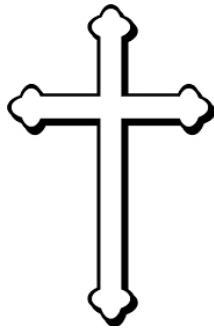


THE OFFICE
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SUNDAY VESPERS
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Roman Rite. Psalter : Week III
Ordinary Form



EWTN

**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 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT. 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

Celebrant:

All:

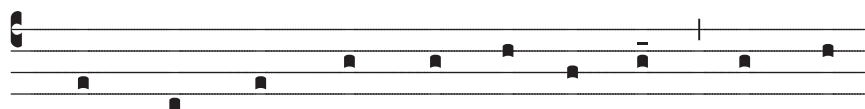
O God, come to my as-sistance. R̄. O Lord, make
haste to help me. Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and
to the Ho-ly Spir-it: as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now,
and will be for ev-er. A-men. Al- le- lu- ia.

Hymn

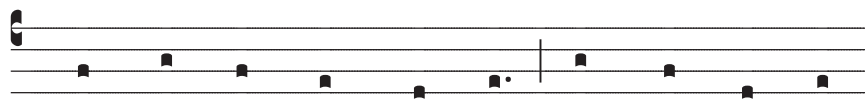
Creator of the Stars of Night

Conditor alme siderum. Mode IV.

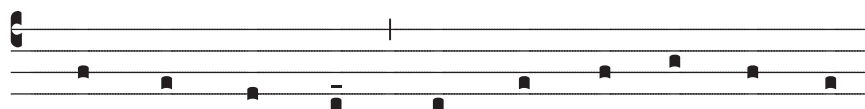
The Cantor begins and alternates verses with All :



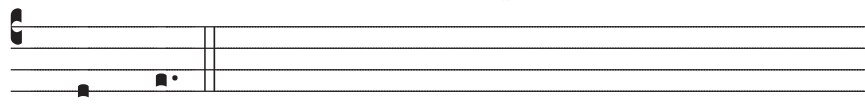
1. Cre- a- tor of the stars of night, Thy peo-
2. Thou, griev- ing that the an- cient curse Should doom
3. Thou cam'st, the Bride- groom of the bride, As drew



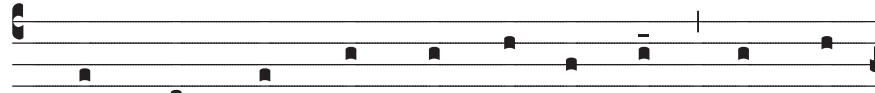
1. ple's ev- er- last- ing light, Je- sus, Re- deem-
2. to death a u- ni- verse, Hast found the med'-
3. the world to eve- ning- tide; Pro- ceed- ing from



1. er, save us all, And hear thy ser- vants when
2. cine, full of grace, To save and heal a ru-
3. a Vir- gin shrine, The spot- less Vic- tim all



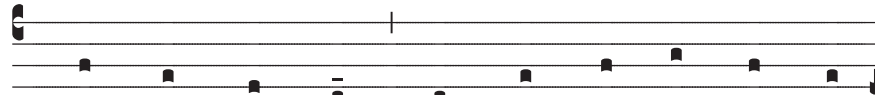
1. they call.
2. ined race.
3. di- vine.



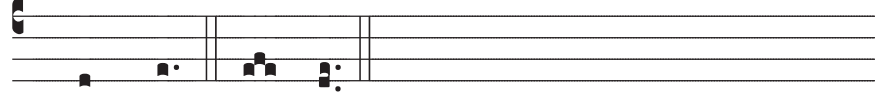
4. At whose dread name, ma- jest- tic now, All knees
 5. O thou whose com- ing is in dread To judge
 6. To God the Fa- ther, God the Son, And God



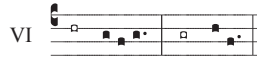
4. must bend, all hearts must bow; And things ce- les-
 5. and doom the quick and dead, Pre- serve us, while
 6. the Spir- it, Three in One, Laud, hon- or, might,



4. tial thee shall own, And things ter- res- trial, Lord
 5. we dwell be- low, From ev'- ry in- sult of
 6. and glo- ry be From age to age e- ter-



4. a- lone.
 5. the foe.
 6. nal- ly. A- men.



ANTIPHON 2

Cantor : Let the mountains break out with joy / and the hills with an- | *swer-ing glad-ness*, *
for the world's true light, the Lord, / comes with power | *and might*.

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 | *as-sem-bly*.

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 glori- | *ous his work*, *
his justice stands firm | *for ev-er*.

All : He makes us remem- | *ber his won-ders*. *
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 peo-ple* *
by giving them the lands of *the na-tions*.

In the holy covenant

Cantor : His works are jus- | *tice and truth* : *
his precepts are all of | *them sure*,

All : standing firm for ev- | *er and ev-er* : *
they are made in uprightness | *and truth*.

Cantor : He has sent deliverance to his people /
and established his cove- | *nant for ev-er*. *
Holy his Name, to | *be feared*.

Finale

All : To fear the Lord is the first stage of wisdom ; /
all who do so prove | *them-selves wise*. *
His praise shall last | *for ev-er*.

Doxology

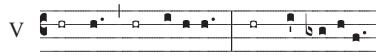
Cantor : Glory to the Father, and | *to the Son*, *
and to the Ho- | *ly Spir-it* :

All : as it was in the begin- | *ning, is now*, *
and will be for ever. | *A-men*.

ANTIPHON

All : Let the mountains break out with joy / and the hills with an- | *swer-ing glad-ness*, *
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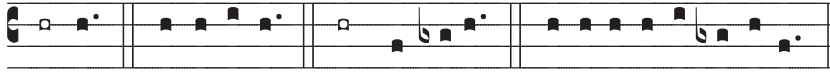
ANTIPHON 3



Cantor : Let us live in holiness and love / as we patiently await our | **ble**ss-ed hope, *
the coming | **of** our **Sav**-ior.

