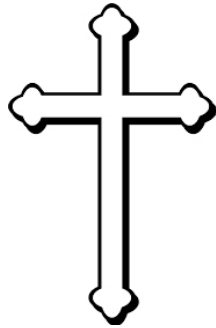


THE OFFICE
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SUNDAY VESPERS
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Roman Rite. Psalter : Week IV
Ordinary Form



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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT. AT SECOND VESPERS

Psalter : Week IV

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) ; we hear of the fundamental laws of the kingdom : love (fear) of God, love of neighbor (Ps 111). There are two principal objects to our Vesper prayers : thanksgiving, and new courage to continue our pilgrimage.

OPENING VERSE

Celebrant :

All :

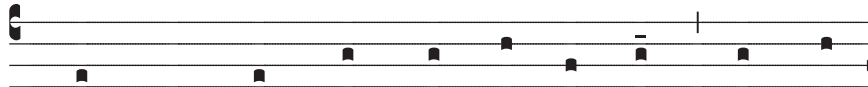
O God, come to my as-sistance. $\text{R}.$ O Lord, make
haste to help me. Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and
to the Ho-ly Spir-it : as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now,
and will be for ev-er. A-men. Al- le- lu- ia.

Hymn

Creator of the Stars of Night

Conditor alme siderum. Mode IV.

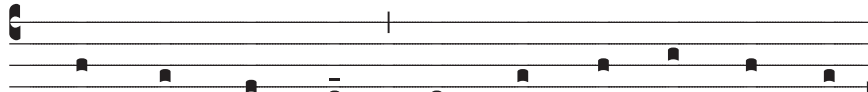
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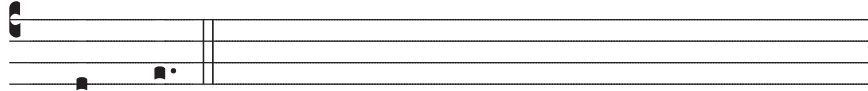
1. Cre- a- tor of the stars of night, Thy peo-
2. Thou, griev- ing that the an- cient curse Should doom
3. Thou cam'st, the Bride- groom of the bride, As drew



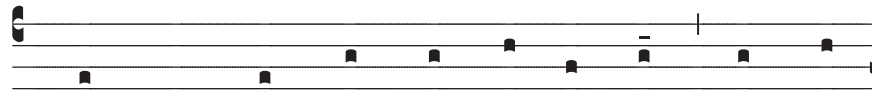
1. ple's ev- er- last- ing light, Je- sus, Re- deem-
2. to death a u- ni- verse, Hast found the med'-
3. the world to eve- ning- tide; Pro- ceed- ing from



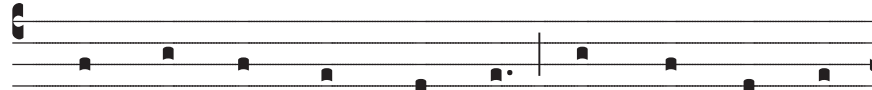
1. er, save us all, And hear thy ser- vants when
2. cine, full of grace, To save and heal a ru-
3. a Vir- gin shrine, The spot- less Vic- tim all



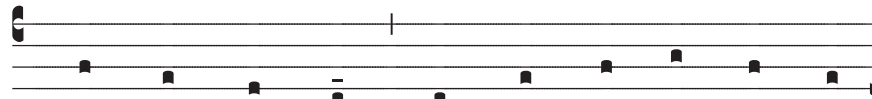
1. they call.
2. ined race.
3. di- vine.



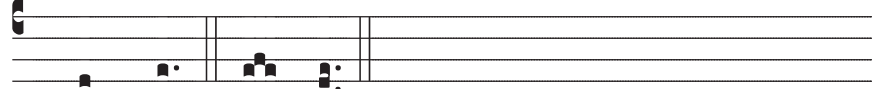
4. At whose dread name, ma- jest- tic now, All knees
 5. O thou whose com- ing is in dread To judge
 6. To God the Fa- ther, God the Son, And God



4. must bend, all hearts must bow; And things ce- les-
 5. and doom the quick and dead, Pre- serve us, while
 6. the Spir- it, Three in One, Laud, hon- or, might,

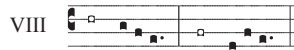


4. tial thee shall own, And things ter- res- trial, Lord
 5. we dwell be- low, From ev'- ry in- sult of
 6. and glo- ry be From age to age e- ter-



4. a- lone.
 5. the foe.
 6. nal- ly. A- men.

ANTIPHON I



Cantor : See how glori- | *ous he is*, *
coming forth as Savior | *of all peo-ples!*

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 scap- | *ter of power* : *
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.*

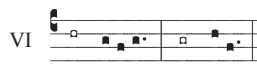
Doxology

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 : See how glori- | *ous he is*, *
coming forth as Savior | *of all peo-ples!*



ANTIPHON 2

Cantor : Crooked paths will be straightened, /
and rough | *ways made smooth*. *
Come, O Lord, do not delay, / al- | *le-lu-ia*.

Psalm 111

The song of the saintly

This is the complement of the previous Psalm: the good God (Psalm 110)--the virtuous man (Psalm 111). The sequence of thought in the latter is rather free. The Church holds a mirror before my soul: are you such a virtuous man? I will think of the man who has shown the highest sanctity, our blessed Lord, and of his Saints; every day the Church is leading me into the gallery of his Saints.

Live a children born of the light. Light produces every kind of goodness and justice and truth (Ephesians 5: 8-9)

Love of God's commandments

Cantor : Happy the man who | *fears the Lord*, *
who takes delight in all his | *com-mands*.

