

# Sunday at Vespers

*Sundays Through the Year*

WEEK TWO



## PRAYERS TO BE SAID PRIVATELY

### BEFORE THE DIVINE OFFICE

Open my lips, O Lord, to praise your holy Name. Cleanse my heart of any vain, evil, or distracting thoughts. Give light to my mind and fervor to my will; enable me to recite this Office worthily, attentively, and devoutly, so that my prayer will be heard in the presence of your divine Majesty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, I offer you this Hour with the divine intention you had while on earth offering praises to God.

### AFTER THE DIVINE OFFICE

Let every creature give unending praise, honor, power and glory throughout all eternity to the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity, the crucified humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the chaste Motherhood of Mary, the ever glorious and blessed Virgin, and to the entire assembly of saints, and may we be granted the forgiveness of our sins.

Blessed is the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary which bore the Son of the Eternal Father. And blessed are the breasts which nursed Christ our Lord.

*Our Father, Hail Mary, Apostles' Creed, silently.*

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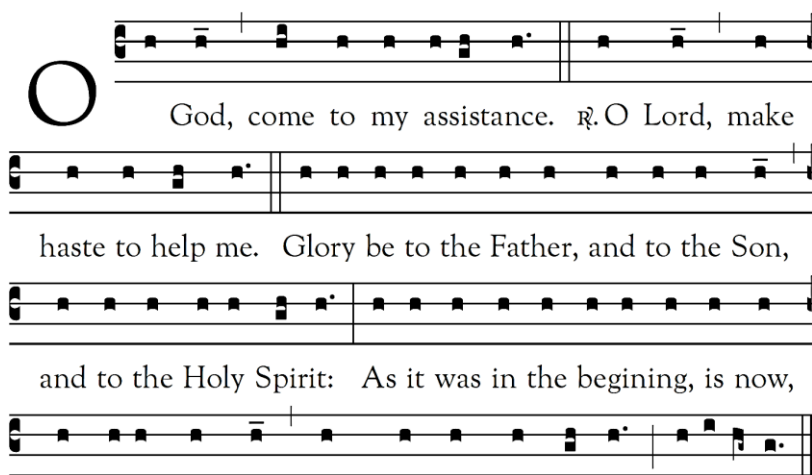
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STAND

Introit, Processional Hymn, or Metrical Psalm (Optional) – As announced.

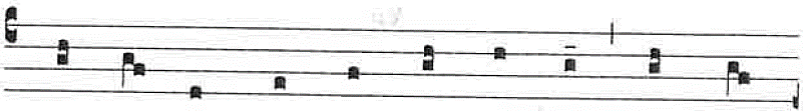
### Opening Verse



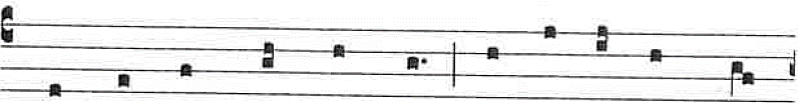
**O** God, come to my assistance. *℞.* O Lord, make haste to help me. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the begining, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Allelu-ia.

# Hymn

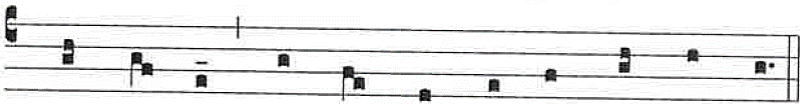
The Hymn is sung in alternation between Choir I and Choir II. At Choral Vespers, the part of Choir I is taken by the Choir, Choir II, by the Congregation. At Sung Vespers, the part of Choir I is taken by those on the Blessed Mother side, Choir II, by those on the Sacred Heart Side. In either case, Choir I will sing the Odd Verses, Choir II, the Even; All will sing the Amen together



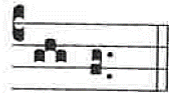
1. O Trin- i- ty of bless- ed light, O U-
2. To thee our morn- ing song of praise, To thee
3. All laud to God the Fa- ther be; All praise,



1. ni- ty of prince- ly might, The fier- y sun now
2. our eve- ning prayer we raise; Thy glo- ry sup- pliant
3. e- ter- nal Son, to thee; All glo- ry as is



1. goes his way; Shed thou with- in our hearts thy ray.
2. we a- dore For ev- er and for ev- er- more.
3. ev- er meet, To God the Ho- ly Par- a- clete.

