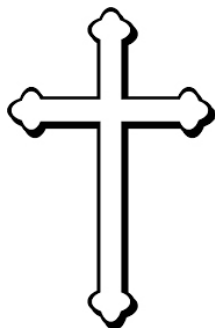


THE OFFICE
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VESPERS
CORPUS CHRISTI

Roman Rite. Psalter : Proper 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.

CORPUS CHRISTI. AT II VESPERS

Psalter: Proper Psalms

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

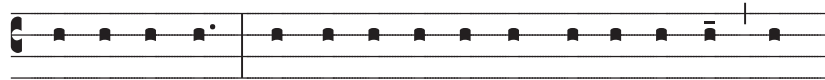
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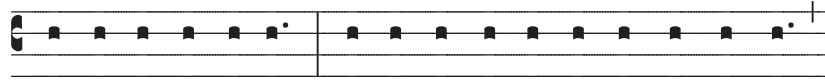
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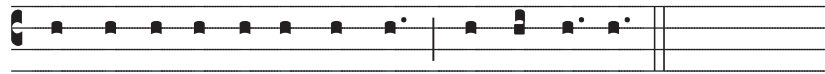
God, come to my as-sistance. R. O Lord, make



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,



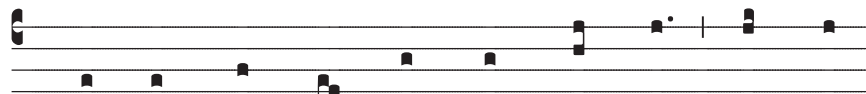
and will be for ev-er. A-men. Al-le-lu-ia.

HYMN

Sing, My Tongue, the Savior's Glory

Pange, lingua, gloriosi. Mode III

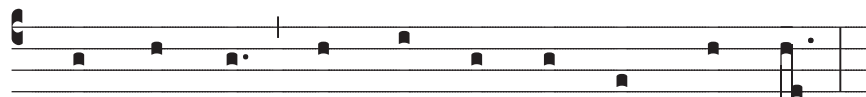
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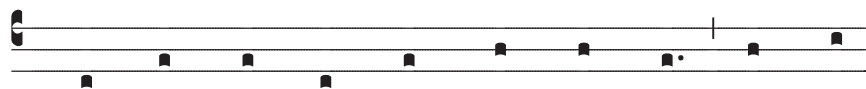
1. Sing, my tongue, the Sa- vior's glo- ry, Of his
2. Of a pure and spot- less Vir- gin Born for
3. On the night of that Last Sup- per, Seat- ed



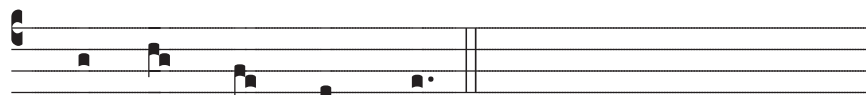
1. Flesh the mys- t'ry sing: Of the Blood, all price
2. us on earth be- low, He, as man, with man
3. with his chos- en band, He, the Pas- chal vic-



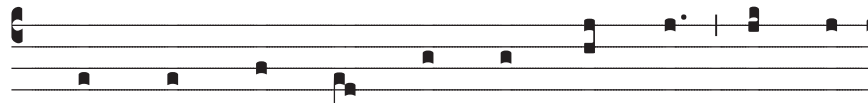
1. ex- ceed- ing, Shed by our im- mor- tal King,
2. con- vers- ing, Stayed, the seeds of truth to sow;
3. tim eat- ing, First ful- fills the Law's com- mand;



1. Des- tined, for the world's red- demp- tion, From a
2. Then he chose in sol- emn or- der Won- drous-
3. Then as Food to his a- pos- tles Gives him-



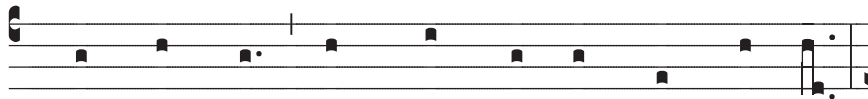
1. no- ble womb to spring.
2. ly his life of woe.
3. self with his own hand.



