

MONDAY
VESPERS

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alt. Give thanks to the Lord, for
his great love is without end.

PSALM 136 I

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.

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

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his mercy endures forever;

who alone has wrought marvelous works,
for his mercy endures forever;

who in wisdom made the heavens,
for his mercy endures forever;

who spread the earth on the waters,
for his mercy endures forever.

It was he who made the great lights,
for his mercy endures forever;

the sun to rule in the day,
for his mercy endures forever;

the moon and the stars in the night,
for his mercy endures forever.

Glory...

alt. Great and wonderful are
your deeds, Lord God the Al-
mighty.

PSALM 136 II

The firstborn of the Egyptians he smote,
for his mercy endures forever.

He brought Israel out from their midst,
for his mercy endures forever;

with mighty hand and outstretched arm,
for his mercy endures forever.

The Red Sea he divided in two,
for his mercy endures forever;

he made Israel pass through the midst,
for his mercy endures forever,

he flung Pharaoh and his force in the Red Sea,
for his mercy endures forever.

Through the desert his people he led,
for his mercy endures forever.

Kings in their greatness he struck down,
for his mercy endures forever.

Kings in their splendor he slew,
for his mercy endures forever:

Sihon, king of the Amorites,
for his mercy endures forever;

and Og, the king of Bashan,
for his mercy endures forever.

He gave their land as a heritage,
for his mercy endures forever.

A heritage for Israel, his servant,
for his mercy endures forever.

He remembered us in our distress,
for his mercy endures forever.

And he snatched us away from our foes,
for his mercy endures forever.

He gives bread to all mortal flesh,
for his mercy endures forever.

To the God of heaven give thanks,
for his mercy endures forever.

Glory...

alt. God planned in the fullness
of time to restore all things in
Christ.

EPHESIANS 1:3-10

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, †
who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavens,
Just as he has chosen us in him †
before the foundation of the world
to be holy and blameless before him in love.

He destined us for adoption
to himself through Jesus Christ,
in accord with the good pleasure of his will, †
to the praise of his glorious grace,
with which he favored us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of transgressions,
in accord with the riches of his grace
lavished on us in all wisdom and insight.

He has made known to us the mystery of his will
in accord with his good pleasure,
which he set forth in Christ as a plan,
a plan for the fullness of times,
to recapitulate all things in him,
things in heaven, and things on earth.
Glory...

alt. For ever will my soul pro-
claim the greatness of the Lord.

MAGNIFICAT

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked upon his handmaid in her lowliness; †
for behold, from this day forward,
all generations will call me blessed.

For the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is from age to age
for those who fear him.

He has made known the strength of his arm,
and has scattered the proud in their conceit of heart.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
and has exalted those who are lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and has sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
mindful of his mercy,
even as he promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his descendants forever.

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

as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.