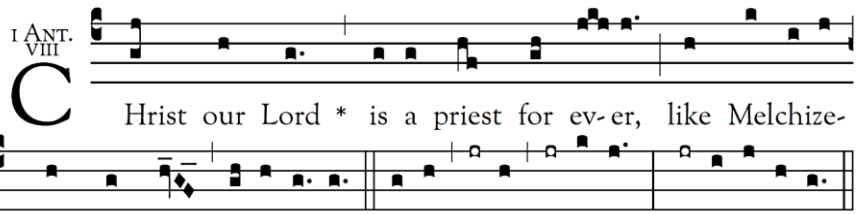


A- men.

## PSALMODY

The Antiphon is sung by the Cantor or Choir. The Psalm is sung in alternation between Choir I and Choir II, in the same manner as the Hymn, above, unless other directions are given.

I ANT.  
VIII.



Christ our Lord \* is a priest for ever, like Melchizedek of old, al-le-lu-ia. † \*

I: The Lord's revelation to my Master: †

SIT "Sit on **my** right : \*  
your foes I will *put beneath* your feet."

II: The Lord will wield from Sion your scepter of **power** : \*  
rule in the *midst of all* your foes.

I: A prince from the day of your birth  
on the holy **mountains**; \*  
from the womb before the dawn *I begot* you.

II: The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. †  
"You are a priest for **ever**, \*  
a priest like Melchizedek of old."

I: The Master standing at your **right** hand \*  
will shatter kings in the *day of his* great wrath.

II: He shall drink from the stream by the **wayside** \*  
and therefore he *shall lift up* his head.

I: Glory be to the Father, and **to** the Son, \*  
and to the *Holy Spirit* :

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

*The Antiphon is repeated.*

II ANT.  
VI  
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God dwells in highest heaven; \* he has power to do  
all he wills, al-le-lu-ia. † \*

II: Not to us, *Lord*, **not** to us, \*  
but to your name *give the glory*.

I: For the sake of your *love and* your truth, \*  
lest the heathen say: "*Where is their God?*"

II: But our God is in *the heavens*; \*  
he does *whatever he* wills.

I: Their idols are *silver and* gold, \*  
the *work of human* hands.

II: They have mouths but *they cannot* speak; \*  
they have eyes *but they cannot* see;

I: they have ears but *they cannot* hear; \*  
they have nostrils *but they cannot* smell.

II: With their hands they cannot feel; †  
with their feet *they cannot* walk. \*  
No sound *comes from their* throats.

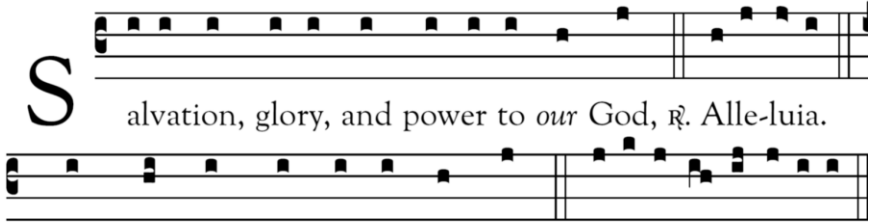
I: Their makers will come *to be* like them \*  
and so will *all who trust* in them.

II: Sons of Israel, *trust in* the Lord; \*  
he is their *help and their* shield.

- I: Sons of Aaron, *trust in* the Lord; \*  
he is their *help and* **their** shield.
- II: You who fear him, *trust in* the Lord; \*  
he is their *help and* **their** shield.
- I: He will remember us, and he will bless us; †  
he will bless the sons of **Israël**. \*  
He will bless the *sons of* **Aaron**.
- II: The Lord will bless those *who* **fear** him, \*  
the little *no less* **than** the great:
- I: to you may the Lord *grant* **increase**, \*  
to you and *all your* **children**.
- II: May you be *blest by* **the** Lord, \*  
the maker of *heaven* **and** earth.
- I: The heavens *belong to* the Lord, \*  
but the earth he has *given to* men.
- II: The dead shall *not* **praise** the Lord, \*  
nor those who go down *into the* **silence**.
- I: But we who *live* **bless** the Lord \*  
both now and for *ever*. **Amen**.
- II: Glory be to the Father, *and to* the Son, \*  
and to the *Holy* **Spirit** :
- I: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be, \*  
world without *end*. **Amen**.

