WEDNESDAY

_Psalter : Week III_

SOLEMN VESPERS

with
Archbishop Burke
and the
Priests of the Archdiocese
of St. Louis

Archbishop Burke
Celebrant

St. Ambrose Church
August 13, 2008
Alve, Re-gí-na, * ma-ter mi-se-ri-córdi- æ : Vi- ta,
dulcé- do, et spes nostra, sal-ve. Ad te clamámus, éxsu-les
fi- li- i He-væ. Ad te suspi-rámus, geméntes et flentes in hac
lacrimá-num val-le. E- ia ergo, Advo-cá-ta nostra, illos tu- os
mi-se-ri-córdes ócu-los ad nos con-vér- te. Et Ie-sum, bene-
dictum fructum ventris tu- i, no-bis post hoc ex-sí- li- um
osténde. O cle-mens : O pi- a : O dul-cis Virgo
Ma- ri- a.
Athering our prayers and praises into one, we pray as Jesus taught us: All: Our Father.

Prayer

Merciful Lord, let the evening prayer of your Church come before you. * May we do your work faithfully; free us from sin and make us secure in your love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, * one God, for ever.

Blessing

γ May the Name of the Lord be blest.
ρ Now and for evermore.
γ Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
ρ Who made heaven and earth.
   May Almighty God bless you,
   ✡ the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
ρ Amen.

Dismissal

γ in peace. ρ Thanks be to God.

The Antiphon in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary follows immediately.
STAND

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AT VESPERS

O God, come to my assistance. 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.

Intercessions

Kýrie eléison.

1. Let us humbly pray to God who sent his Son as Savior and exemplar of his people: Kýrie eléison.

2. Let us give thanks to God who chose us as the first-fruits of salvation, — and who called us to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Kýrie eléison.

3. May those who confess your holy name be united in your truth, — and fervent in your love. Kýrie eléison.

4. Creator of all things, your Son desired to work among men with his own hands, — be mindful of all who earn their living by the sweat of their brow. Kýrie eléison.

5. Be mindful to those who devote themselves to the service of their brothers, — do not let them be deterred from their goals by discouraging results or lack of support. Kýrie eléison.

6. Be merciful to the faithful departed, — keep them from the power of the Evil One. Kýrie eléison.
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The Magnificat antiphon is repeated by all:

The Almighty has done great things for me, * and holy is his Name.

HE Almighty has done great things for me, * and holy is his Name.

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.

Incipit

The schola begins and alternates verses with all:

VIII G

Most Holy Lord and God of Heaven

Caeli Deus sanctissime. Mode I

STAND

Wednesday at Vespers

1. Most holy Lord and God of heav’n, Who to
2. Who, on the fourth day, didst reveal The sun’s
3. That each in its appointed way Might sep-
4. Il-luminate our hearts within, And cleanse
5. O Father, that we ask be done, Through Je-

Schola : All :

1. the glowing sky hast giv’n The fires that in
2. en-kindled flaming wheel, Didst set the moon
3. a-rate the night from day, And of the sea-
4. our minds from stain of sin; Un-burdened of
5. sus Christ, thine only Son; Who, with the Ho-

A

1. the east are born With gradual splen-dors of
2. her ordered ways, And stars their ev- er-wind-
3. sons of the year The well-re-mem-bered signs
4. out guilty load May we un-fet-tered serve
5. ly Ghost and thee, Doth live and reign e-

B

1. the morn.
2. ing ways.
3. de clar:
4. our God.
Ant. 1

Schola:

I Ant. VII d

A

Hose who sow in tears * will reap in joy.

All:

I Ant. VII d

Hose who sow in tears * will reap in joy.

Cantor:

All:

I Ant. VII d

Hose who sow in tears * will reap in joy.

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Psalmody

Antiphon 1

Cantor:

All:

I Ant. VII d

Hose who sow in tears * will reap in joy.

6. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, * and has lifted up the lowly.

7. He has filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he has sent away empty.

8. He has come to the help of his servant, Israel * for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

9. the promise he made to our fathers, * to Abraham and

5. He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
Canticle of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
*Luke 1: 46-55*

The schola begins and alternates verses with all:

**M**

Y 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 every generation.

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**Psalm 125 (126)**

1. When the Lord delivered Sion from bondage, *it seemed like a dream.

2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *on our lips there were songs.

3. The heathens themselves said: “What marvels *the Lord worked for them.

4. What marvels the Lord worked for us! *Indeed we were glad.

5. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage *as streams in dry land.

6. Those who are sowing in tears *will sing when they reap.

7. They go out, they go out full of tears, *carrying seed for the sowing:

8. they come back, they come back, full of song, *carrying their sheaves.

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 by all.
AY the Lord build our house * and guard our city.

HE Almighty has done great things for me, * and holy is his Name.

HE Almighty has done great things for me, * and holy is his Name. Canticle, p. 14.
Reading

To God whose power now at work in us can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine—to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, world without end. Amen.

Responsory

A

Schola: Claim me once more as your own, Lord,*
And have mercy on me.

All: Claim me once more as your own, Lord,*
And have mercy on me.

Schola: Do not abandon me with the wicked,*
All: And have mercy on me.

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

All: Claim me once more as your own, Lord,*
And have mercy on me.

B

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

All: Claim me once more as your own, Lord,*
And have mercy on me.

The schola begins and alternates verses with all:

Psalm 126 (127)

1. If the Lord does not build the house,*
in vain do its builders labor;

2. if the Lord does not keep watch over the city,*
in vain does the watchman keep vigil.

3. In vain is your earlier rising,*
your going later to rest,

4. you who toil for the bread you eat:* when he pours gifts on his beloved while they slumber.

5. Truly sons are a gift from the Lord,*
a blessing, the fruit of the womb.

6. Indeed the sons of youth* are like arrows in the hand of a warrior.

7. O the happiness of the man* who has filled his quiver with these arrows!

8. He will have no cause for shame* when he disputes with his foes in the gateways.

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 by all.
The cantor begins and alternates verses with the congregation:

1. Let us give thanks to the Father / for having made you worthy * to share the lot of the saints in light.
2. He rescued us from the power of darkness * and brought us into the kingdom of his belovèd Son.
3. Through him we have redemption, * the forgiveness of our sins.
4. He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creatures.
5. In him everything in heaven and on earth was created, * things visible and invisible.
6. All were created through him ; * all were created for him.
7. He is before all else that is. * In him everything continues in being.
8. It is he who is the head of the body, the church ! * he who is the beginning,
9. the first-born of the dead, * so that primacy may be his in everything.
10. It pleased God to make absolute fulness reside in him / and, by means of him, * to reconcile everything in his person,
11. both on earth and in the heavens, * making peace through the blood of his cross.
12. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit :
13. as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.

The antiphon is repeated by all.