

ADVENT TO 16 DECEMBER

Terce (Midmorning)



1. Now, Ho - ly Spir - it, come, de - scend, one with the Fa - ther and the Son; come
 swift - ly in and fill our hearts with your full flood of ho - li - ness. 2. In mind
 and mouth, with heart and tongue, with strength and sense, may praise re - sound. May
 char - i - ty with ar - dor blaze, and kin - dle oth - ers with its flame. D. Now
 through your pres - ence may we know and love the Fa - ther and the Son, and you,
 the Spir - it of them both, may we pro - fess through - out all time. A - men.



1. See! night is wan - ing, dark - ness now sur - ren - ders, dawn, fresh and gold - en, glows
 with light and splen - dor; with ev - 'ry ef - fort, let us all to - geth - er
 beg the Al - might - y, 2. That God may show us mer - cy and com - pas - sion, drive
 a - way an - guish, grant to us sal - va - tion; and may he give us, as
 a lov - ing fa - ther, heav - en's high king - dom. D. Grant this, we ask you, God - head
 ev - er bless - ed, e - qual and ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, whose won -
 drous glo - ry age to age re - ech - oes through all cre - a - tion. A - men.

CHRISTMAS TIME BEFORE EPIPHANY

Vespers (Evening Prayer)



1. O Christ, Re-deem-er of us all, the Fa-ther's sole-be-got-ten Son, a -
 lone be-fore all time be-gan, be-yond all tell-ing, born from him, 2. O Light,
 O Fa-ther's splen-dor bright, O ev-er-last-ing hope for all, bend low
 to hear your serv-ants' prayers, poured out by them through-out the earth. 3. O
 Au-thor of all sav-ing grace, re-call that once you took our flesh and
 from the Vir-gin pure and chaste as-sumed by birth our hu-man form. 4. This
 feast to-day now tes-ti-fies, with-in the cy-cle of the year, that
 you as Sav-ior of the world a-lone came from the Fa-ther's throne. 5. The
 sky a-bove, the earth, the sea, and all cre-a-tion held there-in ex-
 tol with joy-ous hymns of praise the Au-thor of your ad-vent here. 6. We
 al-so, whom you came to save and by your ho-ly blood re-deem, all
 sing a new and joy-ful hymn to cel-e-brate your day of birth. D. To you,

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Vespers (Evening Prayer)

1. The ban-ners of the King go forth, the gleam-ing mys-t'ry of the Cross,
by which the Mak-er of all flesh was yoked in flesh up - on the wood;

2. Where, wound-ed as he hung on high by bit - ter blade of sharp-ened spear,
there flowed forth wa - ter mixed with blood, to wash us clean from ev -
'ry sin. 3. O no - ble tree with blood a - dorned, the splen-did pur-ple
of the King, once cho - sen from a wor-thy stock to touch and bear
such ho - ly limbs. 4. O bless-ed tree whose branch-es bore the price and
ran-som of the world! Like scales it weighed the bod-y's worth and
bore a - way the spoils of hell. 5. Hail al - tar, vic - tim, sac - ri -
fice, for glo - ry gained through grief and death, by which our Life en - dured
to die and through his death re - stored our life. 6. O Cross, all hail,

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Vespers (Evening Prayer)

1. As we a - wait the Lamb's high feast in snow-white robes of sav - ing grace,
a - cross the Red Sea's flow - ing tide we sing to Christ, our Prince and Head.

2. His sa - cred Bod - y, parched and seared up - on the al - tar of the Cross,
his crim - son Blood, out-poured for us, we taste and so we live for God.

3. Once on the eve - ning of the Pasch from dev - as - ta - ting an - gel sword
we were de - liv - ered and set free from Phar - aoh's harsh and bit - ter rule.

4. And now our Pasch is Christ him-self, the pure and spot - less Lamb once slain,
un - leav - ened bread of truth - ful - ness, who gives his flesh in sac - ri - fice.

5. O wor - thy Vic - tim, real and true, that rends and breaks the pow'r of hell,
re - deem - ing those held cap - tive there and grant - ing them the prize of life!