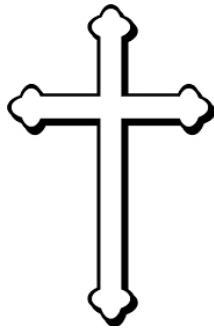


**THE OFFICE**  
of  
**SUNDAY VESPERS**  
*Roman Rite. Psalter : Week III*  
Ordinary Form



**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 auxílium.

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 III*

*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 God's care over his chosen ones (Ps 110). 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. R̄. 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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HYMN

*St. Gregory the Great. 540-604*

*Lucis Creator optime. (L.M.)*

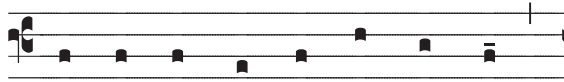
**II**

*Cantor :* **O** blest Cre- a- tor of the light, Who mak'st the day  
with ra-diance bright, And o'er the form-ing world didst call  
The light from cha- os first of all;

*All :* 2. Whose wis-dom joined in meet ar- ray The morn and eve,  
and named them Day: Night comes with all its dark- ling  
fears; Re-gard thy peo- ple's prayers and tears.

*Cantor :* 3. Lest, sunk in sin, and whelm'd with strife, They lose the gift  
of end-less life; While think-ing but the thoughts of time,  
They weave new chains of woe and crime.

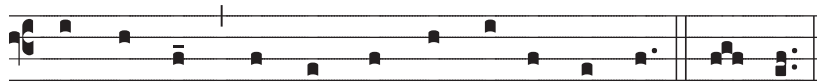
*All :* 4. But grant them grace that they may strain The heav'n-ly gate  
and prize to gain: Each harm-ful lure a- side to cast,  
And purge a- way each er- ror past.



*Cantor* : 5. O Fa- ther, that we ask be done,



*All* : Through Je- sus Christ, thine on- ly Son; Who, with the Ho-ly



Ghost and thee Doth live and reign e- ter- nal- ly. A- men.

## — B —

*Cantor*: 1. O blest Creator of the light,  
Who mak'st the day with radiance bright,  
And o'er the forming world didst call  
The light from chaos first of all;

*All*: 2. Whose wisdom joined in meet array  
The morn and eve, and named them Day:  
Night comes with all its darkling fears;  
Regard thy people's prayers and tears.

*Cantor*: 3. Lest, sunk in sin, and whelm'd with strife,  
They lose the gift of endless life;  
While thinking but the thoughts of time,  
They weave new chains of woe and crime.

*All*: 4. But grant them grace that they may strain  
The heav'nly gate and prize to gain:  
Each harmful lure aside to cast,  
And purge away each error past.

*Cantor*: 5. O Father, that we ask be done,

*All*: Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;  
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,  
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

I Ant.  
VIII

**T** HE Lord said to my Mas-ter: \* Sit at my right hand, al- le- lu- ia.

**ANTIPHON I**

VIII

*Cantor* : The Lord said | *to my Mas-ter* : \*  
Sit at my 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 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* : The Lord said | *to my Mas-ter* : \*  
Sit at my right hand, / | *al-le-lu-ia*

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VI

**O** UR com-pas-sion-ate Lord \* has left us a me-mor-i- al of his won-der-ful works, al- le- lu- ia.

VI

### ANTIPHON 2

*Cantor* : Our compassionate Lord has left us | *a me-mo-ri-al* \*  
of his wonderful work, / al- | *le-lu-ia*.

### Psalm 110

#### Thanksgiving and deliverance out of Egypt

*This Psalm is a hymn of thanksgiving for God's care over his chosen people, especially in delivering them out of Egypt (a type of our redemption). We pray it as the thanksgiving prayer of the Church (and of souls) journeying through the world, away from the bondage of the devil and into the promised land of heaven.*

*We are lost in wonder at all that you have done for us,  
our Lord and mighty God (Apocalypse 15 : 3)*

#### Statement of theme

*Cantor* : I will thank the Lord with | *all my heart* \*  
in the meeting of the just and their | *as-sem-bly*.

#### Divine Providence in the history of his people

*All* : Great are the works | *of the Lord* ; \*  
to be pondered by all | *who love* them.

*Cantor* : Majestic and glori- | *ous his work*, \*  
his justice stands firm | *for ev-er*.

*All* : He makes us remem- | *ber his won-ders*. \*  
The Lord is compassion | *and love*.

*Cantor* : He gives food to | *those who fear* him ; \*  
keeps his covenant ever | *in mind*.

*All* : He has shown his might | *to his peo-ple* \*  
by giving them the lands of *the na-tions*.

