

New Year's Day 2014



Mary, full of grace, chosen from our race,
faithful daughter of Israel.
You are called the second Eve,
you the Saviour did conceive, Ora, ora pro nobis.

Mary spoke the words: Magnify the Lord,
God is mighty and wonderful.
I, the servant of the Lord,
will be blessed for evermore." Ora, ora pro nobis.

Mary bore the Son, He the Promised One,
Saviour, Healer of all our race.
You were there at Calvary,
when Christ died to set us free. Ora, ora pro nobis.

Let us pray

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
As we leave behind us
a year whose closing was marked by injury, loss of life
and mourning in our city,
we pray for all affected by it.
And at the beginning of the new year
as we honour Mary, the Mother of your Son,
we ask that our lives
may be marked by justice, generosity and a deep love for each other
We ask this, as always, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Psalm 66:



God, be gracious and bless us, let your face shed its light on us.
So may your ways be known on the earth, all nations find your help.
May he bless us and keep us, may he give us his peace.

Let the nations exult with joy for you rule us with justice.
Let all the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise.
May he bless us and keep us, may he give us his peace.

Glory be to the Father, glory to God the Son,
Glory to the Holy Spirit now and for ever. Amen.
May he bless us and keep us, may he give us his peace.

Alleluia, alleluia.
At various times in the past and in various different ways
God spoke to our ancestors,
God spoke through the prophets. Now in our time
he has spoken through his Son.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Short reading

Micah 5:2-3,4

The Lord will abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. He himself will be peace.

Canticle Benedictus 5

For all our sins will freely be forgiven,
the heart of God pours loving-kindness forth,
God comes to us like dawn comes to the sky
bringing true light, where darkness once prevailed.
So all who live in fear of death's dark shadow,
God will now guide into the way of peace.

Prayers and Intercessions

We give glory to Christ, who was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Son of Mary, show your care for us.

Christ born of the Virgin Mary,
miraculous child and prince of peace,
give peace to our families, our city, our country,
and to people everywhere
especially those afflicted by violence and war.

Son of Mary, show your care for us.

Our God and King, you honoured us by coming among us:

Let us honour you each day by the way we live.

Son of Mary, show your care for us.

Welcome our citizens who have died into your kingdom of light & peace;

Heal the injured,

comfort the sorrowing

Console the bereaved.

Son of Mary, show your care for us.

Bless us and guide us all in the year that lies ahead.

Son of Mary, show your care for us.

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.

Responsory

Just as Jesus died and rose

so those who sleep in him will be restored by God.

As in Adam all have died,

So all will live in Christ.

Glory to the Father, glory to the Son,

glory to the Holy Spirit

as it was, is now, and ever shall be.

Let us pray

God, our Father,
since you gave mankind a saviour through blessed Mary,
virgin and mother,
grant that we may always feel the support of her prayers
with Jesus Christ, your Son,
the author of life,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
~~God for ever and ever.~~ **Amen.**

**May the Lord bless us and keep us from all harm;
and may he lead us to eternal life. AMEN**

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