



THE OFFICE OF VESPERS

Friday of the 4th week of Eastertide

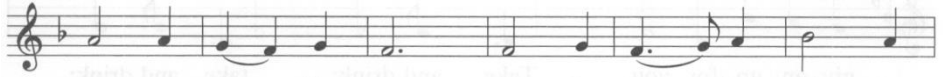
Introduction to the Hour:

O ✠ God, come to our aid. *℞.* O Lord, make haste
to help us. 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. Alle-lu-ia.

OFFICE HYMN: ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus! His the
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, Here on the
 4. Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, You the



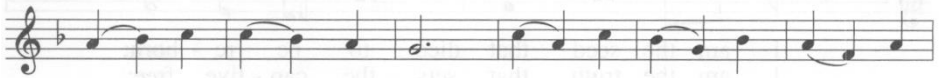
scep - ter, his the throne. Al - le - lu - ia! His the
 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! Here the
 Lord of lords we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
 near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
 sin - ful Flee to you from day to day.
 Mar - y, Earth your foot - stool, heav'n your throne.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him When the
 In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, Earth's re -
 You with - in the veil have en - tered, Robed in



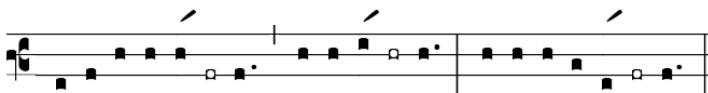
like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of ev - 'ry
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for - get his
 deem - er, plead for me, Where the songs of all the
 flesh, our great high priest; Here on earth both priest and



na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood."
 prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

PSALMODY:

II



Ant 1: *God so* loved the world that he gave his only *Son*, *
 al-le-luia

Ps. 144 (145) - I

Cantor 1: *I will* give you glory, O God, my *King*, *

Side 1: I will bless your name *for* ever.

Side 2: I will bless you day after *day* *
 and praise your name *for* ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be *praised*, *
 his greatness cannot *be* measured.

Side 1: Age to age shall proclaim your *works*, *
 shall declare *your* mighty deeds,
 shall speak of your splendour and *glo-ry*, *
 tell the tale of your won-*der*-ful works.

Side 2: They will speak of your terrible *deeds*, *
 recount your great-*ness* and might.
They will recall your abundant *good-ness*; *
 age to age shall ring out *your* justice.

Side 1: The Lord is kind and full of com-*pass-ion*, *
 slow to anger, abound-*ing* in love.
How good is the Lord to *all*, *
 compassionate to all *his* creatures.

Side 2: All your creatures shall thank you, O *Lord*, *
 and your friends shall repeat *their* blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your *reign* *
 and declare *your* might, O God,

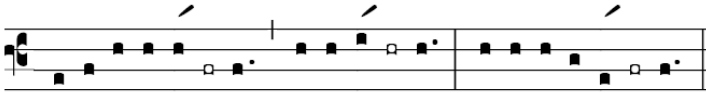
Side 1: To make known to men your mighty *deeds* *
 and the glorious splendour *of* your reign.
Yours is an everlasting *king-dom*; *
 your rule lasts *from* age to age.

Side 2: Glory be to the Father and to the *Son* *
 and to the Ho-*ly* Spirit

Side 1: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever *shall* be *
 word without *end*. Amen.

PSALMODY:

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Ant 2: *To the eternal King, †*
 the undying, invisible only **God**, *
 be all honour and glory, **al-leluia**.

Ps. 144 (145) - II

Cantor 2: *The Lord is faithful in all his **words** **

Side 2: and loving **in** all his deeds.
 The Lord supports all who **fall** *
 and raises all who **are** bowed down.

Side 1: The eyes of all creatures look to **you** *
 and you give them their food **in** due time.
 You open wide your **hand**, *
 grant the desires **of** all who live.

Side 2: The Lord is just in all his **ways** *
 and loving **in** all his deeds.
 He is close to all who **call** him, *
 who call on him **from** their hearts.

Side 1: He grants the desires of those who **fear** him, *
 he hears the cry and **he** saves them.
 The Lord protects all who **love** him; *
 but the wicked he will utter-**ly** destroy.

Side 2: Let me speak the praise of the *Lord*, †
 Let all mankind bless his holy **name** *
 for ever, for ages **un**-ending.

Side 1: Glory be to the Father and to the **Son** *
 and to the Ho-**ly** Spirit

Side 2: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever **shall** be *
 word without **end**. Amen.

Scripture Reading - Hebrews 5: 8-10

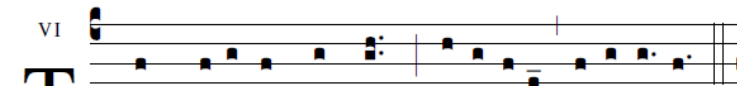
Although he was Son, Christ learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation and was acclaimed by God with the title of high priest of the order of Melchizedeck.

(A homily may be given here)

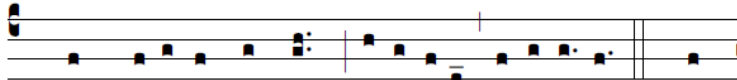
Short Responsory:

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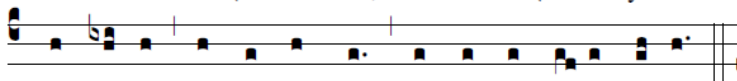
T HE disciples rejoiced, al-le-luia, al-le-lu-ia.



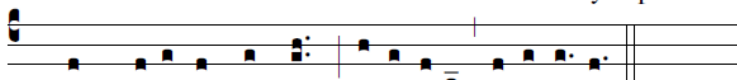
℞. The disciples rejoiced, al-le-luia, al-le-lu-ia. ∷. They



saw the Lord. ℞. Alle-luia, al-le-lu-ia. ∷. Glory be to



the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.



℞. The disciples rejoiced al-le-luia, al-le-lu-ia.

INTERCESSIONS:

Leader: Let us pray to Christ, the fount of life and the source of virtue.

R. Lord, restore your kingdom in the world.

- V.** Jesus, our Saviour, in the body you were put to death, in the Spirit you were raised to life;- grant that we may die to sin, and live in the power of your resurrection. (*Resp.*)
- V.** You sent your disciples to proclaim throughout the world the gospel of salvation;- may all who preach your word be alive with the Holy Spirit. (*Resp.*)
- V.** You received all power in heaven and on earth to bear witness to the truth;- guide in the spirit of truth the plans of governments and rulers. (*Resp.*)
- V.** Keep our eyes fixed on the new heaven and the new earth;- make us care more deeply for our world and its future. (*Resp.*)
- V.** You descended into hell to bring the dead good news;- let the faithful departed come to you, their joy, their hope, their glory. (*Resp.*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father...

CONCLUDING PRAYER:

Lord God, source of our freedom and salvation,
listen to our humble prayer.
You redeemed us by the shedding of your Son's blood:
enable us to live by your grace,
and grant us at all times the joy of your safe keeping.
(We make our prayer) through our Lord.

R. Amen.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL:

- V.** The Lord be with you
R. And with your spirit.
- V.** May Almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
- V.** Go in the peace of Christ.
R. Thanks be to God.