

*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.

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**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.



**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 salutaris 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.*

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH.  
AT SECOND VESPERS**

*From a sermon by Saint John Chrysostom*

The divine Word, while remaining forever immutable, has become a man. What more shall I say of this mystery? Before my eyes are a workman and a crib, an infant and swaddling bands, a virgin in childbirth lacking even the necessities of life — everything in utter deprivation, an abundance only of poverty. See how he who has so much has made himself poor for our sake, possessing neither bed nor cover, but lying like an outcast in a bare manger! Here, poverty is the source of all riches. Here, plenty is concealed in destitution. He lies in a manger, and the foundations of the world are shaken. Wrapped in swaddling clothes, he bursts the bonds of sin.

**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**

*Pope Leo XIII † 1903*

*O lux beata cœlitum. (L.M.)*

*C 1. O Jesus, joy of heav'n above,  
And highest hope of mortal man,  
The purest love that home can know  
Surrounded your frail infancy.*

*A 2. O Mary, rich in ev'ry grace,  
Your privilege was quite unique :  
To feed your Son and infant God,  
And softly kiss his tiny cheek.*

*C 3. Most favored patriarch of all,  
The Virgin Mother's strength and stay,  
The chosen guardian of your Lord,  
Who called you father day by day.*

*A 4. All three from Jesse's noble stem,  
And born to do salvation's work,  
Pay heed to all the earnest prayers  
We trustfully pour out to you.*

*C 5. As your home flourished with the grace  
Of ev'ry virtue's fairest flow'r;  
In love and peace may all our homes  
Reflect a little of your own.*

*A 6. O Jesus, Virgin-born, we raise  
Our hearts to you in joyful praise,  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Spirit, evermore.*

**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**

**D**EUS, 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 iúgiter sentiamus : Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculórum. *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*.

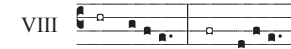
## INTERCESSIONS



- Celebrant* : Let us adore the Son of the living God / who humbled himself to become a son of a human family, / and let us **proclaim** :
- All* : Lord, / you are the model and Savior of **all**.
- Cantor* : Christ, by the mystery of your subjection to Mary and **Joseph**,
- All* : teach all people reverence and obedience to lawful **authority**.
- Cantor* : You loved your parents and were loved by **them**,
- All* : establish our families in mutual love *and* **peace**.
- Cantor* : You were eager to be about your Father's **business**,
- All* : may he be honored in ev'ry **home**.
- Cantor* : Christ, after three days / your anxious parents found you in your Father's **house**,
- All* : teach all to seek first the kingdom of **God**.
- Cantor* : Christ, you have made Mary and Joseph sharers in heavenly **glory**,
- All* : admit the dead into the family of *the blest*.  
Our Father . . .
- Celebrant* : O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. 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.*

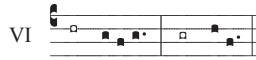
## ANTIPHON I



- Cantor* : After three days, / Jesus was found *in the temple*, \* seated in the midst of the doctors, / listening to them and asking *them* **questions**.

### Psalm 121

- Cantor* : I rejoiced when I *heard them say* :  
“Let us go *to God's house*.”
- All* : And now our *feet are standing* \* within your gates, *O Jerusalem*.
- Cantor* : Jerusalem is built *as a city* \* strongly **compact**.
- All* : It is there that the *tribes go up*, \* the tribes *of the Lord*.
- Cantor* : For Israel's *law it is*, \* there to praise *the Lord's name*.
- All* : There were set the *thrones of judgment* \* of the *house of David*.
- Cantor* : For the peace of Jerusalem **pray** : \*  
“Peace be *to your homes* !”
- All* : May peace reign *in your walls*, \* in your palaces, **peace** !”
- Cantor* : For love of my brethren *and friends* \* I say : “*Peace upon you* !”.
- All* : For love of the house *of the Lord* \* I will ask *for your good*.
- 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* : After three days, / Jesus was found *in the temple*, \* seated in the midst of the doctors, / listening to them and asking *them* **questions**.



