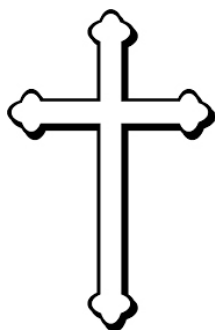


THE OFFICE
of
SUNDAY VESPERS
Roman Rite. Psalter : Week I
Ordinary Form



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.

SUNDAY AT SECOND VESPERS

Psalter: Week I

A glimpse into the kingdom of God

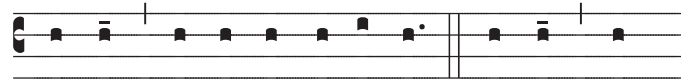
Vespers is the evening prayer of the Church. This is the hour of thanksgiving for the graces bestowed during the day of salvation that has just passed. In Sunday Vespers we review gratefully the history of God's kingdom in the Church and in individual souls. We see Christ our victorious King in his power (Ps 109), and the Church in the image of the Jewish people, setting out from the slavery of Egypt into the promised land (Ps 113). There are two principal objects to our Vesper prayers: thanksgiving, and new courage to continue our pilgrimage.

OPENING VERSE

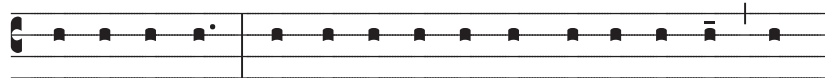
Celebrant:

All:

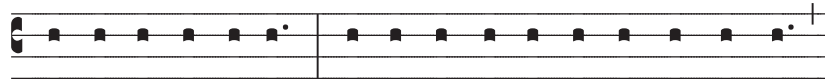
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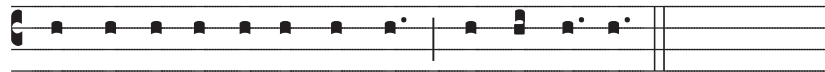
God, come to my as-sistance. R. O Lord, make



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.

— A —

HYMN

St. Gregory the Great. 540-604

Lucis Creator optime. (L.M.)

II

Cantor : **O** blest Cre- a- tor of the light, Who mak'st the day
with ra-diance bright, And o'er the form-ing world didst call
The light from cha- os first of all;

All : 2. Whose wis-dom joined in meet ar- ray The morn and eve,
and named them Day: Night comes with all its dark- ling
fears; Re-gard thy peo- ple's prayers and tears.

Cantor : 3. Lest, sunk in sin, and whelm'd with strife, They lose the gift
of end-less life; While think-ing but the thoughts of time,
They weave new chains of woe and crime.

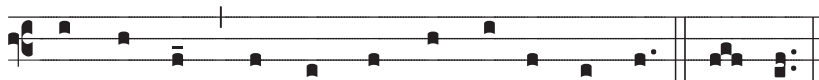
All : 4. But grant them grace that they may strain The heav'n-ly gate
and prize to gain: Each harm-ful lure a- side to cast,
And purge a- way each er- ror past.



Cantor : 5. O Fa- ther, that we ask be done,



All : Through Je- sus Christ, thine on- ly Son; Who, with the Ho-ly



Ghost and thee Doth live and reign e- ter- nal- ly. A- men.

— B —

Cantor: 1. O blest Creator of the light,
Who mak'st the day with radiance bright,
And o'er the forming world didst call
The light from chaos first of all;

All: 2. Whose wisdom joined in meet array
The morn and eve, and named them Day:
Night comes with all its darkling fears;
Regard thy people's prayers and tears.

Cantor: 3. Lest, sunk in sin, and whelm'd with strife,
They lose the gift of endless life;
While thinking but the thoughts of time,
They weave new chains of woe and crime.

All: 4. But grant them grace that they may strain
The heav'nly gate and prize to gain:
Each harmful lure aside to cast,
And purge away each error past.

Cantor: 5. O Father, that we ask be done,

All: Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

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VIII

T HE Lord will stretch forth * his might- y scep-tre from Zi- on, and
he will reign for ev- er, al- le- lu- ia.

ANTIPHON I

VIII

Cantor : The Lord will stretch forth his mighty scep- | *ter from Si-on*, *
and he will reign for ever, / | *al-le-lu-ia*.

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 (I 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*.

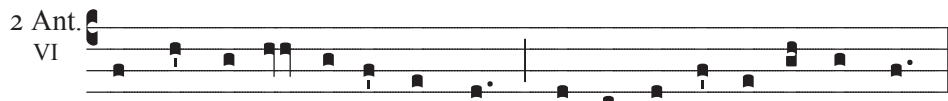
Doxology

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*.

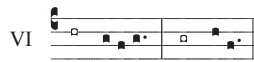
ANTIPHON

All : The Lord will stretch forth his mighty scep- | *ter from Si-on*, *
and he will reign for ever, / | *al-le-lu-ia*.



THE earth is shak-en to its depths * be-fore the glo-ry of your face.

ANTIPHON 2



Cantor : The earth is shaken | *to its depths* *
before the glory of | *your face*.

Psalm 113

The Israelites are delivered from the bondage of Egypt

This Psalm in its simplicity is full of poetry : nature rejoices as it sees God marching by in the Ark of the Covenant. In our prayers, this is God's solemn procession through time in the forward progress of his Church. Christ is in procession, a Corpus Christi procession ; and it is our privilege to march along with him.

You too left Egypt when, at Baptism, you renounced that world which is at enmity with God (Saint Augustine)

God and his people

Cantor : When Israel came | *forth from E-gypt*, *
Jacob's sons from an ali- | *en peo-ple*,

All : Judah became | *the Lord's tem-ple*, *
Israel became | *his king-dom*.

Nature's holy fear

Cantor : The sea fled | *at the sight* : *
the Jordan turned back on | *its course*.

