PRAYER AFTER THE DIVINE OFFICE

Let every creature give unending praise, honor, power and glory throughout all eternity to the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity, the crucified humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the chaste Motherhood of Mary, the ever glorious and blessed Virgin, and to the entire assembly of saints, and may we be granted the forgiveness of our sins.

Blessed is the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary which bore the Son of the Eternal Father. And blessed are the breasts which nursed Christ our Lord.

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THE BENEDICTION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tantum ergo Sacraméntum
Venerémur cérnui ;
Et antíquum 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.

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.

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.

Amen.

THE DIVINE PRAISES

Cantor : Blessed be God. *
Blessed be his holy Name.

All : Blessed be Jesus Christ, / true God and true man. *
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Cantor : Blessed be his most Sacred Heart. *
Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

All : Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar. *
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
**INTERCESSIONS**

Celebrant: In joy of spirit let us acclaim Christ, who sits at the right hand of the Father:

All: Lord Jesus, / you are the King of glory.

Cantor: King of glory, you took with you our fail humanity to be glorified in heaven; remove the sins of the world,

All: and restore us to the innocence / which was ours before the Fall.

Cantor: You came down from heaven on a pilgrimage of love,

All: grant that we may take the same path to your presence.

Cantor: You promised to draw all things to yourself,

All: do not allow any one of us to be separated from your body.

Cantor: Where you have gone before us in glory,

All: may we follow you in mind and heart.

Cantor: True God, we await your coming as judge,

All: may we see the vision of your glory and your mercy / in company with all the dead.

Celebrant: Our Father . . .

Celebrant: Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Vespers concludes with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**ANTIPHON I**

SIT

Cantor: He ascended into heaven *

and is seated at the right hand of the Father, / alleluia.

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 beneath your feet.”

All: The Lord will wield from Sion your scepter of power:* rule in the midst of all your foes.

Cantor: A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; *

from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

Appointed Priest by God

All: The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. /

“You are a priest for ever, * a priest like Melchizedek 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 wayside *

and therefore he shall lift up his head.

Doxology

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

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

Cantor: He ascended into heaven *

and is seated at the right hand of the Father, / alleluia.
**ANTIPHON 2**

*Cantor:* God ascends to *shouts of joy,* *the Lord to the blast of trumpets, / alleluia.*

**Psalm 46**

*The Lord Jesus is King of all*

Theme: homage and allegiance to the Risen King. Prayer for the conversion of the heathen.

*He is seated at the right hand of the Father,*
*and his kingdom will have no end.*

*God’s victory over the heathen*

*Cantor:* All peoples, clap your hands,*
*cry to God with shouts of joy!*

*All:* For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,*
*great king over all the earth.*

*Cantor:* He subdues peoples under us*
*and nations under our feet.*

*All:* Our inheritance, our glory, is from him,*
given to Jacob out of love.

*Solemn procession into the sanctuary*

*Cantor:* God goes up with shouts of joy;*
*the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.*

*All:* Sing praise for God, sing praise,*
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

*Cantor:* God is king of all the earth,*
*Sing praise with all your skill.*

*All:* God is king over the nations;*
*God reigns on his holy throne.*

*Cantor:* The princes of the peoples are assembled*
*with the people of Abraham’s God.*

*All:* The rulers of the earth belong to God,*
to God who reigns over all.

*Doxology*

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

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

*Cantor:* God ascends to *shouts of joy,* *
*the Lord to the blast of trumpets, / alleluia.*

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9. he has re-membered his promise of mercy,

*Cantor:* 9. the prom-ise he made to our fa-t hers,*
to A-bra-ham and

*his children for ev- er.*

*All:* 10. Glo- ry to the Fa- ther, and to the Son,*
*and to the*

*Ho- ly Spir- it :*

*Cantor:* 11. as it was in the be- gin-ning, is now,*
*and will be for ev- er. A- men. The antiphon is repeated by the Cantor.*

O Victor King, Lord of power and might,*
today you have ascended in glory above the heavens.

Do not leave us orphans,*
but send us the Father’s *promised gift,* *
the Spirit of truth, / alleluia.
Cantor: Now the Son of Man has been glorified *
and God has been glorified in him, / alleluia.

CANTICLE

Apocalypse 11:17-18; 12:10-12

Cantor: We praise you, the Lord God almighty, *
who is and who was.
All: You have assumed your great power, *
you have begun your reign.
Cantor: The nations have raged in anger, *
but then came your day of wrath
All: and the moment to judge the dead: *
the time to reward your servants the prophets
Cantor: and the holy ones who revere you,
the great and the small alike.
All: Now have salvation and power come, /
the reign of our God, *
and the authority of his Anointed One.
Cantor: For the accuser of our brothers is cast out, *
who night and day accused them before God.
All: They defeated him by the Blood of the Lamb /
and by the word of their testimony; *
love for life did not deter them from death.
Cantor: So rejoice, you heavens, *
and you that dwell therein!

Doxology

Cantor: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:
All: as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.
Cantor: Now the Son of Man has been glorified *
and God has been glorified in him, / alleluia.
**READING**

*Peter 3:18, 22*

The reason why Christ died for sins once for all, the just man for the sake of the unjust, was that he might lead us to God. He was put to death in so far as fleshly existence goes, but was given life in the realm of the spirit. He went to heaven and is at God’s right hand, with angelic rulers and powers subjected to him.

**RESPONSORY**

**Cantor:** I am ascending to my Father and your Father, * alleluia, alleluia.

**All:** I am ascending to my Father and your Father, * alleluia, alleluia.

**Cantor:** To my God and your God, *

**All:** alleluia, alleluia.

**Cantor:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *

and to the Holy Spirit:

**All:** I am ascending to my Father and your Father, * alleluia, alleluia.

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**Canticle of Mary**

*STAND*

The Antiphon is sung by the Cantor:

O Victor King, Lord of power and might, *
today you have ascended in glory above the heavens.

Do not leave us orphans, /
but send us the Father’s promised gift, *
the Spirit of truth, / alleluia.

The soul rejoices in the Lord

*Luke 1:46-55*

**Cantor:** O Victor King, Lord of power and might, *
today you have ascended in glory above the heavens.

Do not leave us orphans, /
but send us the Father’s promised gift, *
the Spirit of truth, / alleluia.

**The soul rejoices in the Lord**

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 Almighty has done great things for me, *

and holy is his Name.
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