ANTIPHON 2

Cantor : Jesus returned with Mary and Joseph to Nazareth ; \*  
there he lived / and was obedient to them.

Psalm 126

Cantor : If the Lord does not build the house, \*  
in vain do its builders labor ;

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

Cantor : In vain is your earlier rising, \*  
your going later to rest,

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

Cantor : Truly sons are a gift from the Lord, \*  
a blessing, the fruit of the womb.

All : Indeed the sons of youth \*  
are like arrows in the hand of a warrior.

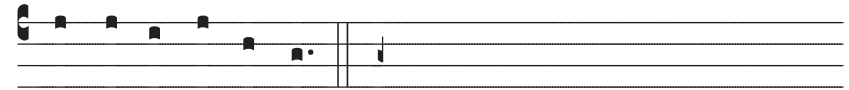
Cantor : O the happiness of the man \*  
who has filled his quiver with these arrows !

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

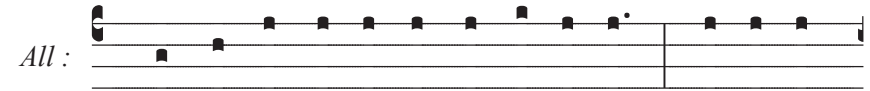
Cantor : Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit :

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

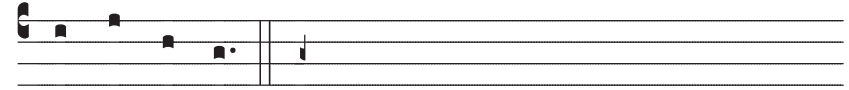
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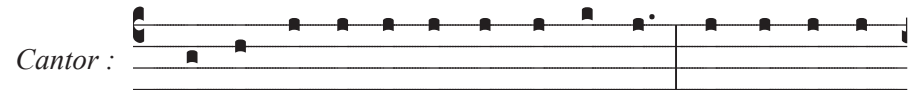
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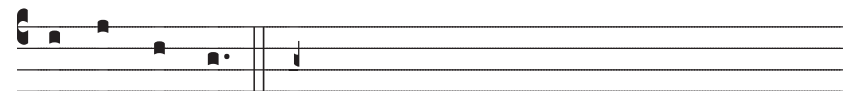
10. Glo- ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, \* and to the



Ho- ly Spir- it :



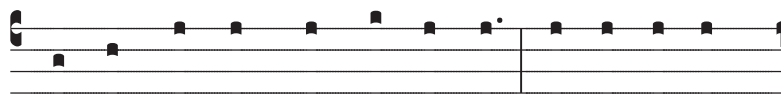
11. as it was in the be- gin-ning, is now \* and will be for



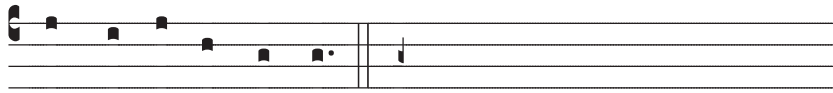
ev- er. A- men. The antiphon is repeated by the Cantor.

Cantor : Son, why have you done so to us ? \*  
Think what anguish your father and I have endured /  
looking for you.

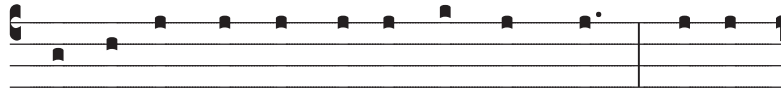
But why did you look for me ? \*  
Did you not know that I had to be in my Father's house ?

Cantor : 

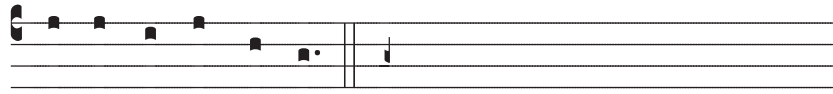
5. He has shown the strength of his arm, \* he has scattered




the proud in their con-ceil.

