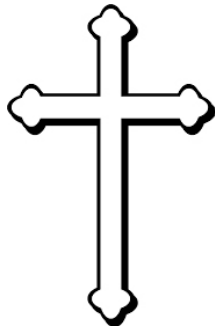


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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Roman Rite.
Ordinary Form



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.

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OPENING VERSE

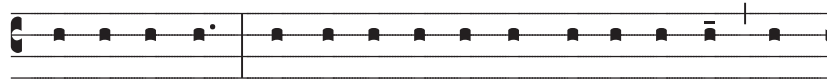
Celebrant :

All :

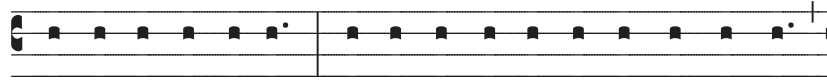
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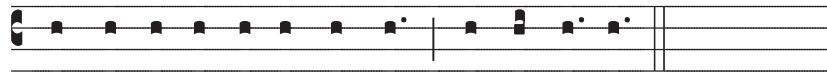
God, come to my as-sistance. O Lord, make



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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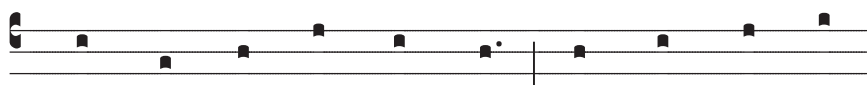
Hail, Thou Who Man's Redeemer Art

Iesu, nostra redemptio. Mode I

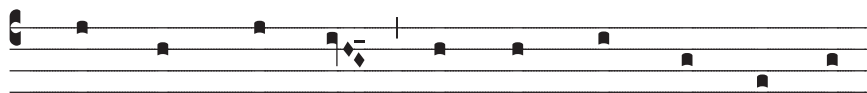
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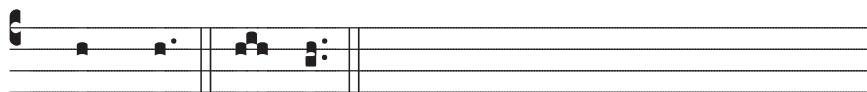
1. Hail, thou who man's Re- deem- er art, Je- sus,
2. What name- less mer- cy thee o'er- came, To bear
3. The realms of woe are forced by thee, Its cap-
4. Let mer- cy sweet with thee pre- vail, To cure
5. Be thou our joy and thou our guard, Who art



1. the joy of ev'- ry heart; Great Mak- er of
2. our load of sin and shame? For guilt- less, thou
3. tives from their chains set free; And thou, a- mid
4. the wounds we now be- wail; Oh, bless us with
5. to be our great re- ward; Our glo- ry and



1. the world's wide frame, And pur- est love's de- light
2. thy life didst give, That sin- ful, err- ing man
3. the ran- somed train, At God's right hand dost vic-
4. thy ho- ly sight, And fill us with e- ter-
5. our boast in thee For ev- er and for ev-

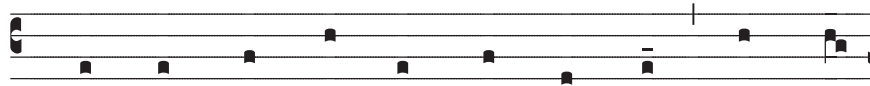


1. and flame.
2. might live.
3. tor reign.
4. nal light.
5. er be. A- men.

