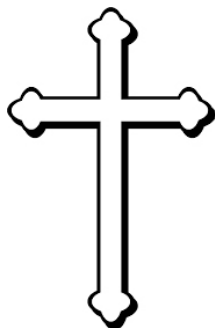


THE OFFICE
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EASTER SUNDAY VESPERS

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.

EASTER SUNDAY AT VESPERS

Psalter: Week I

A glimpse into the kingdom of God

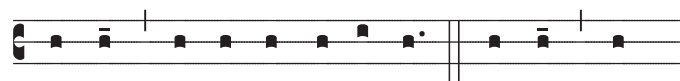
Vespers is the evening prayer of the Church. This is the hour of thanksgiving for the graces bestowed during the day of salvation that has just passed. In Sunday Vespers we review gratefully the history of God's kingdom in the Church and in individual souls. We see Christ our victorious King in his power (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

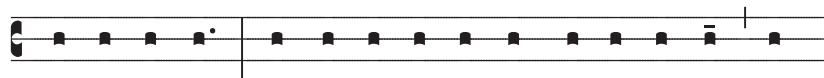
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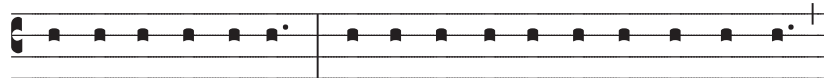
O



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,



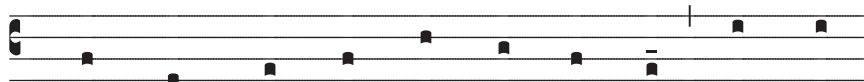
and will be for ev-er. A-men. Al-le-lu-ia.

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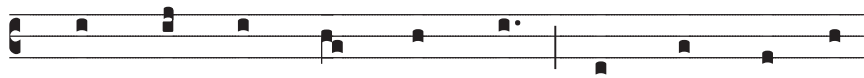
The Lamb's High Banquet We Await

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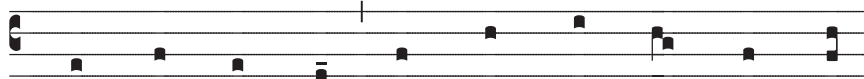
The Cantor begins and alternates verses with All.



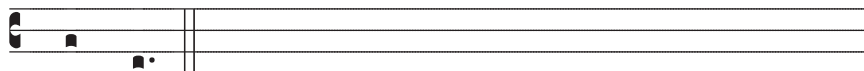
1. The Lamb's high ban-quet we a-wait In snow-
2. Up- on the al- tar of the Cross His Bod-
3. That Pas- chal eve God' arm was bared; The de-
4. Now Christ our Pas- chal Lamb is slain, The Lamb



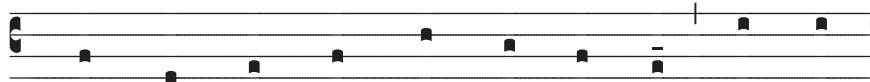
1. white robes of roy- al state; And now, the Red
2. y hath re- deemed our loss; And tast- ing of
3. vas- tat- ing an- gel spared: By strength of hand
4. of God that knows no stain; The true Ob- la-



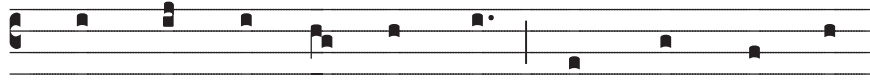
1. Sea's chan- nel past, To Christ, our Prince, we sing
2. his ros- eate Blood Our life is hid with him
3. our hosts went free From Pha- raoh's ruth- less tyr-
4. tion of- fered here, Our own un- leav- ened Bread



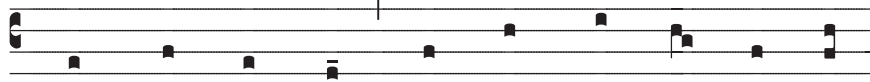
1. at last.
2. in God.
3. an- ny.
4. sin- cere.



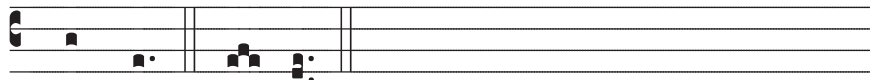
5. O thou from whom hell's monarch flies, O great,
 6. For Christ, arising from the dead, From con-
 7. Maker of all, to thee we pray, Fulfill
 8. To thee, who dead, again dost live, All glo-



5. O very Sacrifice, Thy captive peo-
 6. quered hell victorious sped; He thrusts the ty-
 7. in us thy joy today; When death assails,
 8. ry, Lord, thy people give; All glory, as



5. ple are set free, And endless life restored
 6. rant down to chains, And Paradise for man
 7. grant, Lord, that we May share thy Paschal vic-
 8. is ever meet, To Father and to Par-



5. in thee.
 6. re-gains.
 7. to-ry.
 8. a-clete. Amen.

