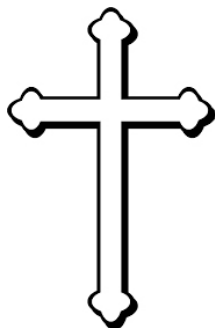


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II VESPERS. February 2: Presentation of the Lord
Roman Rite. Feast Day Psalms
Ordinary Form



EWTN

**EXPOSITION AND ADORATION
OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**

O Salutaris Hostia

O salutáris hóstia,
Quæ cæli pandis óstium,
Bella premunt hostília ;
Da robur, fer auxiliúm.

Uni trinóque Dómino
Sit sempitérna glória :
Qui vitam sine término
Nobis donet in pátria.

Amen.

O Saving Victim opening wide
The gate of heav'n to man below :
Our foes press on from every side ;
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, blest One in Three ;
O grant us life that shall not end
In our true native land with thee.

Amen.

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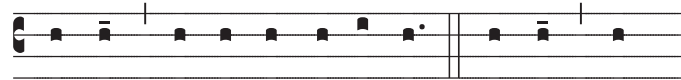
Presentation of the Lord

OPENING VERSE

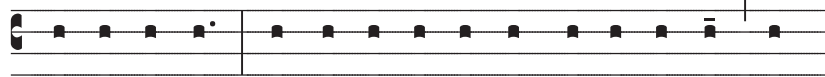
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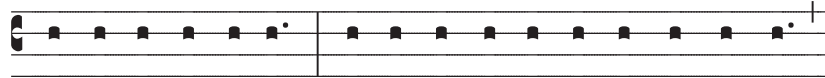
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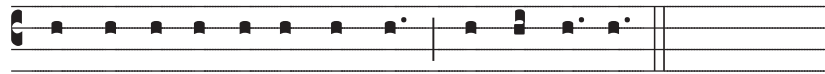
God, come to my as-sistance. $\text{\textcircled{R}}$ O Lord, make



haste to help me. Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and



to the Ho-ly Spir-it : as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now,



and will be for ev-er. A- men. Al- le- lu- ia.

February 2
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
At II Vespers

HYMN

Ca. 800, Carolingian

Legis sacratae sanctis caeremoniis.

Cantor: The Word who rules the angel hosts,
Who made the earth, the sky, the sea,
Was subject to Mosaic rites
And to the ancient Law's decree.

All: Most lovingly in her pure arms
The Virgin Mother holds her Son,
Imprints soft kisses on the cheeks
Of Jesus, God and Man in one.

Cantor: The joy of patriarchs is here,
The Glory of his chosen race;
He is the Light of nations all
To whom he brings the gift of grace.

All: Some will reject his love with scorn,
While others hasten to be healed,
His mercy calls to ev'ry heart
When secret thoughts shall be revealed.

Cantor: O Jesus, Virgin-born, we raise

All: Our hearts to you in joyful praise,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen..

ANTIPHON I



Cantor : The Holy Spirit revealed to Simeon /
that he would | *not see death*. *
until he had | *seen the Lord*.

Psalm 109

King and Priest

A famous Messianic Psalm. In colorful pictures, the royal psalmist paints the mission, conflict, and triumph of our Savior. We ought to pray this Psalm with sentiments of deepest devotion, homage, adoration ; for Christ has applied these words of prophecy to himself.

*Christ's reign will last until all his enemies
are made subject to him (1 Corinthians 15 : 25)*

Appointed King by God

Cantor : The Lord's revelation to my Master : /
“ Sit | *on my right* : *
your foes I will put be- | *neath your feet*. ”

All : The Lord will wield from Sion your scep- | *ter of pow-er* : *
rule in the midst of | *all your foes*.

Cantor : A prince from the day of your birth on the | *ho-ly moun-tains* ; *
from the womb before the dawn | *I be-got* you.

Appointed Priest by God

All : The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. /
“ You are a | *priest for ev-er*, *
a priest like Melchize- | *dek of old*. ”

Conqueror and Judge in God

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

All : He shall drink from the stream | *by the way-side* *
and therefore he shall lift | *up his head*.

Doxology

Cantor : Glory to the Father, and | *to the Son*, *
and to the | *Ho-ly Spir-it* :

All : as it was in the begin- | *ning, is now*, *
and will be for ev- | *er. A-men*.

ANTIPHON

All : The Holy Spirit revealed to Simeon /
that he would | *not see death*. *
until he had | *seen the Lord*.



- C As the law prescribed, they offered to | *the Lord* *
a pair of turtle doves or two | *young pig-eons*.

Psalm 130 (129)

A cry from the depths

How many Christians have passed over into eternity today! Surely the greater number of them are not perfectly free from sin and punishment, and thus with deep devotion we pray the De profundis for their deliverance from Purgatory. We pray it also as a thanksgiving song, however, because the faithful departed are God's children, who with full hands will soon be carrying the sheaves of their lives into the heavenly storehouses. No psalm is used more frequently by the Church in her prayers for the dead.

He himself will save his people from their sins
(Matthew 1 : 21).

