

*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 auxiliium.

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.*

## 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

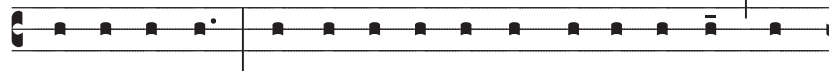
**STAND**

*Celebrant:*

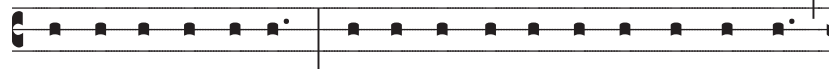
*All:*

**O**

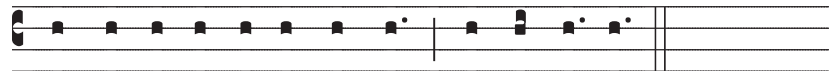
God, come to my as-sistance. *℟.* O Lord, make



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.

### HYMN

*St. Gregory the Great. 540-604*

*Lucis Creator optime. (L.M.)*

*C: 1. O blest 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.*

*C: 3. Lest, sunk in sin, and whelm'd with strife,  
They lose the gift of endless life;  
While thinking but the thoughts of time,  
They weave new chains of woe and crime.*

**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.**

**A: 4. But grant them grace that they may  
strain  
The heav'nly gate and prize to gain:  
Each harmful lure aside to cast,  
And purge away each error past.**

*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*

Tantum ergo Sacramentum  
Veneremur cernui;  
Et antiquum documentum  
Novo cedat ritui;  
Præstet fides supplementum  
Sensuum defectui.

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

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

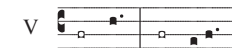
**Oratio**

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

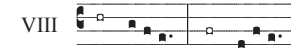
*Celebrant* : *Prayer proper to the Sunday*

*All* : Amen.

*Vespers concludes with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.*

## ANTIPHON I

*SIT*



*Cantor* : The Lord said *to my* **Master** : \*  
Sit at my 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**.

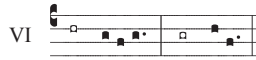
*All* : He shall drink from the stream *by the* **wayside** \*  
and therefore he shall lift *up his* **head**.

#### 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* : The Lord said *to my* **Master** : \*  
Sit at my right hand, / *alleluia*.



**ANTIPHON 2**

*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*.

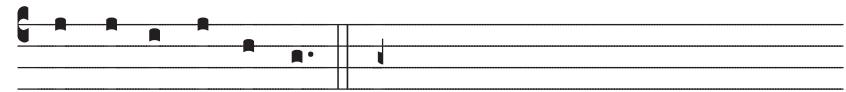
*All* : He has shown his might *to his people* \*  
by giving them the lands of *the nations*.

**In the holy covenant**

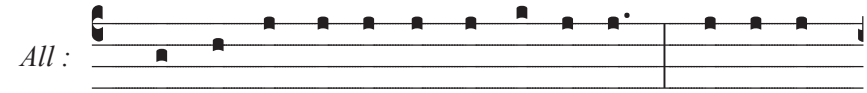
*Cantor* : His works are *justice and truth* : \*  
his precepts are all of *them sure*,

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

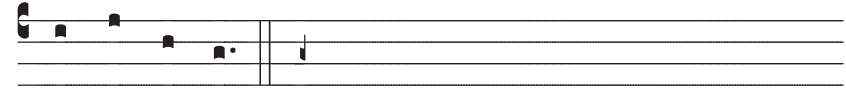
*Cantor* : He has sent deliverance to his people /  
and established his covenant *for ever*. \*  
Holy his Name, to *be feared*.



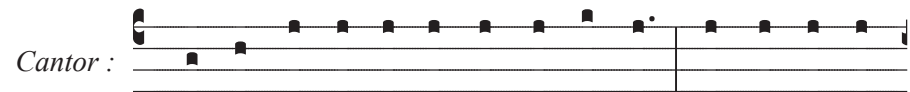
his children for ev- er.



