thy saints in one unbounded love;

More blessed still, in peace and love to be  
One with the Trinity in Unity.

Text: William Turton, 1881. Music: Charles Lloyd, 1885

## PSALMODY

**Ant. 1** Tell those who are invited: Behold, the meal is ready; come to the marriage feast.

### Psalm 23 The Good Shepherd

*The Lamb himself will be their shepherd and will lead them to the springs of living waters (Revelation 7:17).*

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 ...

**Ant.** Tell those who are invited: Behold, the meal is ready; come to the marriage feast.

**Ant. 2** If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink from the ever-flowing streams.

### Psalm 42 Longing for the Lord's presence in his Temple

*Let all who thirst come; let all who desire it, drink from the life-giving water (Revelation 22:17).*

Like the deer that yearns  
for running streams,

so my soul is yearning  
for you, my God.

My soul is thirsting for God,  
the God of my life;  
when can I enter and see  
the face of God?

My tears have become my bread,  
by night, by day,  
as I hear it said all the day long:  
“Where is your God?”

These things will I remember  
as I pour out my soul:  
how I would lead the rejoicing crowd  
into the house of God,  
amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving,  
the throng wild with joy.

Why are you cast down, my soul,  
why groan within me?  
Hope in God; I will praise him still,  
my savior and my God.

My soul is cast down within me  
as I think of you,  
from the country of Jordan and Mount Hermon,  
from the Hill of Mizar.

Deep is calling on deep,  
in the roar of waters:  
your torrents and all your waves  
swept over me.

By day the Lord will send  
his loving kindness;  
by night I will sing to him,  
praise the God of my life.

I will say to God, my rock:  
“Why have you forgotten me?  
Why do I go mourning  
oppressed by the foe?”

With cries that pierce me to the heart,  
my enemies revile me,

saying to me all the day long:  
“Where is your God?”

Why are you cast down, my soul,  
why groan within me?  
Hope in God; I will praise him still,  
my savior and my God. Glory ...

**Ant.** If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink from the ever-flowing streams.

**Ant. 3** The Lord fed us with the finest wheat and filled us with honey from the rock.

**Psalm 81**  
**Solemn renewal of the Covenant**

*See that no one among you has a faithless heart (Hebrews 3:12).*

Ring out your joy to God our strength,  
shout in triumph to the God of Jacob.

Raise a song and sound the timbrel,  
the sweet-sounding harp and the lute,  
blow the trumpet at the new moon,  
when the moon is full, on our feast.

For this is Israel’s law,  
a command of the God of Jacob.  
He imposed it as a rule on Joseph,  
when he went out against the land of Egypt.

A voice I did not know said to me:  
“I freed your shoulder from the burden;  
your hands were freed from the load.  
You called in distress and I saved you.

I answered, concealed in the storm cloud,  
at the waters of Meribah I tested you.  
Listen, my people, to my warning,  
O Israel, if only you would heed!

Let there be no foreign god among you,  
no worship of an alien god.  
I am the Lord your God,  
who brought you from the land of Egypt.  
Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.

But my people did not heed my voice  
and Israel would not obey,

so I left them in their stubbornness of heart  
to follow their own designs.

O that my people would heed me,  
that Israel would walk in my ways!  
At once I would subdue their foes,  
turn my hand against their enemies.

The Lord's enemies would cringe at their feet  
and their subjection would last forever.  
But Israel I would feed with finest wheat  
and fill them with honey from the rock." Glory ...

*Ant.* The Lord fed us with the finest wheat and filled us with honey from the rock.

Wisdom built herself a house, alleluia.  
- She mixed her wine and set her table, alleluia.

### FIRST READING

From the book of Exodus

24:1-11

*They saw God, and they ate and drank*

Moses himself was told, "Come up to the Lord, you and Aaron, with Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. You shall all worship at some distance, but Moses alone is to come close to the Lord; the others shall not come too near, and the people shall not come up at all with Moses."

When Moses came to the people and related all the words and ordinances of the Lord, they all answered with one voice, "We will do everything that the Lord has told us." Moses then wrote down all the words of the Lord and, rising early the next day, he erected at the foot of the mountain an altar and twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel.

Then, having sent certain young men of the Israelites to offer holocausts and sacrifice young bulls as peace offerings to the Lord, Moses took half of the blood and put it in large bowls; the other half he splashed on the altar. Taking the book of the covenant, he read it aloud to the people, who answered, "All that the Lord has said, we will heed and do." Then he took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words of his."

Moses then went up with Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy elders of Israel, and they beheld the God of Israel. Under his feet there appeared to be sapphire tilework, as clear as the sky itself. Yet he did not smite these chosen Israelites. After gazing on God, they could still eat and drink.

### RESPONSORY

John 6:48, 49, 50, 51, 52

I am the bread of life. Your forefathers ate manna in the desert, and they died.

- This is the bread that comes down from heaven; anyone who eats this bread will never die.

I am the living bread come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.

- This is the bread that comes down from heaven; anyone who eats this bread will never die.

## SECOND READING

From a work by St. Thomas Aquinas, doctor of the Church  
(Opusculum 57, in festo Corporis Christi, lect 1-4)

*O precious and wonderful banquet!*

Since it was the will of God's only-begotten Son that men should share in his divinity, he assumed our nature in order that by becoming man he might make men gods. Moreover, when he took our flesh he dedicated the whole of its substance to our salvation. He offered his body to God the Father on the altar of the cross as a sacrifice for our reconciliation. He shed his blood for our ransom and purification, so that we might be redeemed from our wretched state of bondage and cleansed from all sin. But to ensure that the memory of so great a gift would abide with us forever, he left his body as food and his blood as drink for the faithful to consume in the form of bread and wine.

O precious and wonderful banquet that brings us salvation and contains all sweetness! Could anything be of more intrinsic value? Under the old law it was the flesh of calves and goats that was offered, but here Christ himself, the true God, is set before us as our food. What could be more wonderful than this? No other sacrament has greater healing power; through it sins are purged away, virtues are increased, and the soul is enriched with an abundance of every spiritual gift. It is offered in the Church for the living and the dead, so that what was instituted for the salvation of all may be for the benefit of all. Yet, in the end, no one can fully express the sweetness of this sacrament, in which spiritual delight is tasted at its very source, and in which we renew the memory of that surpassing love for us which Christ revealed in his passion.

It was to impress the vastness of this love more firmly upon the hearts of the faithful that our Lord instituted this sacrament at the Last Supper. As he was on the point of leaving the world to go to the Father, after celebrating the Passover with his disciples, he left it as a perpetual memorial of his passion. It was the fulfillment of ancient figures and the greatest of all his miracles, while for those who were to experience the sorrow of his departure, it was destined to be a unique and abiding consolation.

## RESPONSORY

Know that in this bread is the body of Christ which hung on the cross, and in this cup, the blood of Christ which flowed from his side. Take, therefore, and eat his body; take and drink his blood,

- and you will become members of his body.

Eat this sacred food, so that your bond of unity with Christ may never be broken; drink this sacred blood, the price he paid for you, so that you may never lose heart because of your sinfulness;

- and you will become members of his body.

## SECOND READING (Alternative)

From the *Writings* of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, priest and founder.  
(Vol. I, pp. 96-97)

*Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the Founder  
of the Pious Work of the interests of his Heart.*

The loving, fecund, dutiful, and continuous center of this Pious Work (Institute) of the interest of the Heart of Jesus is Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. From now on and forever, it must be known

and considered that the true, effective, and immediate founder of this Pious Work is Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Of this Pious Work we may say, “God did something new” (cf. Is 43:19; Rev 21:5). In the Works that God forms, he usually puts a founder, filled with his graces and gifts. Instead, in this Pious Work, which had to elevate into an Institution the Divine Command of the Divine Zeal of his Heart that has been neglected for so many centuries, it can be said that Lord himself, without the intermediation of a founder, has jealously shown from the sacred Tabernacle that he himself is its true founder, in the true sense of the word. All graces, help, enlightenment, and providence come from his Divine Heart in the Sacrament.

This Pious Work began rising in the miserable, abject slums of the poor. After a few years since the priest set foot there, a little house was rented and transformed into a little chapel, where the first Mass was celebrated on a little wooden altar. Thus, Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament began taking possession of those places, sowing the seed of this new plant in the poor's field. But the Holy Mass which was celebrated from time to time in those places was nothing else but the appearance and disappearance of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. There was the need that he remains in his real presence, without which the seed would not be able to take root, everything would have withered from birth.

Then, a singular loving expectation for the Lord in the Sacrament was cultivated among those poor, but especially in the hearts of their children, boys and girls, who were attending the school of catechism alternately, while some of them were already sheltered in two small houses in that poor neighborhood.

Another house was taken and joined to the first one (thus, enlarging the chapel). A new and better altar with a tabernacle replaced the old one. The holy expectation for Jesus in the Sacrament was cultivated through more prayers, teachings and songs. To stir up all the more in people's hearts the desire for the coming of the Most High, who is concealed in the Sacrament, the tabernacle was kept open to where they turned their yearning glances. Such expectation consistently increased for two years.

It was the expectation for the divine Messiah, who had to be born in this new Bethlehem, hidden not in his humanity, but as God and man hidden under the Eucharistic species; not to dwell for thirty-three years with the children of men, but until the end of time, to always find his delights in the pure hearts.

When the common expectation was fully developed, Jesus came. He came on July 1, 1886, during the celebration of the Holy Mass, while the new chapel was fervent with the desire of holy expectation, festively adorned amidst songs and devout prayers. He came not to depart anymore from there, as he had done in the past in the celebration of the Holy Mass, but to remain with his Divine Presence. He came as King to establish his kingdom among his citizens. He came as a Good Shepherd among his lambs to form them into his little flock. Entrusted to him in the sacrament, he himself would feed them so that they may live with him without fear. He came as the Divine Farmer to cultivate by himself his little plant, in whose kernel, buried underneath the earth of trials and mortifications, is enclosed the small seed of the divine *Rogate*. He came as the most loving Father in the midst of his children to form a small family which lives on his flesh and blood, and is enabled by his real Presence in the Eucharist to receive from his divine lips the command of the Divine Zeal of his Heart: “*Pray, therefore, to the Master of the harvest, that he will send out laborers to gather in his harvest*” (Mt 9:38), which is intimately linked to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament which can not subsist (he having thus decreed) without the Priesthood, which is intimately connected with the Divine Command.

With the coming of the Eucharistic Jesus, the Pious Work, in the person of its members, a small infant was born, or better, a small caravan emerged to begin a very arduous pilgrimage, but always comforted by the true Ark of the Covenant, which contained not the symbolic manna, but the real Bread come down from heaven, Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

His most loving coming on July 1, 1886 has always been annually renewed in Pious Work, in all our Houses, preceded by the renewal of the loving expectation, according to how it has been known and done among us for many years, with our beautiful and singular feast of *July the First*.

**RESPONSORY**

**Revelation 21:17; Isaiah 43:19**

The Spirit and the Bride say:

- Come, Lord Jesus.

See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth.

- Come, Lord Jesus.