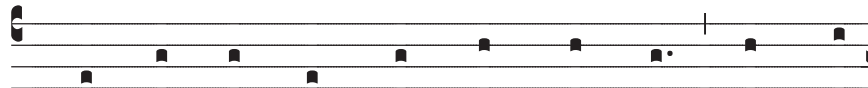
4. Word- made- Flesh, the bread of na- ture By his
5. Down in a- dor- a- tion fall- ing, Lo! the
6. To the ev- er- last- ing Fa- ther, And the



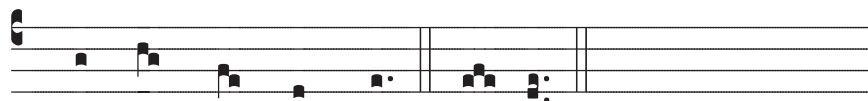
4. word to Flesh he turns; Wine in- to his Blood
5. sa- cred Host we hail; Lo! o'er an- cient forms
6. Son who reigns on high, With the Ho- ly Ghost



4. he chang- es— What though sense no change dis- cerns?
5. de- part- ing, New- er rites of grace pre- vail;
6. pro- ceed- ing Forth from Each e- ter- nal- ly,



4. On- ly be the heart in earn- est, Faith her
5. Faith for all de- fects sup- ply- ing, Where the
6. Be sal- va- tion, hon- or, bles- sing, Might, and



4. les- son quick- ly learns.
5. fee- ble sens- es fail.
6. end- less maj- es- ty. A- men.

I Ant.
VIII

Christ the Lord * is a priest for ev- er in the line
of Mel-chi- ze -dek; he of-fered up bread and wine.

ANTIPHON I

VIII

Cantor : Christ the Lord is a priest for ever in the line | of **Mel-chi-ze-dek**; *
he offered up | **bread and wine**.

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

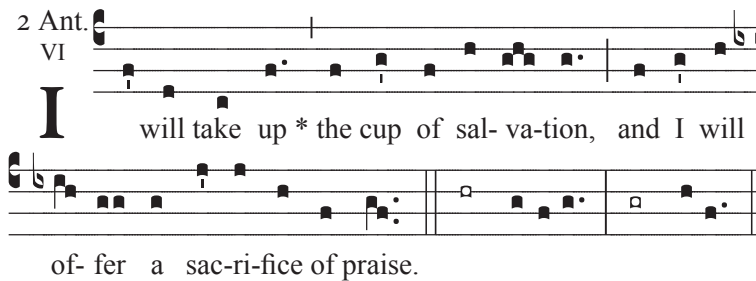
Cantor : Glory to the Father, and | **to the Son**, *
and to the | **Ho-ly Spir-it** :

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

ANTIPHON

All : Christ the Lord is a priest for ever in the line | of **Mel-chi-ze-dek**; *
he offered up | **bread and wine**.

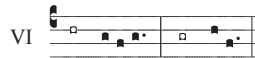
2 Ant. VI



I will take up * the cup of sal-va-tion, and I will
of-fer a sac-ri-fice of praise.

ANTIPHON 2

VI



Cantor : I will take up the cup | *of sal-va-tion*, *
and I will offer a sacrifice | *of praise*.

Psalm 116: 10-19 (115)

Thanksgiving in the Temple

The Holy Mass is thanksgiving for redemption.

*Through Christ let us offer God a continual sacrifice of praise
(Hebrews 13: 15).*

Confidence in time of crisis: thanksgiving

Cantor : 1. I trusted, even | *when I said*, *
“I am sorely | *af-flict-ed*,”

All : 2. and when I said in | *my a-larm* : *
“No man can | *be trust-ed*.”

Cantor : 3. How can I re- | *pay the Lord* *
for his goodness | *to me* ?

All : 4. The cup of salvation | *I will raise* ; *
I will call on | *the Lord's* name.

Refrain

Cantor : 5. My vows to the Lord I | *will ful-fill* *
before all | *his peo-ple*.

Thanksgiving for salvation

All : 6. O precious in the eyes | *of the Lord* *
is the death of | *his faith-ful*.

Cantor : 7. Your servant, Lord, your ser- | *vant am I* ; *
you have loosened | *my bonds*.

