



**The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Daily Evening Prayer: Rite One
The Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary
A Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**St. John's Episcopal Church – Saginaw, MI
Tuesday, May 31, 2022 | 7pm**

OPENING SENTENCE

The Officiant says

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. *Psalm 141:2*

The Officiant says to the people

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

*Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our
own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to
have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to
have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.*

The Priest alone stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

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. Alleluia.

*O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.*

Psalm 113

¹Hallelujah!

*Give praise, you servants of the LORD; *
praise the name of the LORD.*

*²Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.*

*³From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of the LORD be praised.*

*⁴The LORD is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.*

*⁵Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high, *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?*

*⁶He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.*

*⁷He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.*

*⁸He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.*

At the end of the Psalm is sung or said

*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.*

The Lessons

1 Samuel 2:1-10

A Reading from the First book of Samuel.

¹Hannah prayed and said,

“My heart exults in the LORD;
my strength is exalted in my God.
My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in my victory.

²“There is no Holy One like the LORD,
no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.

³Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your mouth;
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.

⁴The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.

⁵Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.

⁶The LORD kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

⁷The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low, he also exalts.

⁸He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,

and on them he has set the world.

⁹“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
for not by might does one prevail.

¹⁰The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered;
the Most High will thunder in heaven.
The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king,
and exalt the power of his anointed.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Canticle 3: The Song of Mary

Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, **

and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

*For he hath regarded **

the lowliness of his handmaiden.

*For behold from henceforth **

all generations shall call me blessed.

*For he that is mighty hath magnified me, **

and holy is his Name.

*And his mercy is on them that fear him **

throughout all generations.

*He hath showed strength with his arm; **

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

*He hath put down the mighty from their seat, **

and hath exalted the humble and meek.

*He hath filled the hungry with good things, **

and the rich he hath sent empty away.

*He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, **

as he promised to our forefathers,

Abraham and his seed for ever.

*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.

Romans 12:9-16b

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ^{16a-b}Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Canticle 5: The Song of Simeon

Nunc dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, **
according to thy word;

*For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, **
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

*To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, **
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

*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.

Luke 1:39-57

A Reading from Luke.

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

⁴⁶And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."
⁵⁶And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

⁵⁷Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Silence may follow.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing.

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.*

*The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

The Prayers

The people stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People *And with thy spirit.*
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.*

SUFFRAGES

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. *And grant us thy salvation.*

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. *For only in thee can we live in safety.*

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. *Thy saving health among all nations.*

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. *And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.*

Father in heaven, by whose grace the virgin mother of thy incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping thy word: Grant us who honor the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to thy will; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O God, who art the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank thee for the timely blessings of the day, and humbly beseech thy merciful protection all the night. Bring us, we pray thee, in safety to the morning hours; through him who died for us and rose again, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship thee, all nations obey thee, all tongues confess and bless thee, and men and women everywhere love thee and serve thee in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Intercessions

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.*

*We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.*

*And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 2 Corinthians 13:14

CROWNING OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thanksgiving and Invocation

*Blessed are you, Lord, God of heaven and earth
for in your mercy and justice you cast down the mighty and exalt the lowly.
Your marvelous wisdom is shown above all in the word made flesh
and in his Virgin Mother.*

*For he, your Son, who freely humbled himself even unto death on the cross,
now sits at your right hand and is radiant with unending glory,
the King of kings and Lord of Lords;
and she, the Virgin who wished to be called your servant,
was singled out to be Mother of the redeemer and true Mother of all the living:
now she is exalted above the choirs of angels and reigns in glory with her Son,
praying for all of us, the Queen of mercy, pleading for grace.*

*Merciful Lord, look upon us your servants, who by crowning this image of
the Mother of your Son, proclaim him as King of all creation
and approach her as our queen.*

*Give us the grace to follow them in serving you;
to do what love demands
for the sake of our brothers and sisters;
to deny ourselves and spend ourselves, so as to win our neighbors for you;
to be lowly on earth, so as to be exalted in heaven where you reward your faithful
servants with a crown of life.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Crowning

*A crown is placed on an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary while a suitable Marian song is sung
or played (e.g., On this Day O Beautiful Mother, Hail Mary, Gentle Woman).*

LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

God the Father, creator of heaven and earth,
have mercy on us.

God the Son, incarnate word,
have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, creator and giver of life,
have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,
pray for us.

Blessed Woman, receiving Gabriel's Ave,
pray for us.

Blessed Woman, handmaid of God,
pray for us.

Blessed Woman, accepting God's word,
pray for us.

Blessed Woman, journeying to Bethlehem,
pray for us.

Blessed Woman, finding refuge with Joseph in a stable,
pray for us.

Holy Mary,
pray for us.

Blessed Mother, whose first-born son was laid in a manger,
pray for us.

Blessed Mother, whose son was worshiped by angels,
pray for us.

Blessed Mother, whose son was greeted by shepherds,
pray for us.

Blessed Mother, whose son was adored by the Magi,
pray for us.

Holy Mary,
pray for us.

Blessed Mother, fleeing Herod's wrath into Egypt,
pray for us.

Blessed Mother, presenting thy son in the temple,
pray for us.

Blessed Mother, greeted by Simeon and Anna,
pray for us.

Blessed Mother, whose heart Simeon saw pierced by grief,
pray for us.

Blessed Mother, whose Son turned water to wine,
pray for us.

Blessed Mother, whose Son went forth to heal and teach,
pray for us.

Holy Mary,
pray for us.

Woman of sorrow, whose Son was betrayed and arrested,
pray for us.

Woman of sorrow, watching Jesus condemned and tortured,
pray for us.

Woman of sorrow, following him to Calvary,
pray for us.

Woman of sorrow, given into the disciple's care,
pray for us.

Woman of sorrow, receiving the disciple as thine own son,
pray for us.

Woman of sorrow, standing by the cross as Jesus died,
pray for us.

Holy Mary,
pray for us.

Blessed Woman, whose son is alive for evermore,
pray for us.

Blessed Woman, who with the disciples received the Holy Spirit,
pray for us.

Blessed Woman, completing thy work on earth,
pray for us.

Blessed Woman, welcomed into the joys of heaven,
pray for us.

Blessed Woman, crowned with beauty and light,
pray for us.

Holy Mary,
pray for us.

Holy Mother of God,
pray for us.

Mother of Christ,
pray for us.

Mother of divine grace,
pray for us.

Mother of the Church,
pray for us.

Mirror of justice,
pray for us.

Seat of wisdom,
pray for us.

Cause of our joy,
pray for us.

Mystical rose,
pray for us.

Tower of David,
pray for us.

Ark of the Covenant,
pray for us.

Gate of heaven,
pray for us.

Morning star,
pray for us.

Health of the sick,
pray for us.

Refuge of sinners,
pray for us.

Comfort of the afflicted,
pray for us.

Help of Christians,
pray for us.

Mary, of whom the angels sing,
pray for us.

Mary, daughter of Israel,
pray for us.

Mary, foretold by prophets,
pray for us.

Mary, standing in the glorious company of apostles,
pray for us.

Mary, strength of martyrs,
pray for us.

Mary, hope of the poor,
pray for us.

Mary, the joy of all the earth,
pray for us.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

O God who hast taken to thyself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of thy incarnate Son:
Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of
thine eternal kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*