**PRAYER, as in Morning Prayer.**

**Morning Prayer**

**HYMN**

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
His the scepter, His the throne.  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood.  
Jesus out of every nation  
has redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how;  
Though the cloud from sight received Him  
when the forty days were o'er  
Shall our hearts forget His promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! bread of heaven,  
here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to You from day to day:  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,  
You the Lord of Lords we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
Earth Your footstool, Heav'n Your throne:  
You within the veil has entered,



Robed in flesh our great High Priest;  
Here on earth both Priest and Victim  
in the Eucharistic feast.

Music: R.H. Prichard, 1811-1887. Text: William Chatterton Dix, 1837-1898

Or another suitable hymn or song approved by the ecclesiastical authority.

Ant. 1 You fed your people with the food of angels; you gave them bread from heaven, alleluia.

Psalms and canticle from Sunday, Week I.

Ant. 2 Holy priests will offer incense and bread to God, alleluia.

Ant. 3 I will give to the one who is victorious, the hidden bread and a new name, alleluia.

### READING

Malachi 1:11

From the rising of the sun, even to its setting, my name is great among the nations; and everywhere they bring sacrifice to my name, and a pure offering; for great is my name among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.

### RESPONSORY

You bring forth bread from the earth, alleluia, alleluia.

- You bring forth bread from the earth, alleluia, alleluia.

And wine which gives warmth to men's hearts,

- alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

- You bring forth bread from the earth, alleluia, alleluia.

### CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

Ant. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me, alleluia.

### INTERCESSIONS

Christ, Bread of Life, is the center of our history, of our life and our mission. Let us acclaim with joy:

*Bless the Lord who deigned to come to dwell among us.*

O Jesus, Supreme Pontiff and eternal priest,

- bless and sustain N., our Pope.

O Jesus, Father of the Poor,

- defend, sustain and console the poor who hope in you.

O Jesus, Divine Farmer,

- visit this vineyard which your right hand has planted and make it grow in perfect maturity of faith.

O Jesus, Good Master,

- may we serve you faithfully, taking upon us your gentle yoke.

O Jesus, Prince of Peace,  
- keep divisions away from us and pour the balm of your peace on the world.  
O Jesus, Master of the Mystical Harvest, hidden under the veil of bread,  
- send your Spirit and raise chosen ministers of the altar.

Our Father...

### PRAYER

O God, you wanted your Son to dwell among us and you redeemed us through His cross; stay with us, we pray, so that as a holy flock nourished with the bread of heaven, we may come to meet you united and watchful, with hearts open to fruitful charity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reign with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

### Daytime Prayer

All from the current weekday.

### Evening Prayer

### HYMN

I am the Bread of life,  
He who comes to Me shall not hunger,  
He who believes in Me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to Me  
Unless the Father draw him.

And I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up on the last day.

The bread that I will give  
Is My flesh for the life of the world  
And he who eats of this bread  
He shall live forever.  
He shall live forever.

And I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up on the last day.

Unless you eat  
Of the flesh of the Son of Man  
And drink of His blood,  
And drink of His blood,  
You shall not have life within you.

And I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up on the last day.

I am the Resurrection,  
I am the Life,  
He who believes in Me  
Even if he die  
He shall live forever.

And I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up on the last day.

*Text and Music: S. Suzanne Toolan, 1970*

*Or another suitable hymn or song approved by the ecclesiastical authority.*

*Ant. 1* Christ the Lord is a priest for ever in the line of Melchizedek; he offered up bread and wine.

*Psalm 110:1-5,7  
The Messiah, king and priest*

*Christ's reign will last until all his enemies are made subject to him. (1 Corinthians 15:25)*

The Lord's revelation to my Master:  
"Sit on my right:  
your foes I will put beneath your feet."  
The Lord will yield from Zion  
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 for ever,  
a priest like Melchizedek of old."

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

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

*Ant.* Christ the Lord is a priest for ever in the line of Melchizedek; he offered up bread and wine.

*Ant. 2* I will take up the cup of salvation, and I will offer a sacrifice of praise, alleluia.

Psalm 114  
The Israelites are delivered from the bondage of Egypt

*You too left Egypt when, at baptism, you renounced that world which is at enmity with God. (Saint Augustine)*

When Israel came forth from Egypt,  
Jacob's sons from an alien people  
Judah became the Lord's temple,  
Israel became his kingdom.

The sea fled at the sight:  
the Jordan turned back on its course,  
the mountains leapt like rams  
and the hills like yearling sheep.

Why was it, sea, that you fled,  
that you turned back, Jordan, on your course?  
Mountains, that you leapt like rams;  
hills, like yearling sheep?

Tremble, O earth, before the Lord,  
in the presence of the God of Jacob,  
who turns the rock into a pool  
and flint into a spring of water. Glory ...

**Ant.** I will take up the cup of salvation, and I will offer a sacrifice of praise, alleluia.

**Ant. 3** You are the way, the truth and the life of the world, O Lord.

Canticle: See Revelation 19:1-7  
The wedding of the lamb

Alleluia.  
Salvation, glory, and power to our God:  
(R. Alleluia.)  
his judgments are honest and true.  
R. Alleluia (alleluia).

Alleluia.  
Sing praise to our God, all you his servants,  
(R. Alleluia.)  
all who worship him reverently, great and small.  
R. Alleluia (alleluia).

Alleluia.  
The Lord our all-powerful God is King;  
(R. Alleluia.)  
Let us rejoice, sing praise, and give him glory.  
R. Alleluia (alleluia).

Alleluia.

The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun,

(R. Alleluia.)

and his bride is prepared to welcome him.

R. Alleluia (alleluia). Glory ...

Ant. You are the way, the truth and the life of the world, O Lord.

## READING

### 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

I received from the Lord what I handed on to you, namely, that the Lord Jesus on the night in which he was betrayed took bread, and after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper, he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

## RESPONSORY

You gave us bread from heaven, alleluia, alleluia.

- You gave us bread from heaven, alleluia, alleluia.

Man has eaten the bread of angels,

- alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

- You gave us bread from heaven, alleluia, alleluia.

## CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.

## INTERCESSIONS

Christ, present in the sacramental signs of the bread and wine, has established his dwelling among us. Gathered in the evening prayer, we invoke his name:

*Christ, you who deigned to come to dwell among us, hear us.*

Christ, faithful friend, you give yourself continually to us under the signs of bread and wine,

- stay always with us and may we never separate ourselves from your loving friendship.

Christ, Good Shepherd, who, in the Eucharist, reunites into one body those who partake of the same bread,

- make our community grow in harmony and peace.

Christ, heavenly Samaritan bend over to the suffering humanity,

- stretch out your helping hand and pour on our wounds your divine balm.

Christ, the only high priest, you have entrusted your holy mysteries to the priests,

- sanctify your ministers so that they may their express in life what they celebrate in the sacrament.

Christ, splendor of the Father,

- grant that our dead brothers and sisters may share in your glory

Our Father...

PRAYER, as in Morning Prayer.

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,  
MOTHER OF THE ORPHANS

God has poured out his burning love for the poor and orphans in the heart of Mary. She intercedes for us so that, faithful to the charism of the *Rogate*, we may grow in the testimony of charity, by expressing it especially in the welcome, education and evangelization of the poor, particularly when they are children and orphans.

*N.B. Taken from Somascan Fathers and Brothers (2015), The Book of Devotions. For devotional purpose we included additional texts like the Second Reading of the Office of Readings, the antiphons and readings for the Morning and Daytime Prayers. The traditional memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Orphans is on September 27.*

INVITATORY

*Ant.* Come, let us sing to the Lord as we celebrate the memory of Mary, Mother of the Orphans.

Invitatory psalm as in the Ordinary.

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Office of Readings

HYMN

Blest the man who through his earthly  
journey  
Confides in you and with sincere devotion  
Entrusts his life to your benign protection,  
O Virgin Mary.

A shining beacon in the thick of darkness  
You guide the steps of your beloved  
faithful;  
Perennial source of life, you help the weary  
and raise the fallen.

Gentle support you offer to the wretched,  
Solace and joy to those who hope in  
sorrow,  
As loving mother, you are always pleading  
before the Father.

While earthly things in time decay and  
vanish,  
Your love, most holy Virgin, is forever:  
Those who trust in you are never forsaken  
by your great mercy.

*Beato è l'uomo che a te si rivolge  
e la sua vita affida con fiducia  
nelle tue mani, o benedetta Madre  
del nostro Dio.*

*Luce splendente nella notte oscura,  
tu guidi i passi e dai coraggio al cuore,  
rialzi i caduti e sempre sei per tutti  
vita e salvezza.*

*Dolce sostegno sei per gli infelici,  
gioia e conforto per chi soffre e spera:  
con cuor di Madre supplice intercedi  
presso il Signore.*

*Vergine pia, brucerai le stelle  
e negli spazi andrà in rovina il mondo,  
prima che neghi i doni di salvezza  
a noi tuoi figli.*

Having been stripped of any human succor,  
Fatherless children cling to you for  
comfort:  
Let them experience your embrace most  
tender,  
Mother of Orphans.

*Si innalzi al cielo più gioioso il canto:  
ti renda grazie l'orfano, o Maria,  
e i benefìci tuoi per sempre narri,  
Vergine Madre.*

To God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
The Trinity divine that reigns in Heaven,  
A hymn of praise be sung by every creature,  
now and forever. Amen.

*Sia lode e onore al Dio Trino e Uno  
che su nei cieli glorioso regna  
e qui nel mondo provvido governa  
ogni vicenda. Amen.*

## PSALMODY

**Ant. 1** Rejoice O Virgin Mary, because from you has risen the sun of Justice, our judge and redeemer.

*Psalms and canticle from the current weekday.*

**Ant. 2** Blessed are you among women, glorious Virgin, refuge of orphans, ransom of prisoners, salvation to all.

**Ant. 3** The Lord has blessed you with his might: through you, he has destroyed our enemies.

Blessed are those who listen to the Word of God,  
- and keep it in their heart.

## FIRST READING

From the book of the prophet Zephaniah 3:11-20

*God promises salvation to the poor of Israel*

On that day you need not be ashamed of all your deeds, your rebellious actions against me; for then will I remove from your midst the proud braggarts, and you shall no longer exalt yourself on my holy mountain. But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly, who shall take refuge in the name of the Lord; the remnant of Israel.

They shall do no wrong and speak no lies; nor shall there be found in their mouths a deceitful tongue. They shall pasture and couch their flocks with none to disturb them. Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has removed the judgment against you; he has turned away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you have no further misfortune to fear.

On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion; be not discouraged! The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior. He will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love. He will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals. I will remove disaster from among you, so that none may recount your disgrace. Yes, at that time I will deal with all who oppress you. I will save the lame, and assemble the outcasts. I will give them praise and renown in all the earth, when I bring about their restoration. At that time, I will bring you home, and at that time I will gather you;

for I will give you renown and praise, among all the peoples of the earth, when I bring about your restoration before your very eyes, says the Lord.

