

ARCHANGELS
VESPERS

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alt. Your majesty is praised above the
heavens, O King of the angels.

PSALM 8

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic
is your name through all the earth!

Your majesty is set above the heavens.
From the mouths of children and of babes
you fashioned praise to foil your enemy,
to silence the foe and the rebel.

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

Yet you have made him little lower than the angels;
with glory and honor you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hands:
you put all things under his feet,
all of them, sheep and oxen,
yes, even the cattle of the fields,
birds of the air, and fish of the sea
that make their way through the waters

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic
is your name through all the earth!

Glory...

alt. In the company of the angels I will
sing psalms to you, my God.

PSALM 138

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.

In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down toward your holy temple.

I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness

For you have exalted over all
your name and your promise.

On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul.

All earth's kings shall thank you, O Lord,
when they hear the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
"How great is the glory of the Lord

The Lord is high, yet he looks on the lowly,
and the haughty he knows from afar.

You give me life though I walk amid affliction;
you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes.

With your right hand you save me;
the Lord will accomplish this for me.

O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.

Glory...

alt. I saw the Lamb, which appeared to have been slain, standing in the center of the throne, and I heard the sound of angelic choirs around the throne.

COLOSSIANS 1: 12-20

Let us give thanks to the Father who has made us worthy to share the heritage of the holy ones in light.

He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,

for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions, principalities or powers.

All were created through him and for him, and he exists before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the Church, the beginning, the firstborn from the dead that he may have primacy in all things.

For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him, to reconcile all things to himself, both those on the earth, and those in the heavens, making peace through the blood of his cross.

Glory...

alt. The angel Gabriel spoke to Mary
and said: You will conceive and bear a
son, and you shall name him Jesus.

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...