

Cantor : Blessed be the great Mother of God, / Mary most **holy**. *
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate *Conception*.

All : Blessed be her glorious *Assumption*. *
Blessed be the name of Mary, / virgin *and mother*.

Cantor : Blessed be Saint **Joseph**, *
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.

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.

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CHRIST THE KING. AT FIRST VESPERS



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 auxiliium.

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.

A time of silent adoration follows.

CHRIST THE KING. AT FIRST VESPERS

King of kings, and crown of all the Saints

The Feast of Christ the King is celebrated at the end of the liturgical year as the commemoration of all the mysteries by which Jesus has established his royal powers, he who is the “King of kings, and crown of all the Saints” — until he shall be the crown of all those on earth whom he saves, especially by the Mass. It is indeed principally by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass which is both a sacrifice and a sacrament, that Christ, now in glory, assures the results of the victorious sacrifice of Calvary, by taking possession of souls through the application of the merits of his Passion and thereby unites them as members to their Head. The end of the Eucharist is “to form one sole mystic body of all the faithful” and so to draw them in the cult which Christ, king-adorer, as Priest and Victim, rendered in a bloody manner on the Cross and now renders in an unbloody manner, on the stone altar of our churches and on the golden altar in heaven, to Christ, king-adored, as Son of God, and to his Father to whom he offers these souls.

OPENING VERSE

STAND

O God, come to my as-sistance. *R.* 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

Vittorio Genovesi. † 1967

Te sæculorum principem. (L.M.)

C : 1. *O Christ, the Ruler of all time,
You hold the world beneath your sway.
As Judge supreme of ev'ry soul
We offer you our hearts this day.*

A : 2. **Before your throne the angels sing
And down in adoration fall,
We praise you with our heart's delight,
Proclaiming you the King of all.**

C : 3. *O Christ, our Shepherd, Prince of Peace,
A: Our rebel hearts and minds subdue,
And draw the sheep that roam astray,
Within the fold, at one with you.*

C : 4. **For this you hung upon the Tree,
With saving arms extended wide;
To prove the measure of your love
The cruel lance would pierce your side.**

A : 5. *Upon our altars you descend,
Beneath the forms of bread and wine,
That we may our salvation win,
And even share your life divine.*

A : 6. **All glory, Jesus, be to you,
Who with the Father reign above,
Who with the Spirit rule all things
With infinite and wondrous love. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tantum ergo Sacramentum

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui ;
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui ;
Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitóri, Genitóque
Laus et iubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus, quoque
Sit et benedictio :
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

V. Panem de cælo præstitisti
eis (*T. P.* alleluia).
R. Omne delectamentum in se
habentem (*T. P.* alleluia).

Oratio

DEUS, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili, passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti : * tribue, quæsumus, ita nos Cörperis et Sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari ; ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis iugiter sentiamus : Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum. *R.* 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. *R.* Amen.

The Divine Praises



Cantor : Blessed be **God**. *
Blessed be his holy **Name**.

All : Blessed be Jesus Christ, / true God and true **man**. *
Blessed be the *Name of Jesus*.

Cantor : Blessed be his most Sacred **Heart**. *
Blessed be his most **Precious Blood**.

All : Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the **Altar**. *
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, *the Paraclete*.

INTERCESSIONS

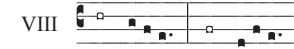


- Celebrant* : Let us pray to Christ our King. / He is the first-born of all creation; / all things exist in **him**.
- All* : May your kingdom come, **O Lord**.
- Cantor* : Christ, our King and Shepherd, / gather your sheep from every land, / give them pasture in green and fertile **meadows**.
- All* : May your kingdom come, **O Lord**.
- Cantor* : Christ, our Leader and Savior, / form all men into your own people, / heal the sick, seek out the lost, guard the strong, / call back those who have wandered far away, / strengthen those who waver, / gather all your sheep into one **flock**
- All* : May your kingdom come, **O Lord**.
- Cantor* : Judge of all ages, / when you hand over the kingdom to your Father, / place us at your right hand, / so that we may inherit the kingdom prepared for us / from the beginning of the **world**.
- All* : May your kingdom come, **O Lord**.
- Cantor* : Prince of peace, break the weapons of war, / and inspire the nations with your **peace**.
- All* : May your kingdom come, **O Lord**.
- Cantor* : Christ, heir of all nations, / gather humanity and all the good things of your creation into the kingdom of your Church / which your Father bestowed on you, / so that the whole body of your people, united in the Holy Spirit, / may acknowledge you as their **head**.
- All* : May your kingdom come, **O Lord**.
- Cantor* : Christ, firstborn of the dead and firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep in death, / bring all who have died to the glory of the resurrection.
- All* : May your kingdom come, **O Lord**.
- Our Father . . .
- Celebrant* : Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- All* : Amen.

