

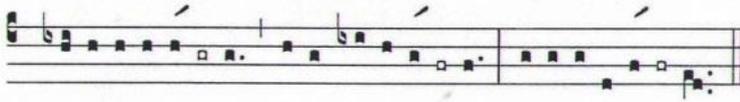
July 1st
Solemnity of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ

First Vespers

First Antiphon: Let us rejoice and be glad, and give him glory! For this is the wedding day of the Lamb

Psalm 115

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Not to us, Lord, not **to** us,
but to your name give *the* **glory**
for the sake of *your* love and **your** truth,
lest the heathen say: "*Where is their God?*"

But our God *is* in the **heavens**;
he does whatever **he** wills.
Their idols *are* silver **and** gold,
the work *of* **human** hands.

They have *mouths* but they **cannot** speak;
they have eyes but *they* **cannot** see;
they have *ears* but they **cannot** hear;
they have nostrils but *they* **cannot** smell.

With their *hands* they **cannot** feel;
with their feet *they* **cannot** walk.
No sound comes from their *throats*. †
Their makers *will* come to **be** like them
and so will all *who* **trust in** them.

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

You who *fear* him, trust **in** the Lord;

he is their help *and* **their** shield.
He remembers us, and he will bless *us*; †
he will bless *the* sons of **Israel**.
He will bless the sons *of* **Aaron**.

The Lord will *ble*ss those who **fe**ar him,
the little no *les*s **than the** great:
to you *may* the Lord **gran**t increase,
to you and all *your* **child**ren.
May *you* be blessed **by** the Lord,
the maker of *heaven* **and** *earth*.
The *heavens* belong **to** the Lord
but the *earth* he has **g**iven **to** *men*.

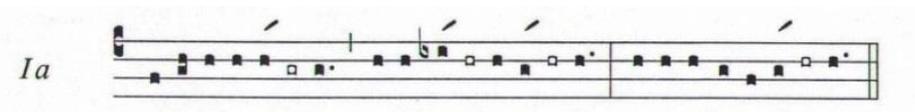
The *dead* shall not **pr**aise the Lord,
nor those who go down into *the* **sil**ence.
But *we* who live **bles**s the Lord
now and for *ever*. **Amen**.

Glory to the *Father* and **to** the Son
and to the Holy **Spirit**,
as it was in the *beginning* **is** now,
and will be *forever*. **Amen**.

First Antiphon: Let us rejoice and be glad, and give him glory! For this is the wedding day of the Lamb

Second Antiphon: You have been bought at a great price. Glorify God, therefore, in your Body.

Psalm 148



Praise the *Lord* from the **heavens**, (without initial intonation)
praise him **in** the heights.
Praise him, *all* his **angels**,
praise him, **all** his host.

Praise him, **sun** and moon,
praise him, **shining** stars.
Praise him, *highest* **heavens**
and the waters *above* the **heavens**.

Let them *praise* the name **of** the Lord.
He **commanded**: **they** were made.
He *fixed* them for **ever**,
gave a law which *shall* not **pass** away.

Praise the Lord **from** the earth,
sea creatures *and* all **oceans**,
fire and hail, **snow** and mist,
stormy winds *that* **obey** his word;

all *mountains* **and** hills,
all fruit *trees* and **cedars**,
beasts, wild **and** tame,
reptiles *and* birds **on** the wing;

all earth's *kings* and **peoples**,
earth's *princes* and **rulers**,
young *men* and **maidens**,
old men *together* with **children**.

Let them *praise* the name **of** the Lord
for he alone *is* exalted.
The *splendor* of **his** name
reaches beyond *heaven* **and** earth.

He exalts the *strength* of his **people**.
He is the *praise* of **all** his saints,
of the *sons* of **Israel**,
of the people *to* whom **he** comes close.

Glory to the *Father* and **to** the Son
and to the *Holy* **Spirit**,
as it was in the *beginning* **is** now,
and will be *forever*. **Amen**.

Second Antiphon: You have been bought at a great price. Glorify God, therefore, in your Body.

Third Antiphon: With the Blood of His Cross, Christ has reconciled earthly beings and those of heaven.