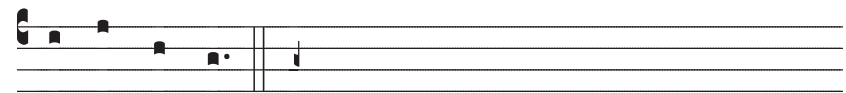
10. Glo- ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, \* and to the



Ho- ly Spir- it :

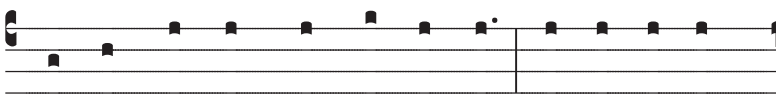


11. as it was in the be- gin-ning, is now \* and will be for

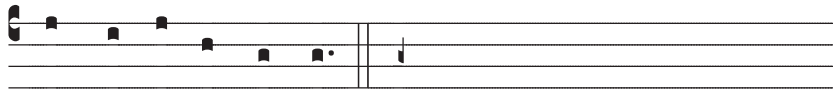


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Cantor : 

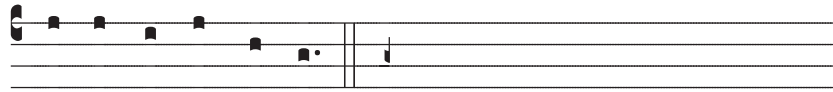
5. He has shown the strength of his arm, \* he has scattered



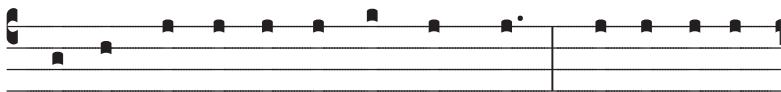
the proud in their con-ceil.

All : 

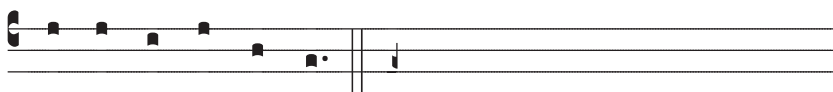
6. He has cast down the might-y from their thrones, \* and has



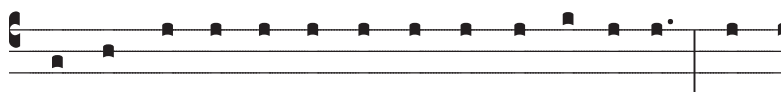
lift-ed up the low-ly.

Cantor : 

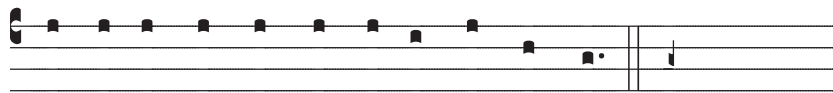
7. He has filled the hun-gry with good things, \* and the rich he



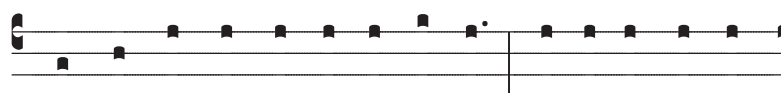
has sent a-way emp-ty.

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

**Finale**

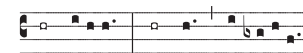
All : To fear the Lord is the first stage of wisdom ; /  
all who do so prove *themselves wise*. \*  
His praise shall last *for ever*.

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

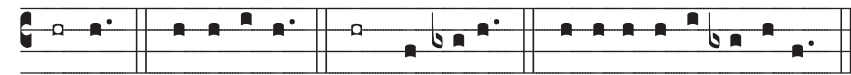
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**ANTIPHON 3**

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

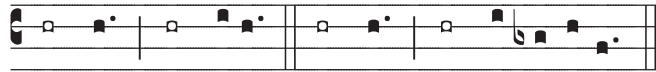
All : ∩ Alleluia, **alleluia**.

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

All : R̄ Alleluia.

