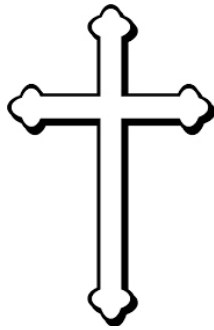


THE OFFICE
of
VESPERS
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT. 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:

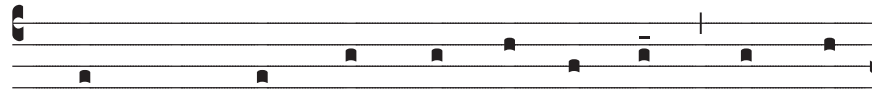
O God, come to my as-sistance. *R.* O Lord, make
haste to help me. Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and
to the Ho-ly Spir-it: as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now,
and will be for ev-er. A-men. Al- le- lu- ia.

Hymn

Creator of the Stars of Night

Conditor alme siderum. Mode IV.

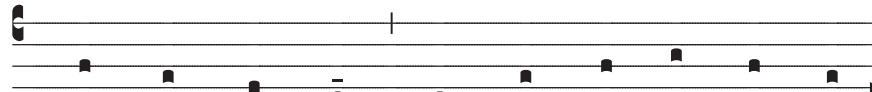
The Cantor begins and alternates verses with All :



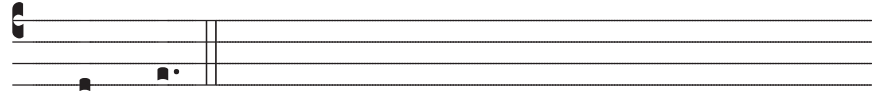
1. Cre- a- tor of the stars of night, Thy peo-
2. Thou, griev- ing that the an- cient curse Should doom
3. Thou cam'st, the Bride- groom of the bride, As drew



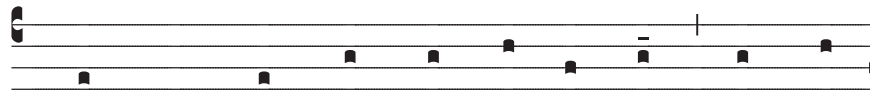
1. ple's ev- er- last- ing light, Je- sus, Re- deem-
2. to death a u- ni- verse, Hast found the med'-
3. the world to eve- ning- tide; Pro- ceed- ing from



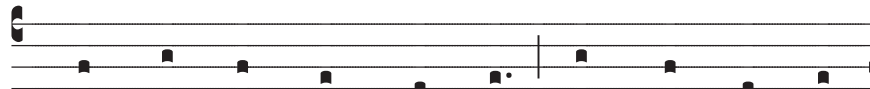
1. er, save us all, And hear thy ser- vants when
2. cine, full of grace, To save and heal a ru-
3. a Vir- gin shrine, The spot- less Vic- tim all



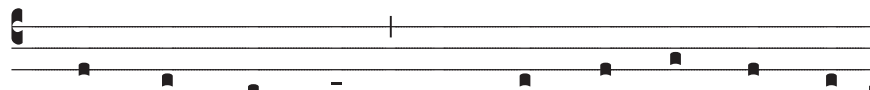
1. they call.
2. ined race.
3. di- vine.



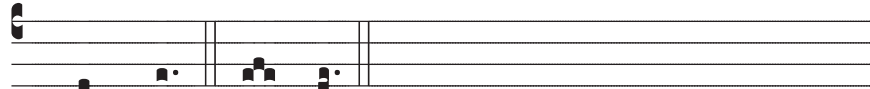
4. At whose dread name, ma- jest- tic now, All knees
 5. O thou whose com- ing is in dread To judge
 6. To God the Fa- ther, God the Son, And God



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 : The Lord will come on the | *clouds of heav-en* *
with great power and might, / | *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*.

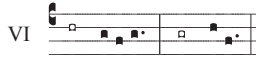
Doxology

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 will come on the | *clouds of heav-en* *
with great power and might, / | *al-le-lu-ia*.



ANTIPHON 2

Cantor : The Lord will come; / he is true | *to his word*. *
 If he seems to delay, keep watch for him, /
 for he will surely come, / al- | *le-lu-ia*.

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

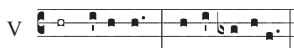
Cantor : Glory to the Father, and | *to the Son*, *
 and to the Ho- | *ly Spir-it* :

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

ANTIPHON

All : The Lord will come; / he is true | *to his word*. *
 If he seems to delay, keep watch for him, /
 for he will surely come, / al- | *le-lu-ia*.

ANTIPHON 3



Cantor : The Lord our king and | **law-giv-er** *
will | **come to save** us.

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*.

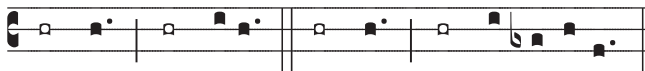
All : ∩ Alleluia, | **al-le-lu-ia**.

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

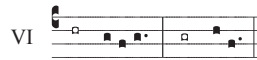
All : The Lord our king and | **law-giv-er** *
will | **come to save** us.

READING

Philipians 4:4-5

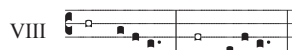
Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again, Rejoice! Everyone should see how unselfish you are. The Lord is near.

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 : Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, for | *your great faith*; *
all that the Lord promised you will come to pass through you, / | *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 : Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, for | *your great faith*; *
all that the Lord promised you will come to pass through you, / | *al-le-lu-ia*.

INTERCESSIONS



Celebrant : To Christ the Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary,
let us pray with joyful | **hearts**:

All : Come / *Lord Je*-sus.

Cantor : Lord Jesus, in the mystery of your incarnation,
you revealed your glory to the world,
— give us new life by your | **com**-ing.

All : Come / *Lord Je*-sus.

Cantor : You have taken our weakness upon yourself,
— grant us your | **mer**-cy.

All : Come / *Lord Je*-sus.

Cantor : You redeemed the world from sin by your first coming in humility,
— free us from all guilt when you come again in glory.

All : Come / *Lord Je*-sus.

Cantor : You live and rule over all,
— in your goodness bring us to our eternal in- | **her**-i-tance.

All : Come / *Lord Je*-sus.

Cantor : You sit at the right hand of the Father,
— gladden the souls of the dead with your | **light**.

All : Come / *Lord Je*-sus.

Our Father . . .

Celebrant : Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.
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.

DEUS, 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.

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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