**RESPONSORY:**

Blessed are you among women, O Virgin Mary: you reversed the curse of Eve into a blessing;  
- through you, the Father's blessing has been poured upon mankind.  
The Lord's glory shines on you;  
- through you, the Father's blessing has been poured upon mankind.

**SECOND READING**

From the *Writings* of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, priest and founder.  
(Vol. III - *Prayers to Our Lady*, Ed. Rogate, Rome 2007, pp. 385-387)

*Supplication for the male Orphanage in Messina*

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Immaculate Mother of our Lord Jesus and Mother of all poor sinners, behold we kneel at your maternal virginal feet, to acknowledge you as the only hope for our salvation, the true Mother of the living in the Church of the living God [...]. Now we trustingly appeal to you for a particular actual need, being sure that we will find help, safety, protection and full support for what we humbly ask from the adorable Our Lord Jesus Christ through you [...]. It is precisely for a sacred spiritual need of our male Anthonian Orphanage of Messina: we come to ask your enlightenment, compassion, aid and all that could help to promote the work of God in [...]. You are the most merciful mother who, full of grace, comes to our aid even before we ask of it, even where the human weakness, imperfection or malice has sown vices, and has withered every chosen sprout of holy virtues. Therefore, come quickly to our rescue, you who are always the refuge of sinners! It has been about thirty years that in this place [...] among other works, the male orphanage has started to gather, save, protect and educate to honest and civil success many poor children, orphaned of parents and destitute of means [...]. How many little children were snatched from squalor, from vices, and from the snares of Satan's malice, and now serve Our Lord Jesus Christ in the society, endowed with a set of holy spiritual habits [...]. Satan has never ceased to set his snare, especially through the intrusion of his blind followers and ministers of iniquity and for a somehow perennial attempt to revive that cursed vice which we began to fight in this place. Now, blessed, tender, powerful, all beautiful and Immaculate Mother, remember that we have consecrated all these children, one by one, to you, together with ourselves who gather and guide them, by means of the solemn act of the Holy Slavery, by which each of them renounced any right of soul and body, for the present, the future, and for eternity.

**RESPONSORY**

Blessed are you, Holy Virgin Mary, most worthy of all praise;  
- from you rose the Sun of Justice, Christ our Lord.  
We joyfully celebrate your memory, O Mother of mercy:  
- from you rose the Sun of Justice, Christ our Lord.

**SECOND READING (Alternative)**

From the *Writings* of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, priest and founder.



*Prayer for the female orphanages*

O most loving Immaculate Mary, our most tender Mother, to whom we entrusted our Orphanage for little and young girls, we give you our most fervent thanks because with such motherly love you have reared them under your powerful protection and have preserved them from grave evils of soul and body. Thank you for their closeness to the Sacraments, for their Holy Communion, and for the order and good discipline that reigns among them. But at the same time, O dear Mother, if there might still be someone who is not yet settled with God and with you, do work with your sweetest grace so that their hearts may turn to Jesus and their minds be enlightened by the knowledge of their religious and civil duties and be committed to them by heart. The Educators among us assigned to this delicate office, confess in front of you, that they know and can do nothing for the sake of these little creatures, and thus we beg together with you for enlightenment from the Holy and Divine Spirit, and for the virtues that such great work requires. Immaculate Mother, let Holy Innocence, the Holy Fear of God, his Divine Love, good discipline, order, peace, work, perfect obedience, reverential fear and sacred affection to the Superior and to the Mistresses, upright joviality, sincerity and simplicity of soul, fervor in holy things, mutual simple affection with each other, purity and even good health, reign in this Orphanage, so that everything may lead to success, for the full consolation of your maternal Heart, and of the adorable Heart of Jesus. Amen.

**RESPONSORY**

Blessed are you, Holy Virgin Mary, most worthy of all praise;

- from you rose the Sun of Justice, Christ our Lord.

We joyfully celebrate your memory, O Mother of mercy:

- from you rose the Sun of Justice, Christ our Lord.

**SECOND READING (Alternative)**

From the *Discourses* of St. Ephrem, deacon

(Bourasse', *Summa aurea de laudibus B.V. Mariae*, 6:657-652)

*Mary, Virgin and Mother of God, refuge of orphans and salvation of all*

Inviolable, immaculate, wholly pure and chaste, O Virgin Mother of God, Mary, universal queen, hope of those in despair, our most glorious Lady. Through you we are reconciled to Christ, Our God and your sweet Son. You are the only advocate and help to all sinners and to those who are helpless. You are the safe harbor to the shipwrecked, comfort of the world, refuge of orphans, redemption and liberation of prisoners; you are cause of rejoicing to the sick, consolation of the afflicted and salvation of all.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, holy Mother of God. Receive and safeguard us under the wings of your compassion and mercy. We do not trust in anybody else but in you, unblemished Virgin. From the arms of our mother, we wretched, to you have been entrusted, O Lady, and are called your devotees: Do not allow the evil to drag us to the doors of hell. In fact, you are our shelter, Virgin without stain, and you always come to our succor as a pious helper.

Only under your protection and defense, we are secure; therefore, only in you we take refuge and with abundant tears we implore you blessed Mother. Prostrate before you we invoke in supplication and plead that your sweet Son may not condemn us because of our numberless sins, nor abandon us like the sterile fig tree. We implore you to be able to reach Christ safely and to enter into the dwelling

of the saints where there is neither weeping, nor mourning, no pain nor punishment, no misfortune, nor death, no torture nor anxiety, but joy without end and supreme bliss for the just, infinite delight, exultation and rejoicing, glory and splendor.

Fill my mouth with the grace of your sweetness, Our Lady; illumine my mind, O full of Grace. Make your humble servant worthy to praise you, holy Virgin and to utter sweetly: Hail, stupendous and chosen Vessel of God. Hail, O Lady, O Mary, O full of Grace. Hail, O most blessed among women. Hail, shining star from which Christ was born. Hail, splendid light, Mother and Virgin. Hail, in a wonderful way you gave birth to the King of the Universe. Hail, through you the Sun of Justice has shone in full splendor. Hail, peace, joy, consolation and salvation of the world.

### RESPONSORY

Blessed are you, Holy Virgin Mary, most worthy of all praise;  
 - from you rose the Sun of Justice, Christ our Lord.  
 We joyfully celebrate your memory, O Mother of Mercy:  
 - from you rose the Sun of Justice, Christ our Lord.

PRAYER, as in Morning Prayer.

## Morning Prayer

### HYMN

O Mother of the Lord, who gives Christ to the world, receive today your children's praise.	<i>O Madre del Signore, che doni al mondo Cristo, ricevi in questo giorno la lode dei tuoi figli.</i>
You are in our hearts spring of hope, you who welcomed in your womb your Son, the redeemer.	<i>Tu sei nei nostri cuori sorgente di speranza, tu che accogliesti in grembo il Figlio Redentore.</i>
You are the Mother who leads us to Christ, so that we may live united in the joy of love.	<i>Tu sei per noi la Madre che ci conduce a Cristo, perché viviamo uniti nel gaudium dell'amore.</i>
The poor and the afflicted find peace in you, the orphans and the oppressed are freed by you.	<i>I poveri e gli afflitti trovano in te la pace, gli orfani e gli oppressi da te son liberati.</i>
The Church from you draws light, hope and strength to proclaim to the world the liberty of Christ.	<i>Da te la chiesa attinge luce, speranza e forza per proclamare al mondo la libertà di Cristo.</i>

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: God, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen	<i>Sia gloria al Padre e al Figlio e allo Spirito santo: Dio che vive e regna nei secoli in eterno. Amen</i>
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**Ant. 1** All your children will be taught by the Lord and will enjoy his peace.

**Psalms and canticle from the current weekday.**

**Ant. 2** Lift up your eyes and look: your sons come from afar and your daughters are carried to you.

**Ant. 3** Every people will proclaim your name and glorify the God of Israel.

### READING

**Baruch 4:36-37; 5:2-3**

Look toward the East, Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Here come your children whom you sent away, gathered from East and West, by the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God. Put on forever the splendor of glory from God: wrapped in the mantle of justice from God, place on your head the diadem of the glory of the Eternal One. For God will show your splendor to all under the heavens.

### RESPONSORY

Blessed are you Mary, for you have believed the Word of God in you will be fulfilled.  
- Blessed are you Mary, for you have believed the Word of God in you will be fulfilled.  
Christ dying on the cross, gave you to his disciple as his Mother:  
- The Word of God in you will be fulfilled.  
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
- Blessed are you Mary, for you have believed the Word of God in you will be fulfilled

### CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

**Ant.** Hail, spring of grace and consolation. Hail, benign Mother of orphans: you soothe our sorrows and free us from all oppression.

### INTERCESSIONS

Let us trustingly address our praise and plea to God the Father almighty who exalted Mary, the Mother of Christ, above all creatures in heaven and on earth. Let us pray:

*Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of your Son, bear our prayer.*

Merciful Father, you have made Mary an attentive listener to your word and a faithful servant,

- grant your Church to always keep your word in order to produce fruits of justice and love for the salvation of the world.

Merciful Father, by accomplishing great wonders in the Virgin Mary, you have shown the overflowing abundance of your grace,

- make all men and women conform to the image of your Son.

Merciful Father, you gave us Mary as a Mother and model of Christian life,

- through her intercession, fill our hearts with your love.
- Merciful Father, you have made Mary as the Ark of the Covenant,
- teach us to recognize the presence of your Son in every person and to meet him in the poor and the suffering.
- Merciful Father, you are the Master of the harvest, look lovingly on humankind which is lost like a flock without shepherd,
- and send good laborers to announce your kingdom.

Our Father...

### PRAYER

O God, you have poured your love for the poor and the orphans in the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Through her motherly intercession, help us to grow more and more in witnessing your love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

## DAYTIME PRAYER

All from the current weekday.

### Midmorning

**Ant.** United in prayer, the disciples were together with Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

### READING

Romans 12:11c-13.15-16a,17b

Serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the holy ones; exercise hospitality. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep those who weep. Have the same regard for one another; be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all.

Mary kept all these things in her heart;  
- the marvelous things of her Son.

### Midday

**Ant.** Says the mother of Jesus: Do whatever he tells you.

### READING

James 1:27

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord,

- let be it done to me according to your Word.

## Midafternoon

**Ant.** The Lord said to his mother: Woman, behold your son.

### READING

### 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8

We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us.

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary  
- who carried in your womb the Son of the Eternal Father.

**PRAYER**, as in Morning Prayer.

## Evening Prayer II

### HYMN:

Hail, Virgin Mary,  
in you, Mother of the Lord,  
great things has done  
your savior God.

Receiving in your heart  
the Word made flesh,  
you gave the whole world  
the Shepherd of life.

From the height of the cross Jesus,  
as he died for men's salvation,  
called you second Eve and Mother  
of the newly reborn people.

Full of grace since the first moment,  
you pour grace upon your children,  
from above for them invoking,  
pardon comfort, peace and gladness.

Upon orphans and afflicted  
you implore the Father's mercy,  
to reveal the saving power  
that exalts the poor in spirit.