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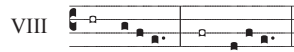
Cantor: 1. Proclaim his triumph, heav'n and earth,
 For Christ is risen as he said:
 The Crucified, the living God,
 Who dwelt three days among the dead.

All: 2. He broke apart the gates of hell,
 Freed waiting Adam from his chain,
 And in the radiance of the Lord
 The face of Moses shown again.

Cantor: 3. Christ died for us in bitter shame,
 But now he lives in pow'r and might;
 His fire unquenched, his vital flame
 Fills all the world with joy and light.

All: 4. To God the Father glory give
 For Jesus Christ his deathless Son,
 Who with the Holy Spirit lives
 Immortal, and for ever One.

ANTIPHON I



Cantor : Mary Magdalene and the | *oth-er Mar-y* *
came to see the Lord's tomb, / | *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 (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 : Mary Magdalene and the | *oth-er Mar-y* *
came to see the Lord's tomb, / | *al-le-lu-ia*.

ANTIPHON 2



Cantor : Come and | *see the place* *
where the Lord was buried, / al- | *le- lu- ia*.

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

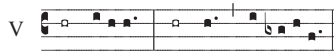
Cantor : Glory to the Father, and | *to the Son*, *
and to the Ho- | *ly Spir-it* :

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

ANTIPHON

All : Come and | *see the place* *
where the Lord was buried, / al- | *le- lu- ia*.

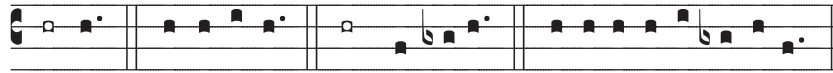
ANTIPHON 3



Cantor : Jesus said: / Do not | **be** a-fraid.
Go and tell my brothers to set out for Galilee, /
there they will see me, / | **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*.

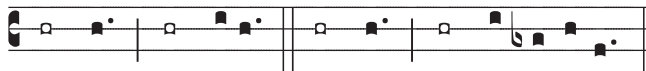
All : ∩ Alleluia, | **al-le-lu-ia**.

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

All : ∩ Alle- | **lu-ia**.

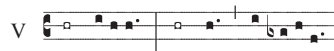
Cantor : and his bride is pre- | *pared to wel-come* him.

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

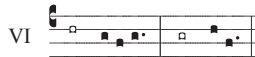
All : Jesus said: / Do not | **be** a-fraid.
Go and tell my brothers to set out for Galilee, /
there they will see me, / | **al-le-lu-ia**.

READING

Hebrews 10:12-14

Jesus offered one sacrifice for sins and took his seat forever at the right hand of God; now he waits until his enemies are placed beneath his feet. By one offering he has forever perfected those who are being sanctified.

ANTIPHON



Cantor : This is the day the | *Lord has made*; *
All : let us rejoice and be glad, /
al- | *le-lu-ia*.

ANTIPHON. AT MAGNIFICAT



Cantor : On the evening of the first day | *of the week*, *
the disciples were gathered together be- | *hind locked doors*;
suddenly, / Jesus stood among | *them and said*: *
Peace be with you, / | **al-le-lu-ia**.

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 : On the evening of the first day | *of the week*, *
the disciples were gathered together be- | *hind locked doors*;
suddenly, / Jesus stood among | *them and said*: *
Peace be with you, / | **al-le-lu-ia**.

INTERCESSIONS



- Celebrant* : With joy in our hearts, let us call upon Christ the Lord,
who died and rose again, and lives always to intercede for | **us** :
- All* : Victorious King, / hear | **our prayer**.
- Cantor* : Light and salvation of all peoples,
— send into our hearts the fire of your Spirit,
as we proclaim your resur- | **rec**-tion.
- All* : Victorious King, / hear | **our prayer**.
- Cantor* : Let Israel recognize in you her longed-for Messiah,
— and the whole earth be filled with the knowledge of your | **glo**-ry.
- All* : Victorious King, / hear | **our prayer**.
- Cantor* : Keep us in the communion of your saints,
— and grant us rest from our labors in their | **com**-pan-y.
- All* : Victorious King, / hear | **our prayer**.
- Cantor* : You have triumphed over death, your enemy;
destroy in us the power of | **death**,
— that we may live only for you, victorious and immortal | **Lord**.
- All* : Victorious King, / hear | **our prayer**.
- Cantor* : Savior Christ, you were obedient even to accepting death,
and were raised up to the right hand of the Father,
— in your goodness welcome your brothers and sisters
into the kingdom of your | **glo**-ry.
- All* : Victorious King, / hear | **our prayer**.
- Celebrant* : Our Father . . .
- Celebrant* : O God, who on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.
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.

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 præstitísti 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.

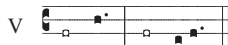
DEUS, qui nobis sub sacraménto mirábili, passiónis tuæ memóriam reliquisti : * tribue, quæsumus, ita nos Córporis et Sánguinis tui sacra mystéria venerári ; ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis iúgiter sentiámus : Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculórum. ℞. Amen.

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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