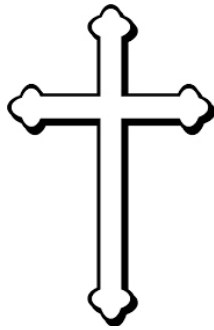


THE OFFICE
of
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. II VESPERS

Roman Rite. Psalter : Week II

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 auxiliium.

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. AT SECOND VESPERS

Psalter: Week II

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 as a pilgrim, in the image of the Jewish people, setting out from the slavery of Egypt into the promised land (Ps 113 B). There are two principal objects to our Vesper prayers: thanksgiving, and new courage to continue our pilgrimage.

OPENING VERSE

Celebrant :

All :

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.

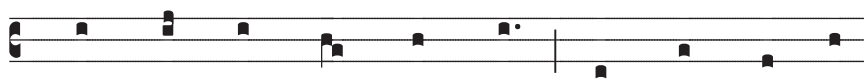
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The Lamb's High Banquet We Await

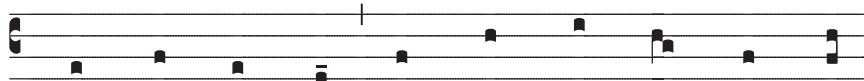
Ad cenam Agni providi. Mode VIII.



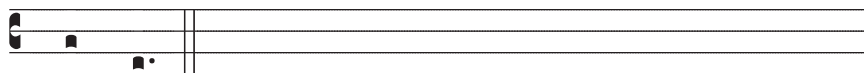
1. The Lamb's high ban-quet we a-wait In snow-
2. Up- on the al- tar of the Cross His Bod-
3. That Pas- chal eve God' arm was bared; The de-
4. Now Christ our Pas- chal Lamb is slain, The Lamb



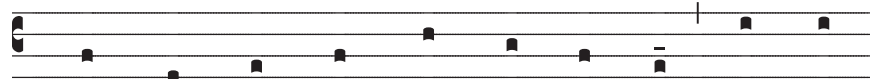
1. white robes of roy- al state; And now, the Red
2. y hath re- deemed our loss; And tast- ing of
3. vas- tat- ing an- gel spared: By strength of hand
4. of God that knows no stain; The true Ob- la-



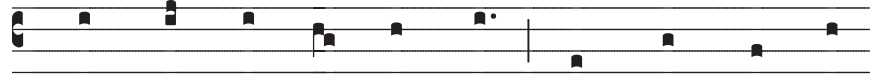
1. Sea's chan- nel past, To Christ, our Prince, we sing
2. his ros- eate Blood Our life is hid with him
3. our hosts went free From Pha- raoh's ruth- less tyr-
4. tion of- fered here, Our own un- leav- ened Bread



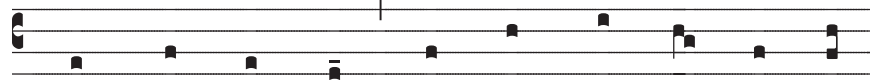
1. at last.
2. in God.
3. an- ny.
4. sin- cere.



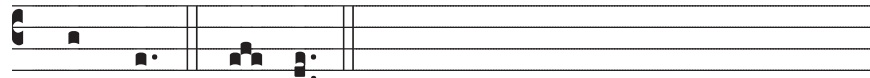
5. O thou from whom hell's mon- arch flies, O great,
 6. For Christ, a- ris- ing from the dead, From con-
 7. Mak- er of all, to thee we pray, Ful- fill
 8. To thee, who dead, a- gain dost live, All glo-



5. O ver- y Sac- ri- fice, Thy cap- tive peo-
 6. quered hell vic- tor- ious sped; He thrusts the ty-
 7. in us thy joy to- day; When death as- sails,
 8. ry, Lord, thy peo- ple give; All glo- ry, as



5. ple are set free, And end- less life re- stored
 6. rant down to chains, And Par- a- dise for man
 7. grant, Lord, that we May share thy Pas- chal vic-
 8. is ev- er meet, To Fa- ther and to Par-



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

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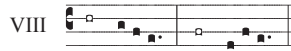
Cantor: 1. Proclaim his triumph, heav'n and earth,
 For Christ is risen as he said:
 The Crucified, the living God,
 Who dwelt three days among the dead.

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 : God raised up Christ | *from the dead* *
and gave him a place at his right hand in heaven, / | *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*.

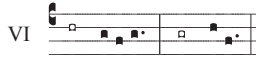
Doxology

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 : God raised up Christ | *from the dead* *
and gave him a place at his right hand in heaven, / | *al-le-lu-ia*.



ANTIPHON 2

Cantor : You have been turned from | *faith in i-dols* *
to the living God, / al- | *le-lu-ia*.

Psalm 113 B

Praise of the true God

This Psalm dates from the time of the exile, and sets out to strengthen our trust in God who alone can help us, and our contempt of idols. In our prayers, this means God in his procession through the earth. Along the path, the idols of the world are beckoning to us: riches, pleasure, honor power. We renounce the devil and all his works.

*We have renounced idol worship
to serve the living and true God (1 Thessalonians 1 : 9)*

God alone be praised

Cantor : Not to us, Lord, | *not to us*, *
but to your name give | *the glo-ry*.

All : for the sake of your love | *and your truth*, *
lest the heathen say : / “ Where is | *their God* ? ”

God and idols

Cantor : But our God is | *in the heav-ens* ; *
he does whatever | *he wills*.