All : 

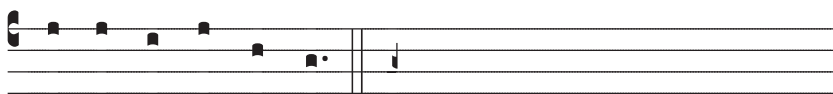
6. He has cast down the might-y from their thrones, \* and has



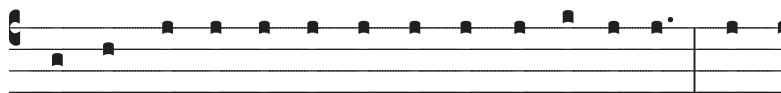
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Cantor : 

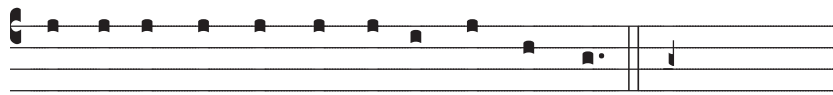
7. He has filled the hun-gry with good things, \* and the rich he



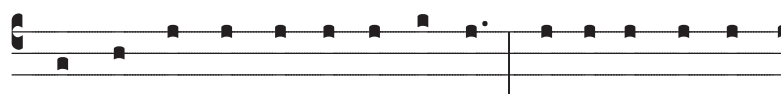
has sent a-way emp-ty.

All : 

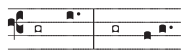
8. He has come to the help of his ser-vant, Is- ra- el \* for



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

IV E 

ANTIPHON 3

Cantor : Jesus grew in wisdom with the years \*  
and was pleasing to God *and men*.

Canticle

*Ephesians 1:3-10*

Cantor : Praised be the God and Father \*  
of our Lord Jesus **Christ**,

All : who bestowed on us in **Christ** \*  
every spiritual blessing in *the heavens*.

Cantor : God chose us in him before the world began, \*  
to be holy and blameless in *his sight*.

All : He predestined us to be his adopted sons  
through Jesus **Christ**, \*  
such was his will *and pleasure*.

Cantor : that all might praise the glorious favor \*  
he has bestowed on us in his *beloved*.

All : In him and through his blood, / we have been **redeemed**, \*  
and our sins *forgiven*,

Cantor : so immeasurably **generous** \*  
is God's favor *to us*.

All : God has given us the **wisdom** \*  
to understand fully *the mystery*,

Cantor : the plan he was **pleased** \*  
to decree *in Christ*.

All : A plan to be carried out in **Christ**, \*  
in the fullness of **time**,

Cantor : to bring all things into one in **him**, \*  
in the heavens and on *the earth*.

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

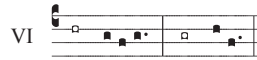
Cantor : as it was in the beginning, is **now**, \*  
and will be for ever. **Amen**.

Cantor : Jesus grew in wisdom with the years \*  
and was pleasing to God *and men*.

**READING**

*Philippians 2 : 6-7*

Though he was in the form of God, Christ Jesus did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at. Rather, he emptied himself and took the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of men. He was known to be of human estate.



**RESPONSORY**

*Cantor* : He had to become like his brothers in *ev'ry way*, \*  
to show the fullness of *his mercy*.

*All* : He had to become like his brothers in *ev'ry way*, \*  
to show the fullness of *his mercy*.

*Cantor* : He was seen on earth / and lived *among men*, \*

*All* : to show the fullness of *his mercy*.

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

*All* : He had to become like his brothers in *ev'ry way*, \*  
to show the fullness of *his mercy*.

**CANTICLE OF MARY**

**STAND**

*Cantor* : Son, why have you done *so to us*? \*  
Think what anguish your father and I have endured /  
looking for **you**.

But why did you *look for me*? \*  
Did you not know that I had to be in my *Father's house*?