Canticle of Revelation 4:11; 5:9, 10-12



O Lord our God, *you* are worthy
to receive glory and *honor* and power.

For you have created all things;
by your will they came to *be* and were made.
*W*orthy are you, O Lord,
to receive the scroll and break *open* its seals.

For you were slain,
with your blood you *purchased* for God
men of *every* race and tongue,
of every *people* and nation.

You made of them a kingdom, †
and *priests* to serve our God,
and they shall *reign* on the earth.

Worthy is the *Lamb* that was slain
to receive *power* and riches,
wisdom and strength,
honor and *glory* and praise.

Glory to the *Father* and to the Son,
and to the *Holy* Spirit,
as it was in the *beginning* is now,
and will be *forever*. Amen

Third Antiphon: With the Blood of His Cross, Christ has reconciled earthly beings and those of heaven.

Reading

Hebrews 9: 11- 12

When Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

Short Responsory

You have redeemed us, O Lord,* in your blood

- *You have redeemed us O Lord, *in your blood*

Of every race and tongue, of every people and nation

- *in your blood.*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

- *You have redeemed us O Lord, *in your blood.*

Gospel Canticle: You have drawn near to Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood which speaks more eloquently than that of Abel.

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A Ccessi-stis * ad Si-on montem, et ci-vi-tá-tem De-
i vi-véntis, Je-rú-sa-lem cæ-léstem, et testaménti no-vi
me-di-a-tó-rem Je-sum, et sángui-nis aspersi-ónem mé-li-us
loquéntem quam Abel.

Intercessions:

With complete confidence in the power of the Blood of Christ let us approach him with our requests; let us say to Him:

Lord Jesus, you prayed to your heavenly Father that all may be one;
- may your Blood overcome all barriers and make of all people one family of God

Lord Jesus, you brought us to the gospel of Love;
- may your Blood transform the Church into a springtime of faith and brotherhood.

Lord Jesus, you came into the world to bring us the Good News;
- may your Blood raise up ranks of missionaries to announce the gospel of hope to all peoples.

Lord Jesus, while on earth you preached justice, love and peace
- may your Blood bring justice where there is oppression, love where there is hate, and peace where there is war.

Lord Jesus, you commanded us to be bearers of the Good News;
- may your Blood circulate in blessing among us, making us ardent witnesses of your word in our lives.

Lord Jesus, you have remitted the debt of all;
- may your Blood usher the departed into the glory of the Father.

Pater Noster

Let us Pray:

Father, by the Blood of your own Son you have set all men free and saved us from death. Continue your work of love within us, that by constantly

celebrating the mystery of our salvation we may reach the eternal life it promises.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Compline

All elements come from Sunday after First Vespers

Matins

Invitatory: Come Let us adore Christ the Son of God, who redeemed us with His Blood.

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Christum, De- i Fi-lium, qui su-o nos red-
émit sán-guine, ve- ní-te, ad- o-rémus.

First Antiphon: The blood of Jesus assures our entrance into the sanctuary

Psalm 2

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Why this tumult among *nations*,
among peoples this *useless* **murmuring**?
They arise, the kings *of* the earth,
princes plot against the Lord and *his* **Anointed**.
“Come let us break their *fetters*,
come, let us *cast off* **their** yoke.”

He who sits in the *heavens* laughs;
the Lord is laughing them **to** scorn.
Then he will speak in his *anger*,
his rage will strike *them* with **terror**.
“It is I who have set up *my* king
on Zion, my *holy* **mountain**.”

I will announce the decree of *the Lord*: †

The Lord said to me: “You are *my* Son.
It is I who have begotten **you** this day.
Ask and I shall bequeath you the *nations*,
put the ends of the earth in *your* possession.
With a rod of iron you will *break* them,
shatter them *like* a **potter’s** jar.”

Now, O Kings, *understand*,
take warning, *rulers* **of** the earth,
serve the *Lord* with awe
and trembling, pay *him* your **homage**
lest he be angry and you *perish*;
for suddenly his *anger* **will** blaze.