First strophe : a cry of confidence

a. Forgiveness

- C Out of the depths I cry to you, | *O Lord*, *
Lord, / hear | *my voice* !
A O let your ears be | *at-ten-tive* *
to the voice of | *my plead-ing*.

b. God's readiness to forgive

- C If you, O Lord, should mark | *our guilt*, *
Lord, / who would | *sur-vive* ?

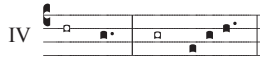
Second strophe : the foundations of trust

a. Hope

- A But with you is found | *for-give-ness* : *
for this we | *re-vere* you.
C My soul is waiting for | *the Lord*, *
I count on | *his word*.
A My soul is longing for | *the Lord* *
more than watchman | *for day-break*.
C Let the watchman count | *on day-break* *
and Israel on | *the Lord*.

b. Foundations of hope

- A Because with the Lord there | *is mer-cy* *
and fullness of | *re-demp-tion*,
C Israel indeed he will | *re-deem* *
from all its | *in-i-qui-ty*.
A Glory to the Father, and to | *the Son*, *
and to the Ho- | *ly Spir-it* :
C as it was in the beginning, | *is now*, *
and will be for ever. | *A-men*.
A As the law prescribed, they offered to | *the Lord* *
a pair of turtle doves or two | *young pig-eons*.



C My own eyes have seen the sal- | **va**-tion *
 which you have prepared in the sight of | *ev'ry* **peo**-ple.

CANTICLE

Colossians I : 1-20

**Christ is the first-born of all creation ;
 in every way the primacy is his**

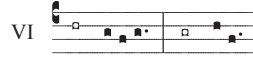
- C Let us give thanks to the Father /
 for having made you | **wor**-thy *
 to share the lot of the | *saints in* **light**.
- A He rescued us from the power of | **dark**-ness *
 and brought us into the kingdom of his be- | *lov-èd* **Son**.
- C Through him we have re- | **demp**-tion, *
 the forgiveness | *of our* **sins**.
- A He is the image of the invisible | **God**, *
 the first-born | *of all* **crea**-tures.
- C In him everything in heaven and on earth was cre- | **at**-ed, *
 things visible | *and in-vis*-i-ble.
- A All were created through | **him** ; *
 all were creat- | *ed for* **him**.
- C He is before all else that | **is**. *
 In him everything contin- | *ues in* **be**-ing.
- A It is he who is head of the body, the | **church** ! *
 he who is | *the be-gin*-ning,
- C the first-born of the | **dead**, *
 so that primacy may be | *his in ev'*-ry-thing.
- A It pleased God to make absolute | **ful**-ness *
 re- | *side in* **him**
- C and by means of | **him**, *
 to reconcile everything | *in his* **per**-son.
- A both on earth and in the | **heav**-ens, *
 making peace through the Blood | *of his* **Cross**.
- C Glory to the Father, and to the | **Son**, *
 and to the | *Ho-ly* **Spir**-it :
- A as it was in the beginning, is | **now**, *
 and will be for ev- | *er. A-men*.
- A My own eyes have seen the sal- | **va**-tion *
 which you have prepared in the sight of | *ev'ry* **peo**-ple.

READING

Hebrews 4:15-16

We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but one who was tempted in every way that we are, yet never sinned. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and favor and to find help in time of need.

RESPONSORY



Cantor: The Lord | *has made known* *
his sav- | *ing pow-er.*

All: The Lord | *has made known* *
his sav- | *ing pow-er.*

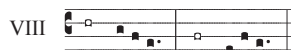
Cantor: Which he has prepared in the sight of | *ev'-ry peo-ple,* *

All: His sav- | *ing pow-er.*

Cantor: Glory to the Father, and | *to the Son,* *
and to the Ho- | *ly Spir-it.*

All: The Lord | *has made known* *
his sav- | *ing pow-er.*

ANTIPHON. AT MAGNIFICAT



Cantor : Today the Blessed | *Vir-gin Mar-y* *
presented the Child Jesus | *in the tem-ple*;
and Simeon, inspired by the Holy Spirit, /
took him | *in his arms*, *
and gave | *thanks to God*.

Magnificat

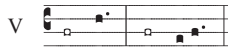
The cantor begins and alternates verses with the congregation :

Canticle of the Blessed Virgin Mary Lk 1: 46-55

- Cantor* : 1. My soul ✠ proclaims the greatness | *of the Lord*, *
my spirit rejoices in | *God my Sav-ior*.
- All* : 2. for he has | *looked with fa-vor* *
on his | *low-ly ser-vant*.
- Cantor* : 3. From this day all | *gen-er-a-tions* *
will | *call me bless-ed* :
- All* : 4. the Almighty has done great | *things for me*, *
and holy | *is his Name*.
- Cantor* : 5. He has mercy on | *those who fear him* *
in every | *gen-er-a-tion*.
- All* : 6. He has shown the strength | *of his arm*, *
he has scattered the proud in | *their con-cept*.
- Cantor* : 7. He has cast down the mighty | *from their thrones*, *
and has lifted | *up the low-ly*.
- All* : 8. He has filled the hungry | *with good things*, *
and the rich he has sent | *a-way emp-ty*.
- Cantor* : 9. He has come to the help of his | *ser-vant Is-ra-el* *
for he has remembered his prom- | *ise of mer-cy*,
- All* : 10. the promise he made | *to our fa-thers*, *
to Abraham and his child- | *ren for ev-er*.
- Cantor* : 11. Glory to the Father, and | *to the Son*, *
and to the | *Ho-ly Spir-it* :
- All* : 12. as it was in the begin- | *ning, is now*, *
and will be for ev- | *er: A-men*.