Vespers concludes with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

ANTIPHON I

SIT



Cantor : We shall call *him the peacemaker*, *
and his throne shall *stand for ever*.

Psalm 112

Hymn of the humble

Humility, the foundation of God's kingdom, is the theme of this hymn; he who humbles himself will be exalted. I see the Church, an unfruitful mother in the eyes of the world, elevated as Mother of God's countless children. I see the Saints, as little ones in the dust, and yet placed as princes in the Kingdom; I see the "Man of Sorrows," humiliated unto the death of the Cross, but lifted up as King of that kingdom. Do I wish to go by any other way?

*He has cast down the mighty
and lifted up the lowly (Luke 1: 52)*

Praise God always

- Cantor* : Praise, O servants *of the Lord*, *
praise the Name *of the Lord*!
- All* : May the Name of the *Lord be blest* *
both now and for *evermore*!

Praise his exalted Name

- Cantor* : From the rising of the sun *to its setting* *
praised be the Name *of the Lord*!
- All* : High above all nations *is the Lord*, *
above the heavens *his glory*.

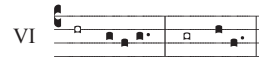
Praise his gracious condescension

- Cantor* : Who is like the *Lord our God*, *
who has risen on high *to his throne*.
- All* : yet stoops from the heights *to look down*, *
to look down upon heaven *and earth*?
- Cantor* : From the dust he lifts *up the lowly*, *
from his misery he raises *the poor*.
- All* : to set him in the company *of princes*, *
yes, with the princes *of his people*.
- Cantor* : To the childless wife he *gives a home*, *
and gladdens her *heart with children*.

All : Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit :

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

Cantor : We shall call him the peacemaker, *
and his throne shall stand for ever.



ANTIPHON 2

Cantor : His kingdom will endure for ever, *
and all the kings of the earth will serve and obey him.

Psalm 116

Praise for God's loving compassion

Mankind's hymn of thanks. Christ, our King, is always merciful and true to us.

*I affirm that . . . the Gentile peoples
are to praise God because of his mercy (Romans 15: 8-9)*

Theme: praise of God

Cantor : O praise the Lord, all you nations, *
acclaim him, all you peoples !

All : Strong is his love for us ; *
he is faithful for ever.

Doxology

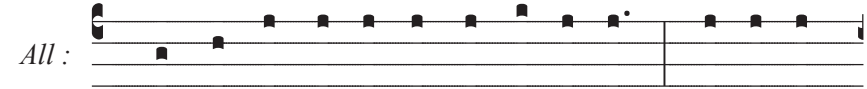
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and to the Holy Spirit :

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

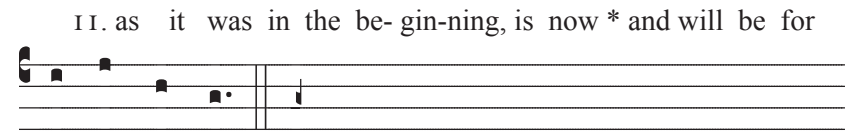
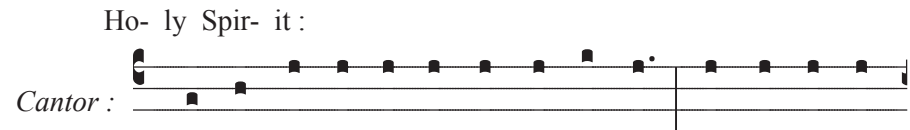
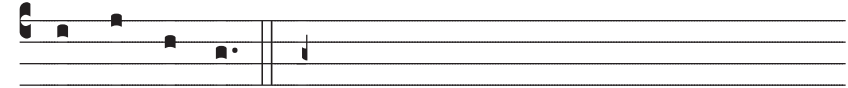
Cantor : His kingdom will endure for ever, *
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his children for ev- er.



Ho- ly Spir- it :



ev- er. A- men. *The antiphon is repeated by the Cantor.*

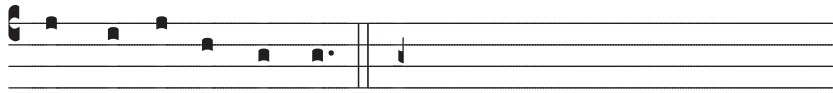
Antiphon :

The Lord God will give him the throne of David, his ancestor : *
he will rule in the house of Jacob for ever /
and his kingdom will have no end, / alleluia.