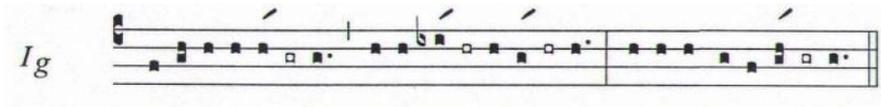
Blessed *are* they* who *put* their **trust** in God.

Glory to the Father, and *to* the Son,
and to the *Holy* **Spirit**:
as it was in the beginning, *is* now,
and will be forever. **Amen**.

First Antiphon: The blood of Jesus assures our entrance into the sanctuary

Second Antiphon: Those who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, stand before the throne of God

Psalm 3



How many are my foes, O Lord!
How many are rising *up against* me!
How many are *saying about* me:
“There is no *help* for **him** in God.”

But you, Lord, are a *shield about* me,
my glory, *who lift up* my head.
I *cry aloud to* the Lord.
He answers from his *holy mountain*.

I lie down to *rest* and **I** sleep.
I wake, for the *Lord upholds* me.
I will not fear even *thousands of people*
who are ranged on every *side against* me.

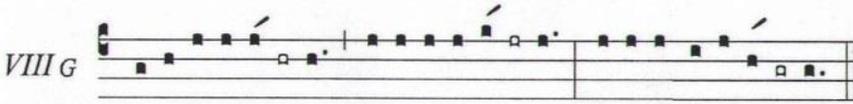
Arise, Lord; *save me, my God*,
you who strike all *my foes on* the mouth,
you who break the *teeth* of the **wicked**!
O Lord of salvation, *bless your people*!

Glory to the *Father*, and **to** the Son,
and to the *Holy Spirit*:
as it was in the *beginning, is now*,
and will be *forever. Amen*.

Second Antiphon: Those who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, stand before the throne of God

Third Antiphon: In his own body he brought our sins to the cross, so that all of us, dead to sin, could live in accord with Gods will

Psalm 16



Preserve me, God, I take refuge in *you*. †
I say to the Lord, “You **are** my God.
My happiness *lies* in **you** alone.”
He has put into my heart a *marvelous* love
For the faithful ones who *dwell* in **his** land.
Those who choose other gods increase their *sorrows*. †
Never will I offer their offerings **of** blood.
Never will I take their *name* **upon** my lips.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion *and* cup;
It is you *yourself* who **are** my prize.
The lot marked out for me is *my* delight:
Welcome indeed the *heritage* that **falls** to me!

I will bless the Lord who gives me *counsel*,
Who even at *night* **directs** my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in *my* sight:
Since he is at my right hand, *I* shall **stand** firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my *soul* is glad;
Even my body shall *rest* in **safety**.
For you will not leave my soul *among* the dead,
Nor let your *beloved* **know** decay.

You will show me the path *of life*, †
The fullness of joy in your *presence*,
At your right hand *happiness* for **ever**.

Glory to the Father, and *to* the Son,
and to the *Holy* **Spirit**,
as it was in the beginning, *is* now,
and will be for *ever*. **Amen**.

Third Antiphon: In his own body he brought our sins to the cross, so that all of us, dead to sin, could live in accord with Gods will

V. You have redeemed us, Lord, with your blood.

R. *And have made us a kingdom for our God.*

FIRST READING

Hebrews 9: 11–22; 10: 19–24

Christ seals the new covenant with his blood

But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God.

For this reason he is mediator of a new covenant: since a death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance. Now where there is a will, the death of the testator must be established. For a will takes effect only at death; it has no force while the testator is alive. Thus not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. When every commandment had been proclaimed by Moses to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves [and goats], together with water and crimson wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, "This is 'the blood of the covenant which God has enjoined upon you.'" In the same way, he sprinkled also the tabernacle and all the vessels of worship with blood. According to the law almost

everything is purified by blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Therefore, brothers, since through the blood of Jesus we have confidence of entrance into the sanctuary by the new and living way he opened for us through the veil, that is, his flesh, and since we have “a great priest over the house of God,” let us approach with a sincere heart and in absolute trust, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water. Let us hold unwaveringly to our confession that gives us hope, for he who made the promise is trustworthy. We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works.

