

**Our Lady of Sorrows**  
**September 15**  
**Vespers**

**Opening**

*Leader:* O God, come to my assistance.

*All:* Lord, make haste to help me. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

**Hymn**

*Antiphon 1.* Oh, all you who pass by the way, \* attend and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.

*Psalm 122*

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house." \*  
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 our God.

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the name of God. \* There were set the thrones of judgment of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: "May those who love you prosper! \* May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces peace!"

For love of my family and friends, \* I say: "Peace be upon you!"

For love of the house of the Lord, \* I will ask for your good.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, \* and will be forever. Amen.

*Antiphon.* Oh, all you who pass by the way, \* attend and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.

**Antiphon 2.** We have come to the city of the living God, \* and to Jesus, mediator of the new covenant.

*Psalm 127*

If the Lord does not build the house, \* in vain do its builders labor.

If the Lord does not guard the city, \* in vain do the sentinels watch. It is in vain that you rise up so early, \* that you go late to rest, you who toil for the bread you eat; \* those loved by God receive gifts as they slumber.

Truly our children are gifts from the Lord, a blessing the fruit of the womb; \* indeed the children of youth are like arrows in the hand of a warrior.

Happy the ones whose quivers are filled with these arrows. \* They will have no cause for shame, when they dispute with their foes in the gateways.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, \* and will be forever. Amen.

**Antiphon.** We have come to the city of the living God, \* and to Jesus, mediator of the new covenant.

**Antiphon 3.** Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, for without dying, you received the martyr's palm, \* as you stood beneath the Cross of your Son.

*Psalm 129*

"They have pressed me hard from my youth," \* this is Israel's song. They have pressed me hard from my youth, \* yet they have not prevailed against me.

Like plowers plowing on my back, \* their furrows cut both long and deep.

But our God, who is just, \* has destroyed the yoke of the wicked.

May all who hate Zion \* be put to shame and routed.

Let them be like grass on the roof, \* that withers before it flowers.  
The reapers fill not their arms with such grasses, \* nor binders  
make their sheaves with them.

And those passing by will not say: "The blessing of our God upon  
you! \* We bless you in the name of 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 forever. Amen.

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## **Magnificat**

**Antiphon:** When Jesus saw his mother standing beside the cross \*  
with the disciple whom he loved, \* he said to her: Woman, behold  
your son. \* Then he said to the disciple: Behold your mother.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed.

You, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy is your  
name.

You have mercy on those who fear you, from generation to  
generation.

You have shown strength with your arm,  
and scattered the proud in their conceit.

You cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
you lift up the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good things  
and have sent the rich away empty.

You have come to the aid of your servant Israel  
to remember the promise ↑ of mercy,  
the promise made to our forebears,  
to Sarah, Abraham, and their heirs forever.

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

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**Intercessory Prayer followed by Silent Prayer**

**Closing Prayer**

**Salve Regina**