

*Cantor* : Blessed be the great Mother of God, / Mary most **holy**. \*  
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate *Conception*.

*All* : Blessed be her glorious *Assumption*. \*  
Blessed be the name of Mary, / virgin *and mother*.

*Cantor* : Blessed be Saint **Joseph**, \*  
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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**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.



**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.

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

*O Salutaris Hostia*

O salutaris hóstia,  
Quæ cæli pandis óstium,  
Bella premunt hostília ;  
Da robur, fer auxiliúm.

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.

*A time of silent adoration follows.*

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EASTER. SUNDAY 4  
AT SECOND VESPERS

*Psalter : Week IV*

OPENING VERSE

STAND

**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.

*Ad cenam Agni providi. (L.M.)*

The *Cantor* begins and alternates verses with **All**.

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| <p>1. <i>The Lamb's high banquet we await<br/>In snow-white robes of royal state ;<br/>And now, the Red Sea's channel past,<br/>To Christ, our Prince, we sing at last.</i></p> <p>2. <b>Upon the altar of the Cross<br/>His Body hath redeemed our loss ;<br/>And tasting of his roseate Blood<br/>Our life is hid with him in God.</b></p> <p>3. <i>That Paschal eve God's arm was bared ;<br/>The devastating angel spared :<br/>By strength of hand our hosts went free<br/>From Pharaoh's ruthless tyranny.</i></p> <p>4. <b>Now Christ our Paschal Lamb is slain,<br/>The Lamb of God who knows no stain ;<br/>The true Oblation offered here,<br/>Our own unleavened Bread sincere.</b></p> | <p>5. <i>O thou from whom hell's monarch flies,<br/>O great, O very Sacrifice,<br/>Thy captive people are set free,<br/>And endless life restored in thee.</i></p> <p>6. <b>For Christ, arising from the dead,<br/>From conquered hell victorious sped ;<br/>He thrusts the tyrant down to chains,<br/>And Paradise for man regains.</b></p> <p>7. <i>Maker of all, to thee we pray,<br/>Fulfill in us thy joy today ;<br/>When death assails grant, Lord, that we<br/>May share thy Paschal victory.</i></p> <p>8. <b>To thee, who dead, again dost live,<br/>All glory, Lord, thy people give ;<br/>All glory, as is ever meet,<br/>To Father and to Paraclete. Amen.</b></p> |
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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.

Genitóri, Genitóque  
Laus et iubilatio,  
Salus, honor, virtus, quoque  
Sit et benedictio :  
Procedenti ab utroque  
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

*V.* Panem de cælo præstitisti  
eis (*T. P.* alleluia).  
*R.* Omne delectamentum in se  
habentem (*T. P.* alleluia).

Oratio

**D**EUS, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili, passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti : \* tribue, quæsumus, ita nos Cörperis et Sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari ; ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis iugiter sentiamus : Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum. *R.* Amen.

Prayer

**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**. \*  
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

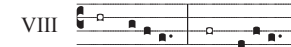


- Celebrant* : God the Father raised Christ from the dead  
and exalted him at his right hand.  
Let us pray to the Father, saying :
- All* : Through Christ in glory,  
watch over your people, Lord.
- Cantor* : Righteous Father,  
you lifted Jesus above the earth  
through the triumph of the Cross,
- All* : may all things be lifted up in him.
- Cantor* : Through your Son in glory  
send your Holy Spirit upon the Church,
- All* : that she may be the sacrament of unity  
for the whole human race.
- Cantor* : You have brought a new family into being  
through water and the Holy Spirit,
- All* : keep them faithful to their baptism,  
and bring them to everlasting life.
- Cantor* : Through your exalted Son help those in distress,  
free those in captivity, heal the sick,
- All* : and by your blessings give joy to the world.
- Cantor* : You nourished our deceased brothers and sisters  
with the Body and Blood of the risen Christ,
- All* : raise them up at the last day.  
Our Father . . .
- Celebrant* : Almighty ever-living God,  
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,  
so that the humble flock may reach  
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
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.*

## ANTIPHON I

*SIT*



- Cantor* : Seek the things that *are above* \*  
where Christ is seated at God's right hand, / *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**. ”

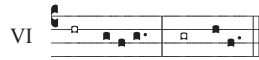
#### Conqueror and Judge in God

- 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* : Seek the things that *are above* \*  
where Christ is seated at God's right hand, / *alleluia*.



ANTIPHON 2

Cantor : In the darkness *he* **dawns** : \*  
a light for upright hearts, / *alleluia*.

Psalm III

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 *commands*.

Blessings of holy fear

All : His sons will be *powerful on earth* ; \*  
the children of the upright *are blest*.

Cantor : Riches and wealth are *in his house* ; \*  
his justice stands firm *for ever*.

All : He is a light in the darkness *for the upright* : \*  
he is generous, merciful *and just*.

