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LOW SUNDAY

The Octave Day of Easter

at II vespers



2005

Benediction

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

O Salutaris Hostia

O salutáris hóstia,
Quæ cæli pandis óstium,
Bella Prémunt hostília ;
Da robur, fer auxiliúm.

Uni trinóque Dómino
Sit sempitérna glória :
Qui vítam sine término
Nobis donet in pátria. Amen.

O Saving Victim opening wide
The gate of heaven 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.

Tantum ergo Sacramentum

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

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

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.

∇ Panem de cælo præstitisti eis, alleluia.

℟ Omne delectaméntum in se habéntem, alleluia.

∇ You have given them Bread from heaven, alleluia.

℟ Containing all sweetness within it, alleluia.

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise thy Name ;
Lord of all, we bow before thee ;
All on earth thy sceptre 'claim ;
All in heaven above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain ;
Everlasting is thy reign.

Hark ! The loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising ;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord :
Holy, holy, holy Lord.

LOW SUNDAY

The Octave Day of Easter

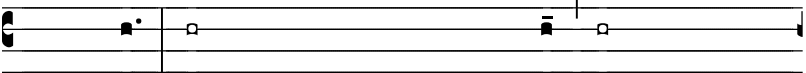
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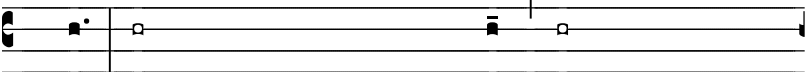
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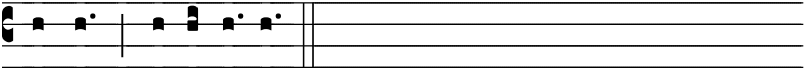
God, come to my as-sis-tance. ℞ O Lord, make haste



to help me. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy



Spir-it : as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever



A-men. Al-le-lu-ia.

Hymn (A)

Ad cenam Agni providi.

THE Lamb's high banquet we await
 In snow-white robes of royal state ;
 And now, the Red Sea's channel past,
 To Christ, our Prince, we sing at last.

Upon the altar of the Cross
 His Body hath redeemed our loss ;
 And tasting of His roseate Blood
 Our life is hid with Him in God.

That Paschal eve God's arm was bared ;
 The devastating Angel spared :
 By strength of hand our hosts went free
 From Pharaoh's ruthless tyranny.

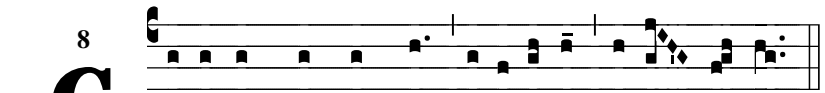
Now Christ, our Paschal Lamb, is slain,
 The Lamb of God that knows no stain ;
 The true Oblation offered here,
 Our own unleavened Bread sincere.

O Thou from Whom hell's monarch flies,
 O great, O very Sacrifice,
 Thy captive people are set free,
 And endless life restored in thee.

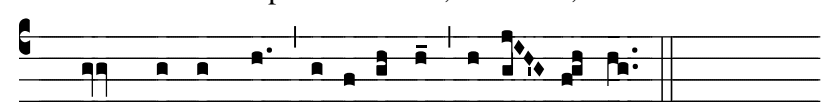
For Christ, arising from the dead,
 From conquered hell victorious sped ;
 He thrusts the tyrant down to chains,
 And Paradise for man regains.

Maker of all, to Thee we pray,
 Fulfil in us Thy joy today ;
 When death assails, grant, Lord, that we
 May share Thy Paschal victory.

To Thee who, dead, again dost live,
 All glory, Lord, Thy people give ;
 All glory, as is ever meet,
 To Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

8 **G** 

O in the peace of Christ, al-le-lu-ia, al-le- lu- ia.



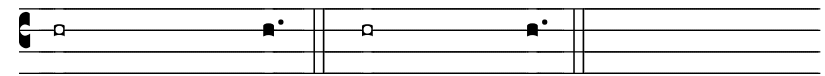
℞ Thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le- lu- ia.

Sacred Silence

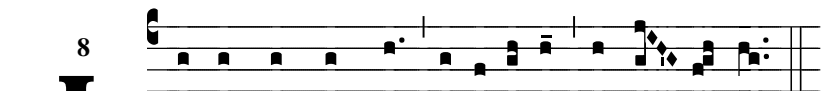
We remain in our places. A few moments of silence are kept. The Celebrant and ministers return to the sacristy. All depart in silence.

Dismissal (B)


When Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament follows, the Office concludes thus :



The Lord be with you. ℞ And also with you.

8 **L** 

ET us bless the Lord, al-le-lu-ia, al-le- lu- ia.



℞ Thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le- lu- ia.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament follows.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant :

WITH longing for the coming of God's kingdom, let us

offer our prayer to the Fa-ther : *All :* Our Father.

