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 hostília ;
Da robur, fer auxílium.

Uni trinóque Dómino
Sit sempitérna glória :
Qui vitam sine término
Nobis donet in pátria.

Amen.

A time of silent adoration follows.
SUNDAY AT SECOND VESPERS
Psalter: Week III
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 God’s care over his chosen ones (Ps 110). There are two principal objects to our Vesper prayers: thanksgiving, and new courage to continue our pilgrimage.

OPENING VERSE
Celebrant: All: STAND
O

Hymn
St. Gregory the Great. 540-604
Lucis Creator optime. (L.M.)
C: 1. O bles Creator of the light, Who mak’st the day with radiance bright, And o’er the forming world didst call The light from chaos first of all.
A: 2. Whose wisdom joined in meet array The morn and eve, and named them day; Night comes with all its darkling fears; Regard thy people’s prayers and tears.
C: 3. O Father, that we ask be done.
A: Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son, Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee, Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

BENEDICTION
OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT
Tantum ergo Sacramentum
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.

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

Panem de caelo praestísti eis (T. P. aléluia).
Omne delectamentum in se habéntem (T. P. aléluia).

Benediction

Oratio
Oremus.

D EUS, qui nobis sub sacraménto mirábilí, 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.

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
Celebrant: The world was created by the Word of God, / re-created by his redemption, / and it is continually renewed by his love. / Rejoicing in him we call out:

All: renew the wonders of your love, O Lord.

Cantor: We give thanks to God / whose power is revealed in nature,

All: and whose providence is revealed in history.

Cantor: Through your Son, the herald of reconciliation, / the victor of the Cross,

All: fear us from empty fear and hopelessness.

Cantor: May all those who love and pursue justice,

All: work together without deceit / to build a world of true peace.

Cantor: Be with the oppressed, free the captives, / console the sorrowing, feed the hungry, strengthen the weak,

All: in all people / reveal the victory of your Cross.

Cantor: After your Son’s death and burial / you raised him up again in glory,

All: grant that the faithful departed may live in you.

Our Father . . .

Celebrant: Prayer proper to the Sunday

All: Amen.

Vespers concludes with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
Cantor : Our compassionate Lord has left us a memorial * of his wonderful work, / alleluia.

Psalm 110

Thanksgiving and deliverance out of Egypt

This Psalm is a hymn of thanksgiving for God’s care over his chosen people, especially in delivering them out of Egypt (a type of our redemption). We pray it as the thanksgiving prayer of the Church (and of souls) journeying through the world, away from the bondage of the devil and into the promised land of heaven.

We are lost in wonder at all that you have done for us, our Lord and mighty God (Apocalypse 15:3)

Statement of theme

Cantor : I will thank the Lord with all my heart * in the meeting of the just and their assembly.

Divine Providence in the history of his people

All : Great are the works of the Lord ; * to be pondered by all who love them.

Cantor : Majestic and glorious his work, * his justice stands firm for ever.

All : He makes us remember his wonders. * The Lord is compassion and love.

Cantor : He gives food to those who fear him ; * keeps his covenant ever in mind.

All : He has shown his might to his people * by giving them the lands of the nations.

In the holy covenant

Cantor : His works are justice and truth ; * his precepts are all of them sure.

All : standing firm for ever and ever : * they are made in uprightness and truth.

Cantor : He has sent deliverance to his people / and established his covenant for ever. * Holy his Name, to be feared.
Finale

All: To fear the Lord is the first stage of wisdom; all who do so prove themselves wise. His praise shall last forever.

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 forever. Amen.

Cantor: Our compassionate Lord has left us a memorial of his wonderful work, alleluia.

ANTIPHON 3

Cantor: All power is yours, Lord God, our mighty King, 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.
Praise be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, he who in his great mercy gave us new birth; a birth unto hope which draws its life from the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; a birth to an imperishable inheritance, incapable of defilement, which is kept in heaven for you who are guarded with God’s power through faith; a birth to a salvation which stands ready to be revealed in the last days.

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 forever. Amen.

Cantor: All power is yours, Lord God,*
our mighty King, alleluia.

READING 1 Peter 1:3-5
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RESPONSORY
Cantor: The whole creation proclaims*
the greatness of your glory.
All: The whole creation proclaims*
the greatness of your glory.
Cantor: Eternal ages praise*
All: the greatness of your glory.
Cantor: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,*
and to the Holy Spirit:
All: The whole creation proclaims*
the greatness of your glory.

CANTICLE OF MARY  STAND

The antiphon is sung by the Cantor. Tone VIII.
The Cantor begins the Canticle, and alternates verses with All.

The soul rejoices in the Lord Luke 1:46-55

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

All: this day all generations will call me blessed:

Cantor: the Almighty has done great things for me,* and holy
is his Name.

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

THE OFFICE of SUNDAY VESPERS
Roman Rite. Psalter: Week III
Ordinary Form

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SUNDAY AT SECOND VESPERS

Psalter: Week 3
Antiphons In Cantu for cantor, schola or choir

1 Ant. VIII
HE Lord said * to my Mas-ter: Sit at my right hand,
al-le-lu-ia. Psalm 109

2 Ant. VI
UR compassionate Lord * has left us a me-mo-rial
of his won-der-ful work, al-le-lu-ia. Psalm 111

3 Ant. V
LL pow-er * is yours, Lord God, our might-y King,
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:

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

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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