

VESPERS

alt. The Virgin Mary is exalted above
all the choirs of angels; on her head is a
crown of twelve stars.

PSALM 122

I rejoiced when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city
bonded as one together.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,

as it is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

There were set the thrones for judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray,
“May they prosper, those who love you.”

May peace abide in your walls,
and security be in your towers.

For the sake of my family and friends,
let me say, “Peace upon you.”

For the sake of the house of the Lord, our God,
I will seek good things for you.

Glory...

alt. We share the fruit of life
through you, O daughter blessed
by the Lord.

PSALM 127

If the Lord does not build the house,
in vain do its builders labor;

if the Lord does not guard the city,
in vain does the guard keep watch.

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.

Yes, children are a gift from the Lord,
a reward, the fruit of the womb.

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,
so the sons of one's youth.

Blessed is the warrior
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...

alt. Holy Mother and Immaculate Virgin, you are the glorious Queen of the world; intercede for us with your Son.

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. Mary heard the word of God
and cherished it in her heart.

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.