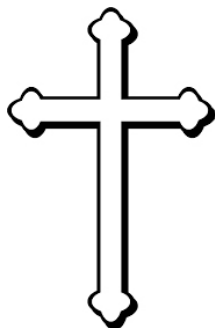


**THE OFFICE**  
of  
**II VESPERS**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Roman Rite. Psalter : Week I*

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.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT. AT SECOND VESPERS

*Psalter: Week I*

*A glimpse into the kingdom of God*

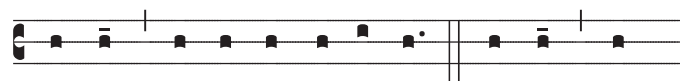
Vespers is the evening prayer of the Church. This is the hour of thanksgiving for the graces bestowed during the day of salvation that has just passed. In Sunday Vespers we review gratefully the history of God's kingdom in the Church and in individual souls. We see Christ our victorious King in his power (Ps 109), and the Church in the image of the Jewish people, setting out from the slavery of Egypt into the promised land (Ps 113). There are two principal objects to our Vesper prayers: thanksgiving, and new courage to continue our pilgrimage.

### OPENING VERSE

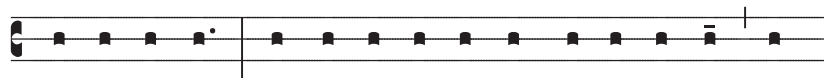
*Celebrant:*

*All:*

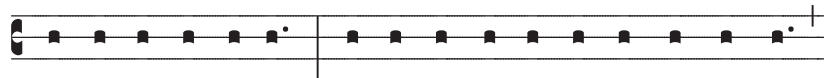
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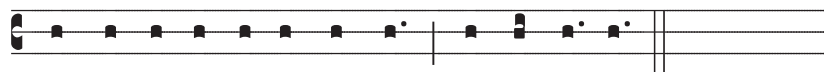
God, come to my as-sistance. R. O Lord, make



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,



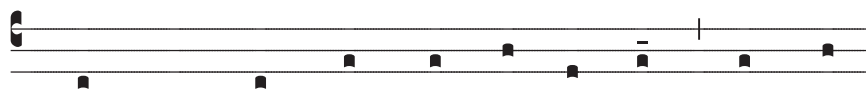
and will be for ev-er. A-men. Al-le-lu-ia.

## Hymn

### Creator of the Stars of Night

*Conditor alme siderum. Mode IV.*

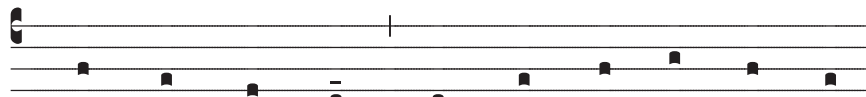
*The Cantor begins and alternates verses with All :*



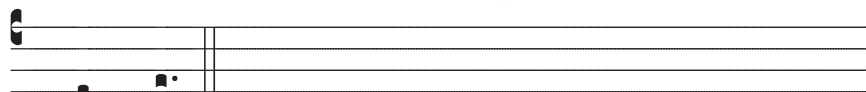
1. Cre- a- tor of the stars of night, Thy peo-
2. Thou, griev- ing that the an- cient curse Should doom
3. Thou cam'st, the Bride- groom of the bride, As drew



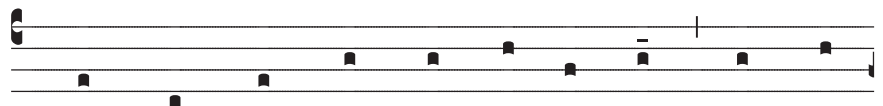
1. ple's ev- er- last- ing light, Je- sus, Re- deem-
2. to death a u- ni- verse, Hast found the med'-
3. the world to eve- ning- tide; Pro- ceed- ing from



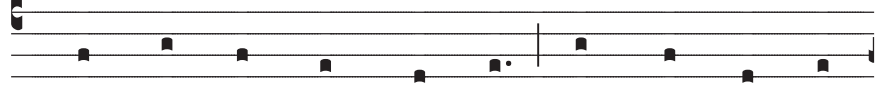
1. er, save us all, And hear thy ser- vants when
2. cine, full of grace, To save and heal a ru-
3. a Vir- gin shrine, The spot- less Vic- tim all



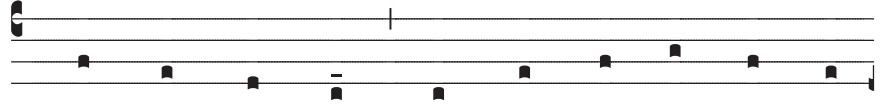
1. they call.
2. ined race.
3. di- vine.



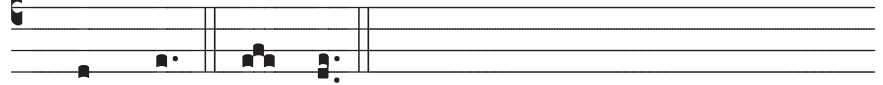
4. At whose dread name, ma- jest- tic now, All knees  
 5. O thou whose com- ing is in dread To judge  
 6. To God the Fa- ther, God the Son, And God



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,

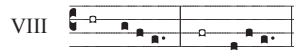


4. tial thee shall own, And things ter- res- trial, Lord  
 5. we dwell be- low, From ev'- ry in- sult of  
 6. and glo- ry be From age to age e- ter-



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

## ANTIPHON I



*Cantor* : Rejoice, / daugh- | *ter of Zi-on*; \*  
shout for joy, / daughter of Jerusalem, / | *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* : Rejoice, / daugh- | *ter of Zi-on*; \*  
shout for joy, / daughter of Jerusalem, / | *al-le-lu-ia*.

