

Sunday at Vespers

Sundays Through the Year

WEEK FOUR



PRAYERS TO BE SAID PRIVATELEY

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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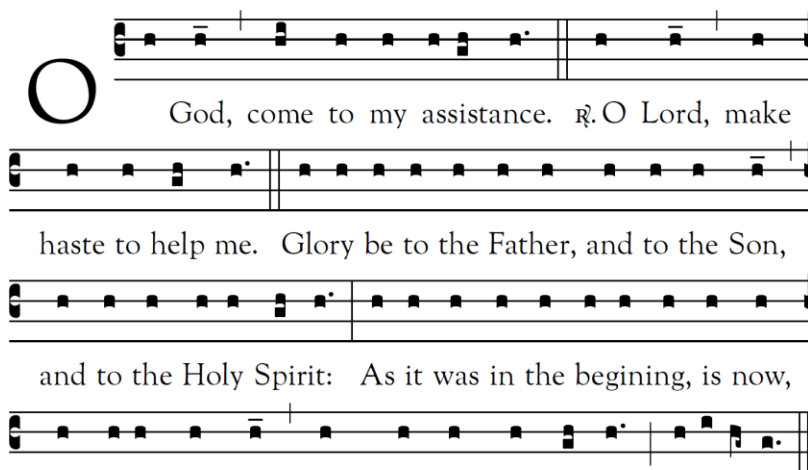
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STAND

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

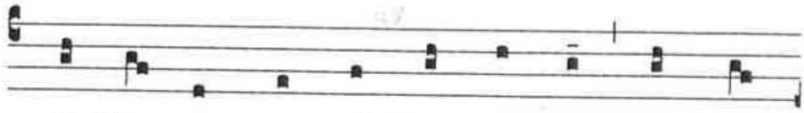
Opening Verse



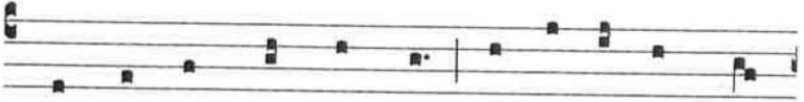
O God, come to my assistance. *℞.* O Lord, make haste to help me. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Allelu-ia.

Hymn

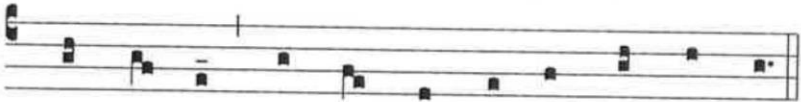
The Hymn is sung in alternation between Choir I and Choir II. At Choral Vespers, the part of Choir I is taken by the Choir, Choir II, by the Congregation. At Sung Vespers, the part of Choir I is taken by those on the Blessed Mother side, Choir II, by those on the Sacred Heart Side, unless otherwise directed.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



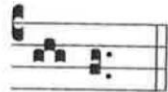
1. O Trin- i- ty of bless- ed light, O, U-
2. To thee our morn- ing song of praise, To thee
3. All laud to God the Fa- ther be; All praise,



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.

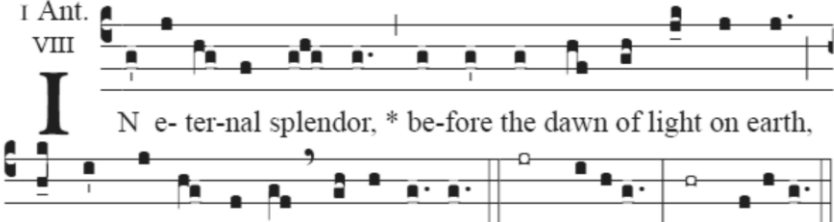


A- men.

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



N e- ter-nal splendor, * be-fore the dawn of light on earth,

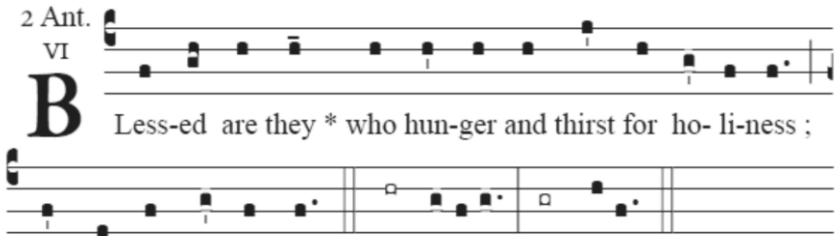
I have be-got-ten you, al-le-lu-ia. *Psalm 109*

- 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.

2 Ant. VI



B Less-ed are they * who hun-ger and thirst for ho-li-ness ;
they will be sat-is-fied. *Psalm III*

II: Happy is the man who *fears the Lord*, *
who takes delight in all his *commands*.

I: His sons will be *powerful on earth*; *
the children of the upright *are blest*.

II: Riches and wealth are *in his house*; *
his justice stands firm *for ever*.

I: He is a light in the darkness *for the upright*: *
he is generous, merciful *and just*.

II: The good man takes *pity and lends*, *
he conducts his affairs *with honor*.

I: The just man will *never waver*: *
he will be remembered *for ever*.

II: He has no fear of *evil news*; *
with a firm heart he trusts in *the Lord*.

I: With a steadfast heart he *will not fear*; *
he will see the downfall of *his foes*.

II: Open handed, he gives to the poor; /
his justice stands *firm for ever*. *
His head will be raised *in glory*.

