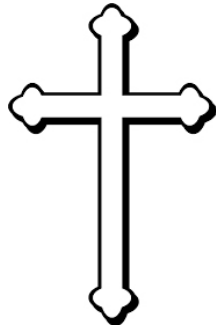


THE OFFICE
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VESPERS.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 EASTER. 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.

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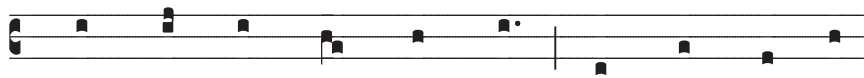
The Lamb's High Banquet We Await

Ad cenam Agni providi. Mode VIII.

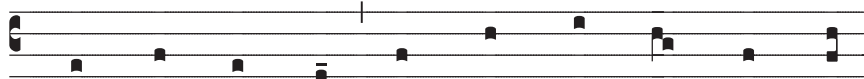
The Cantor begins and alternates verses with All.



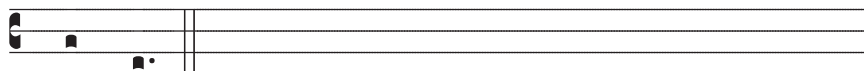
1. The Lamb's high ban-quet we a-wait In snow-
2. Up- on the al- tar of the Cross His Bod-
3. That Pas- chal eve God' arm was bared; The de-
4. Now Christ our Pas- chal Lamb is slain, The Lamb



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-



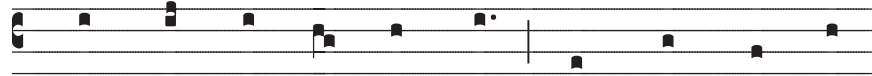
1. Sea's chan- nel past, To Christ, our Prince, we sing
2. his ros- eate Blood Our life is hid with him
3. our hosts went free From Pha- raoh's ruth- less tyr-
4. tion of- fered here, Our own un- leav- ened Bread



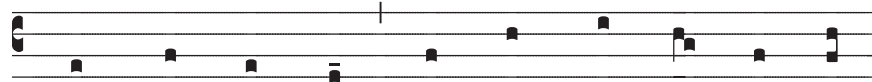
1. at last.
2. in God.
3. an- ny.
4. sin- cere.



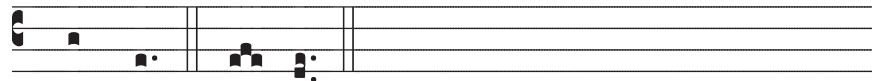
5. O thou from whom hell's mon- arch flies, O great,
 6. For Christ, a- ris- ing from the dead, From con-
 7. Mak- er of all, to thee we pray, Ful- fill
 8. To thee, who dead, a- gain dost live, All glo-



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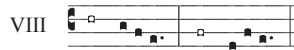
Cantor: 1. Proclaim his triumph, heav'n and earth,
 For Christ is risen as he said:
 The Crucified, the living God,
 Who dwelt three days among the dead.

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 : Seek the things that | *are a-bove* *
where Christ is seated at God's right hand, / | *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 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.*

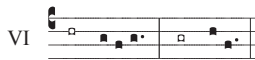
Doxology

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 : Seek the things that | *are a-bove* *
where Christ is seated at God's right hand, / | *al-le-lu-ia*.



ANTIPHON 2

Cantor : In the dark- | *ness he dawns*: *
a light for upright hearts, / al- | *le-lu-ia*.

Psalm III

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

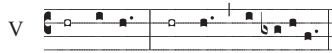
Cantor : Glory to the Father, and | *to the Son*, *
and to the Ho- | *ly Spir-it* :

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

ANTIPHON

All : In the dark- | *ness he dawns*: *
a light for upright hearts, / al- | *le-lu-ia*.

ANTIPHON 3



Cantor : Alle- | **lu-ia**, *
salvation, glory and power 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*.

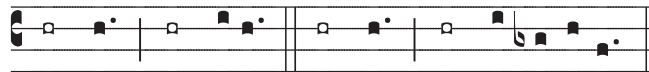
All : ∩. Alleluia, | **al-le-lu-ia**.

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

All : ∩. Alle- | **lu-ia**.

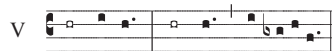
Cantor : and his bride is pre- | *pared to wel-come him*.

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 : Alle- | **lu-ia**, *
salvation, glory and power 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 : My sheep will | *hear my voice.* *
I, their Lord, know them, / | *al-le-lu-* ia.

Magnificat

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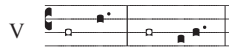
Canticle of the Blessed Virgin Mary Lk I: 46-55

- 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 : My sheep will | *hear my voice.* *
I, their Lord, know them, / | *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 : Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
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 Sacraméntum
Venerémur cernui ;
Et antíquum 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 præstitisti
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 Sánguini tui sacra mystéria venerári ; ut redemptionis 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.

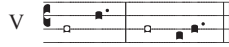
Glory let us give and blessing,
To the Father and the Son ;
Honor, might, and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run ;
Ever too his love confessing,
Who from Both, with Both, is One.
Amen.

℣. 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- | **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

<p>Holy God, we praise thy Name ; Lord of all, we bow before thee ; All on earth thy scepter 'claim ; All in heav'n above adore thee ; Infinite thy vast domain ; Everlasting is thy reign.</p>	<p>Hark ! The loud celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising ; Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising, Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord : Holy, holy, holy Lord.</p>
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