CANTICLE

Apocalypse 19 : 1-7



∩ Alle-lu-ia. ∩ Alle-lu-ia, al- le-lu-ia.

The wedding of the Lamb

Cantor : Salvation, glory, and power to our God : *

All : ∩ Alle- | **lu**-ia.

Cantor : his judgments are hon- | *est and true*.

All : ∩ Alleluia, | **al**-le-**lu**-ia.

Cantor : Sing praise to our God, all you his servants, *

All : ∩ Alle- | **lu**-ia.

Cantor : all who worship him rev'rently, / | *great and small*.

All : ∩ Alleluia, | **al**-le-**lu**-ia.

Cantor : The Lord our all-powerful God is King ; *

All : ∩ Alle- | **lu**-ia.

Cantor : let us rejoice, sing praise, and | *give him glo*-ry.

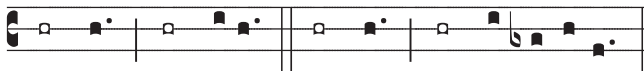
All : ∩ Alleluia, | **al**-le-**lu**-ia.

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

All : ∩ Alle- | **lu**-ia.

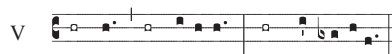
Cantor : and his bride is pre- | *pared to wel*-come him.

All : ∩ Alleluia, | **al**-le-**lu**-ia.



Cantor : Glory to the Father, and to the Son, /
and to the Holy | **Spir**-it :

All : as it was in the beginning, is now, /
and will be for | **ev**-er. **A**-men.



ANTIPHON

All : Let us live in holiness and love / as we patiently await our | **ble**ss-ed hope, *
the coming | **of** our **Sav**-ior.

READING

Philipians 4:4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again, Rejoice! Everyone should see how unselfish you are. The Lord is near.

RESPONSORY



Cantor : Lord, / show | *us your mer-cy* *
| *and love.*

All : Lord, / show | *us your mer-cy* *
| *and love.*

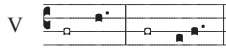
Cantor : And grant us | *your sal-va-tion,* *

All : your mercy | *and love.*

Cantor : Glory to the Father, and | *to the Son,* *
and to the Ho- | *ly Spir-it :*

All : Lord, / show | *us your mer-cy* *
| *and love.*

INTERCESSIONS



Celebrant : To Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the way, the truth, and the life,
let us make our humble | **prayer**:

All : Come and stay with | *us*, **Lord**.

Cantor : Son of the Most High,
your coming was announced to the Virgin Mary by Gabriel,
— come and rule over your people for | **ev-er**.

All : Come and stay with | *us*, **Lord**.

Cantor : Holy One of God,
in your presence John the Baptist leapt in Elizabeth's womb,
— bring the joy of salvation to all the | **earth**.

All : Come and stay with | *us*, **Lord**.

Cantor : Jesus the Savior,
the angel revealed your name to Joseph the just man,
— come and save your people from their | **sins**.

All : Come and stay with | *us*, **Lord**.

Cantor : Light of the world
for whom Simeon and all the just waited,
— come and | **com-fort** us.

All : Come and stay with | *us*, **Lord**.

Cantor : O Rising Sun that never sets
Zechariah foretold that you would visit us from above,
— come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of | **death**.

All : Come and stay with | *us*, **Lord**.

Our Father . . .

Celebrant : O God, who see how your people
faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,
enable us, we pray,
to attain the joys of so great a salvation
and to celebrate them always
with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever.

All : Amen.

Vespers concludes with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**BENEDICTION
OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Tantum ergo Sacramentum

Tantum ergo Sacraméntum
Venerémur cernui ;
Et antiquum documéntum
Novo cedat rítui ;
Præstet fides suppleméntum
Sénsuum deféctui.

Genitóri, Genitóque
Laus et iubilátio,
Salus, honor, virtus, quoque
Sit et benedíctio :
Procedéti ab utróque
Compar sit laudátio. Amen.

℣. Panem de cælo præstitisti
eis (*T. P. allelúia*).
℞. Omne delectaméntum in se
habéntem (*T. P. allelúia*).

Oratio

DEUS, qui nobis sub sacraménto mirábili, passiónis tuæ memóriam reliquisti : * tribue, quæsumus, ita nos Córporis et Sánguini tui sacra mystéria venerári ; ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis iúgiter sentiámus : Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculórum. ℞. 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.

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.

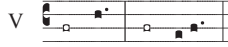
Glory let us give and blessing,
To the Father and the Son ;
Honor, might, and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run ;
Ever too his love confessing,
Who from Both, with Both, is One.
Amen.

℣. You have given them bread from
heaven (*P.T. alleluia*).
℞. Having all sweetness **within** it
(*P.T. alleluia*).

Oremus.

Let us pray.

The Divine Praises



- Cantor* : Blessed be | **God**. *
Blessed be his ho- | *ly Name*.
- All* : Blessed be Jesus Christ, / true God and true | **man**. *
Blessed be the Name | *of Je-sus*.
- Cantor* : Blessed be his most Sacred | **Heart**. *
Blessed be his most Pre- | *cious Blood*.
- All* : Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the | **Al-tar**. *
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, | *the Par-aclete*.
- Cantor* : Blessed be the great Mother of God, / Mary most | **ho-ly**. *
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate | *Con-cep-tion*.
- All* : Blessed be her glorious As- | **ump-tion**. *
Blessed be the name of Mary, / Virgin | *and Moth-er*.
- Cantor* : Blessed be Saint | **Jo-seph**, *
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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