ADAPTED EVENING PRAYER for Monday, December 7, 2020
Monday of the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Week of Advent
Evening Prayer I of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

**Preparation**
- Consider and set your “prayer space”
  - If you are praying alone, consider finding a quiet, prayerful space. If you are praying with your family or other members of a household, consider gathering around a coffee table or dining table.
  - Add optional items that may enhance your prayer if you desire: a small table with a purple cloth, a lit candle, a cross, holy images or statues.
  - You may want to have a journal available to write down reflections or words as you pray.
  - Lighting affects our mood. Consider dimming the lights or using a lamp instead of bright overheads.
- If you are praying in a group, you may want to assign parts to read along with the livestream. This is a great way to keep children engaged. You may want to consider splitting your “group” in half and alternating reading aloud each paragraph.
- Silence cell phones or tend to things that have the potential to disrupt your prayer time.

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**Gathering**  We take a few moments to quiet our hearts.

**Introduction**

[All make the Sign of the Cross as the leader begins.]

Leader:  God, + come to our assistance.

\textit{All:}  \textit{Lord, make haste to help us.}

Leader:  Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

\textit{All:}  \textit{As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.}

\textit{Alleluia.}
Psalm 113: The Lord guards his people

Leader: *I will make you enemies, you and the woman, your offspring and hers.*

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting
praised be the name of the Lord!

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?
From the dust he lifts up the lowly,  
from the dungheap he raises the poor  
to set him in the company of princes,  
yes, with the princes of his people.  
To the childless wife he gives a home  
and gladdens her heart with children.

Glory to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:

ALL: as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.

ALL: I will make you enemies, you and the woman, your offspring and hers..

Silence We sit in sacred silence for a few moments to allow our hearts to listen to the voice of the Spirit.

Psalm-prayer

Leader: Lord Jesus, Word of God, surrendering the brightness of your glory you became man so that we might be raised from the dust to share your very being. May there be innumerable children of the Church to offer homage to your name from the rising of the sun to its setting. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.  
ALL: Amen.

Psalm Psalm 147

Leader: The Lord has clothed me with garments of salvation;  
he has covered me with a robe of justice.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
Sion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates  
he has blessed the children within you.  
He established peace on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command.
He showers down snow white as wool,
he scatters hoar-frost like ashes.

He hurls down hailstones like crumbs.
The waters are frozen at his touch;
he sends forth his word and it melts them:
at the breath of his mouth the waters flow.

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees.

Glory to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
ALL: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

ALL: The Lord has clothed me with garments of salvation;
he has covered me with a robe of justice.

Silence

Psalm-prayer

Leader: Lord, you established peace within the borders of Jerusalem. Give the fullness of peace now to your faithful people. May peace rule us in this life and possess us in eternal life. You are about to fill us with the best of wheat; grant that what we see dimly now as in a mirror, we may come to perceive clearly in the brightness of your truth. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

ALL: Amen.
Leader: *Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with you.*

Praised 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 favor 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 favor 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 to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *ALL: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

*ALL: Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with you.*
The angel Gabriel was sent from God
to a town of Galilee called Nazareth,
to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph,
of the house of David,
and the virgin’s name was Mary.
And coming to her, he said,
“Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.”
But she was greatly troubled at what was said
and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.
Then the angel said to her,
“Do not be afraid, Mary,
for you have found favor with God.
Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you shall name him Jesus.
He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High,
and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father,
and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever,
and of his Kingdom there will be no end.”
But Mary said to the angel,
“How can this be,
since I have no relations with a man?”
And the angel said to her in reply,
“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 called holy, the Son of God.
And behold, Elizabeth, your relative,
has also conceived a son in her old age,
and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren;
for nothing will be impossible for God.”
Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word.”
Then the angel departed from her.

Reflection
Short Responsory

Leader: I will praise you, Lord: you have rescued me.
ALL: I will praise you, Lord: you have rescued me.
Leader: You have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
ALL: I will praise you, Lord: you have rescued me.
Leader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
ALL: I will praise you, Lord: you have rescued me.

Canticle Magnificat: My soul rejoices in the Lord

Leader: All generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me, alleluia.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
And my spirit exults in God my Savior
For He has looked with mercy on my lowliness
And my name will be forever exalted
For the mighty God has done great things for me
And His mercy will reach from age to age

And holy, holy, holy is His name.

He has mercy in every generation
He has revealed his power and His glory
He has cast down the mighty in their arrogance
And has lifted up the meek and the lowly
He has come to help His servant Israel
He remembers His promise to our fathers

ALL: All generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me, alleluia.

Prayers and intercessions

Let us praise God our almighty Father, who wished that Mary, his Son’s mother, be celebrated by each generation. Now in need we ask:
ALL: Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.
O God, worker of miracles, you made the immaculate Virgin Mary share, body and soul, in your Son’s glory in heaven, direct the hearts of your children to that same glory.

ALL: Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.
You made Mary our mother. Through her intercession grant strength to the weak, comfort to the sorrowing, pardon to sinners, salvation and peace to all.

ALL: Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.
You made Mary the mother of mercy,
may all who are faced with trials feel her motherly love.

ALL: Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.
You wished Mary to be the mother of the family in the home of Jesus and Joseph,
may all mothers of families foster love and holiness through her intercession.

ALL: Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.
You crowned Mary queen of heaven,
may all the dead rejoice in your kingdom with the saints for ever.

ALL: Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.
Leader: For what else shall we pray? (Type your intentions in the comments section.)
And for these, we pray,

ALL: Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.

The Lord’s Prayer

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.
Prayer

Leader:
Father, we rejoice in the privilege of our Lady’s Immaculate Conception, which preserved her from the stain of sin by the power of Christ’s redeeming death, and prepared her to be the Mother of God. Grant that through her prayers we ourselves may come to you, cleansed from all sin. Through 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.

ALL: Amen.

Dismissal

Leader: May the Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

ALL: Amen.

Leader: Let us go forth wishing each other peace either in the comments section or with a wave and smile.