



EVENING PRAYER II
AND BENEDICTION

Palm Sunday

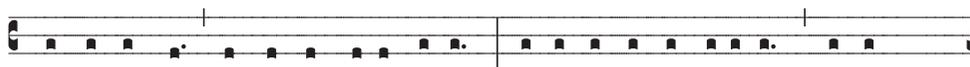
The public prayer of the God's people has always been considered among the first duties of the Church. Over the centuries, the traditional elements of Christian prayer were carefully arranged, to sanctify the whole day in prayer in the Divine Office.

The Office of Vespers, the traditional Evening Prayer of the Church, offers to God our praise for the day that is ending, and in the words of the Magnificat, 'glorifies the Lord' for his goodness to us.

INTRODUCTION TO THE OFFICE



○ God, come to our aid. ℟: ○ Lord, make haste to help us. Glory be to the Father



and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit. As it was in the beginning, is now,



and ev-er shall be, world without end. A-men.

OFFICE HYMN

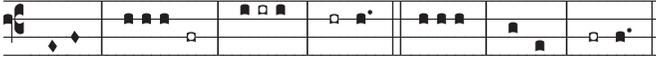
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|---|--|--|---|
| 1 | The royal banners forward go,
The cross shines forth in mystic glow;
Where he in flesh, our flesh who made,
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid: | 3 | On whose dear arms, so widely flung,
The weight of this world's ransom hung:
The price of humankind to pay,
And spoil the spoiler of his prey. |
| 2 | Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
Life's torrent rushing from his side,
To wash us in that precious flood,
Where mingled Water flowed, and Blood. | 4 | ○ cross, our one reliance, hail!
So may thy power with us avail
To give new virtue to the saint,
And pardon to the penitent. |
| 5 | | To thee, eternal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done:
Whom by the Cross thou dost restore,
Preserve and govern evermore. Amen. | |

PSALMODY

ANTIPHON 1

He was wounded and humbled, but God has raised him up with his own right hand.

† PSALM 109: 1-5, 7



- Cantor* 1. The Lord's | revelation to my Master: †
- | 'Sit on my | right: *
your foes I will put be- | neath your | feet.'
- All* 2. **The Lord will wield from Sion †**
your | sceptre of | power: *
rule in the midst of | all your | foes.
- Cantor* 3. A prince from the day of your birth †
on the | holy | mountains; *
from the womb before the dawn | I be- | got you.
- All* 4. **The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. †**
'You are a | priest for | ever, *
a priest like Melchize- | dek of | old.'
5. The Master standing at | your right | hand *
will shatter kings in the day | of his | wrath.
6. **He shall drink from the | stream by the | wayside ***
and therefore he shall lift | up his | head.
Glory be to the Father and | to the | Son *
and to the | Holy | Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be, *
world without | end. A- | men.

ANTIPHON

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ANTIPHON 2

The blood of Christ purifies us to serve the living God.

PSALM 113B



- Cantor* 1. Not to | us, Lord, not | to | us, *
but to your name | give the | glory.
- All* 2. **For the sake of your love and | your | truth, ***
lest the heathen say: 'Where | is their | God?'
- Cantor* 3. But our God is in | the | heavens; *
he does whatev- | er he | wills.
- All* 4. **Their idols are silver | and | gold, ***
the work of | human | hands.
5. They have mouths but they can- | not | speak; *
they have eyes but they | cannot | see;
6. **They have ears but they can- | not | hear; ***
they have nostrils but they | cannot | smell.
7. With their hands they cannot feel; †
with their feet they can- | not | walk. *
No sound comes | from their | throats.
8. **Their makers will come to | be | like them ***
and so will all who | trust in | them.
9. Sons of Israel, trust in | the | Lord; *
he is their help | and their | shield.
10. **Sons of Aaron, trust in | the | Lord; ***
he is their help | and their | shield.
11. You who fear him, trust in | the | Lord; *
he is their help | and their | shield.
12. **He remembers us, and he will bless us; †**
he will bless the sons | of | Israel. *
he will bless the | sons of | Aaron.
13. The Lord will bless those | who | fear him, *
the little no less | than the | great:
14. **To you may the Lord | grant | increase, ***
to you and | all your | children.
15. May you be blessed by | the | Lord, *
the maker of hea- | ven and | earth.
16. **The heavens belong to | the | Lord, ***
but the earth he has gi- | ven to | men.