*The Cantor begins the Canticle, and alternates verses with All.*

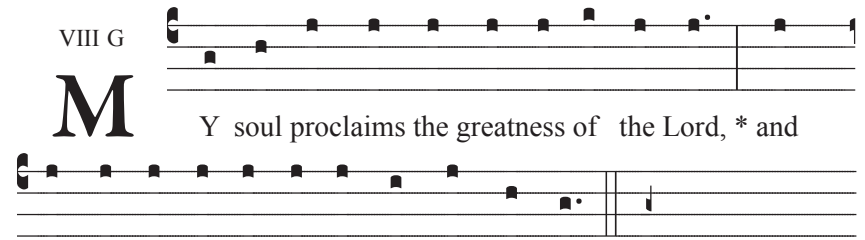
**The soul rejoices in the Lord**

*Luke I : 46-55*

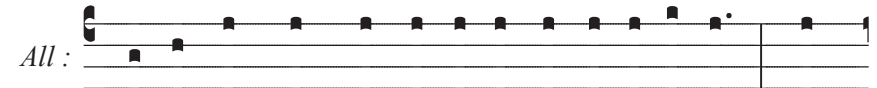
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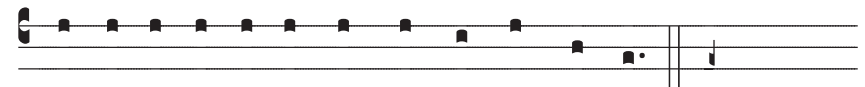
Y soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, \* and



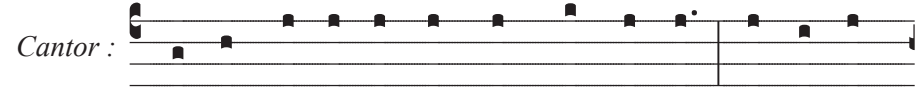
my spir- it re-joic- es in God my Sav- ior.



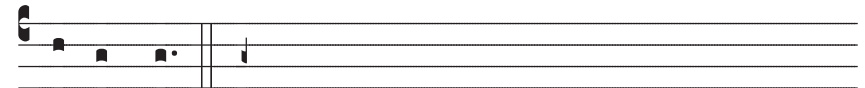
2. for he has looked with fav-or on his low-ly servant. \* From



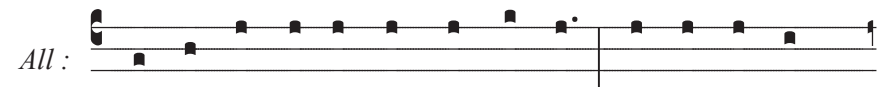
this day all gen- er- a- tions will call me bless- ed :



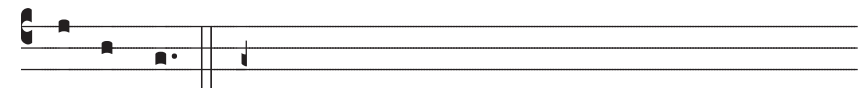
3. the Al- might- y has done great things for me, \* and ho- ly



is his Name.



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

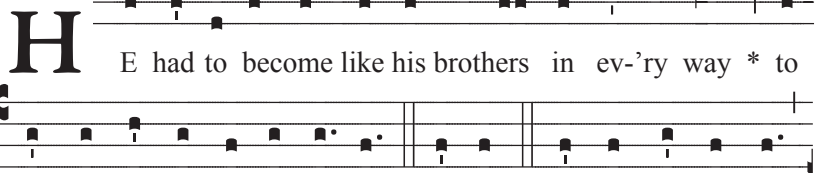


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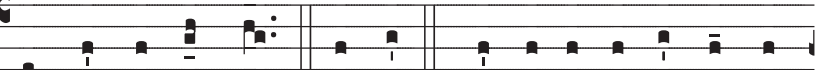
**Responsory**

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**H**E had to become like his brothers in ev-'ry way \* to

show the fullness of his mer-cy. He had. √ He was seen on earth



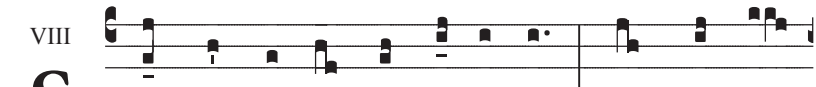
and lived a-mong men, \* to show √ Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and



to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it. He had.

