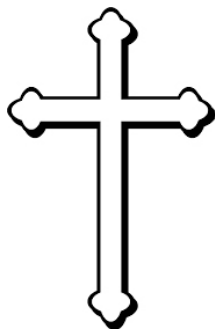


THE OFFICE
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SUNDAY VESPERS

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 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 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. *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.

— A —

O Lux, beata Trinitas. (L.M.)

Cantor : **O** Trin- i- ty of bless- ed Light, O U- ni- ty
of prince-ly might, The fier- y sun now goes his way ;
Shed thou with- in our hearts thy ray.

All : 2. To thee our morn- ing song of praise, To thee our ev'-
ning prayer we raise ; Thy glo- ry sup-pliant we a-
dore For ev- er and for ev- er- more.

Cantor : 5. All laud to God the Fa- ther be ;

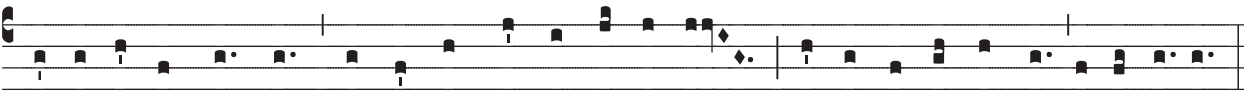
All : All praise, e- ter- nal Son, to thee ; All glo- ry, as is
ev- er meet, To God the Ho- ly Par- a- clete. A- men.

— B —

Cantor: All:

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| <p>1. <i>O Trinity of blessed Light,
 O Unity of princely might,
 The fiery sun now goes his way ;
 Shed thou within our hearts thy ray.</i></p> | <p>3. To thee our morning song of praise,
 To thee our evening prayer we raise ;
 Thy glory suppliant we adore
 For ever and for evermore.</p> |
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3. *All laud to God the Father be ;
All praise, eternal Son, to thee ;
All glory, as is ever meet,
To God the Holy Paraclete. Amen.*

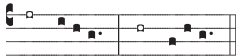
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I N e-ter-nal splen-dor, * be-fore the dawn of light on earth, I have be-got-ten you, al-le-lu-ia.

ANTIPHON I

VIII



Cantor : In eternal splendor, / before the dawn of | *light on earth*, *
I have begotten you, / | *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 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*.

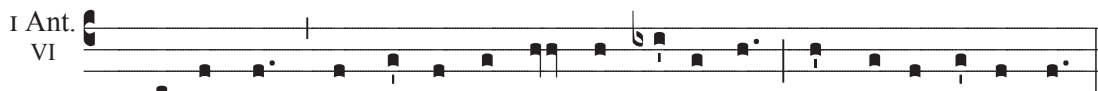
Doxology

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

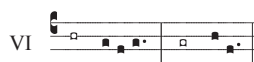
All : as it was in the begin- | *ning, is now*, *
and will be for ev- | *er. A-men*.

ANTIPHON

All : In eternal splendor, / before the dawn of | *light on earth*, *
I have begotten you, / | *al-le-lu-ia*.



B Less-ed are they * who hun-ger and thirst for ho- li-ness; they will be sat- is- fied,



ANTIPHON 2

Cantor : Blessèd are they who hunger and | *thirst for ho-li-ness* ; *
they shall | *be sat-is-fied*.

Psalm 111

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*.

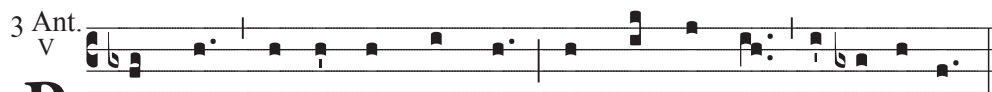
Doxology

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

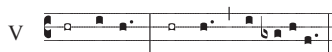
All : Blessèd are they who hunger and | *thirst for ho-li-ness* ; *
they shall | *be sat-is-fied*.



P

Raise God, * all you who serve him, both great and small, al- le- lu- ia.

ANTIPHON 3



Cantor : Praise God, / all you who | **serve** him, *
both great and small, / | **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.**

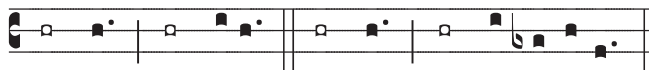
All : ℣ Alleluia, | **al-le-lu-ia.**

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

All : ℣ Alle- | **lu-ia.**

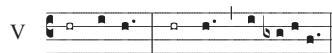
Cantor : and his bride is pre- | **pared to wel-come him.**

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.**



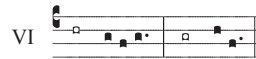
ANTIPHON

All : Praise God, / all you who | **serve** him, *
both great and small, / | **al-le-lu-ia.**

READING

Hebrews 12 : 22-24

You have drawn near to Mount Sion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to myriads of angels in festal gathering, to the assembly of the first-born enrolled in heaven, to God the judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood which speaks more eloquently than that of Abel.



RESPONSORY

Cantor : Our | *Lord is great* *
mighty is | *his pow-er.*

All : Our | *Lord is great* *
mighty is | *his pow-er.*

Cantor : His wisdom is be- | *yond com-pare, **

All : mighty is | *his pow-er.*

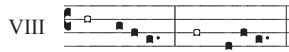
Cantor : Glory to the Father, and | *to the Son, **
and to the Ho- | *ly Spir-it :*

All : Our | *Lord is great* *
mighty is | *his pow-er.*

Resp.
VI

O UR Lord is great, * might-y is his pow- er. Our Lord. ¶ His wis-
dom is be-yond com-pare. * might-y. ¶ Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Ho-ly Spir- it. Our Lord.

ANTIPHON. AT MAGNIFICAT



Sung by the Cantor

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

Sung by the Cantor

INTERCESSIONS



Celebrant : Rejoicing in the Lord, from whom all good things come, let us | **pray** :

All : Lord, / hear | *our* **prayer**.

Cantor : Father and Lord of all,
you sent your Son into the world
that your Name might be glorified in ev'ry place,
— strengthen the witness of your Church among the | **na**-tions.

All : Lord, / hear | *our* **prayer**.

Cantor : Make us obedient to the teachings of your apostles,
— and bound to the truth of our | **faith**.

All : Lord, / hear | *our* **prayer**.

Cantor : As you love the innocent,
— render justice to those who are | **wronged**.

All : Lord, / hear | *our* **prayer**.

Cantor : Free those in bondage and give sight to the blind,
— raise up the fallen and protect the | **stran**-ger.

All : Lord, / hear | *our* **prayer**.

Cantor : Fulfill your promise to those who already sleep in your peace,
through your Son grant them a blessed resur- | **rec**-tion.

All : Lord, / hear | *our* **prayer**.

Celebrant : 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 :
Procedénti ab utróque
Compar sit laudátio. Amen.

℣. Panem de cælo præstitísti
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.

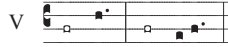
DEUS, qui nobis sub sacraménto mirábili, passiónis tuæ memóriam
reliquísti : * tribue, quæsumus, ita nos Córporis et Sânguinis tui sacra
mystéria venerári ; ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis iúgiter sentiámus :
Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculórum. ℟. Amen.

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- | **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 ; 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.	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.
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