All : Their idols are sil- | *ver and gold*, *
the work of hu- | *man hands*.

Cantor : They have mouths but they | *can-not speak* ; *
they have eyes but they can- | *not see* ;

All : they have ears but they | *can-not hear* ; *
they have nostrils but they can- | *not smell*.

Cantor : With their hands they cannot feel ; /
with their feet they | *can-not walk*. *
No sound comes from | *their throats*.

All : Their makers will come to | *be like them* *
and so will all who trust | *in them*.

Song of blessing

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

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

Cantor : You who fear him, trust | *in the Lord* ; *
 he is their help and | *their shield*.

All : He remembers us, and he will bless us ; /
 he will bless the | *sons of Is-ra-el*. *
 He will bless the sons | *of Aar-on*.

Cantor : The Lord will bless | *those who fear* him, *
 the little no less than | *the great* :

All : to you may the | *Lord grant in-crease*, *
 to you and all | *your child-ren*.

Cantor : May you be blest | *by the Lord*, *
 the maker of heaven | *and earth*.

All : The heavens belong | *to the Lord* *
 but the earth he has given | *to men*.

Cantor : The dead shall not | *praise the Lord*, *
 nor those who go down into | *the si-lence*.

All : But we who live | *bless the Lord* *
 now and for ever. | *A-men*.

Doxology

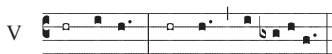
Cantor : Glory to the Father, and | *to the Son*, *
 and to the Ho- | *ly Spir-it* :

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

ANTIPHON

All : You have been turned from | *faith in i-dols* *
 to the living God, / al- | *le-lu-ia*.

ANTIPHON 3



Cantor : Alleluia, salvation, glory and | **pow-er** *
to our God, / | **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*.

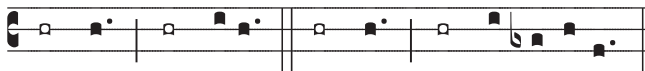
All : ∩ Alleluia, | **al-le-lu-ia**.

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

All : ∩ Alle- | **lu-ia**.

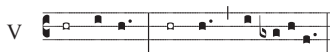
Cantor : and his bride is pre- | *pared to wel-come* him.

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**.



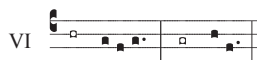
ANTIPHON

All : Alleluia, salvation, glory and | **pow-er** *
to our God, / | **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.



RESPONSORY

Cantor : The | *Lord is ris-en*, *
alleluia, al- | *le-lu-ia*.

All : The | *Lord is ris-en*, *
alleluia, al- | *le-lu-ia*.

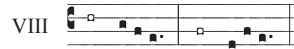
Cantor : He has ap- | *peared to Si-mon*, *

All : alleluia, al- | *le-lu-ia*.

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

All : The | *Lord is ris-en*, *
alleluia, al- | *le-lu-ia*.

ANTIPHON. AT MAGNIFICAT



Cantor : If anyone loves me he will | *keep my word*, *
and my Fa- | *ther will love* him.

We will | *come to him* *
and make our home with him, / | *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-*ceit.

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 :

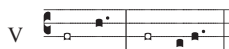
All : 12. as it was in the begin- | *ning, is now*, *
and will be for ev- | *er. A-men*.

ANTIPHON

All : If anyone loves me he will | *keep my word*, *
and my Fa- | *ther will love* him.

We will | *come to him* *
and make our home with him, / | *al-le-lu-* ia.

INTERCESSIONS



Celebrant : God the Father raised Christ from the dead and exalted him at his right hand.
Let us pray to the Father, | **say-ing**:

All : Through Christ in glory, / watch over your peo- | *ple*, **Lord**.

Cantor : Righteous Father,
you lifted Jesus above the earth through the triumph of the cross,
— may all things be lifted up in | **him**.

All : Through Christ in glory, / watch over your peo- | *ple*, **Lord**.

Cantor : Through your Son in glory
send the Holy Spirit upon the Church,
— that she may be the sacrament of unity for the whole human | **race**.

All : Through Christ in glory, / watch over your peo- | *ple*, **Lord**.

Cantor : You have brought a new family into being
through water and the Holy Spirit,
— keep them faithful to their baptism,
and bring them to everlasting | **life**.

All : Through Christ in glory, / watch over your peo- | *ple*, **Lord**.

Cantor : Through your exalted Son
help those in distress, free those in captivity, heal the sick,
— and by your blessings give joy to the | **world**.

All : Through Christ in glory, / watch over your peo- | *ple*, **Lord**.

Cantor : You nourished our deceased brothers and sisters
with the body and blood of the risen Christ,
— raise them up at the last | **day**.

All : Through Christ in glory, / watch over your peo- | *ple*, **Lord**.

Celebrant : Our Father . . .

Celebrant : Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,
which we keep in honor of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
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

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui ;
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui ;
Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitrici
Laus et iubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus, quoque
Sit et benedictio :
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

℣. Panem de cælo præstitisti
eis (*T. P. alleluia*).
℟. Omne delectamentum in se
habentem (*T. P. alleluia*).

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.

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.

℣. You have given them bread from
heaven (*P.T. alleluia*).
℟. Having all sweetness **within** it
(*P.T. alleluia*).

Oratio

Oremus.

DEUS, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili, passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti : * tribue, quæsumus, ita nos Corporis et Sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari ; ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis iugiter sentiamus : Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum. ℟. 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-acle*.
- 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- | **ump-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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