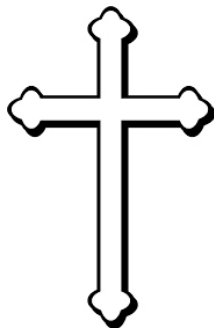


**THE OFFICE**  
of  
**SUNDAY VESPERS**  
**PALM SUNDAY**  
**OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

*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.

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD  
AT SECOND VESPERS**

*Psalter: Week II*

*A glimpse into the kingdom of God*

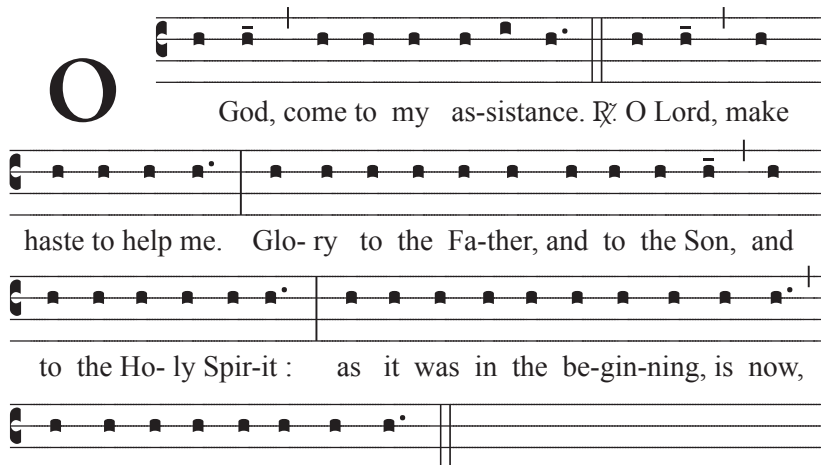
Vespers is the evening prayer of the Church. This is the hour of thanksgiving for the graces bestowed during the day of salvation that has just passed. In Sunday Vespers we review gratefully the history of God's kingdom in the Church and in individual souls. We see Christ our victorious King in his power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



HYMN

Venantius Fortunatus. 530-609

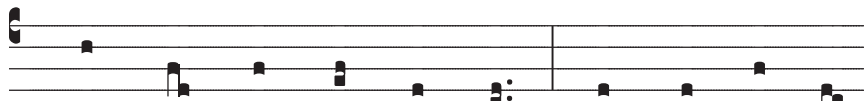
The Royal Banners Forward Go

*Vexilla regis prodeunt.* Mode I. Roman use

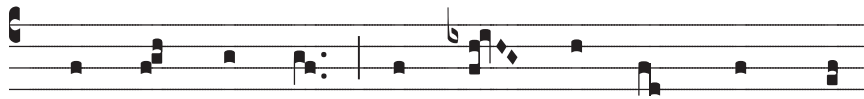
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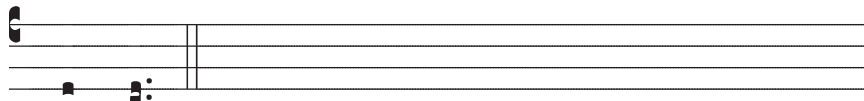
1. The roy- al ban- ners for- ward go, The Cross
2. Where deep for us the spear was dyed, Life's tor-
3. Ful- filled is all that Da- vid told In true
4. O Tree of beau- ty! Tree of light! O Tree



1. shines forth in mys- tic glow, Where he in flesh,
2. rent rush- ing from his side, To wash us in
3. pro- phet- ic song of old: A- midst the na-
4. with roy- al pur- ple bright! E- lect on whose



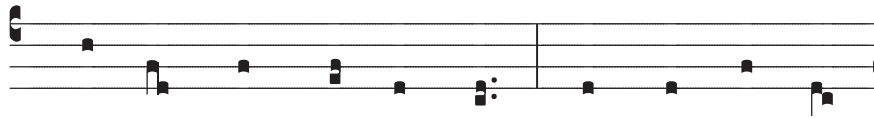
1. our flesh who made, Our sen- tence bore, our ran-
2. that pre- cious flood Where min- gled Wa- ter flowed
3. tions, God, said he, Hath reigned and tri- umphed from
4. tri- um- phal breast Those ho- ly limbs should find



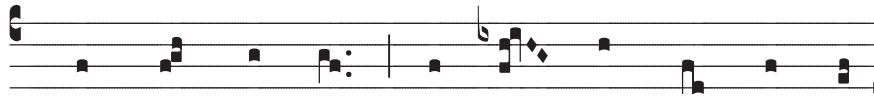
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2. and Blood.
3. the Tree.
4. their rest.