Blessings of holy fear

All : His sons will be power- | *ful on earth* ; *
the children of the upright | *are blest*.

Cantor : Riches and wealth are | *in his house* ; *
his justice stands firm | *for ev-er*.

All : He is a light in the darkness | *for the up-right* : *
he is generous, merciful | *and just*.

Cantor : The good man takes pit- | *y and lends*, *
he conducts his affairs | *with hon-or*.

All : The just man will | *nev-er wav-er* : *
he will be remembered | *for ev-er*.

Cantor : He has no fear of | *e-vil news* ; *
with a firm heart he trusts in | *the Lord*.

All : With a steadfast heart he | *will not fear* ; *
he will see the downfall of | *his foes*.

Cantor : Open-handed, he gives to the poor ; /
his justice stands | *firm for ev-er*. *
His head will be raised | *in glo-ry*.

Frustration of the wicked

All : The wicked man sees and is angry, /
grinds his teeth and | *fades a-way* ; *
the desire of the wicked leads | *to doom*.

Doxology

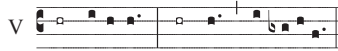
Cantor : Glory to the Father, and | *to the Son*, *
and to the Ho- | *ly Spir-it* :

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

ANTIPHON

All : Crooked paths will be straightened, /
and rough | *ways made smooth*. *
Come, O Lord, do not delay, / al- | *le-lu-ia*.

ANTIPHON 3



Cantor : Ever wider will his | **king-dom** spread, *
eternally at peace, / | **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*.

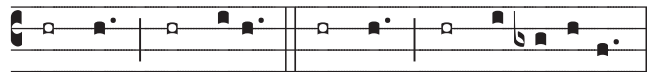
All : ∇. Alleluia, | **al-le-lu-ia**.

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

All : ∇. Alle- | **lu-ia**.

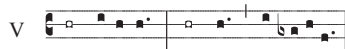
Cantor : and his bride is pre- | *pared to wel-come* him.

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

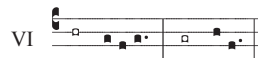
All : Ever wider will his | **king-dom** spread, *
eternally at peace, / | **al-le-lu-ia**.

READING

Philippians 4:4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again, Rejoice! Everyone should see how unselfish you are. The Lord is near.

RESPONSORY



Cantor : Lord, / show | *us your mer-cy* *
| *and love.*

All : Lord, / show | *us your mer-cy* *
| *and love.*

Cantor : And grant us | *your sal-va-tion,* *

All : your mercy | *and love.*

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

All : Lord, / show | *us your mer-cy* *
| *and love.*

ANTIPHON. AT MAGNIFICAT



- 12.20.20. Cantor :** O Key of David, / O royal Power of Israel, / controlling at your will the | *gate of heav-en:* *
come, / break down the prison | *walls of death*
for those who dwell in darkness and the shad- | *ow of death;* *
and lead your captive people | *in-to free-dom.*
- 12.19.21. Cantor :** O Flower of Jesse's stem, / you have been raised up as a sign | *for all peo-ples;* *
kings stand silent in your presence; / the nations bow down in wor- | *ship be-fore* you.
Come, / let | *noth-ing keep* you *
from coming | *to our aid.*
- 12.18.22. Cantor :** O sacred Lord of ancient Israel, / who showed yourself to Moses in the | *burn-ing bush,* *
who gave him the law on | *Si-nai moun-tain:*
come, / stretch out your | *might-y hand* *
to | *set us free.*

Magnificat

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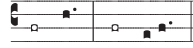
Canticle of the Blessed Virgin Mary Lk 1: 46-55

- 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-ccit.*
- 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 All as given above.

INTERCESSIONS



Celebrant : To Christ the Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary,
let us pray with joyful | **hearts**:

All : Come / *Lord Je*-sus.

Cantor : Lord Jesus, in the mystery of your incarnation,
you revealed your glory to the world,
— give us new life by your | **com**-ing.

All : Come / *Lord Je*-sus.

Cantor : You have taken our weakness upon yourself,
— grant us your | **mer**-cy.

All : Come / *Lord Je*-sus.

Cantor : You redeemed the world from sin by your first coming in humility,
— free us from all guilt when you come again in glory.

All : Come / *Lord Je*-sus.

Cantor : You live and rule over all,
— in your goodness bring us to our eternal in- | **her**-i-tance.

All : Come / *Lord Je*-sus.

Cantor : You sit at the right hand of the Father,
— gladden the souls of the dead with your | **light**.

All : Come / *Lord Je*-sus.

Our Father . . .

Celebrant : Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
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 antíquum documéntum Novo cedat rítui ; Præstet fides suppleméntum Sénsuum deféctui.</p> <p>Genitóri, Genitóque Laus et iubilátio, Salus, honor, virtus, quoque Sit et benedíctio : Procedénti ab utróque Compar sit laudátio. Amen.</p> <p>℣. Panem de cælo præstitisti eis (T. P. allelúia).</p> <p>℟. 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).</p> <p>℟. Having all sweetness within it (P.T. alleluia).</p>
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Oratio

Oremus.

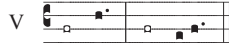
DEUS, qui nobis sub sacraménto mirábili, passiónis tuæ memóriam reliquisti : * tribue, quæsumus, ita nos Córporis et Sánguini tui sacra mystéria venerári ; ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis iúgiter sentiámus : Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculórum. ℟. Amen.

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- | **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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