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 hostília ; / Da robur, fer auxílium.

Uni trinóque Dómino / Sit sempiterna glória ; / Qui vitam sine término / Nobis donet in pátria.

Amen.

A time of silent adoration follows.
SUNDAY AT SECOND VESPERS

Psalter: Week IV

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); we hear of the fundamental laws of the kingdom: love (fear) of God, love of neighbor (Ps 111). 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. Alleluia.

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; Thy glory suppliant we adore For ever and for evermore.

Cantor: 3. All laud 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 Sacramentum

Venerémur cérnui;
Et antíquum documéntum
Novo cedat rítui;
Præstet 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.

Amen.

The Divine Praises

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

Oratio

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. R: Amen.


**INTERCESSIONS**

V

Celebrant: Rejoicing in the Lord, / from whom all good things come, / let us pray:

All: Lord, / hear our prayer.

Cantor: Father and Lord of all, / you sent your Son into the world / that your Name might be glorified in ev’ry place,

All: strengthen the witness of your Church among the nations.

Cantor: Make us obedient to the teachings of your apostles,

All: and bound to the truth of our faith.

Cantor: As you love the innocent,

All: render justice to those who are wronged.

Cantor: Free those in bondage and give sight to the blind,

All: raise up the fallen and protect the stranger.

Cantor: Fulfill your promise to those who already sleep in your peace,

All: through your Son / grant them a blessed resurrection.

Our Father . . .

Celebrant: Prayer proper to the Sunday

All: Amen.

Vespers concludes with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**ANTIPHON I**

VIII

Cantor: In eternal splendor, / before the dawn of light on earth, *
I have begotten you, / 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

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: In eternal splendor, / before the dawn of light on earth, *
I have begotten you, / alleluia.
ANTIPHON 2

Cantor: Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for holiness; * they shall be satisfied.

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.
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: Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for holiness; * they shall be satisfied.

ANTIPHON 3

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

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**READING**

Hebrews 12 : 22-24

You have drawn near to Mount Sion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to myriads of angels in festal gathering, to the assembly of the first-born enrolled in heaven, to God the judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood which speaks more eloquently than that of Abel.

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**RESPONSORY**

**Cantor:** Our Lord is great *
mighty is his power.
*All:* Our Lord is great *
mighty is his power.

**Cantor:** His wisdom is beyond compare, *
*All:* mighty is his power.

**Cantor:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit :
*All:* Our Lord is great *
mighty is his power.

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**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

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VIII G

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:**

3. the Almighty has done great things for me, * and holy

is his Name.

*All:* Our Lord is great *

4. He has mercy on those who fear him * in ev’ry generation.

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

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SUNDAY AT SECOND VESPERS

Psalter: Week 4
Antiphons In Cantu
for cantor, schola or choir

1 Ant. VIII

| N e- ter-nal splendor, * be-fore the dawn of light on earth, |
| I have be-got-ten you, al- le- lu- ia. Psalm 109 |

2 Ant. VI

| Less-ed are they * who hun-ger and thirst for ho- li- ness ; |
| they will be sat- is- fied. Psalm 111 |

3 Ant. V

| 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

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

VIII

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

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