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 salutáris hóstia,
Quæ cæli pandis óstium,
Bella premunt hostilia ;
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.

A time of silent adoration follows.
EASTER. SUNDAY 4
AT SECOND VESPERS
Psalter: Week IV

OPENING VERSE

O God, come to my assistance. R: O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glorify to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

V: And ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Ad cænum 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 Oblation offered here,
Our own unleavened Bread sincere.

5. O thou from whom all 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,
Fulfill in us thy joy today;
When death assailst 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 Sacraméntum
Venerermum cæru ;
Et antíquum documentum
Novo cédat ritus ;
Praestet fides supplementum
Sénsuum defécui.

Genitori, Genitóque
Laus, honor, virtus, quoque
Sit et benedictio :
Procedénti ab utróque
Compar sit laudátio. Amen.

Omne delectamentum in se
habéntem (T. P. alleluia).

Panem de cælo præstísti eis (T. P. alleluia).

You have given them bread from heaven (P.T. alleluia).

Oratio

DEUS, qui nobis sub sacraménto mirábili,
passiónis tue memóriam reliquisti : * tribue, quæsumus, ita nos Córporis et Sánguinis tui sacra mystéria venerári ; ut redemptiónis tue fructum in nobis iúgiter sentiámus :
Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculórum. R: Amen.

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

V: The Cantor:
Cantor:

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.
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.

Vespers concludes with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
ANTIPHON 2

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

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 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.

10. 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. A-men. The antiphon is repeated by the Cantor.

The Cantor sings the antiphon:

My sheep will hear my voice, * I, their Lord, know them, / alleluia.
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 he has remembered his promise of mercy,

Cantor:

9. the promise he made to our fathers, * to Abraham and

Cantor:

All:

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.

ANTIPHON 3

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

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, *
All: 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

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

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.

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

THE OFFICE OF SUNDAY VESPERS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Roman Rite. Psalter: Week IV. II Vespers

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