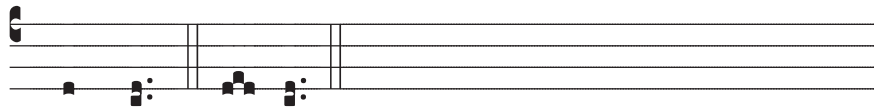
5. On whose dear arms, so wide-ly flung, The weight  
6. O Cross, our one re-li-ance, hail! This ho-  
7. To thee, e-ter-nal Three in One, Let hom-



5. of this world's ran-som hung; The price of hu-  
6. ly Pas-sion-tide a-vail To give fresh mer-  
7. age meet by all be done: Whom by the Cross

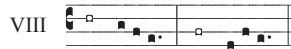


5. man-kind to pay, And spoil the Spoil-er of  
6. it to the saint And par-don to the pen-  
7. thou dost re-store, Pre-serve and gov-ern ev-



5. his prey.  
6. i- tent.  
7. er- more. A- men.

## ANTIPHON I



*Cantor* : Christ was scourged and treated | *with con-tempt*, \*  
but God's right hand has | *raised him up*.

### 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*.

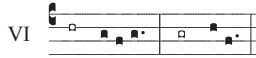
#### Doxology

*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 was scourged and treated | *with con-tempt*, \*  
but God's right hand has | *raised him up*.



## ANTIPHON 2

*Cantor* : The blood of Christ washes a- | way our **sins** \*  
and makes us worthy to serve the liv- | ing **God**.

### 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

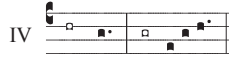
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#### ANTIPHON

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 and makes us worthy to serve the liv- | *ing God*.

### ANTIPHON 3



*Cantor* : Christ bore our sins in his own body on the | **cross** \*  
so that we might die to sin /  
and be alive to all | *that is good*.

#### CANTICLE

1 Peter 2:21-24

#### The willing acceptance of his passion by Christ, the servant of God

*Cantor* : Christ suffered for you, and left you an ex- | **am-ple** \*  
to have you follow | *in his foot-steps*.

*All* : He did no | **wrong**; \*  
no deceit was found | *in his mouth*.

*Cantor* : When he was in- | **sult-ed**, \*  
he re- | *turned no in-sult*.

*All* : When he was made to | **suf-fer**, \*  
he did not coun- | *ter with threats*.

*Cantor* : Instead he delivered himself | **up** \*  
to the One who | *judg-es just-ly*.

*All* : In his own | **bod-y** \*  
he brought your sins | *to the cross*,

*Cantor* : so that all of us, dead to sin, /  
could live in accord with God's | **will**. \*  
By his wounds | *you were healed*.

#### Doxology

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

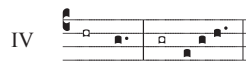
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**READING***Acts 13:26-30*

My brothers, it was to us that this message of salvation was sent forth. The inhabitants of Jerusalem and their rulers failed to recognize him, and in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets which we read sabbath after sabbath. Even though they found no charge against him which deserved death, they begged Pilate to have him executed. Once they had brought about all that had been written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. Yet God raised him from the dead.

**RESPONSORY**

*Cantor* : We worship you, O | **Christ**, \*  
| *and we praise* you.

*All* : We worship you, O | **Christ**, \*  
| *and we praise* you.

*Cantor* : Because by your cross you have redeemed the | **world**, \*

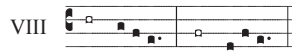
*All* : we praise you.



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

*All* : We worship you, O | **Christ**, \*  
| *and we praise* you.

## ANTIPHON. AT MAGNIFICAT



*Cantor* : It is written: / I will | *strike the* **shep**-herd \*  
and his flock | *shall be* **scat**-tered.  
But when I have risen, / I will go before you | *in-to* **Gal**-i-lee. \*  
There you will see me, | *says the* **Lord**.

## 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* **bles**-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

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and his flock | *shall be* **scat**-tered.  
But when I have risen, / I will go before you | *in-to* **Gal**-i-lee. \*  
There you will see me, | *says the* **Lord**.

## INTERCESSIONS



- Celebrant* : The Savior of mankind  
by dying destroyed death and by rising again restored life.  
Let us humbly | **ask** him:
- All* : Sanctify your people, redeemed by | *your* **blood**.
- Cantor* : Redeemer of the world,  
give us a greater share of your passion  
through a deeper spirit of repentance  
— so that we may share the glory of your resur- | **rec**-tion.
- All* : Sanctify your people, redeemed by | *your* **blood**.
- Cantor* : May your Mother, comfort of the afflicted, protect us,  
— may we console others as you console | **us**.
- All* : Sanctify your people, redeemed by | *your* **blood**.
- Cantor* : Look with love on those who suffer because of our indifference,  
— come to their aid,  
and turn our uncaring hearts to works of justice and | **char**-i-ty.
- All* : Sanctify your people, redeemed by | *your* **blood**.
- Cantor* : You humbled yourself by being obedient  
even to accepting death, death on a cross,  
— give all who serve you the gifts of obedience and patient en- | **dur**-ance.
- All* : Sanctify your people, redeemed by | *your* **blood**.
- Cantor* : Transform the bodies of the dead to be like your own in glory,  
— and bring us at last into their | **fel**-low-ship.
- All* : Sanctify your people, redeemed by | *your* **blood**.
- Celebrant* : Our Father . . .
- Celebrant* : Almighty ever-living God,  
who, as an example of humility for the human race to follow  
caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, \*  
graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering  
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.  
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.*

**D**EUS, 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.