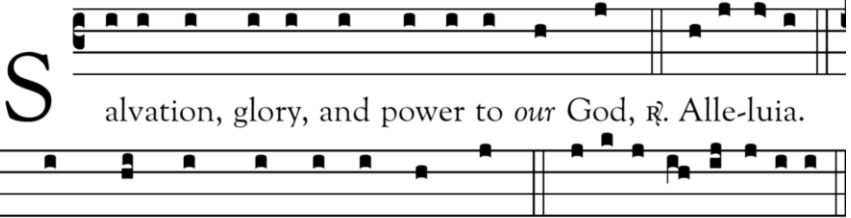
I: The wicked man sees and is angry, /
grinds his teeth and *fades away*; *
the desire of the wicked leads to **doom**.

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, R̄. Alle-luia.

Ÿ. his judgments are honest and true. R̄. 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**.

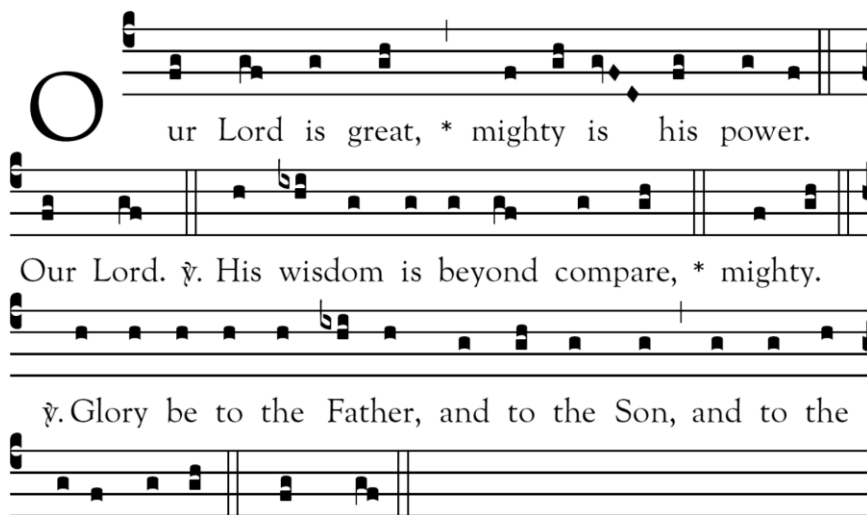
All: Alleluia, alleluia.

STAND:

Reading

You have drawn near to Mount Sion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to myriads of angels in festal gathering, to the assembly of the first-born enrolled in heaven, to God the judge of all, to the spirits of the just men made perfect, to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood which speaks more eloquently than that of Abel.

Responsory

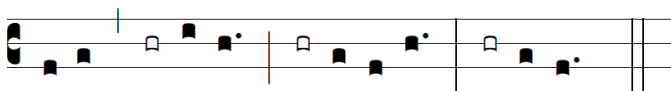


Our Lord is great, * mighty is his power.
Our Lord. ⁊. His wisdom is beyond compare, * mighty.
⁊. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit. ⁊. Our Lord.

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:* Rejoicing in the Lord, / from whom all **good** things come, † *let us pray:* *
- All:* Lord, / hear *our prayer.*
- Cantor:* Father and Lord of all, / you sent your Son into the world, / that your name might be glorified in **every** place, † strengthen the witness of your Church *among the nations.* *

All: Lord, / hear *our* **prayer**.

Cantor: Make us obedient to the teachings of your **apostles**, †
and bound to the truth of *our* **faith**. *

All: Lord, / hear *our* **prayer**.

Cantor: As you love the **innocent**, † render justice to those
who are **wronged**. *

All: Lord, / hear *our* **prayer**.

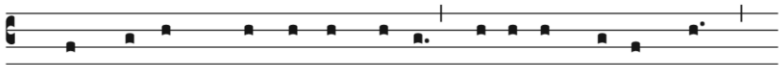
Cantor: Free those in bondage and give sight **to** the blind, †
raise up the fallen and protect *the* **stranger**. *

All: Lord, / hear *our* **prayer**.

Cantor: Fulfill your promise to those who already sleep **in**
your peace, † through your Son grant them a
blessed *resurrection*. *

All: Lord, / hear *our* **prayer**.

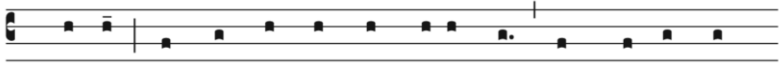
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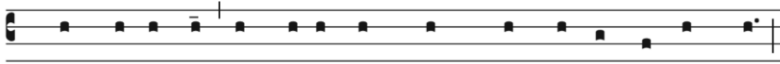
Our Father, * who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,



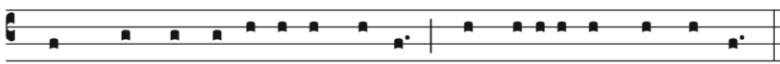
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in



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 Collects.



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.

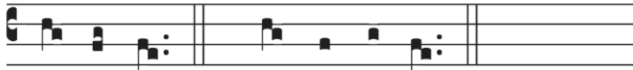
B *When the officiant is Not a priest or deacon.*

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

All: Amen.

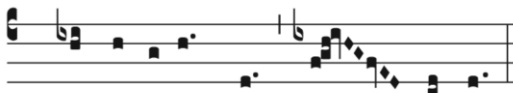
Dismissal

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O in peace. ✠ 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 thy honor and glory. Through our only Lord and King, Jesus Christ, thy Son, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, 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 I Vespers of Advent Sunday of Advent to Second Vespers of Candlemas, February 2nd. 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 1st Vespers of Christmas, to 2nd 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.

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 you 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.

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.

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.