**At Magnificat. Antiphon *ad libitum***

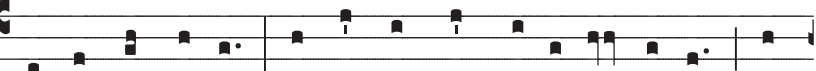
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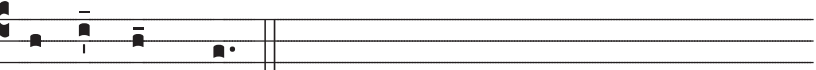
**S**ON, why have you done this to us? \* Think what an-



guish your fa-ther and I have endured looking for you. But why



did you look for me? Did you not know that I had to be in



my Fa-ther's house?

**THE OFFICE OF SUNDAY VESPERS  
THE HOLY FAMILY  
OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

*Roman Rite. Psalter : Festal Psalms*

Ordinary Form



**CATHEDRAL OF SAINT EUGENE**

*Diocese of Santa Rosa*

2012

## FROM A HOMILY BY THE VENERABLE BEDE

The fact that at twelve years old he sat in the Temple among the doctors, listening and asking questions, is a sign or rather an outstanding example of the humility that we must learn. The fact that as he sat in the Temple the Lord said: *I must be about my Father's business*, proclaims that his power and glory is co-eternal with that of God his Father. But the fact that he returned to Nazareth and was under the authority of his parents is at once a sign of his true humanity and an example of humility. For it was in his human nature, in which he was less than the Father, that he was subject to human authority.

*And his Mother kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.* Everything that she knew to have been said or done by the Lord or concerning him the Virgin Mother kept diligently in her heart. She committed it all carefully to memory, so that when the time should come for preaching or writing about the Lord's incarnation she could base her explanations to enquirers upon a complete record of his deeds.

Let us too, my brethren, imitate the faithful Mother of the Lord, and repel the invasion of vain and harmful thoughts by imprinting on our hearts every word and deed of our Lord and Savior and meditating on them day and night. For if we wish in the blessed age to come to dwell in the house of the Lord to praise him for ever, we must anticipate in this age, by our frequent visits to the church, what we seek in the age to come; and this not only singing God's praises in church, but by showing forth in every place where he rules, both in words and in deeds, those things that redound to the praise and glory of our Creator.

It is good that after it has been said that *Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor* there is added *with God and men*. Because as by growing in stature he made accessible to me the gifts of wisdom and grace that were his, so likewise he tirelessly roused them to the praise of God the Father, carrying out himself what he taught others to do: *Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*



## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Antiphons *In Cantu*  
for cantor, schola or choir

1 Ant.  
VIII

**A** F- ter three days, \* Je- sus was found in the tem-ple,  
seat-ed in the midst of the doc-tors, lis-ten-ing to them and  
ask-ing them questions. *Psalm 121*

2 Ant.  
VI

**J** E- sus returned \* with Mar- y and Jo-seph to Naz-  
areth; there he lived and was o- be- di- ent to them. *Psalm 126*

3 Ant.  
IVE

**J** E- sus \* grew in wisdom with the years and was pleas-  
ing to God and men. *Canticle, Ephesians 1 : 1-7*



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT AT SECOND VESPERS

*Psalter: Week I*

Antiphons *In Cantu*  
for cantor, schola or choir

I Ant.  
VIII

**R**E-joyce, daughter of Zi-on; \*shout for joy, daughter of

Je-ru-sa-lem, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. *Psalm 109*

2 Ant.  
VI

**C**Hrist our King will come to us : \* the Lamb of God fore-

told by John. *Psalm 113 B*

3 Ant.  
V

**I** am com-ing soon, says the Lord; \*I will give to ev-

'ry-one the re-ward his deeds deserve. [*intonation from antiphon*]

*Canticle, Apocalypse 19 : 1-7*

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Responsory

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IV

**L**ET us see, O Lord, your mer-cy, \* And grant us your

sal-va-tion. Let us see. √ Restore a-gain our life, that we may

rejoice in you. \* And grant. √ Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it. Let us see.

At Magnificat. Antiphon *ad libitum*

VIII

**D**O not be a-fraid, Mar-y, \* you have found fav- or with

God ; you will con-ceive and give birth to a Son, al-le-lu-ia.

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