Tender Mother of the orphan

*Ave, Vergine Maria,  
in te, Madre del Signore,  
grandi opere ha compiuto  
il tuo Dio salvatore.*

*Accogliendo nel tuo cuore  
la Parola fatta carne,  
hai donato al mondo intero  
il Pastore della vita.*

*Innalzato sulla croce,  
il tuo Figlio redentore  
ti proclama nuova Eva,  
dolce Madre dei viventi.*

*Tu, ricolma della grazia,  
sempre invochi sui tuoi figli  
la pienezza della gioia  
nella fede e nell'amore.*

*Tu per gli orfani e gli afflitti  
intercedi presso il Padre,  
che dispiega la potenza  
con cui gli umili esalta.*

*Tu degli orfani sei Madre*

and support of the forsaken,  
to us sinners you are, Mary,  
source of hope and consolation.

*e dei poveri la forza,  
tu, Maria, sei per tutti  
il sostegno e la speranza.*

Glory be to God the Father  
and to Jesus Christ Redeemer  
in communion with the Spirit  
for all never-ending ages.  
Amen.

*Lode al Padre onnipotente  
ed al Figlio redentore  
con lo Spirito amore  
per i secoli in eterno.  
Amen.*

**Ant. 1** Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

**Psalms and canticle from the current weekday.**

**Ant. 2** Rejoice and exalt, and you will be satisfied by her consolation.

**Ant. 3** The Most High has blessed you, O daughter of our people: you have given us the fruit of life.

#### READING

#### Revelation 21:2-4

I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people, and God himself will always be with them [as their God]. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, [for] the old order has passed away."

#### RESPONSORY

Under your protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God.  
- Under your protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God.  
Welcome and keep us under the wings of your compassion and mercy.  
- O Holy Mother of God.  
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
- Under your protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God.

#### CANTICLE OF MARY

**Ant.** Hail, spotless jewel. Because of you the Sun of Justice shines upon the world. Hail, Holy Mother of Christians; Virgin, consolation of the sorrowful, hope and tender Mother of Orphans, Hail!

#### INTERCESSIONS

United in the prayer of praise we give thanks to God, the Father of mercy, who filled Mary with his blessings, with confidence we say:

*Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.*

God of every consolation, Redeemer of the poor and Father of orphans,  
- through the intercession of Mary, may your Church always shine with the witness of your love.

You loved the world so much, that through Mary, you gave your only Son,

- sustained by her maternal help, may we stay close to our Savior.

You strengthened Mary at the foot of the cross and filled her with joy at the resurrection of your Son,

- sustain those who suffer the hardship of life and strengthen them in hope.

You who grant us the grace of celebrating the memory of Mary, Mother of Orphans,

- send us holy educators who will care for those who are sad and abandoned.

You exalted the Virgin Mary to the glory of heaven,

- grant our deceased brothers and sisters to receive the eternal life of your Kingdom with her.

Our Father...

PRAYER, as in Morning Prayer.

**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OF LA SALETTE,  
Reconciler of Sinners**

In the history of salvation, Mary “received at the foot of the cross the testament of love of her Son.” Now, she intercedes for the salvation of all sinners, inviting them to conversion, and invokes the gift of the Holy Apostles, ministers of reconciliation.

*N.B. For devotional purpose, we included additional texts such as the second reading of the Office of Readings, the antiphons and readings for the Morning and Daytime Prayers taken from the English translation of the Office of Our Lady of La Salette was approved and confirmed by the Sacred Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship on May 13, 1978. + JAMES Cardinal KNOX Prefect. The traditional memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of La Salette is on September 19.*

**INVITATORY**

**Ant.** Come, let us worship Christ, the Son of Mary.

Invitatory psalm as in the Ordinary.

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**Office of Readings**

**HYMN**

<i>Conqueror of the serpent dire, O Mother, sole in innocence, unsullied lily rising fair from midst the thorn bush of mankind.</i>	<i>Hai vinto, o Madre, il serpente, tu sola al mondo creata immune d'ogni peccato, giglio fiorito dai pruni.</i>
<i>Protect us with your gentle light, repentant as we own our crimes; our mediatrix be and advocate before your Son, our righteous judge.</i>	<i>Rivolgi il tuo sguardo mite su noi tuoi figli pentiti: vicina al Giudice resta, per noi garante di pace.</i>
<i>For we have sinned, have lost our way, lured by this fleeting world's delights; have pity now upon our plight and our atoning tears receive.</i>	<i>Peccammo, sì, smarriti dietro agli incanti del mondo: ma accetta adesso pietosa il nostro pianto espiatorio.</i>
<i>If sternly you reject our pleas, to whom our prayer can we address, or how can we avoid the flames</i>	<i>Se anche tu ci respingi, il nostro grido chi ascolta?</i>



<p><i>of foul Gehenna's gloomy depths?</i></p> <p><i>Recall how from the blood-drenched Cross to you once Christ did us entrust; now, Mother, guide your shipwrecked sons in mercy to salvation's port.</i></p> <p><i>Jesus, to you all glory be, who were of Virgin Mary born, to Father and the Spirit too all honor be for evermore. Amen</i></p>	<p><i>Come potremo evitare il morso del fuoco eterno?</i></p> <p><i>Ti fummo un giorno affidati dal Cristo morente in croce: vieni a scamparci dai gorgbi, facci approdare a salvezza.</i></p> <p><i>A te, che dalla Vergine, sei nato Cristo, sia gloria, col Padre e il santo Spirito, nel giorno senza tramonto. Amen.</i></p>
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**Or:**

*Victrix draconis improbi,  
o Mater, insons única,  
intaminátum lílium  
e senticéto pródiens.*

*Miti tuére lúmine  
nos poeniténtes criminum  
tuóque siste súpplicans,  
pacis sequéstra, Fílio.*

*Peccávimus, depérditi,  
post fluxa turpis sæculi,  
noster miserta, suscipe  
piaculáres lácrimas.*

*Si dura nos reiéceris  
quis vota nostra exáudiet?  
Horrénda qui vitábimus  
Taetræ gehénnæ incéndia?*

*Tibi, cruenta ab árbore,  
nos Christus, olim, crédidit;  
da, blanda Mater, náufigis  
portum salútis tángere.*

*Iesu, tibi sit glória,  
qui natus es de Vírgine,  
cum Patre et almo Spírítu,  
in sempitérna sæcula. Amen.*

**Or another suitable hymn or song approved by the ecclesiastical authority.**

**Ant. 1** Before the King, she found grace and mercy above all the women on earth.

**Psalms and canticle from the current weekday.**

**Ant. 2** If I have found favor in your sight, O King, grant me the people for whom I pray.

**Ant. 3** For the sake of your people in their tribulation and distress, you did not spare your own life.

Deliver us always from every danger.

- Ever Virgin, glorious and blessed.

### FIRST READING

From the book of Sirach 24:5-11, 22-34, 41-46 (from the Vulgate)

*Mary, mother of fair love and of holy hope*

From the mouth of the Most High I came forth, the firstborn before all creatures. I made a never-failing light arise in heaven and mist-like I covered the earth. In the highest heavens did I dwell, my throne on a pillar of cloud. The vault of heaven I compassed alone, through the deep abyss I wandered. Over the waves of the sea I walked, over all the land I stood, over every people and nation I held sway. And by my power I have trodden under my feet the hearts of all the high and low. Among all these I sought a resting place, and I shall abide in the inheritance of the Lord.

Like a terebinth I spread out my branches, my branches so bright and so graceful. I bud forth delights like the vine, my blossoms become fruit fair and rich. I am the mother of fair love and of fear and of knowledge and of holy hope. In me is all grace of the way and of the truth, in me is all hope of life and of virtue. Come to me, all you that yearn for me, and be filled with my fruits; you will remember me as sweeter than honey, better to have than the honeycomb. As age follows age, the memory of me will endure.

He who eats of me will hunger still, he who drinks of me will thirst for more; he who obeys me will not be put to shame, he who serves me will never fail; he who makes me known will have life everlasting.

All this is the book of the covenant of the Most High God, the Law which Moses commanded us as a heritage for the community of Jacob. He appointed to David his servant to raise up of him a most mighty king, and sitting on the throne of glory for ever.

Like a brook out of a river of a mighty water, like a channel of a river and like an aqueduct, I came out of paradise. I said: I will water my plants, my flower bed I will drench; and suddenly this rivulet of mine became a river, then this stream of mine, a sea. Thus do I send my teachings forth shining like the dawn, to become known afar off. I will penetrate to all the lower parts of the earth, and will behold all that sleep, and will enlighten all that hope in the Lord. Thus do I pour out instruction like prophecy and leave it to them that seek wisdom and I do not cease to bestow it on generations to come.

### RESPONSORY

**2 Maccabees 1:5, 3**

May the Lord hear your prayers and be reconciled to you, and never forsake you in time of adversity.

- The Lord, our God.

May he give all of you a heart to worship him and do his will.

- The Lord, our God.

## SECOND READING

From the *Writings* of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, priest and founder.  
(Vol. XVIII, p. 130)

### *The Blessed Virgin hastens the time of redemption*

Throughout the time Mary, our great Lady, dwelt in this valley of tears, she always had the greatest compassion for the misfortunes of mankind. Her whole life was a continuous prayer to the Highest God that he may deign to send soon the promised Redeemer. And it was for the prayers of Mary that God hastened the time of Redemption. Mary was always affable and charitable with everyone; it is enough for us to remember what happened at the wedding at Cana to understand Mary's great mercy and tenderness, since, though not compelled by anyone, she obtained the miracle from her Son for the benefit of that afflicted family.

But if Mary was so merciful here on earth, she is no less now in heaven above, as supreme Queen of all the Paradise. There, Mary listens benevolently to the requests and prayers of all those who invoke her, from where she dispenses graces and benefits to all who ask her for help.

Yet, as if that was not enough, Mary most Holy shows, from time to time, a special aspect of her maternal love: when the miseries of mankind are too many, when sins reach the brim, and when God is about to hurl his punishments. Moved to compassion for our situation, Mary leaves the most high seats of the firmament; she abandons the Palace of the Heavens for a moment, and all compassionate as she is, she comes down to this valley of tears to be seen by the children of men, to shake them up from their lethargy, to call them back to the right path, to strengthen their faith, and to comfort their hope.

## RESPONSORY

Through the Virgin Mary, the world's salvation has appeared to all those who have faith:

- her holy life is the glory of the whole Church.

We never cease to celebrate with joy the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary;

- her holy life is the glory of the whole Church.

## SECOND READING (Alternative)

From a sermon by Saint Bernard, abbot  
(Homily on the Nativity of Mary, *The Aqueduct*, 6-7)

### *Do you seek an advocate with the Son? Have recourse to Mary.*

Let us consider with what tender devotion God wishes us to honor Mary since he has placed within her such fullness of all good; so that if there is anything of hope in us, if anything of grace, if anything of salvation, we may know it has been given to us through his gifts overflowing from her who went up (from the desert) flowing with delights.

Take away the sun which brightens the world; where is the light of day? Take away Mary, the star of the sea, of a vast and boundless sea; what is left but an encompassing mist, a shadow of death, the densest darkness.

