

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Stand. The Song of Mary (also known as the Magnificat) is historically prayed or sung during Vespers.

**With all my heart I glorify the Lord!
In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior.**

**He has looked with favor on the lowly status of his servant.
Look! From now on, everyone will consider me highly favored.**

**Because the mighty one has done great things for me,
Holy is his name.**

**He shows mercy to everyone, from one generation to the next,
to those who give honor to God,**

**He has shown strength with his arm.
He has scattered those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations.**

**He has pulled the powerful down from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly.**

**He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty-handed.**

**He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
remembering his mercy,
just as he promised to our ancestors,
to Abraham and Sarah, and their descendants forever.**

PRAYERS

HYMN

What Child is This

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BENEDICTION



EPIPHANY VESPERS

Evening Prayer

HYMN

Angels from the Realms of Glory

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GATHERING

Stand. A candle may be used as a reminder of Jesus, the Light of the World.

Jesus Christ, you are our Light and Life.

Light no darkness can overshadow.

Life no death can overtake.

The ancient song "Joyous Light" (Also known as Phos Hilaron) is sung or said.

Hail Light of joy and gladness!

You who are pure in brightness,

glowing with the favor of our heavenly Father.

O Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all

how holy and blessed!

Now as the evening sun begins to set,

and the day is nearly over,

creation pauses to sing your praises,

O God: Three-in-One!

You are worthy always to be honored,

O Son of God, O Giver of life,

Jesus, Lord of day and night. Amen

Thanksgiving for Christ our Light

It is good to give you thanks O God,

For you are worthy of our praise.

Great and merciful are you, God, Creator of the Universe.

You guided the Israelites by a cloud

during the day and a pillar of fire by night.