ANTIPHON

All : Today the Blessed | *Vir-gin Mar-y* *
presented the Child Jesus | *in the tem-ple*;
and Simeon, inspired by the Holy Spirit, /
took him | *in his arms*, *
and gave | *thanks to God*.



INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Today our Savior was presented in the temple.
Let us adore him as we | **say**:

All: Lord, / may our eyes see your sav- | *ing pow-er.*

Cantor: Christ Jesus,
you are the light that enlightens all nations,
— shine upon those who do not know you,
that they may come to believe in you,
the one true | **God.**

All: Lord, / may our eyes see your sav- | *ing pow-er.*

Cantor: You are the Redeemer
and the glory of your people Israel,
— may your Church proclaim salvation
to the ends of the | **earth.**

All: Lord, / may our eyes see your sav- | *ing pow-er.*

Cantor: Jesus, desire of the nations,
Simeon, the just man, rejoiced at your coming,
— lead all men to recognize that you still come to | **them.**

All: Lord, / may our eyes see your sav- | *ing pow-er.*

Cantor: Lord, when you were presented in the temple,
Simeon foretold that a sword of sorrow
would pierce your Mother's heart,
— strengthen us to accept the sufferings
we endure for the sake of your | **name.**

All: Lord, / may our eyes see your sav- | *ing pow-er.*

Cantor: Christ Jesus, joy of all the Saints,
Simeon longed to see you before he died,
and his prayer was answered,
— hear our plea for all the dead
who still yearn to see your | **face.**

All: Lord, / may our eyes see your sav- | *ing pow-er.*

Celebrant: Our Father . . .

Prayer

Celebrant: Almighty ever living God,
we humbly implore your majesty *
that, just as your Only Begotten Son
was presented on this day in the Temple
in the substance of our flesh,
so, by your grace,
may we be presented to you with minds made pure.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, *
for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

**BENEDICTION
OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Tantum ergo Sacramentum

<p>Tantum ergo Sacraméntum Venerémur cernui ; Et antiquum documéntum Novo cedat ritui ; Præstet fides suppleméntum Sénsuum deféctui.</p> <p>Genitóri, Genitóque Laus et iubilátio, Salus, honor, virtus, quoque Sit et benedictio : Procedénti ab utróque Compar sit laudátio. Amen.</p> <p>℣. Panem de cælo præstitisti eis (T. P. allelúia). ℞. Omne delectaméntum in se habéntem (T. P. allelúia).</p>	<p>Therefore we, before him bending, This great Sacrament revere ; Types and shadows have their ending, For the newer Rite is here ; Faith, our outward sense, befriending, Makes the inward vision clear.</p> <p>Glory let us give and blessing, To the Father and the Son ; Honor, might, and praise addressing, While eternal ages run ; Ever too his love confessing, Who from Both, with Both, is One. Amen.</p> <p>℣. You have given them bread from heaven (P.T. alleluia). ℞. Having all sweetness within it (P.T. alleluia).</p>
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Oratio

Oremus.

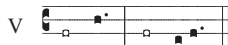
DEUS, qui nobis sub sacraménto mirábili, passiónis tuæ memóriam reliquisti : * tribue, quæsumus, ita nos Córporis et Sánguinis tui sacra mystéria venerári ; ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis iúgiter sentiámus : Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculórum. ℞. Amen.

Prayer

Let us pray.

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, * grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign for ever and ever. ℞. Amen.

The Divine Praises



- Cantor* : Blessed be | **God**. *
Blessed be his ho- | *ly* **Name**.
- All* : Blessed be Jesus Christ, / true God and true | **man**. *
Blessed be the Name | *of* **Je**-sus.
- Cantor* : Blessed be his most Sacred | **Heart**. *
Blessed be his most Pre- | *cious* **Blood**.
- All* : Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the | **Al**-tar. *
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, | *the* **Par**-aclete.
- Cantor* : Blessed be the great Mother of God, / Mary most | **ho**-ly. *
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate | *Con*-cep-tion.
- All* : Blessed be her glorious As- | **sump**-tion. *
Blessed be the name of Mary, / Virgin | *and* **Moth**-er.
- Cantor* : Blessed be Saint | **Jo**-seph, *
her most | *chaste* **spouse**.
- All* : Blessed be | **God** *
in his angels and in | *his* **saints**.

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise thy Name ;	Hark ! The loud celestial hymn
Lord of all, we bow before thee ;	Angel choirs above are raising ;
All on earth thy scepter 'claim ;	Cherubim and seraphim,
All in heav'n above adore thee ;	In unceasing chorus praising,
Infinite thy vast domain ;	Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord :
Everlasting is thy reign.	Holy, holy, holy Lord.

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