Let us honor Mary, then, from our inmost hearts, with all our love, with every act of devotion; because this is the will of him who wishes us to have everything through Mary. You feared approaching

the Father. Terrified by the mere sound of his voice, you hid yourself in the thicket (like Adam after the fall). He gave you Jesus as mediator. What can such a Son fail to obtain from such a Father? He will surely be heard because of his filial trust. The Father, indeed, loves the Son.

Yet, does he too fill you with awe? He is your brother, born of your flesh, tempted in every way that you are, though he is without sin, that he might learn compassion. This brother was given to you by Mary. Perhaps you fear in him the divine majesty since, even though he was made man, he still remained God. Do you seek an advocate with him? Have recourse to Mary.

In her you will find pure humanity not only because she is free of all defilement, but because she shares solely in human nature. I do not hesitate to say that Mary will surely be heard by reason of her trust. The Son will answer the prayer of the mother and the Father will hear the prayer of the Son.

Little children, behold the ladder of sinners, my greatest assurance, the whole reason for my hope. I ask you: Can the Son refuse his mother anything? Can he allow her pleas to go unheeded? Neither. The angel told her: You have found favor with God. Mary shall always find grace with God and grace alone is what we have need of. For it is by grace alone that we are saved.

### RESPONSORY

Cf. Judith 13:14

Praise the Lord, our God, who has not abandoned those who hope in him.

- In me, his handmaid, he has fulfilled the mercy he promised to the house of Israel.

He exalted me that I might make many peoples safe.

- In me, his handmaid, he has fulfilled the mercy he promised to the house of Israel.

### SECOND READING (Alternative)

From the dogmatic constitution on the Church of the Second Vatican Council  
(*Lumen gentium*, nn. 61-62)

#### *Mary's motherhood in the order of grace*

The Blessed Virgin was predestined to be the Mother of God in the eternal plan for the incarnation of God's Word. By decree of God's providence, she was, here on earth, the loving mother of the divine Redeemer, the noblest of all his companions, and the humble servant of the Lord. In conceiving Christ, in bearing him, in nursing him, in presenting him to the Father in the temple, in sharing her Son's passion as he was dying on the cross by her obedience, her faith, her hope and burning love, she cooperated, in a way that was quite unique, in the work of the Savior in restoring supernatural life to souls. She is therefore a mother to us in the order of grace.

This motherhood of Mary in the order of grace - from the consent which she gave in faith at the annunciation, and which she continued to give unhesitatingly at the foot of the cross - lasts without interruption until all the elect enter into eternal fulfillment. When she was taken up into heaven, she did not lay aside this saving role but she continues by her intercession for all to gain for us the gifts of eternal salvation.

In her maternal love, she cares for the brothers and sisters of her Son as they journey on earth in the midst of dangers and hardships, until they are brought safely home to the happiness of heaven.

The Blessed Virgin is thus invoked in the Church under the titles of Advocate, Auxiliatrix and Mediatrix. These titles must not, however, be understood as in any way detracting from, or adding to, the dignity and effectiveness of Christ, the one Mediator.

No creature can ever be classed as an equal with the incarnate Word, the Redeemer. But just as the priesthood of Christ is shared in various ways by his ministers and his faithful people, and as the goodness of God, one though it is, is, in different ways, really shared with creatures, so also the unique

mediation of Christ does not exclude, but brings about a variety of shared cooperation, deriving from the one unique source.

The Church does not hesitate to acknowledge this kind of subordinate role in the person of Mary. The Church has continuous experience of its effects, and commends it to the hearts of the faithful, so that as they lean on her motherly protection, they may be brought into closer union with the Mediator, our Savior.

### RESPONSORY

Through the Virgin Mary, the salvation of the world was made manifest to believers.

- Her glorious life enlightens all the churches.

With joy let us celebrate the constant intercession of the most Blessed Virgin Mary.

- Her glorious life enlightens all the churches.

PRAYER, as in Morning Prayer.

### Morning Prayers

#### HYMN

Bedewed with Christ's own precious blood,  
our shameful deeds all purged away,  
O Mother, now our hearts extol  
your role as reconciler fair.

While still within his mother's womb,  
replete with Holy Spirit's grace,  
the Baptist to the world revealed  
in you our bridge to Heaven's height.

As shades of night make quick retreat  
when shine the sun's first rays on earth,  
so when your light upon us dawns  
each mourning heart is bathed in joy.

Cease not, O Mother, to pursue  
all wanderers from their Father's home,  
whom riches, greed still hold in sway,  
whom vice in fetters still detains.

Grant that we may with constant tears  
wash clean our hearts by sins defiled,  
grant that we may for God alone  
live out our lives, love Him alone.

Jesus, to you all glory be,  
who were of Virgin Mary born,  
to Father and the Spirit too  
all honor be for evermore. Amen.

*Dal sangue di Cristo irrorati  
e puri tornati nel cuore  
festanti in te, Madre, esaltiamo  
colei che ci porta salvezza.*

*Giovanni Battista per primo,  
ripieno di Spirito santo,  
ti mostrò dal seno materno  
verace canale di grazia.*

*Qual sole che fuga la notte,  
così la tua luce fulgente  
ispira nei cuori già mesti  
un libero canto di gioia.*

*Tenace il tuo cuore materno  
richiami chi, illuso dal mondo  
ed ebbro di sciolti legami,  
disdegna la casa del Padre.*

*Fa' che con pianto sincero  
laviamo una vita di colpe.  
Aiutaci a vivere sempre  
consunti d'amore per Dio.*

*Gesù, dalla Vergine nato,  
a te sia piena la gloria,  
col Padre e lo Spirito santo,  
per sempre nel regno beato. Amen.*

*Or*

*Roráta Christi sáanguine,  
foedis piátis sórdibus,  
te nostra, Mater, péctora  
pia célebrant sóspítam.*

*Paréntis alvo géstiens,  
sancto repléto Spírítu,  
Baptísta primum grátia  
te prædicávit trámitem.*

*Ut nox facéssit hórrida,  
micánte sole, gáudia,  
fulgénte te, sic prótinus  
cor omne mærens cóncipit.*

*O perde, Mater, qæ' rere  
Domo e patérna tránsfugas,  
quos fastus et cupíditas  
et quos volúptas íllicit.*

*Erráta vitæ iúgibus  
Fac nos laváre lácrimis,  
Deóque semper vívere,  
Deóque fac inémori.*

*Iesu, tibi sit glória,  
qui natus es de Vírgine,  
cum Patre et almo Spírítu,  
in sempitérna sæcula. Amen*

*Or another suitable hymn or song approved by the ecclesiastical authority.*

*Ant. 1* You are the glory of Jerusalem, the joy of Israel; you are the fairest honor of our race.

*Psalms and canticle from the current weekday.*

*Ant. 2* We share the fruit of life through you, O daughter blessed by the Lord.

*Ant. 3* Blessed are you among all women because you averted our disaster in the sight of God.

**READING**

**Cf. Judith 13:19,20**

The Lord so exalted your name that your praise shall never pass from the memories of those who tell of the might of God. For their sake you did not spare your own life.

## RESPONSORY

The Almighty, O Mary, has done great things for you.  
- The Almighty, O Mary, has done great things for you.  
His mercy reaches from age to age;  
- the Almighty, O Mary.  
Glory to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
- The Almighty, O Mary, has done great things for you.

## CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

**Ant.** You are the mother of mercy, the refuge of sinners, the hope of the guilty; of you was born Christ, the dawn from on high who enlightens the world.

## INTERCESSIONS

Let us glorify our Savior, who chose the Virgin Mary for his mother. Let us ask him:  
*May your mother intercede for us, Lord.*

Our Redeemer, from the cross you gave us your most loving mother,  
- grant that the life we live may make us worthy to be called her children.  
You willed that, for our reconciliation, your mother should share in your passion,  
- grant that we may fill up what is lacking in your sufferings for the Church.  
You never cease calling us to your friendship through sincere repentance,  
- grant that, after the example of Mary, we may grow in the spirit of charity, prayer and penance.  
You conferred upon your people a royal priesthood for the glory of the Father,  
- grant that, at the hands of Mary, we may unceasingly offer spiritual sacrifices pleasing to God.  
You live in the Church and guide her always by the Holy Spirit,  
- through the intercession of Mary, make your Church holy through the gift of new Apostles of reconciliation and peace.

Our Father...

## PRAYER

Lord our God,  
through the precious blood of your Son  
you reconciled the world to yourself  
and at the foot of his cross  
you chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of reconciliation for sinners;  
grant through her intercession  
that we may obtain pardon for our sins.  
We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Or**

Merciful Father, there is no pledge to hope in,  
that your tender love has not offered.

By the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
the Reconciler of sinners, whose feast we celebrate this day,  
strengthen our faith in your covenant  
and lead us to the abundant life you promise your people.  
Grant this through Christ, our Lord.

## DAYTIME PRAYER

### Midmorning

**Ant.** When the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant with you.

#### READING

**Cf. Judith 13:14**

Judith said, "Praise our God who did not forsake those who hope in him and who fulfilled in me, his handmaid, the mercy he promised to the house of Israel. He has shattered the enemy of his people by my hand."

She prayed the Lord, the God of Israel,  
- to guide her steps towards the salvation of her people.

### Midday

**Ant.** In me is all grace of the way and of the truth, in me is all hope of life and of virtue.

#### READING

**Esther 7:3**

Esther said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, O King, and if it pleases your majesty, I ask that my life be spared, and I beg that you spare the lives of my people."

The Lord remembered his people,  
- and took pity on his inheritance.

### Midafternoon

**Ant.** The mother of Jesus said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you."

#### READING

**Luke 1:45-46**

Elizabeth said, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord."

Jesus said to his mother: This is your son.  
- Then to the disciple: This is your mother.



## Evening Prayer

### HYMN

Hail, star of the sea, God's loving Mother and ever a Virgin, heaven's fair gate.	Ave maris stella, Dei mater alma, atque semper virgo, felix cæli porta.
You who received that "Ave" from Gabriel's lips, establish us in peace. reversing the name "Eva".	Sumens illud «Ave» Gabriélis ore, funda nos in pace, mutans Evæ nomen.
Break the sinner's fetters, bring light to the blind, drive away our ills and ask for us every blessing.	Solve vincla reis, profer lumen cæcis, mala nostra pelle, bona cuncta posce.
Show yourself a mother, May he who, born for us, deigned to be your Son, receive our prayers through you.	Monstra te esse matrem, sumat per te preces qui pro nobis natus tulit esse tuus.
Virgin without equal. gentle beyond all others, win us pardon for our sins and make us gentle and pure.	Virgo singuláris, inter omnes mitis, nos culpis solútos mites fac et castos.
Grant us a life without sin, arrange a safe journey for us, so that we may see Jesus and rejoice together for ever.	Vitam præsta puram, iter para tutum, ut vidéntes Iesum semper collætémur.
Praise to God the Father, glory to the Most High Christ honor to the Holy Spirit equal to the Trinity. Amen.	Sit laus Deo Patri, summo Christo decus, Spirítui Sancto Tribus honor unus. Amen

**Ant. 1** The Almighty has done great things for you, O Mary; his mercy is from age to age on those who fear him.

**Psalms and canticle from the current weekday.**

**Ant. 2** Through you, sinless Virgin, the life we had lost was restored to us; you welcomed a child from heaven and gave the world a Savior.