Responsory

Ephesians 2: 13–14

You who once were far off have become near
by the blood of Christ. *

— *For he is our peace, he who made both one.*

It pleased God to reconcile all things to himself through him.

— *For he is our peace, he who made both one.*

Second Reading

From a homily by Saint Augustine of Hippo

Explanation of Psalm 95

Men were being held captive under the devil and were serving demons, but they have been redeemed from captivity. They could tell sell themselves but they could not buy themselves back- redeem themselves. The Redeemer came and gave the price; He poured out His Blood and bought the whole world. Do you ask what He bought? Look at what He gave and you can tell what He bought.

The Blood of Christ is the price. How much is it worth? How much, if not the whole world? How much, if not all nations? Some people say that the price was too small to buy any more than the Africans; they are very

Is Zion loathsome to you?
Why have you *struck* us a blow
that *cannot* be healed?
We wait for *peace*, to **no** avail;
for a time of healing, but terror **comes** instead.
We recognize, O Lord, our wickedness, †
the *guilt* of our **fathers**;
that we have sinned **against** you.

For your name's sake spurn *us not*, †
disgrace not the *throne* of your **glory**;
remember your covenant with us, *and* **break** it not.

Glory to the *Father*, and **to** the Son,
and to the Holy **Spirit**:
as it was in the *beginning*, **is** now,
and will be for *ever*. **Amen**.

II: EZEKIEL 36:24-28



I will take you away from among the *nations*, †
gather you from *all* the **foreign** lands,
and bring you back to *your* **own** land.

I will sprinkle clean water upon *you* †
to cleanse you from *all* your **impurities**,
and from all your idols I *will* **cleanse** you.

I will *give* you a **new** heart
and place a new spirit *with***in** you,
taking from your *bodies* your **stony** hearts
and giving *you* **natural** hearts.

I will put my spirit within *you* †
and make you *live* by my **statutes**,
careful to *observe* **my** decrees.

You shall live in the land I gave your *fathers*; †
you shall *be* my **people**,

and I will *be* **your** God.

Glory to the *Father*, and **to** the Son,
and to the Holy **Spirit**:
as it was in the *beginning*, **is** now,
and will be for *ever*. **Amen**.

III: LAM. 5:1-7, 15-17, 19-21



Remember, O Lord, what *has befallen* us,
look, and *see* **our** disgrace:
Our inherited lands have been turned *over* to **strangers**,
our homes *to* **foreigners**.

We have become *orphans*, **fatherless**;
widowed are *our* **mothers**.
The water we *drink* we **must** buy,
for our own *wood* **we** must pay.

On our necks is the yoke of *those* who **drive** us;
we are worn out, but *allowed* no rest.
To Egypt *we* **submitted**,
and to Assyria, to fill *our* **need** of bread.

Our fathers, who *sinned*, are **no** more;
but *we* **bear** their guilt.
The *joy* of our **hearts** has ceased,
our dance has turned *into* **mourning**;

The garlands have *fallen* **from** our heads:
woe to us, *for* **we** have sinned!
Over *this* our **hearts** are sick,
at this *our* **eyes** grow dim:
You, O Lord, are *enthroned* **forever**;
your throne stands *from* **age** to age.

Why, then, should *you* **forget** us,
abandon us *so* **long** a time?
Lead us back to you, O Lord, that *we* may **be** restored:

give us anew such days as *we had* of old.

Glory to the *Father*, and **to** the Son,
and to the Holy **Spirit**:
as it was in the *beginning*, **is** now,
and will be for *ever*. **Amen**.

Antiphon: One of the soldiers pierced the side of the Lord with a lance, and immediately blood and water flowed out for the redemption of all mankind.

Gospel: John 19: 30- 35

When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit. Now since it was preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and they be taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out. An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may [come to] believe.

