OFFICE OF THE DEAD

*AT VESPERS*

Opening Verse

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*haste to help me.*

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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.

During Lent

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Hymn [A]

For a man

O Christ, the King of Boundless Might

Immenseæ rex potentiae. Mode II

1. O Christ, the King of boundless might, You rendered glory unto God And made us fit
2. Our weakness you once came to meet And, conquering, the battle fought, Who, dying, crushed
3. Our Champion, you rose again, And by your paschal mystery Have granted us,

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2. beneath your feet The victory the serpent
3. once dead through sin, A life renewed eternally.

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2. pent wrought.
3. nal-ly.

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6. Now that his earthly life has passed, Call forth

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5. your splendor blest, Who live by faith in char-
6. ter heav'n at last To praise you there for ev-

4. ly burn.
5. i- ty.
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Hymn [B]

For a woman

O Christ, the King of Boundless Might

_In honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary_
Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy,
our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To thee do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve,
To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious Advocate,
thine eyes of mercy towards us.
And after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.
Hymn [C]

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We acknowledge Christ the Lord
through whom we hope that our lowly bodies
will be made like his in glory, *
and we say:

All: Lord, you are our life and resurrection.

Christ, Son of the living God,
who raised up Lazarus, your friend, from the dead, *
— raise up to life and glory the dead
whom you have redeemed by your precious blood.

Christ, consoler of those who mourn,
you dried the tears of the family of Lazarus,
of the widow’s son, and the daughter of Jairus, *
— comfort those who mourn the dead.

Christ, Savior,
destroy the reign of sin in our earthly bodies,
so that just as through sin we deserved punishment, *
— so through you we may gain eternal life.

Christ, Redeemer,
look on those who have no hope
because they do not know you, *
— may they receive faith in the resurrection
and in the life of the world to come.

You revealed yourself to the blind man
who begged for the light of his eyes, *
— show your face to the dead
who are still deprived of your light.

When at last our earthly home is dissolved, *
— give us a home, not of earthly making,
but built of eternity in heaven.

Office of the Dead. At Vespers

Intercessions

4. Be-stow on us this life of grace That when,
5. Lead us, Just Judge, into your rest, For we
6. Now that their earthly lives have passed, Call forth

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Antiphon 1

A

Cantor: The Lord will keep you from all evil. *
he will guard your soul.

All: The Lord will keep you from all evil. *
he will guard your soul.

B

HE Lord will keep you * from all evil. He will
guard your soul.

The antiphon is repeated:

A

VIII G

All: All that the Father gives me will come to me, *
and whoever comes to me / I shall not turn away.

B

Antiphon.

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and

who- ev- er comes to me I shall not turn a- way.
Psalm 120

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: * from where shall come my help?

2. My help shall come from the Lord * who made heaven and earth.

3. May he never allow you to stumble! * Let him sleep not, your guard.


5. The Lord is your guard and your shade; * at your right side he stands.

6. By day the sun shall not smite you * nor the moon in the night.

7. The Lord will guard you from evil, * he will guard your soul.

8. The Lord will guard your going and coming * both now and for ever.

9. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:

10. as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.

The antiphon is repeated.
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Antiphon 2

A

Cantor: If you kept a record of our sins, O Lord,* who could escape condemnation?

All: If you kept a record of our sins, O Lord,* who could escape condemnation?

B

2 Ant.

F you kept a re-cord* of our sins, O Lord, who
could es-cape con-dem-na-tion?
his children for ever.

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. Amen.

The antiphon is repeated:

All: All that the Father gives me will come to me, * and whoever comes to me / I shall not turn away.

B

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and who-ever comes to me I shall not turn a-way.
Antiphon 3

A

Cantor: As the Father raises the dead and gives them life, *
so the Son gives life to whom he wills.

All: As the Father raises the dead and gives them life, *
so the Son gives life to whom he wills.

B

So the Father raises the dead * and gives them life,
so the Son gives life to whom he wills.
Canticle of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  

Luke 1: 46-55

The cantor begins and alternates verses with the congregation:

VIII

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

2. for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. * From this day all generations will call me blessed:

3. the Al-mighty has done great things for me, * and holy is his Name.

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

Canticle

Philippians 2: 6-11

1. Though he was in the form of God, / Jesus did not deem equality with God * something to be grasped at.

2. Rather, he emptied himself / and took the form of a slave, * being born in the likeness of men.

3. He was known to be of human estate, * and it was thus that he humbled himself,

4. obediently accepting even death, * death on a cross!

5. Because of this, God highly exalted him / and bestowed on him the name * above every other name,

6. so that at Jesus' name * every knee must bend

7. in the heavens, on the earth, * and under the earth,

8. and every tongue proclaim / to the glory of God the Father : * JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

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Reading 1 Corinthians 15:55-57

O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? But thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Responsory

A

Cantor: Lord, in your steadfast love, * give them eternal rest.
All: Lord, in your steadfast love, * give them eternal rest.
Cantor: You will come to judge the living and the dead.
All: give them eternal rest.
Cantor: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,* and to the Holy Spirit.
All: Lord, in your steadfast love, * give them eternal rest.

B

Lord. You will come to judge the living and the dead. * Give.

Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Magnificat in English, 16.
Magnificat in Latin, 19.
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