17. The dead shall not praise | the | Lord, *
nor those who go down in- | to the | silence.

18. **But we who live bless | the | Lord *
now and for e- | ver. A- | men.**

Glory be to the Father and to | the | Son, *
and to the | Holy | Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ev- | er | shall be, *
world without | end. A- | men.**

ANTIPHON

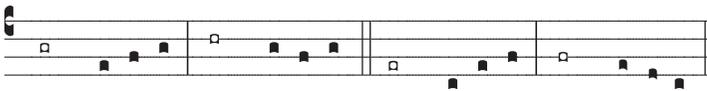
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ANTIPHON 3

He carried our sins in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for holiness.

CANTICLE

| Peter 2:21-24



Cantor 1. Christ suf- fered for you, *
leaving you an example
that you should follow *
in his steps.

All 2. **He committ- ed no sin; *
no guile was found on his lips.
When he was reviled, *
he did not revile in return.**

3. When h- e suffered, *
he did not threaten;
but he trust- ed to him *
who jud- ges justly.

4. **He himself bore our sins *
in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin *
and live to righteousness.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son *
and to the Ho- ly Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

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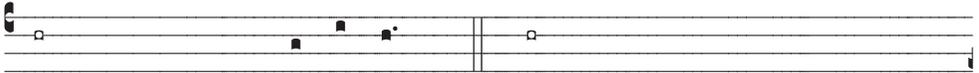
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SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 13:26-30a

My brothers, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent! For the people who live in Jerusalem and their leaders did not know that he is the Saviour, nor did they understand the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath day. Yet they made the prophets' words come true by condemning Jesus. And even though they could find no reason to pass the death sentence on him, they asked Pilate to have him put to death. And after they had done everything that the Scriptures say about him, they took him down from the cross and placed him in a grave. But God raised him from the dead.

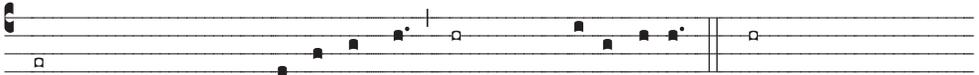
SHORT RESPONSORY



We worship you, Christ, and we bless you. **℟: We worship...**



By your cross you have re-deemed the world. **℟: We worship...**

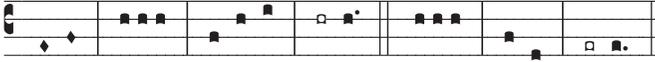


Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit. **℟: We worship...**

MAGNIFICAT ANTIPHON

It is written: 'I will strike the shepherd down and the sheep of his flock will be scattered.' But after my resurrection I will go before you into Galilee; there you will see me, said the Lord.

MAGNIFICAT Luke 1:46-55



- Cantor* 1. My soul | proclaims the great- | ness of the | Lord, *
my spirit rejoices in | God my | Saviour.
- All* 2. **For he** | has looked with favour on | his lowly | servant, *
and from this day all generations will | call me | blessed.
- Cantor* 3. The Al- | mighty has done | great things for | me: *
holy | is his | Name.
- All* 4. **He has** | mercy | on those who | fear him *
in every | gene- | ration.
5. He has | shown the | strength of his | arm, *
he has scattered the proud in | their con- | ceit.
6. **He has** | cast down the migh- | ty from their | thrones, *
and has lifted | up the | lowly.
7. He has | filled the | hungry with | good things, *
and has sent the rich | away | empty.
8. **He has** | come to the help of | his servant | Israel *
for he has remembered his pro- | mise of | mercy,
9. The pro- | mise he | made to our | fathers, *
to Abraham and his chil- | dren for | ever.
- Glo-ry | be to the Father | and to the | Son *
and to the | Holy | Spirit,**
- As it | was in the beginning, is now, | and ever | shall be, *
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INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray humbly to the Saviour of all. He went up to Jerusalem to endure the passion and enter into his glory.