**Ant. 3** Remember, Virgin Mother, when you stand in the presence of God, to turn away his wrath from us.

**READING** **Acts 1:14**

All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

**RESPONSORY**

Holy Mary, mother of mercy, intercede for us sinners.

- Holy Mary, mother of mercy, intercede for us sinners.

We place ourselves in your keeping.

- Intercede for us sinners,

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

- Holy Mary, mother of mercy, intercede for us sinners.

**CANTICLE OF MARY**

**Ant.** All generations proclaim you blessed, O Mary; for in answer to your prayers, God has remembered his mercy.

**INTERCESSIONS**

Let us praise God our almighty Father, who wished that Mary, his Son's mother, be celebrated by every generation. Now in need we ask:

*May the Virgin Reconciler of sinners, intercede for us.*

**Or**

*May the mother of Christ our Savior, intercede for us.*

O God, worker of miracles, you chose the Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son,

- touch our hearts that we may welcome Christ as Mary did.

You made Mary open to your word and faithful as your servant,

- through her intercession make us servants and true disciples of your Son.

You willed to reconcile the world by the cross of your Son,

- after the example of Mary, help us share with all your grace of reconciliation.

You gave Mary as the mother of mercy to all men,

- through her intercession, may priests, the dispensers of the divine forgiveness, be never lacking in your Church.

You destined Mary to share, body and soul, in Christ's heavenly glory,

- may the dead enjoy that same glory in your kingdom forever.

Our Father...

**PRAYER**, as in Morning Prayer.

## APPENDIX

### INVITATORY PSALMS

#### Psalmody Psalm 95 A call to praise God

*Encourage each other daily while it is still today* (Hebrews 3:13).

Come, let us sing to the Lord \*  
and shout with joy to the Rock who saves us.  
Let us approach him with praise and thanksgiving \*  
and sing joyful songs to the Lord. *Ant.*

The Lord is God, the mighty God, \*  
the great king over all the gods.  
He holds in his hands the depths of the earth \*  
and the highest mountains as well.  
He made the sea; it belongs to him, \*  
the dry land, too, for it was formed by his hands. *Ant.*

Come, then, let us bow down and worship, \*  
bending the knee before the Lord, our maker.  
For he is our God and we are his people, \*  
the flock he shepherds. *Ant.*

Today, listen to the voice of the Lord: †  
Do not grow stubborn, as your fathers did  
in the wilderness, \*  
when at Meriba and Massah  
they challenged me and provoked me, \*  
Although they had seen all of my works. *Ant.*

Forty years I endured that generation. \*  
I said, “They are a people whose hearts go astray  
and they do not know my ways.”  
So I swore in my anger, \*  
“They shall not enter into my rest.” *Ant.*

#### Psalm 24 The Lord's entry into his temple

*Christ opened heaven for us in the manhood he assumed* (Saint Irenaeus).

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, \*  
the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas; \*  
on the waters he made it firm. *Ant.*

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? \*  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart, †  
who desires not worthless things, \*  
who has not sworn so as to deceive his neighbor. *Ant.*

He shall receive blessings from the Lord \*  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek him, \*  
seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Ant.*

O gates, lift high your heads; †  
grow higher, ancient doors. \*  
Let him enter, the king of glory! *Ant.*

Who is the king of glory? †  
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, \*  
the Lord, the valiant in war. *Ant.*

O gates, lift high your heads; †  
grow higher, ancient doors. \*  
Let him enter, the king of glory! *Ant.*

Who is he, the king of glory? †  
He, the Lord of armies, \*  
he is the king of glory. *Ant.*

### Psalm 67

#### People of all nations will worship the Lord

*You must know that God is offering his salvation to all the world (Acts 28:28).*

O God, be gracious and bless us \*  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth \*  
and all nations learn your saving help. *Ant.*

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you. *Ant.*

Let the nations be glad and exult \*  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples, \*

you guide the nations on earth. *Ant.*

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you. *Ant.*

The earth has yielded its fruit \*  
for God, our God, has blessed us.  
May God still give us his blessing \*  
till the ends of the earth revere him. *Ant.*

Psalm 100  
The joyful song of those entering God's temple

*The Lord calls his ransomed people to sing songs of victory (Saint Athanasius).*

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. †  
Serve the Lord with gladness. \*  
Come before him, singing for joy. *Ant.*

Know that he, the Lord, is God. †  
He made us, we belong to him, \*  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. *Ant.*

Go within his gates, giving thanks. †  
Enter his courts with songs of praise. \*  
Give thanks to him and bless his name. *Ant.*

Indeed, how good is the Lord, †  
eternal his merciful love. \*  
He is faithful from age to age. *Ant.*

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Psalmody

Ant. 1

Psalm 63:2-9  
A soul thirsting for God

*Whoever has left the darkness of sin yearns for God.*

O God, you are my God, for you I long; \*  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you \*  
like a dry, weary land without water.  
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary \*  
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life, \*  
my lips will speak your praise.  
So I will bless you all my life, \*  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, \*  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you. \*  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help; \*  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast. Glory ...

Ant. 2

Canticle - Daniel 3:57-88, 56  
Let all creatures praise the Lord

*All you servants of the Lord, sing praise to him (Revelation 19:5).*

Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord. \*  
Praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord. \*  
You heavens, bless the Lord.  
All you waters above the heavens, bless the Lord. \*  
All you hosts of the Lord, bless the Lord.  
Sun and moon, bless the Lord. \*  
Stars of heaven, bless the Lord.

Every shower and dew, bless the Lord. \*  
All you winds, bless the Lord.  
Fire and heat, bless the Lord. \*

Cold and chill, bless the Lord.  
Dew and rain, bless the Lord. \*  
Frost and chill, bless the Lord.  
Ice and snow, bless the Lord. \*  
Nights and days, bless the Lord.  
Light and darkness, bless the Lord. \*  
Lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.

Let the earth bless the Lord. \*  
Praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Mountains and hills, bless the Lord. \*  
Everything growing from the earth, bless the Lord.  
You springs, bless the Lord. \*  
Seas and rivers, bless the Lord.  
You dolphins and all water creatures, bless the Lord. \*  
All you birds of the air, bless the Lord.  
All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord. \*  
You sons of men, bless the Lord.

O Israel, bless the Lord. \*  
Praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Priests of the Lord, bless the Lord. \*  
Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.  
Spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord. \*  
Holy men of humble heart, bless the Lord.  
Hananiah, Azariah, Mishael, bless the Lord. \*  
Praise and exalt him above all forever.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. \*  
Let us praise and exalt him above all forever.  
Blessed are you, Lord, in the firmament of heaven. \*  
Praiseworthy and glorious and exalted above all forever.

**At the end of the canticle the Glory to the Father is not said.**

**Ant. 3**

**Psalm 149**  
**The joy of God's holy people**

*Let the sons of the Church, the children of the new people, rejoice in Christ, their King (Hesychius).*

Sing a new song to the Lord, \*  
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.  
Let Israel rejoice in its maker, \*  
let Zion's sons exult in their king.  
Let them praise his name with dancing \*  
and make music with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes delight in his people. \*

He crowns the poor with salvation.  
Let the faithful rejoice in their glory, \*  
shout for joy and take their rest.  
Let the praise of God be on their lips \*  
and a two-edged sword in their hand,

to deal out vengeance to the nations \*  
and punishment on all the peoples;  
to bind their kings in chains \*  
and their nobles in fetters of iron;  
to carry out the sentence pre-ordained; \*  
this honor is for all his faithful. Glory ...



## Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### HYMN

The Lord whom earth and sea and sky  
Adore and laud and magnify,  
Whose might they own, whose praise they tell,  
In Mary's body deigned to dwell.

O Mother blest! The chosen shrine  
Wherein the Architect divine,  
Whose hand contains the earth and sky,  
Vouchsafed in hidden guise to lie.

Blest in the message Gabriel brought;  
Blest in the work the Spirit wrought;  
Most blest, to bring to human birth  
The long desired of all the earth.

O Lord, the Virgin born, to thee  
Eternal praise and glory be,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Ghost for ever more.

Melody: Eisenach L.M. Music: Johan H. Schein, 1586-163  
Text: Venantius Fortunatus, 530-609 Translator: J.M. Neale, 1818-1866

### Or

O Mary of all women,  
you are the chosen one,  
Who, ancient prophets promised,  
would bear God's only Son;  
All Hebrew generations  
prepared the way to thee,  
That in your womb the God-man  
might come to set us free.

O Mary, you embody  
all God taught to our race,  
For you are first and foremost  
in fullness of his grace;  
We praise this wondrous honor  
that you gave birth to Him  
Who from you took humanity  
and saved us from our sin.

Melody: Au forth de ma detresse 76.76.D. Music: 17<sup>th</sup> Century Flemish Melody  
Text: Michael Gannon

Or another suitable hymn or song approved by the ecclesiastical authority.

## Evening Prayer I

**Ant. 1** Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, for you carried the Creator of the world in your womb.

### Psalm 113 Praise the name of the Lord

*He has cast down the mighty and has lifted up the lowly* (Luke 1:52).

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 his misery 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 ...

**Ant. 2** You are the mother of your Maker, yet you remain a virgin for ever.

### Psalm 147:12-20 The restoration of Jerusalem

*Come, I will show you the bride of the Lamb* (Revelation 21:9).

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! \*  
Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates, \*  
he has blessed the children within you.  
He established peace on your borders, \*  
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth \*  
and swiftly runs his command.  
He showers down snow white as wool, \*  
he scatters hoar-frost like ashes.

He hurls down hailstones like crumbs. \*  
The waters are frozen at his touch;  
he sends forth his word and it melts them: \*  
at the breath of his mouth the waters flow.

He makes his word known to Jacob, \*  
to Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations; \*  
he has not taught them his decrees. Glory ...

**Ant. 3** We share the fruit of life through you, O daughter blessed by the Lord.

**Canticle: Ephesians 1:3-10**  
**God our savior**

Praised be the God and Father \*  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has bestowed on us in Christ \*  
every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

God chose us in him †  
before the world began \*  
to be holy  
and blameless in his sight.

He predestined us †  
to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ, \*  
such was his will and pleasure,  
that all might praise the glorious favor \*  
he has bestowed on us in his beloved.

In him and through his blood, we have been redeemed, \*  
and our sins forgiven,  
so immeasurably generous \*  
is God's favor to us.

God has given us the wisdom \*  
to understand fully the mystery,  
the plan he was pleased \*  
to decree in Christ.

A plan to be carried out \*  
in Christ, in the fullness of time,  
to bring all things into one in him, \*  
in the heavens and on earth. Glory ...