Prayer

GOD of mercy, you washed away our sins in water, you give us new birth in the Spirit, and redeem us in the *Blood of Christ*. * As we celebrate Christ's resurrection, increase our awareness of these blessings, and renew your gift of life *within us*. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the *Holy Spirit*, * one God, for ever and *ever*. *Rx*. Amen.

Dismissal (A)

Blessing

∇. The Lord be with you. *Rx*. And also with you.

MAY almight-y God bless you, the Father, and the Son,

and the Holy Spir-it. *Rx*. A-men.

Hymn (B)

Chorus novæ Ierusalem

YE choirs of new Jerusalem,
To sweet new strains attune your theme ;
The while we keep, from care released,
With sober joy our Paschal feast :

When Christ, unconquered Lion, first
The dragon's chains by rising burst :
And while with living voice he cries,
The dead of other ages rise.

Engorged in former years, their prey
Must death and hell restore today :
And many a captive soul set free,
With Jesus leaves captivity.

Right gloriously he triumphs now,
Worthy to whom all things should bow ;
And joining heav'n and earth again,
Links in one commonweal the twain.

And we, as these his deeds we sing,
His suppliant soldiers, pray our King,
That in his palace, bright and vast,
We may keep watch and ward at last.

Long as unending ages run,
To God the Father, laud be done :
To God the Son, our equal praise,
And God the Holy Ghost, we raise. Amen.

Psalmsody



Ant. 1 Mary Magdalene and the other **Mary** *
came to see the Lord's tomb, / *alleluia*.

Palm 109 (110) : 1-5. 7

THE Lord's revelation to
my Master : † " Sit on my
right : * your foes I will put
beneath *your feet*. "

The Lord will wield from
Zion † your sceptre of **power** : *
rule in the midst of all *your*
foes.

A prince from the day of your
birth † on the holy **mountains** ; *
from the womb before the dawn
I **begot** you.

The Lord has sworn an oath

he will not change. † " You are
a priest for **ever**, * a priest like
Melchizedech *of old*. "

The Master standing at your
right hand * will shatter kings in
the day of his *great wrath*.

He shall drink from the stream
by the **wayside** * and therefore
he shall lift up *his head*.

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**.

Ant. 1 Mary Magdalene and the other **Mary** *
came to see the Lord's tomb, / *alleluia*.

Intercessions



God the Father raised Christ from the dead
and exalted him *at his right* hand.
Let us pray to the *Father*, **saying** :

℟. Through Christ in glory, / watch over your people, **Lord**.

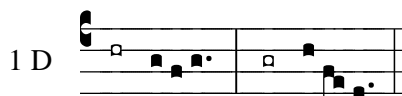
Righteous Father,
you lifted Jesus above the earth
through the triumph *of the Cross*,
—may all things be lifted *up in him*. (℟.)

Through your Son in glory
send the Holy Spirit upon *the Church*,
—that she may be the sacrament of unity
for the whole *human race*. (℟.)

You have brought a new family into being
through water and the *Holy Spirit*,
—keep them faithful to their baptism,
and bring them to *everlasting life*. (℟.)

Through your exalted Son
help those in distress,
free those in captivity,
heal the sick,
—and by your blessings
give joy *to the world*. (℟.)

You nourished our deceased brothers and sisters
with the Body and Blood of the *risen Christ*,
—raise them up at *the last day*. (℟.)



At Magnificat. Antiphon

Ant. Because you have *seen me*, **Thomas**, *
you have *believed* ;

blessèd are they who *have not seen* me *
and yet believe, / *alleluia*.

Magnificat

MY soul proclaims the greatness of the **Lord**, * my spirit rejoices in God *my Savior* for he has *looked with favor* * on his *lowly servant*.

From this day all *generations* * will call *me blessèd* :

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

He has mercy on *those who* fear him * in every generation.

He has shown the strength of *his arm*, * he has scattered the proud in their *conceit*.

He has cast down the mighty

from their thrones, * and has lifted up *the lowly*.

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

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

the promise he made *to our fathers*, * to Abraham and his children *for ever*.

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**.

Ant. Because you have *seen me*, **Thomas**, *
you have *believed* ;

blessèd are they who *have not seen* me *
and yet believe, / *alleluia*.



Ant. 2 Come and *see the place* *
where the Lord was buried, / *alleluia*.

Psalm 113 A (114)

WHEN Israel came *forth from Egypt*, * Jacob's sons from an alien **people**,

Judah became *the Lord's temple*, * Israel became his **kingdom**.

The sea fled *at the sight* : * the Jordan turned back on its **course**,

the mountains *leapt like rams* * and the hills like yearling **sheep**.

Why was it, sea, *that you fled*, * that you turned back, Jordan, on your **course** ?

Mountains, that you *leapt like rams*, * hills, like yearling **sheep** ?

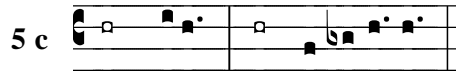
Tremble, O earth, *before the Lord*, * in the presence of the God of **Jacob**,

who turns the rock *into a pool* * and flint into a spring of **water**.