Solemn Te Deum

Let us Pray:

Father, who through the blood of Jesus your Son, the Lamb sacrificed on the cross, redeemed us, sanctified us, and made us your people; grant that all may accept this gift of your love, celebrate it joyfully in the Spirit, and drink of it in the Eucharistic chalice, the sign of your covenant and blessing.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lauds

First Antiphon: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you

Psalms come from Sunday, Morning Prayer of Week I

Second Antiphon: Christ entered into the sanctuary with his own blood, and achieved eternal redemption.

Third Antiphon: The accuser of our brothers is cast out; they defeated him by the blood of the Lamb.

Reading

Hebrews 9: 13- 14

If the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of the heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself up unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God!

Short Responory

The blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God cleanses us * from all sin.

- *The blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God cleanses us * from all sin.*

Christ loved us and washed us in his own blood

- *from all sin.*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

- *The blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God cleanses us * from all sin.*

Gospel Canticle: Seeing the blood, I will pass over you; thus, when I strike the land of Egypt, no destructive blow will come upon you.

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E-rit sanguis Agni * vo-bis in signum, di-cit Dómi-
nus: et vi-dé-bo sán-gui-nem, et transí-bo vos, nec e-rit in
vo-bis pla-ga dispérdens.

Intercessions:

Let us implore the heavenly Father that the renewing power of the Blood of Christ may be more known and loved; let us say:

Holy Father, through the Precious Blood of your divine Son we have all become your adopted sons;

-may we proclaim you in all we do and say.

Holy Father, it is your will that we be perfect as you are perfect;

-purified in the Blood of Jesus, may we constantly grow in perfection.

Holy Father, you have reconciled us to yourself in the Blood of Christ

-keep us in your name, that we may be one.

Holy Father, you have called us to a heavenly banquet;

-increase our charity through the Blood we are privileged to receive.

Holy Father, your kingdom is forever

- may the Blood of your Son extend this kingdom on earth ever more and more.

Pater Noster

Let us pray:

Father, by the Blood of your own Son you have set all men free and saved us from death. Continue your work of love within us, that by constantly

celebrating the mystery of our salvation we may reach the eternal life it promises.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Minor Hours

Psalms are taken from the complementary, but if the Solemnity falls on a Sunday, at least one of the hours is taken from Sunday, Week I

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Antiphon: The soldier's lance opened the side of Jesus; and blood and water came out.

Reading

1 John 5: 6-9

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth. So there are three that testify, the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and the three are of one accord. If we accept human testimony, the testimony of God is surely greater. Now the testimony of God is this: that he has testified on behalf of his Son.

Responsory:

The blood of Christ has made us clean
-with the fire of the Holy Spirit.

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Antiphon: The blood of Christ, crying out from the cross, speaks of peace and reconciliation.

Reading:

In him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross [through him], whether those on earth or those in heaven. And you who once were alienated and hostile in mind because of evil deeds he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through his death, to present you holy, without blemish, and irreproachable before him.

Responsory:

Look, O God, our shield,
- *look at the face of your Christ.*

None

Antiphon: Christ, the Paschal Lamb, was hung as a victim on a tree.

Reading:

Revelation 21: 3- 6

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them [as their God]. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, [for] the old order has passed away.”

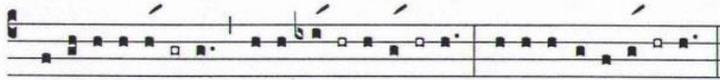
The one who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” Then he said, “Write these words down, for they are trustworthy and true.” He said to me, “They are accomplished. I [am] the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water.”

Responsory:

Second Antiphon: Christ Jesus gave himself as a ransom for all.

Psalm 116:1-9

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I love the *Lord* for **he** has heard
the *cry* of **my** appeal;
for he *turned* his **ear** to me
in the day *when* I **called** him.

They surrounded me, the snares *of death*, †
with the *anguish* **of** the tomb;
they caught me, *sorrow* **and** distress.
I *called* on the **Lord's** name.

O Lord, my *God*, **deliver** me!

How gracious *is* the **Lord**, and just;
our God *has* **compassion**.
The Lord *protects* the **simple** hearts;
I was helpless *so* he **saved** me.

Turn back my *soul*, to **your** rest
for the *Lord* has **been** good;
he has kept my soul *from death*, †
my eyes **from** tears
and my *feet* from **stumbling**.