**READING Galatians 4:4-5**

When the designated time had come, God sent forth his Son born of a woman, born under the law, to deliver from the law those who were subjected to it, so that we might receive our status as adopted sons.

**RESPONSORY**

After the birth of your Son, you remained a virgin.

- After the birth of your Son, you remained a virgin.

Mother of God, intercede for us;

- you remained a virgin.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

- After the birth of your Son, you remained a virgin.

**CANTICLE OF MARY**

*Ant.* The Lord has looked with favor on his lowly servant; the Almighty has done great things for me.

*Or:* All generations will call me blessed; the Lord has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

**INTERCESSIONS**

Let us praise God, our almighty Father, who wished that Mary, his Son's mother, be celebrated by each generation. Now in need we ask:

*Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.*

O God, worker of miracles, you made the Immaculate Virgin Mary share, body and soul, in your Son's glory in heaven,

- direct the hearts of your children to that same glory.

You made Mary our mother. Through her intercession grant strength to the weak, comfort to the sorrowing, pardon to sinners,

- salvation and peace to all.

You made Mary full of grace,

- grant all men the joyful abundance of your grace.

Make your Church of one mind and one heart in love,

- and help all those who believe to be one in prayer with Mary, the mother of Jesus.

You crowned Mary queen of heaven,

- may all the dead rejoice in your kingdom with the saints for ever.

Our Father...

**PRAYER, as in Morning Prayer.**

## Office of the Reading - Psalmody

**Ant. 1** Mary received a blessing from the Lord and loving kindness from God her savior.

### Psalm 24 The Lord's entry into his temple

*Christ opened heaven for us when he assumed humanity.* (Saint Irenaeus)

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things,  
who has not sworn so as to deceive his neighbor.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is the king of glory?  
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,  
the Lord, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is he, the king of glory?  
He, the Lord of armies,  
he is the king of glory. Glory ...

**Ant. 2** The Most High has made his dwelling place a holy temple.

### Psalm 46 God our refuge and strength

*He shall be called Emmanuel, which means, God with us* (Matthew 1:23)

God is for us a refuge and strength,  
a helper close at hand, in time of distress,  
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,  
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea;  
even though its waters rage and foam,  
even though the mountains be shaken by its waves.

The Lord of hosts is with us:  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
God is within, it cannot be shaken;  
God will help it at the dawning of the day.  
Nations are in tumult, kingdoms are shaken:  
he lifts his voice, the earth shrinks away.

The Lord of hosts is with us:  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come, consider the works of the Lord,  
the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth.  
He puts an end to wars over all the earth;  
the bow he breaks, the spear he snaps.  
He burns the shields with fire.  
“Be still and know that I am God,  
supreme among the nations, supreme on the earth!”

The Lord of hosts is with us:  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Glory ...

*Ant. 3* Glorious things are said of you, O Virgin Mary.

**Psalm 87**  
**Jerusalem is mother of us all**

*The heavenly Jerusalem is a free woman; she is our mother (Galatians 4:26).*

On the holy mountain is his city  
cherished by the Lord.  
The Lord prefers the gates of Zion  
to all Jacob's dwellings.  
Of you are told glorious things,  
O city of God!

Babylon and Egypt I will count  
among those who know me;  
Philistia, Tyre, Ethiopia,

these will be her children  
and Zion shall be called Mother  
for all shall be her children."

It is he, the Lord Most High,  
who gives each his place.  
In his register of peoples he writes:  
These are her children,  
and while they dance they will sing:  
In you all find their home. Glory ...

Blessed are those who hear the word of God.  
- And cherish it in their hearts.

### FIRST READING

From the book of Revelation 11:19-12:17a

#### *The great sign of the woman in the heavens*

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, and peals of thunder, an earthquake, and a violent hailstorm.

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth. Then another sign appeared in the sky; it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven diadems. Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky and hurled them down to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, to devour her child when she gave birth. She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and his throne. The woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God, that there she might be taken care of for twelve hundred and sixty days.

Then war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels battled against the dragon. The dragon and its angels fought back, but they did not prevail and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The huge dragon, the ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, who deceived the whole world, was thrown down to earth, and its angels were thrown down with it.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:  
"Now have salvation and power come,  
and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed.  
For the accuser of our brothers is cast out,  
who accuses them before our God day and night.  
They conquered him by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony;  
love for life did not deter them from death.  
Therefore, rejoice, you heavens,  
and you who dwell in them.  
But woe to you, earth and sea,  
for the devil has come down to you in great fury,  
for he knows he has but a short time."

When the dragon saw that it had been thrown down to the earth, it pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle, so that she could fly to her place in the desert, where, far from the serpent, she was taken care of for a year, two years, and a half-year. The serpent, however, spewed a torrent of water out of his mouth after the woman to sweep her away with the current. But the earth helped the woman and opened its mouth and swallowed the flood that the dragon spewed out of its mouth. Then the dragon became angry with the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring, those who keep God's commandments and bear witness to Jesus.

## RESPONSORY

1 Cor 15:54, 57; Rev 12:1

When this mortal body has put on immortality,  
then the Scripture will be fulfilled which says:  
Death is swallowed up in victory.  
- Give thanks to God who has given us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, alleluia.

A great sign appeared in the heavens:  
a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet,  
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.  
- Give thanks to God who has given us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, alleluia.

Our Father...

PRAYER, as in Morning Prayer.

## Evening Prayer II

*Ant. 1* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you (alleluia).

### Psalm 122 Holy city Jerusalem

*You have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, heavenly Jerusalem (Hebrews 12:22).*

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 brethren and friends \*  
I say: "Peace upon you."  
For love of the house of the Lord \*  
I will ask for your good. Glory ...

*Ant. 2* I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let is be done to me as you have said (alleluia).

Psalm 127  
Apart from God our labors are worthless

*You are God's building* (1 Corinthians 3:9)

If the Lord does not build the house, \*  
in vain do its builders labor;  
if the Lord does not watch over the city, \*  
in vain does the watchman keep vigil.

In vain is your earlier rising, \*  
your going later to rest,  
you who toil for the bread you eat, \*  
when he pours gifts on his beloved while they slumber.

Truly sons are a gift from the Lord, \*  
a blessing, the fruit of the womb.  
Indeed the sons of youth \*  
are like arrows in the hand of a warrior.

O the happiness of the man \*  
who has filled his quiver with these arrows!  
He will have no cause for shame \*  
when he disputes with his foes in the gateways. Glory ...

*Ant. 3* Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb (alleluia).

Canticle: Ephesians 1:3-10  
God our Savior

Praised be the God and Father \*  
of our Lord Jesus Christ

who has bestowed on us in Christ \*  
every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

God chose us in him \*  
before the world began  
to be holy \*  
and blameless in his sight.

He predestined us †  
to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ, \*  
such was his will and pleasure,  
that all might praise the glorious favor \*  
he has bestowed on us in his beloved.

In him and through his blood, we have been redeemed, \*  
and our sins forgiven,  
so immeasurably generous \*  
is God's favor to us.

God has given us the wisdom \*  
to understand fully the mystery,  
the plan he was pleased \*  
to decree in Christ.

A plan to be carried out in Christ, \*  
in the fullness of time,  
to bring all things into one in him, \*  
in the heavens and on earth. Glory ...

### READING

Galatians 4:4-5

When the designated time had come, God sent forth his Son born of a woman, born under the law, to deliver from the law those who were subjected to it, so that we might receive our status as adopted sons.

### RESPONSORY

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
- Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.  
- The Lord is with you.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
- Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

### CANTICLE OF MARY

**Ant. EP I:** The Lord has looked with favor on his lowly servant; the Almighty has done great things for me (alleluia).

**Or:** All generations will call me blessed: the Lord has looked with favor on his lowly

servant (alleluia).

**EP II:** Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, for your great faith; all that the Lord promised you will come to pass through you (alleluia).

### INTERCESSIONS

Let us praise God our almighty Father, who wished that Mary, his Son's mother, be celebrated by each generation. Now in need, we ask:

*Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.*

You made Mary the mother of mercy,

- may all who are faced with trials feel her motherly love.

You wished Mary to be the mother of the family in the home of Jesus and Joseph,

- may all mothers of families foster love and holiness through her intercession.

You gave Mary strength at the foot of the cross and filled her with joy at the resurrection of your Son,

- lighten the hardships of those who are burdened and deepen their sense of hope.

You made Mary open to your word and faithful as your servant,

- through her intercession make us servants and true followers of your Son.

You crowned Mary queen of heaven,

- may all the dead rejoice in your kingdom with the saints for ever.

Our Father...

**PRAYER, as in Morning Prayer.**

## Common of Pastors and Doctors of the Church

### HYMN

Loving shepherd of thy sheep,  
Keep thy lamb, in safety keep;  
Nothing can thy power withstand,  
None can pluck me from thy hand.

I would bless thee every day,  
Gladly all thy will obey,  
Like the blessed ones above,  
Happy in thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near,  
Teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;  
Suffer not my steps to stray  
From the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest I would go,  
Walking in thy steps below.  
Till before my Father's throne  
I shall know as I am known.

### Or:

The earth is full of the goodness of Christ,  
He feeds his lambs and guards his sheep,  
He walks abroad as the Shepherd of souls,  
And gathers all into his keep.

We know the voice of our Pastor, the Lord,  
He calls our names eternally,  
Our hearts rejoice at the word that he speaks:  
“And I know mine and mine know me.”

When danger comes all the hirelings will flee,  
But Christ remains to guard our sleep,  
When evil comes the Good Shepherd of souls  
Lays down his life to save his sheep.

We shall not want for our Pastor is Christ,  
He makes us lie in fields of grace,  
Where shorn of sin and refreshed by his love,  
We gaze in prayer upon his face.

Or another suitable hymn or song approved by the ecclesiastical authority.

## Evening Prayer I

**Ant. 1** I will give you shepherds after my own heart; they will nourish you with knowledge and sound teaching

### Psalm 113 Praise the name of the Lord

*He has cast down the mighty and has lifted up the lowly* (Luke 1:52).

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 his misery he raises the poor  
to set them 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 ...

**Ant. 2** I shall feed my flock; I shall search for the lost and lead back those who have strayed

### Psalm 146 Those who trust in God know what it is to be happy

*To praise God in our lives means all we do must be for his glory* (Arnobius).

My soul, give praise to the Lord;  
I will praise the Lord all my days,  
make music to my God while I live.

Put no trust in princes,  
In mortal men in whom there is no help.  
Take their breath, they return to clay  
and their plans that day come to nothing.

He is happy who is helped by Jacob's God,  
whose hope is in the Lord his God,  
who alone made heaven and earth,  
the seas and all they contain.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free,

the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. Glory ...

**Ant. 3** The Good Shepherd laid down his life for his sheep.

**Canticle: Ephesians 1:3-10**  
**God our Savior**

Praised be the God and Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has bestowed on us in Christ  
every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

God chose us in him  
before the world began  
to be holy  
and blameless in his sight.

He predestined us  
to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ,  
such was his will and pleasure,  
that all might praise the glorious favor  
he has bestowed on us in his beloved.

