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.

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.

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 ANDADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

O Salutaris Hostia

O salutáris hóstia,
Quæ cæli pandis óstium,
Bella premunt hostíliæ ;
Da robur, fer auxílium.
Uni trinóque Dómino
Sit sempitérna glóriæ :
Qui vitam sine término
Nobis donet in pátria.

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
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.
SUNDAY AT SECOND VESPERS
Psalter: Week II
A glimpse into the kingdom of God

Vespers is the evening prayer of the Church. This is the hour of thanksgiving for the graces bestowed during the day of salvation that has just passed. In Sunday Vespers we review gratefully the history of God’s kingdom in the Church and in individual souls. We see Christ our victorious King in his power (Ps 109), and the Church as a pilgrim, in the image of the Jewish people, setting out from the slavery of Egypt into the promised land (Ps 113 B). There are two principal objects to our Vesper prayers: thanksgiving, and new courage to continue our pilgrimage.

OPENING VERSE

STAND

O 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.

HYMN

St. Gregory the Great. 540-604

O Lux, beata Trinitas. (L.M.)

Cantor: 1. O Trinity of blessed Light, O Unity of princely might, The fiery sun now goes his way: Shed thou within our hearts thy ray.

All: 3. To thee our morning song of praise, To thee our evening prayer we raise; The glory suppliant we adore For ever and for evermore.

Cantor: 3. All land to God the Father be: All praise, eternal Son, to thee; All glory, as is ever meet, To God the Holy Paraclete. Amen.

BENEDICTION

OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tantum ergo Sacraméntum
Venerémur cérnui; Et antiquum do cuméntum Novo cedat rítui; Praestet 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.

You have given them bread from heaven (P.T. alleluia). Containing all sweetness within it (P.T. alleluia).

O PENING VERSE

STAND

Deus, qui nobis sub sacraménto mirábili, passiónis tuæ memóriam reliquisti: * tribue, quæsumus, ita nos Córporis et Sánguinis tui sacra mystéria venerári; ut redemptiónis tuæ fructum in nobis iúgiter sentiámus: Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculórum. 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. 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: All praise and honor to Christ! / He lives forever to intercede for us, / and he is able to save those who approach the Father in his Name. / Sustained by our faith, / let us call upon him:

All: Remember your people, O Lord.

Cantor: As the day draws to a close, Sun of Justice, / we invoke your Name upon the whole human race,

All: so that all men may enjoy your never failing light.

Cantor: Preserve the covenant which you have ratified in your Blood,

All: cleanse and sanctify your Church.

Cantor: Remember your assembly, O Lord,

All: your dwelling place.

Cantor: Guide travellers along the path of peace and prosperity,

All: so that they may reach their destinations / in safety and joy.

Cantor: Receive the souls of the dead, O Lord,

All: grant them your favor / and the gift of eternal glory.

Our Father . . .

Celebrant: Prayer proper to the Sunday

All : Amen.

Vespers concludes with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

ANTIPHON I

Cantor: Christ our Lord is a priest for ever, * like Melchizedech of old, / 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: * 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

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: Christ our Lord is a priest for ever, * like Melchizedech of old, / alleluia.
Cantor: God dwells in highest heaven; * he has power to do all he wills, / alleluia.

Psalm 113 B

Praise of the true God

This Psalm dates from the time of the exile, and sets out to strengthen our trust in God who alone can help us, and our contempt of idols. In our prayers, this means God in his procession through the earth. Along the path, the idols of the world are beckoning to us: riches, pleasure, honor power. We renounce the devil and all his works.

We have renounced idol worship to serve the living and true God (1 Thessalonians 1:9)

God alone be praised

Cantor: Not to us, Lord, not to us, * but to your name give the glory.

All: for the sake of your love and your truth, * lest the heathen say: / "Where is their God?"

God and idols

Cantor: But our God is in the heavens; * he does whatever he wills.

All: Their idols are silver and gold, * the work of human hands.

Cantor: They have mouths but they cannot speak; * they have eyes but they cannot see;

All: they have ears but they cannot hear; * they have nostrils but they cannot smell.

Cantor: With their hands they cannot feel; / with their feet they cannot walk. * No sound comes from their throats.

All: Their makers will come to be like them * and so will all who trust in them.

Song of blessing

Cantor: Sons of Israel, trust in the Lord; * he is their help and their shield.

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

he has remembered his promise of mercy,

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

his children for ever.

All: for the sake of your love and your truth, * lest the heathen say: / "Where is their God?"

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Song of blessing

Cantor: Sons of Israel, trust in the Lord; * he is their help and their shield.

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. A men. The antiphon is repeated by the Cantor.
All: Sons of Aaron, trust in the Lord; * he is their help and their shield.

Cantor: You who fear him, trust in the Lord; * he is their help and their shield.

All: He remembers us, and he will bless us; / he will bless the sons of Israel. * He will bless the sons of Aaron.

Cantor: The Lord will bless those who fear him, * the little no less than the great:

All: To you may the Lord grant increase, * to you and all your children.

Cantor: May you be blest by the Lord, * the maker of heaven and earth.

All: The heavens belong to the Lord, * but the earth he has given to men.

Cantor: The dead shall not praise the Lord, * nor those who go down into the silence.

All: But we who live bless the Lord * now and for ever. Amen.

Doxology

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Cantor: God dwells in highest heaven; * he has power to do all he wills, / alleluia.

Antiphon 3

Cantor: Praise God, / all you who serve him, * both great and small, / alleluia.

Canticle

Apocalypse 19:1-7

V R' Al-le-lu-ia. V R' Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.
We are bound to thank God for you always, beloved brothers in the Lord, because you are the first fruits of those whom God has chosen for salvation, in holiness of spirit and fidelity to the truth. He called you through our preaching of the good news so that you might achieve the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
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SUNDAY VESPERS
Roman Rite, Rorate : Week II

Ordinary Form

THE OFFICE
SUNDAY AT SECOND VESPERS

Psalter: Week II

Antiphons In Cantu
for cantor, schola or choir

1 Ant. VIII

C

Hrist our Lord * is a priest for ever, like Mel-chi-ze-dech of old, al-le-lu-ia. Psalm 109

2 Ant. VI

G

OD dwells in high-est heav-en; * he has pow-er to do all he wills, al-le-lu-ia. Psalm 113 B

3 Ant. V

P

Raise God, * all you who serve him, both great and small,
al-le-lu-ia. [intonation from antiphon] Canticle, Apocalypse 19: 1-7

At Magnificat. Antiphon ad libitum

The Antiphon is taken from the proper of the Season, to agree with the Gospel of the day. Or the following may be sung:

VIII

W

Here two or three * are gathered to-geth-er in my name, I am there a-mong them, says the Lord.

VIII

H

E who los-es his life * because of me and for the Gos-pel, shall save it, says the Lord.

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