All : 8. A thanksgiving sacri- | *fice I make* : *
I will call on | *the Lord's* name.

Refrain

Cantor : 9. My vows to the Lord I | *will ful-fill* *
before all | *his peo-ple*,

All : 10. in the courts of the house | *of the Lord*, *
in your midst, O | *Je-ru-sa-lem*.

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 ever. | *A-men*.

ANTIPHON

All : I will take up the cup | *of sal-va-tion*, *
and I will offer a sacrifice | *of praise*.

3 Ant.
v

YOU are the way, * the truth and the life of the world,

O Lord.

ANTIPHON 3

v

Cantor : You are the | **way**, the truth *
and the | **life** of the **world**, O Lord.

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.

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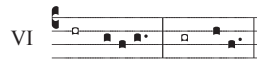
ANTIPHON

All : You are the | **way**, the truth *
and the | **life** of the **world**, O Lord.

READING

I *Corinthians* 11:23-25

I received from the Lord what I handed on to you, namely, that the Lord Jesus on the night in which he was betrayed took bread, and after he had given thanks, broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after the supper, he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”



RESPONSORY

Cantor : He gave them | *bread from heav-en*, *
alleluia, al- | *le-lu-ia*.

All : He gave them | *bread from heav-en*, *
alleluia, al- | *le-lu-ia*.

Cantor : Man has eaten the | *bread of an-gels*, *
All : alleluia, al- | *le-lu-ia*.

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

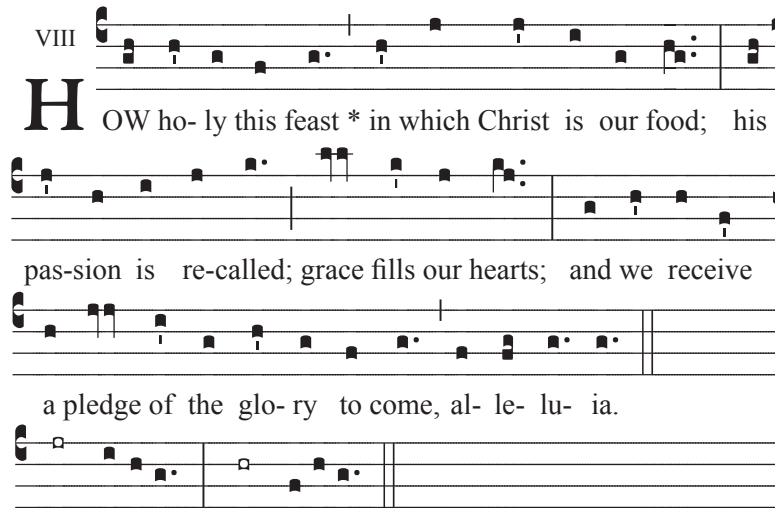
All : He gave them | *bread from heav-en*, *
alleluia, al- | *le-lu-ia*.

VI

H E gave them bread from heav-en, * al- le- lu- ia, al-
le- lu- ia. He gave. ¶ Man has eat-en the bread of an-gels.
* al- le- lu- ia. ¶ Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and
to the Ho- ly Spir- it. He gave.

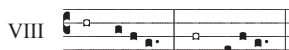
ANTIPHON. AT MAGNIFICAT

VIII



HOW ho-ly this feast * in which Christ is our food; his
pas-sion is re-called; grace fills our hearts; and we receive
a pledge of the glo-ry to come, al- le- lu- ia.

ANTIPHON. AT MAGNIFICAT



Cantor : How holy this feast in which Christ | *is our food*; *
his passion | *is re-called*;
grace | *fills our hearts*; *
and we receive a pledge of the glory to come, / | *al-le-lu-ia*.