— B —

The Lord Goes Up With Shouts of Joy

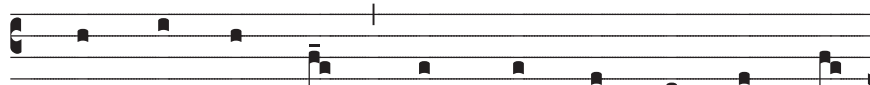
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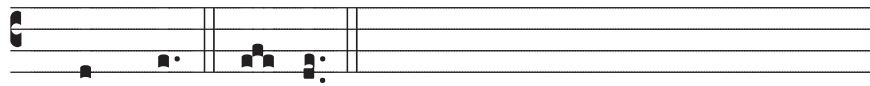
1. The Lord goes up with shouts of joy, While trum-
2. He sits with God, at his right hand, Who is
3. And when he comes a- gain in might, To raise
4. O God, our Fa- ther, hear our prayer: With Christ,



1. pets all his tri- umph tell; With him hu- man-
2. the Lord of ev'- ry- thing; The Fa- ther's glo-
3. us on that splen- did day, We shall be gath-
4. our Lord, your on- ly Son, Send forth the Spir-

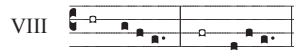


1. i- ty is raised A- bove an- gel- ic worlds
2. ry is his own: Christ Je- sus, all cre- a-
3. ered up to him And ev'- ry tear be wiped
4. it of your love To live in us and make



1. to dwell.
2. tion's King.
3. a- way.
4. us one. A- men.

ANTIPHON I



Cantor : He ascended | *in-to heav-en* *
and is seated at the right hand of the Father, / | *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 : He ascended | *in-to heav-en* *
and is seated at the right hand of the Father, / | *al-le-lu-ia*.

ANTIPHON 2



Cantor : God ascends to | *shouts of joy*, *
the Lord to the blast of trumpets, / al- | *le- lu- ia*.

Psalm 46

Cantor : All peoples, | *clap your hands*, *
cry to God with shouts | *of joy!*

All : For the Lord, the Most High, | *we must fear*, *
great king over all | *the earth*.

Cantor : He subdues | *peo-ples un-der* us *
and nations under | *our feet*.

All : Our inheritance, our glory, | *is from him*, *
given to Jacob out | *of love*.

Cantor : God goes up with | *shouts of joy*; *
the Lord goes up with trum- | *pet blast*.

All : Sing praise for | *God, sing praise*, *
sing praise to our king, | *sing praise*.

Cantor : God is king of | *all the earth*. *
Sing praise with all | *your skill*,

All : God is king o- | *ver the na-tions*; *
God reigns on his ho- | *ly throne*.

Cantor : The princes of the peoples | *are as-sem-bled* *
with the people of Abra- | *ham's God*.

All : The rulers of the earth be- | *long to God*, *
to God who reigns o- | *ver all*.

Doxology

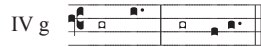
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All : as it was in the begin- | *ning, is now*, *
and will be for ever. | *A-men*.

ANTIPHON

All : God ascends to | *shouts of joy*, *
the Lord to the blast of trumpets, / al- | *le- lu- ia*.

ANTIPHON 3



Cantor : Now the Son of Man has been | **glo-ri-fied** *
and God has been glorified in him, / al- | **le-lu-ia**.

CANTICLE

Revelation 11 : 17-18; 12 : 10b-12a

The judgment of God

Cantor : 1. We praise you, the Lord God al- | **might-y**, *
who is and | *who was*.

All : 2. You assumed your great | **pow-er**, *
you have begun | *your reign*.

Cantor : 3. The nations have raged in | **an-ger**, *
but then came your day | *of wrath*

All : 4. and the moment to judge the | **dead** : *
the time to reward your servants | *the proph-ets*

Cantor : 5. and the holy ones who re- | **vere** you, *
the great and the small | *a-like*.

All : 6. Now have salvation and power | **come**, *
the reign of our God and the authority of his | *A-noint-ed One*.

Cantor : 7. For the accuser of our brothers is cast | **out**, *
who night and day accused them be- | *fore God*.

All : 8. They defeated him by the blood of the Lamb /
and by the word of their | **tes-ti-mo-ny**; *
love for life did not deter them | *from death*.

Cantor : 9. So rejoice, you | **heav-ens**, *
and you that dwell | *there-in* !

All : 10. Glory to the Father, and to the | **Son**, *
and to the Ho- | *ly Spir-it* :

Cantor : 11. as it was in the beginning, is | **now**, *
and will be for ever. | *A-men*.