℟: **Sanctify the people you redeemed by your blood.**

Christ our Redeemer, let us share in your passion by works of penance; – let us attain the glory of your resurrection. ℟:

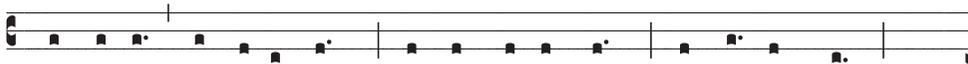
Grant us the protection of your Mother; the comforter of the afflicted; – help us to extend to others the consolation you have given us. ℟:

Take care of those we have discouraged and those we have wronged; – help us to learn from our sufferings so that justice and love may prevail in the end. ℟:

You humbled yourself even to accepting death, death on a cross; – grant to your servants obedience and patience. ℟:

Share with the dead your bodily glory; – let us rejoice one day with them in the fellowship of the saints. ℟:

Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:



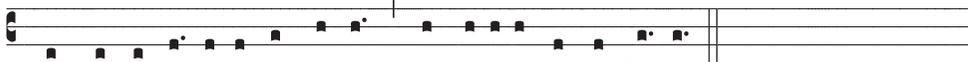
Our Father, who art in heav'n, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;



thy will be done on earth, as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our daily bread;



And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;



and lead us not in-to temptation, but de-li-ver us from e- vil.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who as an example of humility for the human race to follow
caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross,
graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

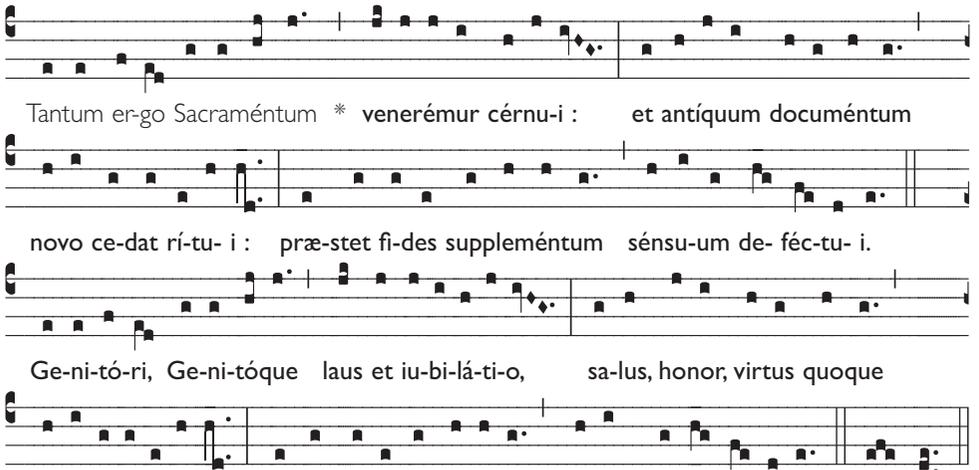
As the Blessed Sacrament is brought to the altar, all kneel and sing:



O sa - lu - ta - ris Ho - sti - a, Quae cae - li pan - dis o - sti - um,
U - ni tri - no - que Do - mi - no, Sit sem - pi - ter - na glo - ri - a,
Bel - la pre - munt ho - sti - li - a, Da ro - bur, fer au - xi - li - um.
Qui vi - tam si - ne ter - mi - no No - bis do - net in pa - tri - a. A - men.

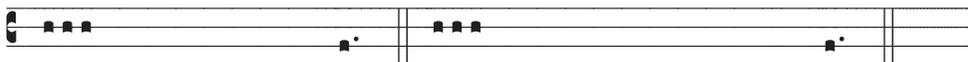
O saving victim, opening wide the gate of heaven to man below; our foes press on from every side; thine aid supply, thy strength bestow. To thy great name be endless praise, immortal Godhead, one in three, O grant us endless length of days in our true native land with thee. Amen.