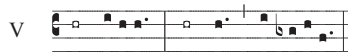
Cantor : and his bride is prepared to welcome him.

All : R̄ 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 : All power is yours, Lord God, \* our mighty King, / alleluia.

READING

I Peter 1 : 3-5

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.



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.

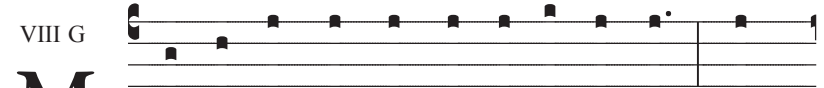
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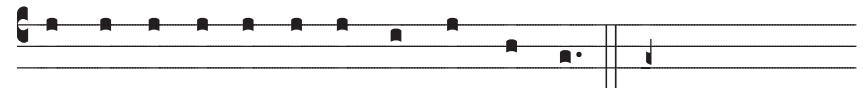
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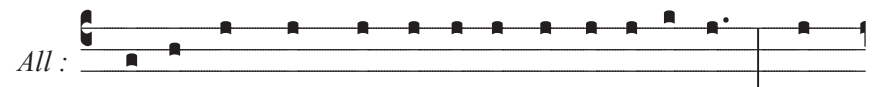
The soul rejoices in the Lord Luke 1 : 46-55



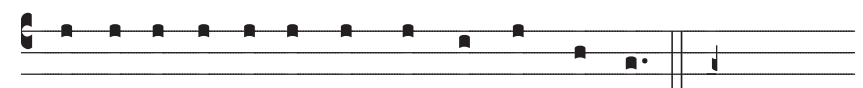
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M Y soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, \* and



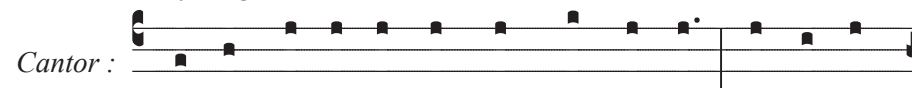
my spir- it re-joic- es in God my Sav- ior.



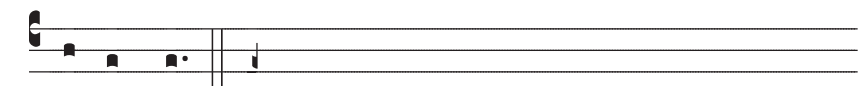
2. for he has looked with fav- or on his low-ly servant. \* From



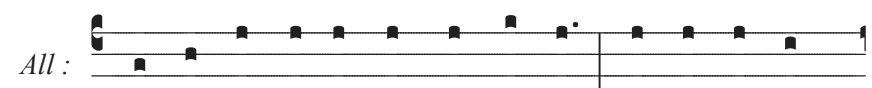
this day all gen- er- a- tions will call me bless- ed :



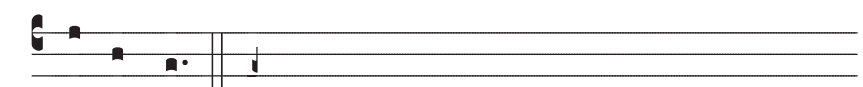
3. the Al- might- y has done great things for me, \* and ho- ly



is his Name.



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



er- a- tion.

# III

THE OFFICE  
of  
SUNDAY VESPERS

*Roman Rite. Psalter : Week III*

Ordinary Form



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2012

SUNDAY AT SECOND VESPERS

*Psalter: Week 3*

Antiphons *In Cantu*  
for cantor, schola or choir

1 Ant.  
VIII

**T** HE Lord said \* to my Mas-ter : Sit at my right hand,

al- le- lu- ia. *Psalm 109*

2 Ant.  
VI

**O** UR compassionate Lord \* has left us a me- mo- ri- al

of his won-der-ful work, al- le- lu- ia. *Psalm 111*

3 Ant.  
V

**A** LL pow- er \* is yours, Lord God, our might- y King,

al- le- lu- ia. [intonation from antiphon] *Canticle, Apocalypse 19 : 1-7*

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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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