Palm Sunday

Benediction

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

O Salutaris Hostia

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Que caeli pandis óstium,
Bella Prémunt hostília ;
Da robur, fer auxílium.

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Sit sempiterna glória : 
Qui vitam sine término
Nobis donet in pátria. Amen.

O Saving Victim opening wide
The gate of heaven 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.

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Venerémur cérnui ;
Et antiquum documéntum
Novo cedat rítui ;
Præstet fides supplementúm
Sensusm deféctui.

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.

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise thy Name ;
Lord of all, we bow before thee ;
All on earth thy sceptre claim ;
All in heaven above adore thee.

Hark ! The loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising ;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,

Infinite thy vast domain ;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord :
Everlasting is thy reign.

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We remain in our places. A few moments of silence are kept. The Celebrant and ministers return to the sacristy. All depart in silence.

Sacred Silence

When Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament follows, the Office concludes thus:

VIII

Let us bless the Lord. Rex: Thanks be to God.

Conclusion

When Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament follows.

At II Vespers

Dismissal

O in peace. Rex: Thanks be to God.

Palm Sunday

Hymn (A)

Vexilla regis prodeunt

Cantor alternates with congregation:

STAND

1. The royal banners forward go, The
2. Where deep for us the spear was dyed, Life’s
3. Fulfilled is all that David told In
4. O Tree of beauty! Tree of light! O
5. On whose dear arms, so widely flung, The
6. O Cross, our one reliance, hail! This
7. To thee, eternal Three in One, Let

8. Cross shines forth in mystic glow, Where he
9. torrent rushing from his side, To wash
10. true prophe tic song of old: Amidst
11. Tree, with royal purple dight! Elect
12. weight of this world’s ransom hung; The price
13. holy Passion tide avail To give
14. hom age meet by all be done: Whom by

5. in flesh, our flesh who made, Our sentence
6. us in that precious flood Where mingled
7. the nations, God, saith he, Hath reigned and
8. on whose trium phal breast Those holy
9. of human kind to pay, And spoil the
10. fresh merit to the saint And pardon
11. the Cross thou dost restore, Preserve and
Palm Sunday

The Lord’s Prayer

Celebrant:

With longing for the coming of God’s kingdom, let us offer our prayer to the Father: All: Our Father.

Almighty, ever-living God, you have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility. † He fulfilled your will by becoming man and giving his life on the Cross. * Help us to bear witness to you by following his example of suffering and make us worthy to share in his Resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, * one God, for ever and ever. Rite: Amen.

Prayer

Blessing

V The Lord be with you. Rite: And also with you.


At II Vespers

Hymn (B) (L.M.)

Vexilla regis prodeunt

Choir and Congregation alternate stanzas. The Congregation sings to the tune “Old Hundredth”.

1. The royal banners forward go, The Cross shines forth in mystic glow, Where he in flesh, our flesh who made, Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.

2. Where deep for us the spear was dyed, Life’s torrent rushing from his side, Where mingled Water flowed, and Blood, Where mingled Water flowed, and Blood.

3. Fulfilled is all that David told In true prophetic song of old: Amidst the nations, God, saith he, Hath reigned and triumphed from the Tree.

4. O Tree of beauty! Tree of light! O Tree, with royal purple dight! Elect on whose triumphal breast Those holy limbs should find their rest.

5. On whose dear arms, so widely flung, The weight of this world’s ransom hung; The price of humankind to pay, And spoil the Spoiler of his prey.

6. O Cross, our once reliance, hail! This holy Passiontide avail To give fresh merit to the saint And pardon to the penitent.

7. To thee, eternal Three in One, Let homage meet by all be done: Whom by the Cross thou dost restore, Preserve and govern evermore. Amen.
Psalmody

Ant. 1 Christ was scourged and treated with contempt, * but God’s right hand has raised him up.

Psalm 109 (110): 1-5.7

The Lord’s revelation to my Master: † “You are a priest for ever, * a priest like Melchizedech of old.”

The Master standing at your right hand * will shatter kings in the day of his great wrath.

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

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.

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The Savior of mankind
by dying destroyed death
and by rising again restored life.
Let us humbly ask him:

RE: Sanctify your people, / redeemed by your Blood.

Redeemer of the world,
give us a greater share of your Passion
through a deeper spirit of repentance,
—so that we may share the glory of your Resurrection. (RE)

May your Mother,
comforter of the afflicted, protect us,
—may we console others as you console us. (RE)

Look with love
on those who suffer because of our indifference,
—come to their aid,
and turn our uncaring hearts
to works of justice and charity. (RE)

You humbled yourself by being obedient
even to accepting death, death on a Cross,
—give all who serve you
the gifts of obedience and patient endurance. (RE)

Transform the bodies of the dead
to be like your own in glory,
— and bring us at last
into their fellowship. (RE)
Psalm 113

Ant.
It is written: †
I will strike the shepherd *
and his flock shall be scattered.
But when I have risen, *
I will go before you into Galilee.
There you shall see me, *
says the Lord.

Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord. * my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor * on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations *
will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me, * and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him * in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty
from their thrones, * and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel * for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers, * to Abraham and his children forever.
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as it was in the beginning, is now,* and will be for ever. Amen.

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N O T to us, Lord, not to us, * but to your name give the glory
for the sake of your love and your truth. * lest the heathen say: “ Where is their God?”
But our God is in the heavens; *
he does whatever he wills.
Their idols are silver and gold, *
the work of human hands.
They have mouths but they cannot speak; * they have eyes but they cannot see;
ye have ears but they cannot hear; * they have nostrils but they cannot smell.
With their hands they cannot feel; † with their feet they cannot walk. * No sound comes from their throats.
Their makers will come to be like them * and so will all who trust in them.
Sons of Israel, trust in the Lord; * he is their help and their shield.
Sons of Aaron, trust in the Lord; * he is their help and their shield.
You who fear him, trust in the Lord; * he is their help and their shield.

Psalm 113 B

At Magnificat. Antiphon

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The Blood of Christ washes away our sins *
and makes us worthy to serve the living God.

Psalm 113 B

At II Vespers

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The Blood of Christ washes away our sins *
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Ant. 3 Christ bore our sins in his own body on the cross †
so that we might die to sin *
and be alive to all that is good.

Canticle 1 Peter 2:21-24

Christ suffered for you, † and left you an example * to have you follow in his footsteps. He did no wrong; * no deceit was found in his mouth. When he was insulted, * he returned no insult. When he was made to suffer, * he did not counter with threats. Instead he delivered himself up * to the One who judges justly.

In his own body * he brought your sins to the cross, so that all of us, dead to sin, † could live in accord with God's will. * By his wounds you were healed. 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.

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Reading Acts 13:26-30

My brothers, it was to us that this message of salvation was sent forth. The inhabitants of Jerusalem and their rulers failed to recognize him, and in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets which we read sabbath after sabbath. Even thought they found no charge against him which deserved death, they begged Pilate to have him executed. Once they had thus brought about all that had been written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. Yet God raised him from the dead.

Responsory

We worship you, O Christ, * and we praise you.
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Because by your Cross † you have redeemed the world. * we praise you.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit.
We worship you, O Christ, * and we praise you.
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