

THE DEDICATION
OF A CHURCH

AT I VESPERS



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Dedication of a Church

Prayer

FAther, we dedicate this Church to your service. * Let our worship always be sincere and help us to find this saving love in your church. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, * one God, for ever and ever. *R̄*. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

May Almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Go in peace.
Thanks be to God.

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Opening Verse

STAND

*Celebrant :**All :*

O God, come to my as- sis- tance. *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- ginning, is



now, and will be for ev- er. A- men. Al- le- lu- ia.

Intercessions



℞ Re-mem-ber your Church, Lord.

Our Savior laid down his life
so that all God's scattered children
might be gathered **together**. *
In our need / let us **cry out** :

℞ *Remember your Church, Lord.*

1. Lord Jesus,
you built your house upon a **rock**, *
—strengthen your Church
with solid and lasting **faith**.
℞ *Remember your Church, Lord.*
2. Lord Jesus,
blood and water flowed from your **side**, *
—give new life to your Church
through the sacraments
of your new and unending **covenant**.
℞ *Remember your Church, Lord.*
3. Lord Jesus,
you are in the midst of those who gather in your **name**, *
—hear the prayers of your universal **Church**.
℞ *Remember your Church, Lord.*
4. Lord Jesus,
you prepare a dwelling-place in your Father's house
for all who **love** you, *
—help your Church to grow in **divine love**.
℞ *Remember your Church, Lord.*
5. Lord Jesus,
you never cast out anyone who comes to **you**, *
—open your Father's house to all who **have died**.
℞ *Remember your Church, Lord.*

The antiphons and psalms follow.

The cantor sings the antiphons.

The cantor then begins and alternates the psalms with all.

Cantor : odd numbered verses

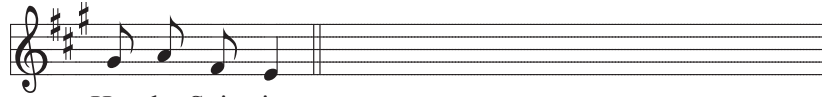
All : even numbered verses



and his children for ev- er.



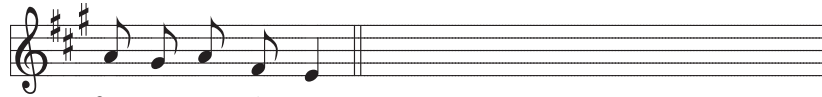
10. Glo- ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, * and to the



Ho- ly Spir- it :



11. as it was in the be- gin-ning, is now * and will be



for ev- er. A- men.

Antiphon at Magnificat



Cantor: All you who love Jerusalem, *
rejoice with her for ever.



Cantor: The streets of Jerusalem will ring with *rejoicing*; *
they will resound with the song of praise: / *alleluia*.

SIT

Cantor: odd numbered verses
All: even numbered verses

Psalm 146

1. Praise the Lord for he is good ; /
sing to our God for *he is loving* ; *
to him our praise *is due*.
2. The Lord builds *up Jerusalem* *
and brings back Israel's exiles,
3. he heals the *broken-hearted*, *
he binds up all *their wounds*.
4. He fixes the number *of the stars* ; *
he calls each one by *its name*.
5. Our Lord is great *and almighty* ; *
his wisdom can never *be measured*.
6. The Lord raises *the lowly* ; *
he humbles the wicked to *the dust*.
7. O sing to the Lord, *giving thanks* ; *
sing psalms to our God with *the harp*.
8. He covers the heavens *with clouds* ; *
he prepares the rain for *the earth*,
9. making mountains *sprout with grass* *
and with plants to serve *man's needs*.
10. He provides the beasts *with their food* *
and young ravens that call *upon him*.
11. His delight is *not in horses* *
nor his pleasure in warriors' *strength*.
12. The Lord delights in those *who revere him*, *
in those who wait for *his love*.

13. Glory to the Father, and *to the Son*, *
and to the Holy **Spirit** :
14. as it was in the beginning, *is now*, *
and will be for ever. **Amen**.

Cantor : The streets of Jerusalem will ring *with rejoicing* ; *
they will resound with the song of praise : / **alleluia**.