A time of silence is kept, after which all sing:



Tantum er-go Sacraméntum * venerémur cernu-i : et antiqum documéntum
novo ce-dat rí-tu- i : præ-stet fi-des suppleméntum sénsu-um de- féc-tu- i.
Ge-ni-tó-ri, Ge-ni-tóque laus et iu-bi-lá-ti-o, sa-lus, honor, virtus quoque
sit et benedícti-o : pro-ce-dénti ab utró-que compar sit lau-dá- ti- o. A- men.

Therefore we, before him bending, this great Sacrament revere; types and shadows have their ending, for the newer rite is here; faith our outward sense befriending, makes our inward vision clear. Glory let us give and blessing to the Father and the Son, honour, thanks, and praise addressing while eternal ages run; ever too his love confessing, who from both with both is one. Amen.



Panem de cælo præstitisti e- is.
You gave them bread from heaven.

Omne delectaméntum in se habén- tem.
Containing in itself all sweetness.

Orémus. Deus, qui nobis sub sacraménto mirábili passiónis tuæ memóriam reliquisti: tribue quæsumus, ita nos córporis et sánguinis tui sacra mystéria venerári; ut redemptiónis tuæ fructum in nobis iúgiter sentiámus. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculórum. **Amen.**

Let us pray. O God, who in a wonderful sacrament has left us a memorial of your passion: grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of your body and blood, that we may perceive within ourselves the fruit of your redemption; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

DIVINE PRAISES

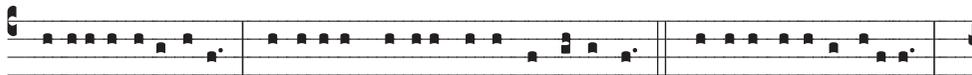
Blessed be God.
Blessed be his holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
Blessed be the name of Jesus.
Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be his most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, virgin and mother.
Blessed be St Joseph, her spouse most chaste.
Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.



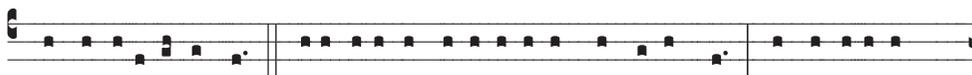
Adorémus in æ-tér-num Sanctís-si-mum Sa-cramén-tum. Laudá-te Dóminum omnes



gentes: lau-dá-te e-um omnes pó-pu-li. Quó-ni-am confirmá-ta est super nos



misericórdi-a e-ius: et véritas Dómini manet in æ-térnum. Gló-ri-a Patri, et Fí-li-o,



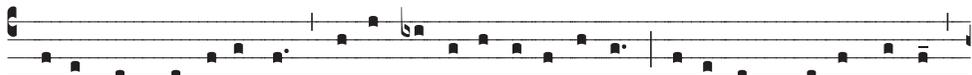
et Spi-rít-u- i Sancto. Sicut erat in princí-pi-o, et nunc, et semper; et in sæcu-la



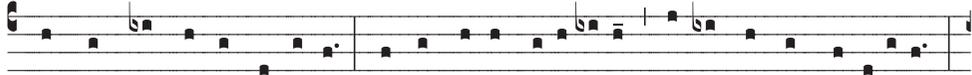
sæculórum. Amen. **Adorémus in æ-tér-num Sanctís-si-mum Sa-cramén-tum.**

Let us adore for ever the most Holy Sacrament. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ANTHEM TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



A-ve, Re-gí-na cæ-ló-rum, * A-ve, Dó-mi-na an-ge-ló-rum, Sal-ve, ra-dix, sal-ve, por-ta,



Ex qua mun-do lux est or-ta. Gau-de Vir-go glo-ri- ó-sa, Su-per omnes spe-ci-ó-sa;



Va-le o val-de de-có- ra, Et pro no-bis Chris-tum ex-ó- ra.

Hail, O Queen of Heaven enthroned, hail, by angels Mistress owned, Root of Jesse, Gate of morn, whence the world's true light was born. Glorious Virgin, joy to thee, loveliest whom in heaven they see, fairest thou where all are fair! Plead with Christ our sins to spare.