*The Antiphon is repeated.*

During Season of the Year, the New Testament canticle is sung in the manner of a Responsory, with "Alleluia". The Cantor or Choir takes the principal part, and the Congregation sings the "Alleluia". During other times, the New Testament canticle is sung in the manner of a 'Troparion', with "Alleluia" and an antiphon.



S alvation, glory, and power to our God, R. Alle-luia.

Ÿ. his judgments are honest and true. R. Alle-lu-ia, al-le-luia.

Cantor: Sing praise to our God, all you his *servants*,

All: Alleluia.

Cantor: all *who* worship him rev'rently, great and **small**.

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor: The Lord our all-powerful God is **King**;

All: Alleluia.

Cantor: let *us* rejoice, sing praise, and give *him* **glory**.

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor: The wedding feast of the Lamb has *begun*,

All: Alleluia.

Cantor: and *his* bride is prepared to welcome **him**.

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor: Glory be to the Father, and to *the* **Son**:

All: Alleluia.

Cantor: and *to* the Holy *Spirit*.



All: Alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever *shall be*,

All: Alleluia.

Cantor: world *without end. Amen.*

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

STAND

## Reading

We are bound to thank God for you always, beloved brothers in the Lord, because you are the first fruits of those whom God has chosen for salvation, in holiness of spirit and fidelity to the truth. He called you through our preaching of the good news so that you might achieve the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Responsory

**O**ur Lord is great, \* mighty is his power.

Our Lord. ⁊. His wisdom is beyond compare, \* mighty.

⁊. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the

Holy Spirit. ⁊. Our Lord.

# Magnificat

*As the Antiphon and Tone for the Magnificat is proper to the day, a supplement is provided each week. The Antiphon is Sung by the Cantor or Choir; and the verses are sung in alternation, as presented in the supplement.*

## Intercessions



*Officiant:* All praise and honor to Christ. / He lives for ever to intercede for us, / and he is able to save those who approach the Father **in** his name. † sustained by our faith, let us call *upon him*: \*

*All:* Remember your people, **O Lord**.

*Cantor:* *As the day draws to a close, Sun of Justice, we invoke your name upon the whole **human race**, † so that all men may enjoy your never *failing help*. \**

*All:* Remember your people, **O Lord**.

*Cantor:* *Preserve the covenant which you have ratified **in** your blood, † cleanse and sanctify your **Church**. \**

*All:* Remember your people, **O Lord**.

*Cantor:* Remember your **assembly**, Lord, † your *dwelling place*. \*

*All:* Remember your people, **O Lord**.

*Cantor:* *Guide travelers along the path of peace and **prosperity**, † so that they may reach their destinations in *safety and joy*. \**

*All:* Remember your people, **O Lord**.

*Cantor:* Receive the souls of the **dead**, O Lord, † grant them  
your favor and the gift of *eternal life*. \*

*All:* Remember your people, O Lord.

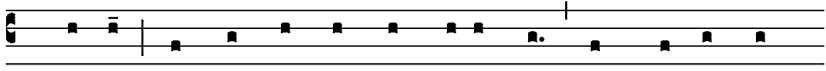
*All:*



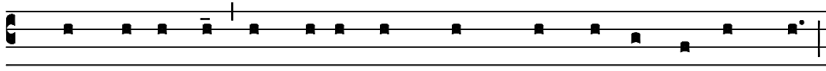
Our Father, \* who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,



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 e-vil.



## Collects

*Officiant:*        *The first Collect is proper to the Day, and is in the weekly supplement, as are any commemorations that may be made.*

*All:*                Amen.

*Officiant:*        O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works proceed; give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and also that by you, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; Through Christ our Lord.

*All:*                Amen.

*Officiant:*        Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*All:*                Amen.

