

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

NOONDAY PRAYER

The Lesser Feast of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
September 8, 2021 • 12 noon



OPENING SENTENCE

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Officiant O God, make speed to save us.
People O Lord, make haste to help us.
All 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.

PSALM 27

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All The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
 the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
 it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
Though an army should encamp against me, *
 yet my heart shall not be afraid;
And though war should rise up against me, *
 yet will I put my trust in him.
One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; *
 that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
 and to seek him in his temple.
For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
 he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
Even now he lifts up my head *
 above my enemies round about me.
Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
 I will sing and make music to the Lord.
Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
 have mercy on me and answer me.
You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
 Your face, Lord, will I seek.
Hide not your face from me, *
 nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
 do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
 the Lord will sustain me.
Show me your way, O Lord; *
 lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
 for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.
What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord *
 in the land of the living!
O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
 wait patiently for the Lord.

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.

LESSON: Luke 1:26-38

Officiant In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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THE PRAYERS

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Officiant Lord have mercy.

People **Christ have mercy.**

Officiant Lord have mercy.

All **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.

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;

People **And let our cry come to you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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

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Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

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