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Opening Verse

Celebrant:

O God, come to my assistance. O Lord, make haste to help me. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.
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Hymn

Mode I

The Cantor begins and alternates verses with the Congregation.

1. The great forerunner of the morn, The her-
2. With heav’nly message Gabriel came, That John
3. John, still unborn, yet gave a right His wit-
4. Of woman-born shall never be A great-
5. All laud to God the Father be, All praise,

1. of the Word, is born; And faithful hearts
2. should be that herald’s name, And with proph-
3. ness to the coming light; And Christ, the sun
4. er prophet than was he, Whose mighty deeds
5. eternal Son, to thee, All glory, as

1. shall never fail With thanks and praise his light
2. tic ut’rance told His actions great and man-
3. of all the earth, Fulfilled that witness at
4. exalt his fame To greater than a pro-
5. is ever meet, To God the Holy Par-

1. to hail.
2. i-fold.
3. his birth.
4. phet’s name.
Antiphon 1

A

Cantor: Elizabeth, the wife of Zechariah, /
gave birth to a great man, /John the Baptist, *
who prepared the way for the Lord.

All: Elizabeth, the wife of Zechariah, /
gave birth to a great man, /John the Baptist, *
who prepared the way for the Lord.

B

- Liz- a-beth,*the wife of Zech-a- ri- ah, gave birth
to a great man, John the Bap-tist, who prepared the way for the

Lord.
The cantor begins and alternates verses with the congregation:

Psalm 112 (113)

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, * praise the name of the Lord!
2. May the name of the Lord be blessed * both now and for evermore!
3. From the rising of the sun to its setting * praised be the name of the Lord!
4. High above all nations is the Lord, * above the heavens his glory.
5. Who is like the Lord, our God, * who has risen on high to his throne
6. yet stoops from the heights to look down, * to look down upon heaven and earth?
7. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, * from his misery he raises the poor
8. to set him in the company of princes, * yes, with the princes of his people.
9. To the childless wife he gives a home * and gladdens her heart with children.
10. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:
11. as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.

The antiphon is repeated.
24 June

Antiphon 2

A

Cantor: John, / the forerunner of the Lord, *  
was born of an old and childless couple.

All: John, / the forerunner of the Lord, *  
was born of an old and childless couple.

B

OHN, the forerunner of the Lord, * was born of an  
old and childless couple.
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. R. Amen.

The Divine Praises

Blessed be God.
Blessed be his holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be his most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, virgin and mother.
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

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.

1. My soul, give praise to the Lord; / I will praise the Lord all my days, * make music to my God while I live.
2. Put no trust in princes, * in mortal man in whom there is no help.
3. Take their breath, they return to clay * and their plans that day come to nothing.
4. He is happy who is helped by Jacob’s God, * whose hope is in the Lord his God,
5. who alone made heaven and earth, * the seas and all they contain.
6. It is he who keeps faith for ever, * who is just to those who are oppressed.
7. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, * the Lord, who sets prisoners free,
8. the Lord who gives sight to the blind, * who raises up those who are bowed down,
9. the Lord, who protects the stranger * and upholds the widow and orphan.
10. It is the Lord who loves the just * but thwart the path of the wicked.
11. The Lord will reign for ever, * Sion’s God from age to age.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.

The antiphon is repeated.
At Benediction

BENEDICTION

OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

O Salutaris Hostia

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.

Uni trinóque Dómino
All praise and thanks to thee ascend
Sit sempítérna glória:
For evermore, blest One in Three;
Qui vitam sine término
O grant us life that shall not end
Nobis donet in pátria.
In our true native land with thee.

Sit et benedíctio:
Amen.

Procedénti ab utróque
Therefore we, before him bending,
Compar sit laudátio. Amen.
This great Sacrament revere;

O salutáris hóstia,
Types and shadows have their ending,
Quæ cæli pandis óstium,
For the newer Rite is here;
Bella premunt hostíliá;
Faith, our outward sense, befriending,
Da robur, fer auxílium.
Makes the inward vision clear.

Genitóri, Genitóque
Glory let us give and blessing,
Laus et iubilátio,
To the Father and the Son;
Salus, honor, virtus, quoque
Honor, might, and praise addressing,
Sit et benedictio:
While eternal ages run;
Procedénti ab utróque
Ever too his love confessing,
Compar sit laudátió. Amen.
Who from Both, with Both, is One.

O grant us life that shall not end
In our true native land with thee.

Amen.

Oratio

Oremus.

EUS, qui nobis sub sacraméntum mirábili, passiónis tue memóriam
reliquísti: * tribue, quæsumus, ita nos Córporis et Sánguinis tui sacra
mystéria venerári; ut redemptionis tuae fructum in nobis iúgiter sentiámus:
Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.
The cantor begins and alternates verses with the congregation:

Canticle. Ephesians 1:3-10

1. Praised be the God and Father, * of our Lord Jesus Christ,
2. who bestowed on us in Christ * every spiritual blessing in the heavens.
3. God chose us in him before the world began, * to be holy and blameless in his sight.
4. He predestined us / to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ, * such was his will and pleasure,
5. that all might praise the glorious favor * he has bestowed on us in his beloved.
6. In him and through his blood, / we have been redeemed, * and our sins forgiven.
7. so immeasurably generous * is God’s favor to us.
8. God has given us the wisdom / to understand fully the mystery, * the plan he was pleased to decree in Christ.
9. A plan to be carried out in Christ, * in the fullness of time,
10. to bring all things into one in him, * in the heavens and on the earth.
11. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:
12. as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.

The antiphon is repeated.
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the angel Gabriel appeared to him, standing on the right of

the altar of incense.

Intercessions

Cantor :  

All :

L

life of the world. Let us ask him: R: Kyrie eleison.

Pater noster

Presiding Minister:

A

athering our prayers and praises into one, we pray

as Jesus taught us: Our Father.

Prayer

ALL powerful God, help your people to walk the path to salvation. * By following the teaching of John the Baptist, may we come to your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, * one God, for ever and ever. R: Amen.

Conclusion

HE Lord be with you. R: And also with you.

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HE Lord be with you. R: And also with you.
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Antiphon at Magnificat

A

Cantor: Zechariah entered the temple of the Lord, / and the angel Gabriel appeared to him, * standing on the right of the altar of incense.

All: Zechariah entered the temple of the Lord, / and the angel Gabriel appeared to him, * standing on the right of the altar of incense.

B

Z

Ech-a-ri-ah entered the temple of the Lord, and the angel Gabriel appeared to him, standing on the right of the altar of incense.
The cantor begins and alternates verses with the congregation:

VIII
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, *
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

2. For he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. *
From this day all generations will call me blessed:

3. The Al-might-y has done great things for me, *
and holy is his Name.

4. He has mercy on those who fear him * in every generation.

5. He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

6. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

7. He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

8. He has come to the help of his servant, Israel *
he has remembered his promise of mercy,

9. The promise he made to our fathers, * to A-bra-ham and...