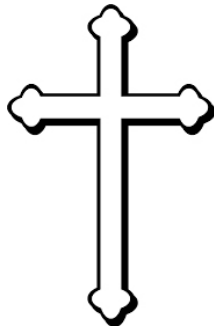


THE OFFICE
of
SUNDAY VESPERS
Roman Rite. Psalter : Week II
Ordinary Form



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.

SUNDAY 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.

— A —

HYMN

St. Gregory the Great. 540-604

O Lux, beata Trinitas. (L.M.)

I

Cantor : **O** Trin- i- ty of bless- ed Light, O U- ni- ty

of prince-ly might, The fier- y sun now goes his way ;

Shed thou with- in our hearts thy ray.

All :

2. To thee our morn- ing song of praise, To thee our ev'-

ning prayer we raise ; Thy glo- ry sup-pliant we a-

dore For ev- er and for ev- er- more.

Cantor : 5. All laud to God the Fa- ther be ;

All : All praise, e- ter- nal Son, to thee ; All glo- ry, as is

ev- er meet, To God the Ho- ly Par- a- clete. A- men.

— B —

Cantor: All:

1. O Trinity of blessed Light,
 O Unity of princely might,
 The fiery sun now goes his way ;
 Shed thou within our hearts thy ray.

3. To thee our morning song of praise,
 To thee our evening prayer we raise ;
 Thy glory suppliant we adore
 For ever and for evermore.

3. All laud to God the Father be ;
 All praise, eternal Son, to thee ;
 All glory, as is ever meet,
 To God the Holy Paraclete. Amen.

I Ant.
VIII

C HRIST our Lord * is a priest for ev- er, like Mel-chi- ze-dech
of old, al- le- lu- ia.

ANTIPHON I

VIII

Cantor : Christ our Lord is a | *priest for ev-er*, *
like Melchizedech of old, / | *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 : Christ our Lord is a | *priest for ev-er*, *
like Melchizedech of old, / | *al-le-lu-ia*.

2 Ant.
VI

G OD dwells in high-est heav- en; * he has pow- er to
do all he wills, al- le- lu- ia.

VI

ANTIPHON 2

Cantor : God dwells in | *high-est* **heav-en** ; *
he has power to do all he wills, / 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 I : 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* :

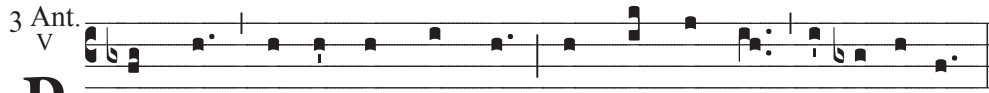
All : as it was in the begin- | *ning, is now*, *
 and will be for ev-er. | *A-men*.

ANTIPHON

All : God dwells in | *high-est heav-en* ; *
 he has power to do all he wills, / al- | *le-lu-ia*.

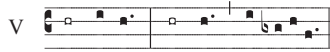
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God dwells in high-est heav- en; he has pow- er to
 do all he wills, al- le- lu- ia.



P Raise God, * all you who serve him, both great and small, al- le- lu- ia.

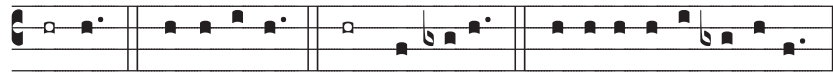
ANTIPHON 3



Cantor : Praise God, / all you who | **serve him**, *
both great and small, / | **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**.

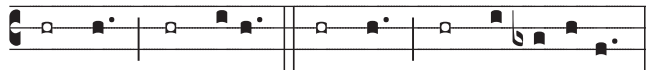
All : ∩. Alleluia, | **al-le-lu-ia**.

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

All : ∩. Alle- | **lu-ia**.

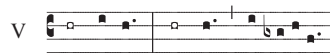
Cantor : and his bride is pre- | **pared to wel-come him**.

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 : Praise God, / all you who | **serve him**, *
both great and small, / | **al-le-lu-ia**.

READING

2 Thessalonians 2 : 13-14

We are bound to thank God for you always, beloved brothers in the Lord, because you are the first fruits of those whom God has chosen for salvation, in holiness of spirit and fidelity to the truth. He called you through our preaching of the good news so that you might achieve the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Cantor : Our | *Lord is great*, * mighty is | *his pow-er*.

All : Our | *Lord is great*, * mighty is | *his pow-er*.

Cantor : His wisdom is be- | *yond com-pare*, *

All : mighty is | *his pow-er*

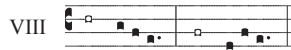
Cantor : Glory to the Father, and | *to the Son*, *
and to the Ho- | *ly Spir-it* :

All : Our | *Lord is great*, * mighty is | *his pow-er*.

Resp.
VI

O UR Lord is great, * might-y is his pow- er. Our Lord. His wis-
dom is be-yond com-pare. * might-y. Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Ho-ly Spir- it. Our Lord.

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 : All praise and honor to Christ!
He lives forever to intercede for us,
and he is able to save those who approach the Father in his Name.
— Sustained by our faith, let us call up- | **on** him :

All : Remember your peo- | *ple*, **Lord**.

Cantor : As the day draws to a close, Sun of Justice,
we invoke your name upon the whole human race,
— so that all men may enjoy your never failing **light**.

All : Remember your peo- | *ple*, **Lord**.

Cantor : Preserve the covenant which you have ratified in your Blood,
— cleanse and sanctify your | **Church**.

All : Remember your peo- | *ple*, **Lord**.

Cantor : Remember your assembly, Lord,
— your | **dwell**-ing place.

All : Remember your peo- | *ple*, **Lord**.

Cantor : Guide travellers along the path of peace and prosperity,
— so that they may reach their destinations in safety and | **joy**.

All : Remember your peo- | *ple*, **Lord**.

Cantor : Receive the souls of the dead, Lord,
— grant them your favor and the gift of eternal | **glo**-ry.

All : Remember your peo- | *ple*, **Lord**.

Celebrant : Our Father . . .

Celebrant : *Prayer proper to 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 Sacramentum Veneremur cernui ; Et antiquum documentum Novo cedat ritui ; Præstet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui.</p> <p>Genitori, Genitrici Laus et iubilatio, Salus, honor, virtus, quoque Sit et benedictio : Procedenti ab utroque Compar sit laudatio. Amen.</p> <p>℣. Panem de cælo præstitisti eis (T. P. alleluia). ℞. Omne delectamentum in se habentem (T. P. alleluia).</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.

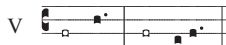
DEUS, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili, passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti : * tribue, quæsumus, ita nos Corporis et Sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari ; ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis iugiter sentiamus : Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum. ℞. Amen.

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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