Cantor : 

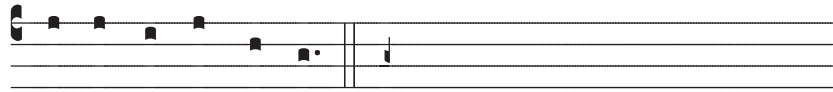
5. He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered




the proud in their con-ccit.

All : 

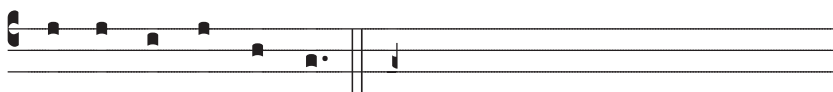
6. He has cast down the might-y from their thrones, * and has



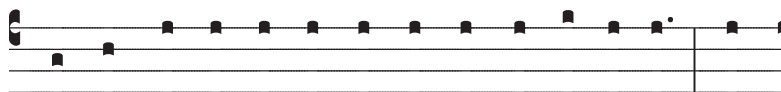
lift-ed up the low-ly.

Cantor : 

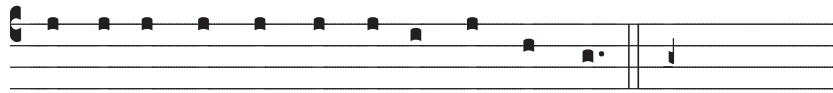
7. He has filled the hun-gry with good things, * and the rich he



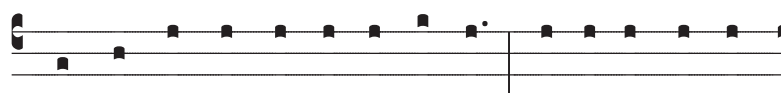
has sent a-way emp-ty.

All : 

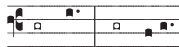
8. He has come to the help of his ser-vant, Is- ra- el * for



he has re-mem-bered his promise of mer- cy,

Cantor : 

9. the prom-ise he made to our fa-thers, * to A-bra-ham and

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ANTIPHON 3

Cantor : The authority and honor of a king /
has been given to **Christ** ; *
tribes and nations will serve him *for ever*.

Canticle Revelation 4: 11; 5: 9, 10, 12

Cantor : O Lord our God, you are **worthy** *
to receive glory and honor *and power*.

All : For you have created all **things** ; *
by your will they came to be and *were made*.

Cantor : Worthy are you, O **Lord**, *
to receive the scroll and break open *its seals*.

All : For you were **slain**, *
with your blood you purchased *for God*

Cantor : men of every race and **tongue**, *
of every people *and nation*.

All : You made of them a kingdom, /
and priests to serve our **God**, *
and they shall reign on *the earth*.

Cantor : Worthy is the Lamb that was **slain** *
to receive power *and riches*,

All : wisdom and **strength**, *
honor and glory *and praise*.

Doxology

Cantor : Glory to the Father, and to the **Son**, *
and to the Holy **Spirit** :

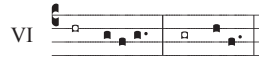
All : as it was in the beginning, is **now**, *
and will be for ever. *Amen*.

Cantor : The authority and honor of a king /
has been given to **Christ** ; *
tribes and nations will serve him *for ever*.

READING

Ephesians 1:20-23

God raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in heaven, high above every principality, power, virtue, and domination, and every name that can be given in this age or in the age to come. He has put all things under Christ's feet and has made him, thus exalted, head of the church, which is his body: the fullness of him who fills the universe in all its parts.



RESPONSORY

Cantor : Yours is the splendor *and the power* ; *
yours is the kingdom, *O Lord*.

All : Yours is the splendor *and the power* ; *
yours is the kingdom, *O Lor*.

Cantor : You will rule *over all*. *

All : Yours is the kingdom, *O Lord*.

Cantor : Glory to the Father, and *to the Son*, *
and to the Holy **Spirit** :

All : Yours is the splendor *and the power* ; *
yours is the kingdom, *O Lord*.

CANTICLE OF MARY

STAND

Antiphon :

The Lord God will give him the throne of *David*, *his ancestor* : *
he will rule in the house of Jacob for ever /
and his kingdom will have no end, / *alleluia*.

Cantor : **The soul rejoices in the Lord** *Luke 1:46-55*

VIII G

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Y soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, * and

my spir- it re-joic- es in God my Sav- ior.

All :

2. for he has looked with fav-or on his low-ly servant. * From

this day all gen- er- a- tions will call me bless-ed :

Cantor :

3. the Al-might-y has done great things for me, * and ho- ly

is his Name.

All :

4. He has mer- cy on those who fear him * in ev- 'ry gen-

er- a- tion.