**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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**PRAYER BEFORE THE DIVINE OFFICE**

Open my lips, O Lord, to praise your holy Name. Cleanse my heart of any vain, evil, or distracting thoughts. Give light to my mind and fervor to my will; enable me to recite this Office worthily, attentively, and devoutly, so that my prayer will be heard in the presence of your divine Majesty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, I offer you this Hour with the divine intention you had while on earth offering praises to God.

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**EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**O Salutaris Hostia**

- O salutáris hóstia,
- Que cæli pandis òstium,
- Bella premunt hostília ;
- Da robur, fer auxílium.

- Uni trinóque Dómino
- Sit sempiterná glória :
- Quí vitam sine témíno
- Nobis donet in pátìa.

Amen.

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**A time of silent adoration follows.**
EASTER SUNDAY. SUNDAYS 2 & 5
AT SECOND VESPERS
Psalter: Week 1

OPENING VERSE

God, come to my assistance. R: 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.

HYMN

Ad cenan Agni providi. (L.M.)
The Cantor begins and alternates verses with All.

1. The Lamb’s high banquet we await
In snow-white robes of royal state;
And now, the Red Sea’s channel past,
To Christ, our Prince, we sing at last.

2. Upon the altar of the Cross
His Body hath redeemed our loss;
And tasting of his roseate Blood
Our life is hid with him in God.

3. That Paschal eve God’s arm was bared;
The devastating angel spared:
By strength of hand our hosts went free
From Pharaoh’s ruthless tyranny.

4. Now Christ our Paschal Lamb is slain,
The Lamb of God who knows no stain;
The true Oration offered here,
Our own unleavened Bread sincere.

5. O thou from whom hell’s monarch flies,
O great, O very Sacrifice,
Thy captive people are set free,
And endless life restored in thee.

6. For Christ, arising from the dead,
From conquered hell victorious sped;
He thrusts the tyrant down to chains,
And Paradise for man regains.

7. Maker of all, to thee we pray,
Fulfil in us thy joy today;
When death assails grant, Lord, that we
May share thy Paschal victory.

8. To thee, who dead, again dost live,
All glory, Lord, thy people give;
All glory, as is ever meet,
To Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

BENEDICTION

OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Venerérüm céntrum ;
Et antíquum docúmèntum
Novo cedat rítui ;
Praestet fídes supplementúm
Sénsuum défécui.

Genítóri, Genitóque
Laus et iúbilátio,
Salus, honor, virtus, quoque
Sit et benedíctio :
Procedénti ab utróque
Compar sit laudátio. Amen.

Omne delectámentum in se
habéntem (T. P. alleluia).
R: Containing all sweetmess within it
(P.T. alleluia).

Oratio

Oremus.

DEUS, qui nobis sub sacraménto mirábili, passiónis tuæ memóriam et remítiónum tuae meréstiam commemorásce, et sanctam eam splendórima, quam tu praebéritis, et sémnavem humiliátiónem, a nostris opérís, reddére, * 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.

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. R: Amen.

The Divine Praises

Cantor: Blessed be God.*

All: Blessed be his holy Name.

Cantor: Blessed be Jesus Christ, / true God and true man.*

All: Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Cantor: Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.*

All: Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

Cantor: Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar.*

All: Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
**INTERCESSIONS**

Celebrant: With joy in our hearts, let us call upon the Lord, / who died and rose again, / and lives always to intercede for us:

All: Victorious King, / hear our prayer.

Cantor: Light and salvation of all peoples,

All: send into our hearts the fire of your Spirit, / as we proclaim your resurrection.

Cantor: Let Israel recognize in you her longed-for Messiah,

All: and the whole earth be filled / with the knowledge of your glory.

Cantor: Keep us in the communion of your saints,

All: and grant us rest from our labors in their company.

Cantor: You have triumphed over death, your enemy; / destroy in us the power of death,

All: that we may live only for you, / victorious and immortal Lord.

Cantor: Savior Christ, / you were obedient even to accepting death, / and were raised up to the right hand of the Father,

All: in your goodness welcome our brothers and sisters / into the kingdom of your glory.

Celebrant: Our Father . . .

Celebrant: Prayer.

All: Amen.

Vespers concludes with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

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**ANTIPHON 1**

**Easter.** Cantor: Mary Magdalene and the other Mary * came to see the Lord’s tomb, / alleluia.

**Sunday 5.** Cantor: The Lord is risen / and is seated at the right hand of God, * 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: Repeat antiphon 1, above.
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**ANTIPHON 2**

_Easter. Cantor:_ Come and see the place * where the Lord was buried, / alleluia.

_Sunday 5. Cantor:_ He has rescued us from the power of darkness * and has brought us into the kingdom of this Son, / alleluia.

**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 Egypt, * Jacob's sons from an alien people,

_All:_ Judah became the Lord's temple, * Israel became his kingdom.

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 yearling 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 yearling sheep?

_Cantor:_ Tremble, O earth, before the Lord, * in the presence of the God of Jacob,

_All:_ who turns the rock into a pool * and flint into a spring of water.

_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:_ Repeat antiphon 2, above.
4. He has mercy on those who fear him * in every generation.

Cantor:

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

All:

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

Cantor:

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

All:

8. He has come to the help of his servant, Israel * for

ANTIPHON 3

Easter. Cantor: Jesus said: / Do not be afraid. / Go and tell my brothers to set out for Galilee; * there they shall see me, / alleluia.

Sunday 5. Cantor: Alleluia, / our God is king; * glory and praise to him, / alleluia.

CANTICLE

Apocalypse 19: 1-7

The wedding of the Lamb

Cantor: Salvation, glory, and power to our God: *

All: Alleluia.

Cantor: his judgments are honest and true.

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor: Sing praise to our God, all you his servants, *

All: Alleluia.

Cantor: all who worship him reverently, / great and small.

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor: The Lord our all-powerful God is King; *

All: Alleluia.

Cantor: let us rejoice, sing praise, and give him glory.

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

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

All: Alleluia.

Cantor: and his bride is prepared to welcome him.

All: Alleluia, alleluia.
Reading

Hebrews 10:12-14

Jesus offered one sacrifice for sins and took his seat forever at the right hand of God; now he waits until his enemies are placed beneath his feet. By one offering he has forever perfected those who are being sanctified.

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.

Antiphon 3

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RESPONSORY

Easter Sunday. Cantor: This is the day the Lord has made; * let us rejoice and be glad, / alleluia.

Sunday 5.

Cantor: The Lord is truly risen, * alleluia, alleluia.

All: The Lord is truly risen, * alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor: He has appeared to Simon, * alleluia, alleluia.

All: The Lord is truly risen, * alleluia, alleluia.

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

All: The Lord is truly risen, * alleluia, alleluia.

Canticle of Mary

Luke 1:46-55

Cantor: VIII G

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

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

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

The Antiphon is sung by the Cantor:

Easter. On the evening of the first day of the week, * the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors; suddenly Jesus stood among them and said: * Peace be with you, / alleluia.

Sunday 2. Because you have seen me, Thomas, you have believed; * blessed are they who have not seen me and yet believe, / alleluia.

Sunday 5. I give you a new commandment: * love one another as I have loved you, says the Lord, / alleluia.
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