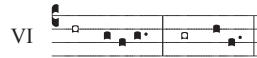
ANTIPHON

All : Now the Son of Man has been | **glo-ri-fied** *
and God has been glorified in him, / al- | **le-lu-ia**.

READING

1 Peter 3:18, 22

The reason why Christ died for sins once for all, the just man for the sake of the unjust, was that he might lead us to God. He was put to death in so far as fleshly existence goes, but was given life in the realm of the spirit. He went to heaven and is at God's right hand, with angelic rulers and powers subjected to him.



RESPONSORY

Cantor : I am ascending to my Fa- | *ther and your* Fa-ther, *
alleluia, al- | *le-lu-ia*.

All : I am ascending to my Fa- | *ther and your* Fa-ther, *
alleluia, al- | *le-lu-ia*.

Cantor : To my | *God and your* God, *

All : alleluia, al- | *le-lu-ia*.

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

All : I am ascending to my Fa- | *ther and your* Fa-ther, *
alleluia, al- | *le-lu-ia*.

ANTIPHON. AT MAGNIFICAT



Cantor : O Victor King, / Lord of pow- | *er and might*, *
today you have ascended in glory a- | *bove the heav-ens*.

Do not leave us orphans, / but send us the Father's | *prom-ised gift*, *
the Spirit of truth, / | *al-le-lu-ia*.

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-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 : O Victor King, / Lord of pow- | *er and might*, *
today you have ascended in glory a- | *bove the heav-ens*.

Do not leave us orphans, / but send us the Father's | *prom-ised gift*, *
the Spirit of truth, / | *al-le-lu-ia*.

INTERCESSIONS



- Celebrant* : In joy of spirit let us acclaim Christ,
who sits at the right hand of the | **Fa**-ther:
- All* : Lord Jesus, / you are the King | *of glo-ry*.
- Cantor* : King of glory,
you took with you our frail humanity
to be glorified in heaven;
remove the sins of the world,
— and restore us to the innocence
which was ours before the | **Fall**.
- All* : Lord Jesus, / you are the King | *of glo-ry*.
- Cantor* : You came down from heaven
on a pilgrimage of love,
— grant that we may take the same path to your | **pres**-ence.
- All* : Lord Jesus, / you are the King | *of glo-ry*.
- Cantor* : You promised to draw all things to yourself,
— do not allow any of us to be separated from your | **bod**-y.
- All* : Lord Jesus, / you are the King | *of glo-ry*.
- Cantor* : Where you have gone before us in glory,
— may we follow you in mind and | **heart**.
- All* : Lord Jesus, / you are the King | *of glo-ry*.
- Cantor* : True God, / we await your coming as our judge,
— may we see the vision of your glory and your mercy
in company with all the | **dead**.
- All* : Lord Jesus, / you are the King | *of glo-ry*.
- Celebrant* : Our Father . . .
- Celebrant* : Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God,
and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving,
for the Ascension of Christ your Son
is our exaltation,
and where the Head has gone before in glory,
the Body is called to follow in hope.
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

<p>Tantum ergo Sacraméntum Venerémur cernui ; Et antiquum documéntum Novo cedat ritui ; Præstet fides suppleméntum Sénsuum deféctui.</p> <p>Genitóri, Genitóque Laus et iubilátio, Salus, honor, virtus, quoque Sit et benedictio : Procedénti ab utróque Compar sit laudátio. Amen.</p> <p>℣. Panem de cælo præstitísti eis (T. P. allelúia). ℞. 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). ℞. Having all sweetness within it (P.T. alleluia).</p>
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Oratio

Oremus.

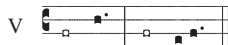
DEUS, qui nobis sub sacraménto mirábili, passiónis tuæ memóriam reliquisti : * tribue, quæsumus, ita nos Córporis et Sánguinis tui sacra mystéria venerári ; ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis iúgiter sentiámus : Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculórum. ℞. Amen.

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- | **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

<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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