All : the mountains | *leapt like rams* *
and the hills like year- | *ling sheep*.

Cantor : Why was it, sea, | *that you fled*, *
that you turned back, Jordan, on | *your course* ?

All : Mountains, that you | *leapt like rams*, *
hills, like year- | *ling sheep* ?

Cantor : Tremble, O earth, be- | *fore the Lord*, *
in the presence of the God | *of Ja-cob*,

All : who turns the rock in- | *to a pool* *
and flint into a spring | *of wa-ter*.

Doxology

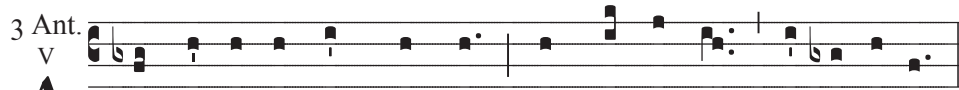
Cantor : Glory to the Father, and | *to the Son*, *
and to the Ho- | *ly Spir-it* :

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

ANTIPHON

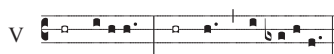
All : The earth is shaken | *to its depths* *
before the glory of | *your face*.

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A LL pow-er is yours, Lord God, * our might-y King, al- le- lu- ia.

ANTIPHON 3



Cantor : All power is | **yours**, Lord God, *
our mighty King, / | **al-le-lu-ia**.

CANTICLE

Apocalypse 19 : 1-7



∩ Al-le-lu-ia. ∩ Al-le-lu-ia, al- le-lu-ia.

The wedding of the Lamb

Cantor : Salvation, glory, and power to our God : *

All : ∩ Alle- | **lu-ia**.

Cantor : his judgments are hon- | *est and true*.

All : ∩ Alleluia, | **al-le-lu-ia**.

Cantor : Sing praise to our God, all you his servants, *

All : ∩ Alle- | **lu-ia**.

Cantor : all who worship him rev'rently, / | *great and small*.

All : ∩ Alleluia, | **al-le-lu-ia**.

Cantor : The Lord our all-powerful God is King ; *

All : ∩ Alle- | **lu-ia**.

Cantor : let us rejoice, sing praise, and | *give him glo-ry*.

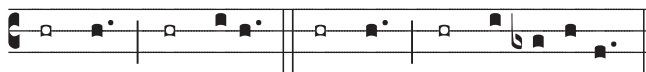
All : ∩ Alleluia, | **al-le-lu-ia**.

Cantor : The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun, *

All : ∩ Alle- | **lu-ia**.

Cantor : and his bride is pre- | *pared to wel-come* him.

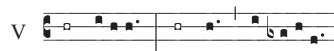
All : ∩ Alleluia, | **al-le-lu-ia**.



Cantor : Glory to the Father, and to the Son, /
and to the Holy | **Spir-it** :

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

ANTIPHON



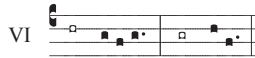
All : All power is | **yours**, Lord God, *
our mighty King, / | **al-le-lu-ia**.

READING

2 Corinthians :1:3-4

Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation! He comforts us in all our afflictions and thus enables us to comfort those who are in trouble, with the same consolation we have received from him.

RESPONSORY



Cantor : The whole crea- | *tion pro-claims* *
the greatness of | *your glo-ry*.

All : The whole crea- | *tion pro-claims* *
the greatness of | *your glo-ry*.

Cantor : Eternal | *a-ges praise* *

All : the greatness of | *your glo-ry*.

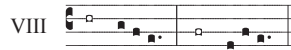
Cantor : Glory to the Father, and | *to the Son*, *
and to the Ho- | *ly Spir-it* :

All : The whole crea- | *tion pro-claims* *
the greatness of | *your glo-ry*.

Resp. VI

T HE whole cre- a- tion proclaims * the greatness of your glo- ry. The whole. E- ter- nal a- ges praise. * the greatness. Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Spir- it. The whole.

ANTIPHON. AT MAGNIFICAT



Sung by the Cantor

Magnificat

The cantor begins and alternates verses with the congregation :

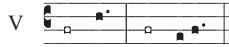
Canticle of the Blessed Virgin Mary Lk 1: 46-55

- 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

Sung by the Cantor

INTERCESSIONS



Celebrant : Christ the Lord is our head ; we are his members.
In joy let us call out to | **him** :

All : Lord, / may your king- | **dom come**.

Cantor : Christ our Savior,
make your Church a more vivid symbol of the unity of all mankind,
— make it more effectively the sacrament of salvation for all | **peo-ples**.

All : Lord, / may your king- | **dom come**.

Cantor : Through your presence,
guide the college of Bishops in union with the Pope,
— give them the gifts of unity, love and | **peace**.

All : Lord, / may your king- | **dom come**.

Cantor : Bind all Christians more closely to yourself, their divine Head,
— lead them to proclaim your kingdom by the witness of their | **lives**.

All : Lord, / may your king- | **dom come**.

Cantor : Grant peace to the world,
— let every land flourish in justice and se- | **cur-i-ty**.

All : Lord, / may your king- | **dom come**.

Cantor : Grant to the dead the glory of resurrection,
— and give us a share in their | **hap-pi-ness**.

All : Lord, / may your king- | **dom come**.

Our Father . . .

Celebrant : *Prayer of the Sunday*.

All : Amen.

Vespers concludes with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**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.

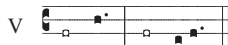
DEUS, qui nobis sub sacraménto mirábili, passiónis tuæ memóriam reliquisti : * tribue, quæsumus, ita nos Córporis et Sánguinis tui sacra mystéria venerári ; ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis iúgiter sentiámus : Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculórum. ℞. Amen.

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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