



**HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

**II VESPERS**

**CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY  
VANCOUVER BC**

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### INTRODUCTION

V. O God, ✠ come to my assistance

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. Alleluia!

### HYMN

#### O SANCTISSIMA

1 O san - ctis - si - ma, O pi - is - si - ma,  
2 Vir - go, ré - spi - ce, Ma - ter, á - spi - ce,  
Dul - cis Vir - go, Ma - ri - a!  
Au - di nos, O Ma - ri - a!  
Ma - ter a - má - ta, In - te - me -  
Tu me - di - ci - nam Por - tas di -  
rá - ta, O - ra, o - ra pro no - bis!  
vi - nam,



PSALMODY

**Ant. 1** O marvellous exchange! Man's Creator has become man, born of a virgin. We have been made sharers in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Psalm 122

**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 be to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, \*  
world without end. Amen.

**Ant.** O marvellous exchange! Man's Creator has become man, born of a virgin. We have been made sharers in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

**Ant. 2** By your miraculous birth from the virgin you have fulfilled the Scriptures: like a gentle rain falling upon the earth you have come down to save your people. O God, we praise you.

Psalm 127

Apart from God our labours are worthless

**I**F THE LORD DOES NOT BUILD THE HOUSE, \*  
in vain do its builders labour;  
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 be to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, \*  
world without end. Amen.

**Ant.** By your miraculous birth from the virgin you have fulfilled the Scriptures: like a gentle rain falling upon the earth you have come down to save your people. O God, we praise you.

**Ant. 3** Your blessed and fruitful virginity is like the bush, flaming yet unburned, which Moses saw on Sinai. Pray for us, Mother of God.

**Canticle: Ephesians 1:3-10**

**P**RAISED 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 favour \*  
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 favour 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 be to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, \*  
world without end. Amen.

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**READING**

**Galatians 4:4-5**

**W**HEN 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**

*V.* The Word was made man, alleluia, alleluia.

*R.* The Word was made man, alleluia, alleluia.

*V.* He lived among us.

*R.* Alleluia, alleluia.

*V.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

*R.* The Word was made man, alleluia, alleluia.

**MAGNIFICAT**

*Ant.* Blessed is the womb which bore you, O Christ, and the breast that nursed you, Lord and Saviour of the world, alleluia.

*Canticle of Mary*

*Luke 1, 46 - 55*

**M**Y ✠ SOUL PROCLAIMS THE GREATNESS OF THE LORD, †  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour \*  
for he has looked with favour 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 be to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:

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nursed you, Lord and Saviour of the world, alleluia.

#### INTERCESSIONS

**T**O CHRIST, Emmanuel, whom the Virgin conceived and brought  
forth, let us give praise and pray to him:

*R.* Son of the Virgin Mary, hear us.

You gave Mary the joy of motherhood, give all parents true joy in their  
children.

*R.* Son of the Virgin Mary, hear us.

King of peace, your kingdom is one of justice and peace, help us to seek  
the paths to peace.

*R.* Son of the Virgin Mary, hear us.

You came to make the human race the holy people of God, bring all  
nations to acknowledge the unifying bond of your love.

*R.* Son of the Virgin Mary, hear us.

By your birth you strengthened family ties, help families to come to a  
greater love for one another.

*R.* Son of the Virgin Mary, hear us.

You desired to be born into the days of time, grant that our departed  
brothers and sisters may be born into the day of eternity.

*R.* Son of the Virgin Mary, hear us.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P**RÆCEPTIS salutaribus moniti, et divina institutione formati,  
audemus dicere: Pater Noster...

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

**O** GOD, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, 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.

*R.* Amen.

## DISMISSAL

*The priest dismisses the people and continues with Benediction:*

*V.* The Lord be with you.

*R.* And with your spirit.

*V.* May almighty God bless you, the Father and ✠ the Son and the Holy Spirit.

*R.* Amen.

*V.* Let us bless the Lord.

*R.* Thanks be to God.



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