## ANTIPHON 2



*Cantor* : Christ our King will | *come to save* us: \*  
the Lamb of God foretold | *by John*.

### Psalm 113

#### The Israelites are delivered from the bondage of Egypt

*This Psalm in its simplicity is full of poetry: nature rejoices as it sees God marching by in the Ark of the Covenant. In our prayers, this is God's solemn procession through time in the forward progress of his Church. Christ is in procession, a Corpus Christi procession; and it is our privilege to march along with him.*

*You too left Egypt when, at Baptism, you renounced that world which is at enmity with God (Saint Augustine)*

#### God and his people

*Cantor* : When Israel came | *forth from E-gypt*, \*  
Jacob's sons from an ali- | *en peo-ple*,

*All* : Judah became | *the Lord's tem-ple*, \*  
Israel became | *his king-dom*.

#### Nature's holy fear

*Cantor* : The sea fled | *at the sight* : \*  
the Jordan turned back on | *its course*.

*All* : the mountains | *leapt like rams* \*  
and the hills like year- | *ling sheep*.

*Cantor* : Why was it, sea, | *that you fled*, \*  
that you turned back, Jordan, on | *your course* ?

*All* : Mountains, that you | *leapt like rams*, \*  
hills, like year- | *ling sheep* ?

*Cantor* : Tremble, O earth, be- | *fore the Lord*, \*  
in the presence of the God | *of Ja-cob*,

*All* : who turns the rock in- | *to a pool* \*  
and flint into a spring | *of wa-ter*.

#### Doxology

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

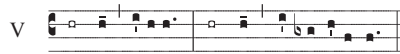
*All* : as it was in the begin- | *ning, is now*, \*  
and will be for ever. | *A-men*.

## ANTIPHON

*All* : Christ our King will | *come to save* us: \*  
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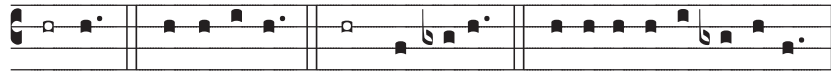
ANTIPHON 3



*Cantor* : I am coming soon, / | **says** the Lord; \*  
I will give to everyone / the re- | **ward** his **deeds** de-serve.

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.

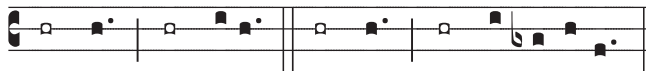
*All* : ∩ Alleluia, | **al-le-lu**-ia.

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

*All* : ∩ Alle- | **lu**-ia.

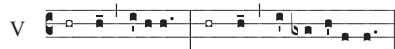
*Cantor* : and his bride is pre- | *pared to wel*-come him.

*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* : I am coming soon, / | **says** the Lord; \*  
I will give to everyone / the re- | **ward** his **deeds** de-serve.

**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.*

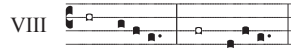
*Cantor :* And grant us | *your sal-va-tion,* \*

*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



*Cantor* : Do not be afraid, Mary, / you have found fav- | *or with God*; \*  
you will conceive and give birth to a Son, / | *al-le-lu-ia*.

**Magnificat**

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

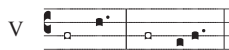
**Canticle of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Lk 1: 46-55

- 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-cept*.
- 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* : Do not be afraid, Mary, / you have found fav- | *or with God*; \*  
you will conceive and give birth to a Son, / | *al-le-lu-ia*.

## INTERCESSIONS



*Celebrant* : To Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the way, the truth, and the life,  
let us make our humble | **prayer**:

*All* : Come and stay with | *us*, **Lord**.

*Cantor* : Son of the Most High,  
your coming was announced to the Virgin Mary by Gabriel,  
— come and rule over your people for | **ev-er**.

*All* : Come and stay with | *us*, **Lord**.

*Cantor* : Holy One of God,  
in your presence John the Baptist leapt in Elizabeth's womb,  
— bring the joy of salvation to all the | **earth**.

*All* : Come and stay with | *us*, **Lord**.

*Cantor* : Jesus the Savior,  
the angel revealed your name to Joseph the just man,  
— come and save your people from their | **sins**.

*All* : Come and stay with | *us*, **Lord**.

*Cantor* : Light of the world  
for whom Simeon and all the just waited,  
— come and | **com**-fort us.

*All* : Come and stay with | *us*, **Lord**.

*Cantor* : O Rising Sun that never sets  
Zechariah foretold that you would visit us from above,  
— come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of | **death**.

*All* : Come and stay with | *us*, **Lord**.

Our Father . . .

*Celebrant* : Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,  
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ  
with righteous deeds at his coming,  
so that, gathered at his right hand,  
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.  
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 antiquum documéntum  
Novo cedat ritui ;  
Præstet fides suppleméntum  
Sénsuum deféctui.

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

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

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.*

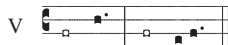
**D**EUS, qui nobis sub sacraménto mirábili, passiónis tuæ memóriam reliquisti : \* tribue, quæsumus, ita nos Córporis et Sánguinis tui sacra mystéria venerári ; ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis iúgiter sentiámus : Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculórum. ℞. Amen.

**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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