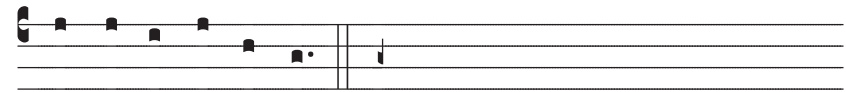
Cantor : The good man takes pity *and lends*, \*  
he conducts his affairs *with honor*.

All : The just man will *never waver* : \*  
he will be remembered *for ever*.

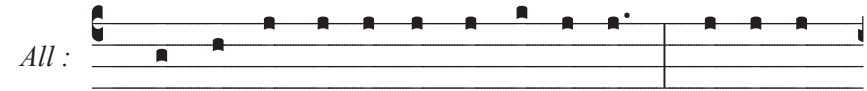
Cantor : He has no fear of *evil news* ; \*  
with a firm heart he trusts in *the Lord*.

All : With a steadfast heart he *will not fear* ; \*  
he will see the downfall of *his foes*.

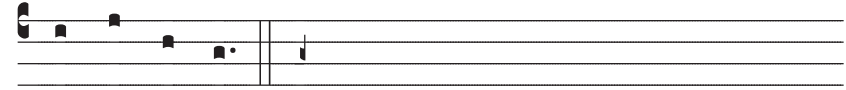
Cantor : Open-handed, he gives to the poor ; /  
his justice stands *firm for ever*. \*  
His head will be raised *in glory*.



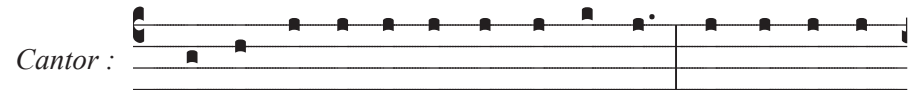
his children for ev- er.



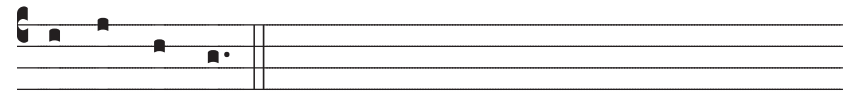
10. Glo- ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, \* and to the



Ho- ly Spir- it :



11. as it was in the be- gin-ning, is now \* and will be for



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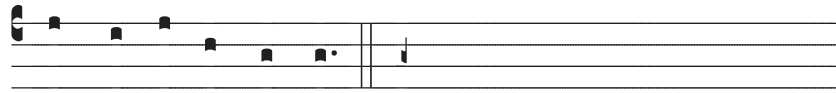


*The Cantor sings the antiphon:*

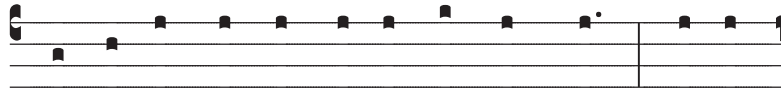
My sheep will *hear my voice*, \*  
I, their Lord, know them, / *alleluia*.

Cantor : 

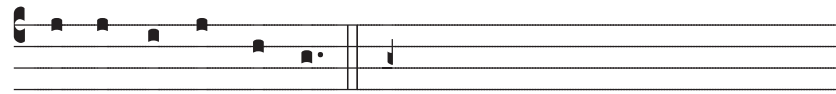
5. He has shown the strength of his arm, \* he has scattered




the proud in their con-keit.

All : 

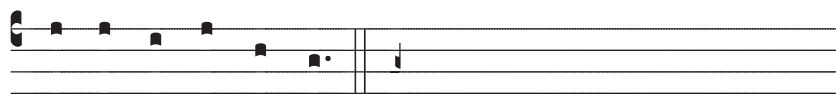
6. He has cast down the might-y from their thrones, \* and has



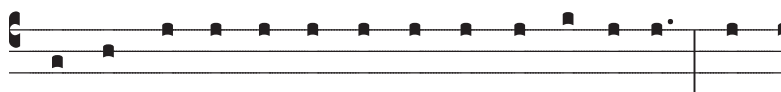
lift-ed up the low-ly.

Cantor : 

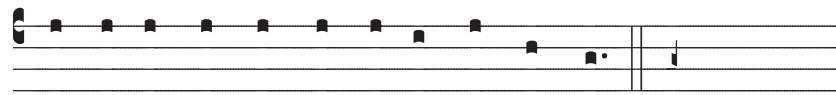
7. He has filled the hun-gry with good things, \* and the rich he



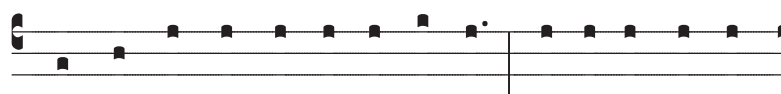
has sent a-way emp-ty.

All : 

8. He has come to the help of his ser-vant, Is- ra- el \* for



he has re-mem-bered his promise of mer- cy,

Cantor : 

9. the prom-ise he made to our fa-thers, \* to A-bra-ham and

**Frustration of the wicked**

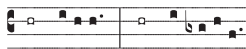
All : The wicked man sees and is angry, /  
grinds his teeth and *fades away* ; \*  
the desire of the wicked leads to **doom**.