#### In the holy covenant

*Cantor* : His works are jus- | *tice and truth* : \*  
his precepts are all of | *them sure*,

*All* : standing firm for ev- | *er and ev-er* : \*  
they are made in uprightness | *and truth*.

*Cantor* : He has sent deliverance to his people /  
and established his cove- | *nant for ev-er*. \*  
Holy his Name, to | *be feared*.

#### Finale

*All* : To fear the Lord is the first stage of wisdom ; /  
all who do so prove | *them-selves wise*. \*  
His praise shall last | *for ev-er*.

#### 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* : Our compassionate Lord has left us | *a me-mo-ri-al* \*  
of his wonderful work, / al- | *le-lu-ia*.



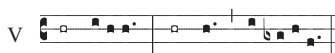
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**A** LL pow-er is yours, Lord God, \* our might-y King, al- le- lu- ia.

ANTIPHON 3

v



*Cantor* : All power is | **yours**, Lord God, \*  
our mighty King, / | **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*.

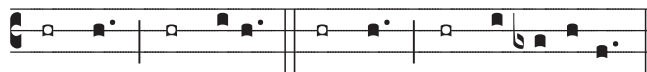
*All* : ∩ Alleluia, | **al-le-lu-ia**.

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

*All* : ∩ Alle- | **lu-ia**.

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

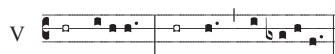
*All* : ∩ Alleluia, | **al-le-lu-ia**.



*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**.

v



ANTIPHON

*All* : All power is | **yours**, Lord God, \*  
our mighty King, / | **al-le-lu-ia**.

**READING**

1 Peter 1 : 3-5

Praised be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, he who in his great mercy gave us new birth ; a birth unto hope which draws its life from the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ; a birth to an imperishable inheritance, incapable of defilement, which is kept in heaven for you who are guarded with God's power through faith ; a birth to a salvation which stands ready to be revealed in the last days.



**RESPONSORY**

*Cantor* : The whole crea- | *tion pro-claims* \*  
the greatness of | *your glo-ry.*

*All* : The whole crea- | *tion pro-claims* \*  
the greatness of | *your glo-ry.*

*Cantor* : Eternal | *a-ges praise* \*

*All* : the greatness of | *your glo-ry.*

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

*All* : The whole crea- | *tion pro-claims* \*  
the greatness of | *your glo-ry.*

Resp. VI

**T** HE whole cre- a- tion proclaims \* the greatness of your glo- ry. The whole. √ E- ter- nal a- ges praise. \* the greatness. √ Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Spir- it. The whole.

ANTIPHON. AT MAGNIFICAT



*Sung by the Cantor*

**Magnificat**

*The cantor begins and alternates verses with the congregation :*

**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

*Sung by the Cantor*

## INTERCESSIONS



*Celebrant* : The world was created by the Word of God,  
re-created by his redemption,  
and it is continually renewed by his love.  
Rejoicing in him we call | **out** :

*All* : Renew the wonders of your love, | **O Lord**.

*Cantor* : We give thanks to God whose power is revealed in nature,  
— and whose providence is revealed in | **his-to-ry**.

*All* : Renew the wonders of your love, | **O Lord**.

*Cantor* : Through your Son, the herald of reconciliation, the victor of the cross,  
— free us from empty fear and | **hope-less-ness**.

*All* : Renew the wonders of your love, | **O Lord**.

*Cantor* : May all those who love and pursue justice,  
— work together without deceit to build a world of true | **peace**.

*All* : Renew the wonders of your love, | **O Lord**.

*Cantor* : Be with the oppressed, free the captives, console the sorrowing,  
feed the hungry, strengthen the weak,  
— in all people reveal the victory of your | **cross**.

*All* : Renew the wonders of your love, | **O Lord**.

*Cantor* : After your Son's death and burial you raised him up again in glory,  
— grant that the faithful departed may live with | **him**.

*All* : Renew the wonders of your love, | **O Lord**.

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*

Tantum ergo Sacraméntum  
Venerémur cernui ;  
Et antiquum documéntum  
Novo cedat rítui ;  
Præstet fides suppleméntum  
Sénsuum deféctui.

Genitóri, Genitóque  
Laus et iubilátio,  
Salus, honor, virtus, quoque  
Sit et benedíctio :  
Procedéti ab utróque  
Compar sit laudátio. Amen.

℣. Panem de cælo præstitisti  
eis (*T. P. allelúia*).  
℞. Omne delectaméntum in se  
habéntem (*T. P. allelúia*).

Oratio

**D**EUS, 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.

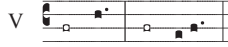
Glory let us give and blessing,  
To the Father and the Son ;  
Honor, might, and praise addressing,  
While eternal ages run ;  
Ever too his love confessing,  
Who from Both, with Both, is One.  
Amen.

℣. 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*

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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