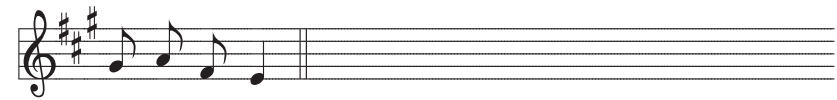


Cantor : How safe a dwelling the *Lord has made* you ; *
how blessed the children within *your walls*.

Cantor : *odd numbered verses*
All : *even numbered verses*

Psalm 147

1. O praise the *Lord, Jerusalem* ! *
Sion, praise *your God* !
2. He has strengthened the bars *of your gates*, *
he has blessed the children *within* you.
3. He established peace *on your borders*, *
he feeds you with finest **wheat**.
4. He sends out his word *to the earth* *
and swiftly runs his **command**.
5. He showers down snow *white as wool*, *
he scatters hoar-frost *like ashes*.
6. He hurls down hailstones *like crumbs*. *
The waters are frozen at *his touch* ;
7. he sends forth his word *and it melts* them : *
at the breath of his mouth the waters **flow**.
8. He makes his word *known to Jacob*, *
to Israel his laws and **decrees**.
9. He has not dealt thus with *other nations* ; *
he has not taught them his **decrees**.



gen-er-a-tion.



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



tered the proud in their con-ceil.



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



has lift-ed up the low-ly.



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



he has sent a-way emp-ty.



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



for he has re-membered his promise of mer-cy,



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

Antiphon at Magnificat



STAND

Cantor: All you who love Jerusalem, *
rejoice with her for ever.

Canticle of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Luke 1 : 46-55

Cantor : odd numbered verses
All : even numbered verses



1. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, * and my



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



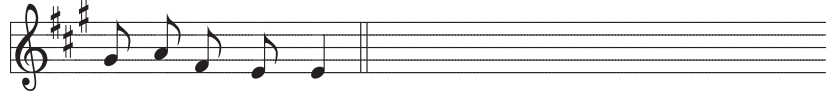
2. for he has looked with fav- or on his low-ly servant. *



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



3. the Al- migh- ty has done great things for me, * and



ho- ly is his Name.



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

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.

Cantor : How safe a dwelling the Lord has made you; *
how blessed the children within your walls.



Cantor : In the holy city, *
throng of saints make jubilee ;
angels pour out their songs of praise *
before the throne of God, / alleluia.

Canticle. See Revelation 19 : 1-7

Cantor : verses
All : Alleluia refrain



Sal-va- tion, glo- ry and pow- er to our God : R. Al- le-



lu- ia ; his judgments are hon- est and true. R. Al- le- lu- ia, al-



le- lu- ia. Sing praise to our God, all you his servants, R. Al-



le- lu- ia ; all who worship him rev' rent- ly, great and small.



R: *Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.* The Lord our all-pow-er-ful God is



King ; R: *Al-le-lu-ia* ; let us re-joice, sing praise, and give



him glo-ry. R: *Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.* The wedding feast of



the Lamb has be-gun, R: *Al-le-lu-ia* ; and his bride is prepared



to welcome him. R: *Al-le- lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.* Glo-ry to the



Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it : R: *Al-le- lu-*



ia ; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev-er



A-men. R: *Al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia.*



Cantor : In the *holy city*, *
 throngs of saints make *jubilee* ;
 angels pour out their *songs of praise* *
 before the throne of God, / *alleluia.*

Reading

Ephesians 2 : 19-22

You are strangers and aliens no longer. No, you are fellow citizens of the saints and members of the household of God. You form a building which rises on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Through him the whole structure is fitted together and takes shape as a holy temple in the Lord ; in him you are being built into this temple, to become a dwelling place for God in the Spirit.

Homily followed by Responsory :

Responsory



Cantor : Your house, O Lord, must *always be* *
 a *holy place.*

All : Your house, O Lord, must *always be* *
 a *holy place.*

Cantor : For ever and ever, *

All : a *holy place.*

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

All : Your house, O Lord, must *always be* *
 a *holy place.*

After the Responsory, all **STAND** for the Magnificat.