*At Choral Vespers an Anthem may be sung after the Collect.*



## Blessing

**A**     *When a priest or deacon is officiating.*

*Officiant:*     The Lord be with you.

*All:*            And with your spirit.

*Officiant:*     May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the  
                    Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

*All:*            Amen.

**B**     *When the officiant is Not a priest or deacon.*

*Officiant:*     Lord hear my prayer.

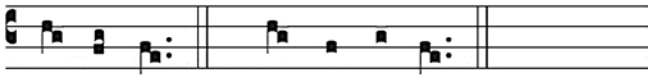
*All:*            And let my cry come unto you.

*Officiant:*     May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and  
                    bring us to everlasting life.

*All:*            Amen.

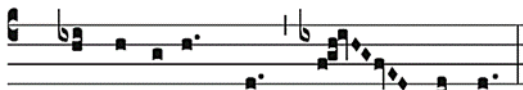
## Dismissal

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O in peace. R. Thanks be to God.

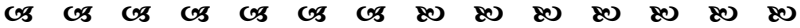
*Or, according to the more ancient practice:*



Be-ne-di-ca-mus Do- mi-no.



De-o gra- ti- as.



## Prayers

*The following prayer(s) may be added at the discretion of the Officiant; they are recited without note. Or, the Office may end directly with the Marian Antiphon.*

### *A Prayer to Our Lady of Częstochowa*

Our Lady of Częstochowa, Holy Mary, help the helpless, strengthen the fearful, comfort the sorrowful, pray for the people, plead for the clergy, intercede for all women consecrated to God. May all who keep your sacred commemoration experience the might of your assistance. *Amen.*

### *A Prayer of King Henry VI*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast created and redeemed me, and brought me unto that which now I am; thou knowest what thou wouldest do with me: do with me according to thy will, for thy tender mercy's sake. *Amen.*

### *A Prayer the Clergy and people*

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon the Apostolic Pope, our Bishops, and other clergy, and upon the people committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### *A Prayer for The President of the United States, and all in Civil Authority*

Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting and power infinite; Have mercy upon this whole land; and so rule the hearts of thy servants, The President of the United States, the Governor of Massachusetts, and all others in Civil Authority, that they may know from Whom their authority comes, and may above all things

seek your honor and glory. Through our only Lord and King, Jesus Christ, your Son, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, world without end. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for all Conditions of Men*

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Catholic Church; that it may be so guided and governed by the Holy Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of Truth, and hold the Faith in unity of Spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy Fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

*A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting. *Amen.*

2 Cor. Xiii. 14.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*



## Marian Antiphon

*The Marian Antiphon is sung according to the Season:*

**Alma Redemptoris Mater:** *from 1 Vespers of Advent Sunday to Second Vespers of Candlemas, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Adoremus Hymnal, No. 537*

*During Advent:*

V: The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R: And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

V: Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

*From 1<sup>st</sup> Vespers of Christmas, to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vespers of Candlemas:*

V: After childbirth you remained a pure virgin.

R: Mother of God, pray for us.

V: Let us pray: O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ.

R: Amen.

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*Then always follows this Versicle and Response, recited on a Low pitch:*

V: May the divine assistance remain always with us.

R: And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



**Ave, Regina caelorum:** *from Compline of Candlemas to Wednesday of Holy Week. Adoremus Hymnal, No. 538*

V: Grant that I may praise you, O holy Virgin.

R: Give me strength against your enemies.

V: Let us pray: Grant, O merciful God, help to our weakness, that we who commemorate the holy Mother of God, may by the help of her intercession rise from our sins. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

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**Salve Regina:** *From I Vespers of Trinity Sunday until None of the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent. Adoremus Hymnal, No. 547*

V: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

V: Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, who by the cooperation of the Holy Spirit made the body and soul of the glorious Virgin and Mother Mary to be a fit dwelling for your Son, grant that we, who rejoice in her memory, may be freed from present ills and from eternal death by her prayers. Through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

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*Then always follows this Versicle and Response, recited on a Low pitch:*

V: May the divine assistance remain always with us.

R: And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

*After the Marian Antiphon a closing Voluntary may be played.*