In him and through his blood, we have been redeemed,  
and our sins forgiven,

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God has given us the wisdom  
to understand fully the mystery,  
the plan he was pleased  
to decree in Christ.

A plan to be carried out  
in Christ, in the fullness of time,  
to bring all things into one in him,  
in the heavens and on earth. Glory ...

You will hear the word from my mouth.  
- You will tell others what I have said.

#### READING

Hebrews 13: 7-9a

Remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you; consider how their lives ended and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teaching.

#### RESPONSORY

On your walls, Jerusalem, I have set my watchmen to guard you.  
- On your walls, Jerusalem, I have set my watchmen to guard you.  
Day or night, they will not cease to proclaim the name of the Lord.  
- I have set my watchmen to guard you.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
- On your walls, Jerusalem, I have set my watchmen to guard you.

PRAYER, as in Morning Prayer.

### Office of Readings

**Ant. 1** If anyone wishes to be first, he must become the last and the servant of all (alleluia).

Psalm 21:2-8, 14

Thanksgiving for the king's victory

*He accepted life that he might rise and live for ever* (Saint Hilary).

O Lord, your strength gives joy to the king; \*  
how your saving help makes him glad!  
You have granted him his heart's desire; \*  
you have not refused the prayer of his lips.

You came to meet him with the blessings of success, \*

you have set on his head a crown of pure gold.  
He asked you for life and this you have given, \*  
days that will last from age to age.

Your saving help has given him glory. \*  
You have laid upon him majesty and splendor,  
you have granted your blessings to him for ever. \*  
You have made him rejoice with the joy of your presence.

The king has put his trust in the Lord: \*  
through the mercy of the Most High he shall stand firm.  
O Lord, arise in your strength; \*  
we shall sing and praise your power. Glory ...

*Ant.* If anyone wishes to be first, he must become the last and the servant of all.

*Ant. 2* When the prince of pastors comes again, you will receive from him an unfailing crown of glory.

Psalm 92 (I)  
Praise of God the Creator

*Sing in praise of Christ's redeeming work* (Saint Athanasius).

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, \*  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning \*  
and your truth in the watches of the night,  
on the ten-stringed lyre and the lute, \*  
with the murmuring sound of the harp.

Your deeds, O Lord, have made me glad; \*  
for the work of your hands I shout with joy.  
O Lord, how great are your works! \*  
How deep are your designs!  
The foolish man cannot know this \*  
and the fool cannot understand.

Though the wicked spring up like grass \*  
and all who do evil thrive:  
they are doomed to be eternally destroyed. \*  
But you, Lord, are eternally on high. Glory ...

*Ant.* When the prince of pastors comes again, you will receive from him an unfailing crown of glory.

*Ant. 3* My good and faithful servant, come and share your master's joy.



Psalm 92 (II)

See how your enemies perish; \*  
all doers of evil are scattered.

To me you give the wild-ox's strength; \*  
you anoint me with the purest oil.  
My eyes looked in triumph on my foes; \*  
my ears heard gladly of their fall.  
The just will flourish like the palm-tree \*  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord \*  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old, \*  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just; \*  
in him, my rock, there is no wrong. Glory ...

*Ant. 3* My good and faithful servant, come and share your master's joy.

You will hear the word from my mouth.  
- You will tell others what I have said.

**FIRST READING (for Pastors)**

From the first letter of Peter the Apostle

5:1-11

*The duties of pastors and the laity*

I exhort the presbyters among you, as a fellow presbyter and witness to the sufferings of Christ and one who has a share in the glory to be revealed.

Tend the flock of God in your midst, overseeing not by constraint but willingly, as God would have it, not for shameful profit but eagerly. Do not lord it over those assigned to you, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Likewise, you younger members, be subject to the presbyters. And all of you, clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for: "God opposes the proud but bestows favor on the humble." So humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you.

Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in faith, knowing that your fellow believers throughout the world undergo the same sufferings.

The God of all grace who called you to his eternal glory through Christ Jesus will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you after you have suffered a little. To him be dominion forever. Amen.

**RESPONSORY**

1 Corinthians 4:1-2; Proverbs 20:6

It should be clear to men that we are Christ's servants, stewards of the mysteries of God;

- the great quality of a steward is to be faithful to his duty.
- Many men are said to be merciful, but how often do we find one who is faithful to his duty?
- the great quality of a steward is to be faithful to his duty.

PRAYER, as in Morning Prayer.

## MIDDAY PRAYER

### Midmorning

**Ant.** My Father, as you sent me into the world so I send my disciples.

(For Pastors)

**READING** 1 Timothy 4: 16

Attend to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in both tasks, for by doing so you will save both yourself and those who listen to you.

This is the man the Lord has chosen as his servant,  
- he called him to shepherd his inheritance.

(for Doctors of the Church)

**READING** Wisdom 6:15-16

For setting your heart on her is the perfection of prudence, and whoever keeps vigil for her is quickly free from care; because she makes her rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them on the way, and goes to meet them with full attention.

My tongue will praise his justice.  
- I will sing his praise for ever.

**PRAYER**, as in Morning Prayer.

### Midday

**Ant.** Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and the man who welcomes me welcomes him who sent me

(for Pastors)

**READING** 1 Timothy 1:12

I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry.

I am not ashamed to proclaim the Gospel,  
- it is the power of God at work.

(for Doctors of the Church)

**READING** Wisdom 8:1-2

Wisdom spans the world from end to end mightily and governs all things well. Her I loved and sought after from my youth; I sought to take her for my bride and was enamored of her beauty.

The Lord gave him success in his work.  
- He multiplied the fruits of his labor.

PRAYER, as in Morning Prayer.

### Midafternoon

**Ant.** We are fellow workers with God; you are his harvest field, you are the temple he builds.

(for Pastors)

READING

1 Timothy 3:13

Thus those who serve well gain good standing and much confidence in their faith in Christ Jesus.

Unless the Lord builds the house,  
- those who build it labor in vain.

(for Doctors of the Church)

READING

Wisdom 8:5-7

If riches are desirable in life, what is richer than Wisdom, who produces all things? And if prudence is at work, who in the world is a better artisan than she? Or if one loves righteousness, whose works are virtues, for she teaches moderation and prudence, righteousness and fortitude, and nothing in life is more useful than these.

The just shall blossom like the lily.  
- And will flourish for ever before the Lord.

PRAYER, as in Morning Prayer.

### Evening Prayer II

**Ant. 1** My life is at the service of the Gospel; God has given me the gift of his grace.

Psalm 15

Who is worthy to stand in God's presence?

*You have come to Mt. Zion, to the city of the living God* (Heb 12:22).

Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent \*  
and dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault: \*  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart; \*  
he who does not slander with his tongue;

he who does no wrong to his brother, \*  
who casts no slur on his neighbor,  
who holds the godless in disdain, \*  
but honors those who fear the Lord;

he who keeps his pledge, come what may; \*

who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent. \*  
Such a man will stand firm for ever. Glory ...

**Ant. 2** This servant proved himself faithful and wise; the Lord entrusted the care of his household to him

Psalm 112  
The happiness of the just man

*Live as children born of the light. Light produces every kind of goodness and justice and truth (Eph 5:8-9).*

Happy the man who fears the Lord, \*  
who takes delight in all his commands.  
His sons will be powerful on earth; \*  
the children of the upright are blessed.

Riches and wealth are in his house; \*  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
He is a light in the darkness for the upright: \*  
he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends, \*  
he conducts his affairs with honor.  
The just man will never waver: \*  
he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news; \*  
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.  
With a steadfast heart he will not fear; \*  
he will see the downfall of his foes.

Open-handed, he gives to the poor; †  
his justice stands firm for ever. \*  
His head will be raised in glory.

The wicked man sees and is angry, †  
grinds his teeth and fades away; \*  
the desire of the wicked leads to doom. Glory ...

**Ant. 3** My sheep will hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd.

Canticle: Revelation 15:3-4  
Hymn of adoration

Mighty and wonderful are your works, \*  
Lord God Almighty!  
Righteous and true are your ways, \*

O King of the nations!

Who would dare refuse you honor, \*  
or the glory due your name, O Lord?

Since you alone are holy, \*  
all nations shall come  
and worship in your presence. \*  
Your mighty deeds are clearly seen. Glory ...

## DAYTIME PRAYER Hymns

### Midmorning

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love the things you love,  
And do what you would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with you I have one will,  
To live and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
My soul with grace refine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glow with your fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
So I shall never die,  
But live with you the perfect life  
In your eternity.

### Midday

Help us, O Lord, to learn  
the truths thy word imparts:  
to study that thy laws may be  
inscribed upon our hearts.

Help us, O Lord, to live  
the faith which we proclaim,  
that all our thoughts and words and deeds  
may glorify thy name.

Help us, O Lord, to teach  
the beauty of thy ways,  
that yearning souls may find the Christ,  
and sing aloud his praise.

### Midafternoon

Lord God and Maker of all things,  
Creation is upheld by you.  
While all must change and know decay,  
You are unchanging, always new.

You are man's solace and his shield  
His rock secure on which to build;

You are the spirit's tranquil home;  
In you alone is hope fulfilled.

To God the Father, and the Son  
And Holy Spirit render praise,  
Blest Trinity, from age to age  
The strength of all our living days.

**DAYTIME PRAYER**  
**Complementary Psalmody**

Psalm 118  
Song of joy for salvation

I

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love endures for ever.

Let the sons of Israel say:  
"His love endures for ever."

Let the sons of Aaron say:  
"His love endures for ever."

Let those who fear the Lord say:  
"His love endures for ever."

I called to the Lord in in my distress;  
he answered and freed me.  
The Lord is at my side; I do not fear.  
What can man do against me?  
The Lord is at my side as my helper:  
I shall look down on my foes.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men:  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes. Glory ...

II

The nations all encompassed me,  
in the Lord's name I crushed them.  
They compassed me, compassed me about;  
in the Lord's name I crushed them.  
They compassed me about like bees;  
they blazed like fire among thorns.  
In the Lord's name I crushed them.

I was hard-pressed and was falling  
but the Lord came to help me.  
The Lord is my strength and my song;



he is my savior  
There are shout of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me.  
The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die. Glory ...

### III

Open to me the gates of holiness:  
I will enter and give thanks.  
This is the Lord's own gate  
where the just may enter.  
I will thank you for you have answered  
and you are my savior.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.

O Lord, grant us salvation;  
O Lord, grant success.  
Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord,  
the Lord God is our light.

Go forward in procession with branches  
even to the altar.  
You are my God, I thank you.  
My God, I praise you.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love endures for ever. Glory ...

**Canticle of Zechariah**  
Luke 1:68-79  
The Messiah and his forerunner

Blessed + be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old †  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
to give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Glory ...

**Canticle of Mary**  
Luke 1:46-55  
The soul rejoices in the Lord

My + soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, †  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: †  
the Almighty has done great things for me, \*  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever. Glory...

## TE DEUM

You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father:  
All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free  
you did not spurn the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death,  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.

R. Govern and uphold them now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you.

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. for we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope:

R. and we shall never hope in vain.