**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 : In the darkness *he dawns* : \*  
a light for upright hearts, / **alleluia**.

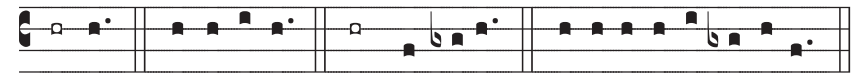
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**ANTIPHON 3**

Cantor : Alleluia, salvation, glory and **power** \*  
to our God, / **alleluia**.

**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 : ∩ 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 rev'rently, / *great and small*.

All : ∩ Alleluia, **alleluia**.

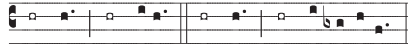
Cantor : The Lord our all-powerful God is King ; \*

All : ∩ Alleluia.

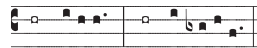
Cantor : let us rejoice, sing praise, and *give him glory*.

All : ∩ Alleluia, **alleluia**.

*Cantor* : The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun, \*  
*All* : *R.* Alleluia.  
*Cantor* : and his bride is prepared to welcome him.  
*All* : *R.* Alleluia, alleluia.



*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* : Alleluia, salvation, glory and **power** \*  
 to our God, / 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.

**RESPONSORY**



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

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

*Cantor* : He has *appeared to* **Simon**, \*

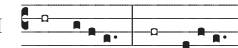
*All* : alleluia, alleluia.

*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**

VIII



**STAND**

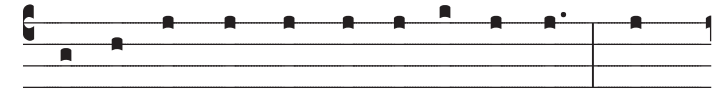
*The Cantor sings the antiphon:*

My sheep will *hear my voice*, \*  
 I, their Lord, know them, / alleluia.

**The soul rejoices in the Lord**

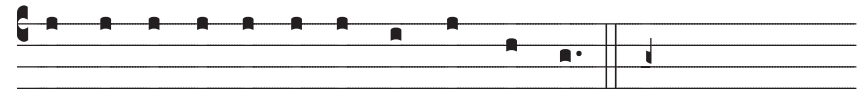
*Luke* 1: 46-55

*Cantor* : VIII G

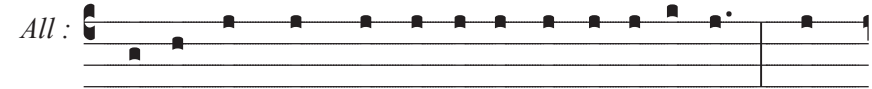


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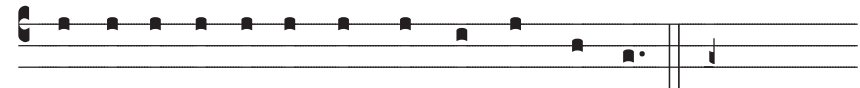
Y soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, \* and



my spir- it re-joic- es in God my Sav- ior.



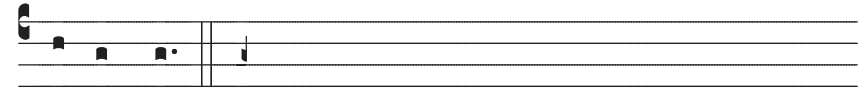
2. for he has looked with fav- or on his low-ly servant. \* From



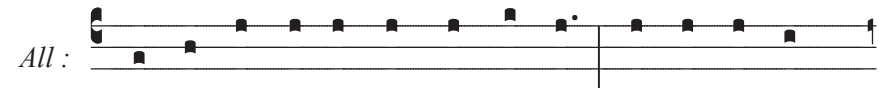
this day all gen- er- a- tions will call me bless- ed :



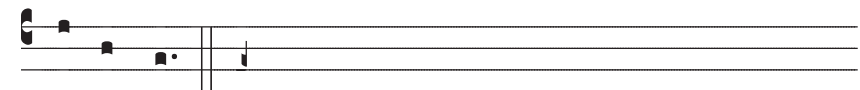
3. the Al- might- y has done great things for me, \* and ho- ly



is his Name.



4. He has mer- cy on those who fear him \* in ev- 'ry gen-



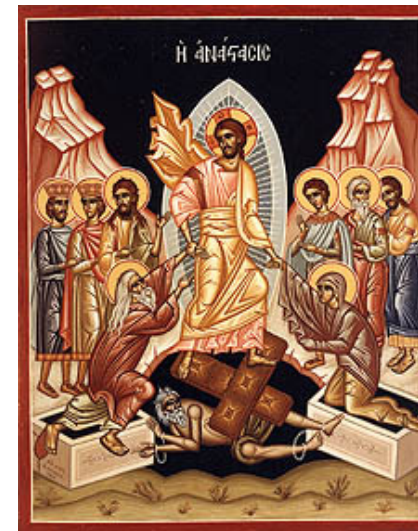
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**THE OFFICE OF SUNDAY VESPERS  
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*Roman Rite. Psalter : Week IV. II Vespers*

Ordinary Form



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