Magnificat

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

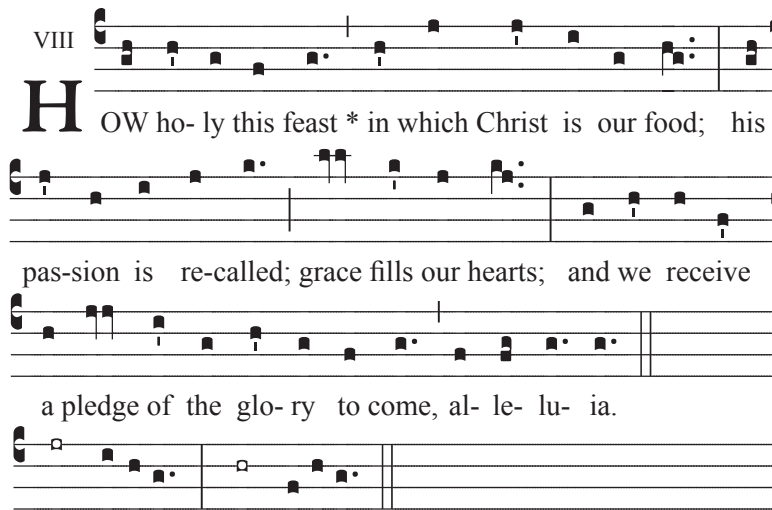
- Cantor* : 1. My soul ✠ proclaims the greatness | *of the Lord*, *
my spirit rejoices in | *God my Sav-ior*.
- All* : 2. for he has | *looked with fa-vor* *
on his | *low-ly ser-vant*.
- Cantor* : 3. From this day all | *gen-er-a-tions* *
will | *call me bless-ed* :
- All* : 4. the Almighty has done 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 : How holy this feast in which Christ | *is our food*; *
his passion | *is re-called*;
grace | *fills our hearts*; *
and we receive a pledge of the glory to come, / | *al-le-lu-ia*.

ANTIPHON. AT MAGNIFICAT

VIII



HOW ho- ly this feast * in which Christ is our food; his
pas-sion is re-called; grace fills our hearts; and we receive
a pledge of the glo- ry to come, al- le- lu- ia.

INTERCESSIONS



Celebrant : Christ invites all to the supper in which he gives his body and blood for the life of the world. Let us | **ask** him:

All : Christ, the bread of heaven, / grant us everlast- | *ing life*.

Cantor : Christ, Son of the living God,
you commanded that this thanksgiving meal
be done in memory of you,
— enrich your Church
through the faithful celebration of these | **mys-ter-ies**.

All : Christ, the bread of heaven, / grant us everlast- | *ing life*.

Cantor : Christ, eternal priest of the Most High,
you have commanded your priests to offer your sacraments,
— may they help them to exemplify in their lives
the meaning of the sacred mysteries which they | **cel-e-brate**.

All : Christ, the bread of heaven, / grant us everlast- | *ing life*.

Cantor : Christ, bread from heaven,
you form one body out of all who partake of the one bread,
— refresh all who believe in you with harmony and | **peace**.

All : Christ, the bread of heaven, / grant us everlast- | *ing life*.

Cantor : Christ, through your bread
you offer the remedy for immortality
and the pledge of future resurrection,
— restore health to the sick and living hope to | **sin-ners**.

All : Christ, the bread of heaven, / grant us everlast- | *ing life*.

Cantor : Christ, our king who is to come,
you commanded that the mysteries which proclaim your death
be celebrated until you return,
— grant that all who die in you
may share in your resur- | **rec-tion**.

All : Christ, the bread of heaven, / grant us everlast- | *ing life*.

Celebrant : Our Father . . .

Celebrant : 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 with God the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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 Sacraméntum
Venerémur cernui ;
Et antiquum documéntum
Novo cedat rítui ;
Præstet fides suppleméntum
Sénsuum deféctui.

Genitóri, Genitóque
Laus et iubilátio,
Salus, honor, virtus, quoque
Sit et benedíctio :
Procedénti ab utróque
Compar sit laudátio. Amen.

℣. Panem de cælo præstitísti
eis (*T. P. allelúia*).
℟. Omne delectaméntum in se
habéntem (*T. P. allelúia*).

Oratio

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

Prayer

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.

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.

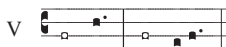
Glory let us give and blessing,
To the Father and the Son ;
Honor, might, and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run ;
Ever too his love confessing,
Who from Both, with Both, is One.
Amen.

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

Oremus.

Let us pray.

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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