I will walk in the *presence* **of** the Lord
in the land *of* the **living**.

I trusted, *even* when **I** said:
“I am *sorely* **afflicted**,”
and when I *said* in **my** alarm:
“No man *can* be **trusted**.”

How can *I* **repay** the Lord
for his *goodness* **to** me?
The cup of *salvation* **I** will raise;

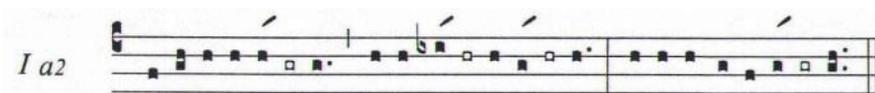
I will call *on* the **Lord's** name.

Glory to the *Father* and **to** the Son,
and to the *Holy Spirit*,
as it was in the *beginning* **is** now,
and will be *forever*. **Amen**.

Second Antiphon: Christ Jesus gave himself as a ransom for all.

Third Antiphon: To make us holy and spotless before the Father,
Jesus lovingly accepted the cross.

Canticle of Ephesians 1:3-10



Praised *by* the *God* and **Father**
of *our* Lord **Jesus** Christ,
who has *bestowed* on **us** in Christ
every spiritual blessing *in* the **heavens**.

God *chose* us **in** him
before the **world** began,
to be **holy**
and blameless *in* **his** sight.

He predestined us
to be his adopted *sons* through **Jesus** Christ,
such was his will and *pleasure*, †
that all might praise the *glorious* **favor**
he has bestowed on us *in* *his* **loved**.

In him and through his blood, *we* have **been** redeemed,
and our *sins* **forgiven**,
so immeasurably **generous**
is God's *favor* **to** **us**.

God has given *us* the **wisdom**
to understand fully the **mystery**,
the *plan* he **was** pleased

to **decree in** Christ.

A *plan* to be **carried out**
in Christ, in the *fullness of time*,
to bring all things *into one* in him,
in the *heavens* and **on** earth.

Glory to the *Father* and **to** the Son,
and to the *Holy Spirit*,
as it was in the *beginning is* now,
and will be *forever*. **Amen**.

Third Antiphon: To make us holy and spotless before the Father,
Jesus lovingly accepted the cross.

Reading:

1 Peter 1: 18- 21

[You realize] that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb. He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Responsory:

Let us gaze upon the blood of Christ, * and we will understand how precious it is before the Father.

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It was poured out for our salvation

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Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

— *Let us gaze upon the blood of Christ, * and we will understand how precious it is before the Father.*

Gospel Canticale: You were delivered not by any diminishable sum of silver or gold, but by Christ's blood beyond all price: the blood of a spotless, unblemished Lamb.

Intercessions:

With faith and gratitude, let us beseech Christ who has reconciled humanity with God in his blood

Lord Jesus, you gave your life in a sacrifice of expiation at the close of day;

—we pray for the Church: make her an effective instrument of unity, communion and peace for the whole human race.

Lord Jesus, your blood poured out for us is an expression of your immense love;

—we pray for all peoples: guide and hear their desires for freedom, justice and truth.

Lord Jesus, with your precious blood you justified us before the Father;

—we pray for the poor, the suffering, and the marginalized: in their need, let them experience solidarity, help and support from all of us.

Lord Jesus, by the power of your blood you free us from the Evil One;

—we pray for all those who proclaim the Gospel: give them honesty in communication, integrity of life, and joy in sharing your victory over the powers of evil.

Lord Jesus, with your blood you purify and nourish your Church;

—we pray for this community: may the Eucharist, summit and source of life, be its daily food for mission.

Lord Jesus, crucified and risen for us, you granted pardon to the repentant thief;

—we pray for our dear deceased relatives and friends: grant them a share in the eternal nuptial banquet in the glory of the blessed.

Pater Noster...

Let us pray:

Father, by the Blood of your own Son you have set all men free and saved us from death. Continue your work of love within us, that by constantly celebrating the mystery of our salvation we may reach the eternal life it promises.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.