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

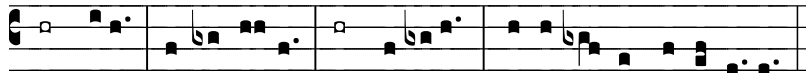
as it was in the *beginning*, *is now*, * and will be for ever. **Amen**.

Ant. 2 Come and *see the place* *
where the Lord was buried, / *alleluia*.



Ant. 2 Jesus said : / Do not be afraid. †
Go and tell my brothers to set out *for Galilee* ; *
there they shall see me, / *alleluia*.

Cantor : All : Cantor : All :



* Al- le- lu-ia.

** Al-le- lu- ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Canticle

See Revelation 19 : 1-7

The wedding of the Lamb

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

* Alleluia.

his judgments are honest *and true*.

** Alleluia, alleluia.

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

* Alleluia.

all who worship him reverently, *great and small*.

** Alleluia, alleluia.

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

* Alleluia.

let us rejoice, sing praise, and *give him glory*.

** Alleluia, alleluia.

The wedding feast of the Lamb has *begun*,

* Alleluia.

and his bride is *prepared to welcome* him.

** Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, †

and to the Holy *Spirit*.

* Alleluia.

As it was in the beginning, is now, †

and will be for *ever. Amen*.

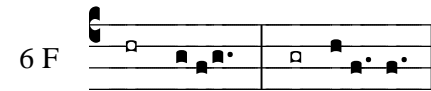
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Ant. Jesus said : / Do not be afraid. †
Go and tell my brothers to set out *for Galilee* ; *
there they shall see me, / *alleluia*.

Reading

Hebrews 10 : 12-14

JESUS offered one sacrifice for sins and took his seat forever at the right hand of God ; now he waits until his enemies are placed beneath his feet. By one offering he has forever perfected those who are being sanctified.



Antiphon

In place of the Responsory the following is sung :

Cantor : This is the day the *Lord has made* ;

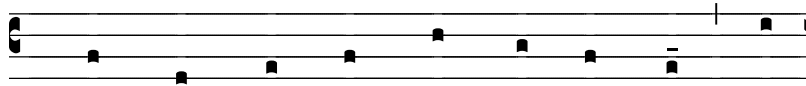
All : let us rejoice and be glad, / *alleluia*.

During Paschaltide : At Vespers

THE LAMB'S HIGH BANQUET WE AWAIT

Ad cenam Agni providi

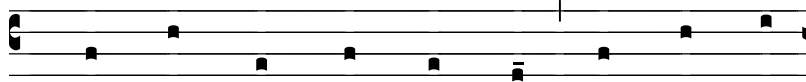
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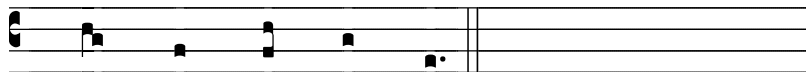
1. The Lamb's high ban-quet we a-wait In
2. Up- on the al- tar of the Cross His
3. That Pas- chal eve God's arm was bared ; The
4. Now Christ, our Pas- chal Lamb, is slain, The



1. snow- white robes of roy- al state ; And now,
2. Bod- y hath re- deemed our loss ; And tast-
3. de- vas- tat- ing an- gel spared : By strength
4. Lamb of God that knows no stain ; The true



1. the Red Sea's chan- nel past, To Christ, our
2. ing of His ros- eate Blood Our life is
3. of hand our hosts went free From Pha- roah's
4. Ob- la- tion of- fered here, Our own un-



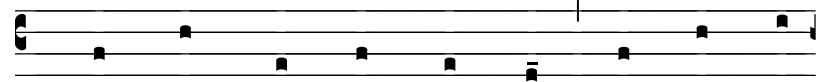
1. Prince, we sing at last.
2. hid with Him in God.
3. ruth- less tyr- an- ny.
4. leav- ened Bread sin- cere.



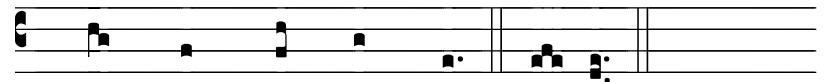
5. O Thou from whom hell's mon- arch flies, O
6. For Christ, a- ris- ing from the dead, From
7. Mak- er of all, to Thee we pray, Ful-
8. To Thee, Who dead, a- gain dost live, All



5. great, O ver- y Sac- ri- fice, Thy cap-
6. con- quered hell vic- to- rious sped ; He thrusts
7. fil in us Thy joy to- day ; When death
8. glo- ry, Lord, Thy peo- ple give ; All glo-



5. tive peo- ple are set free, And end- less
6. the ty- rant down to chains, And par- a-
7. as- sails, grant, Lord, that we May share Thy
8. ry, as is ev- er meet, To Fa- ther



5. life re- stored in Thee.
6. dise for man re- gains.
7. Pas- chal vic- to- ry.
8. and to Par- a- clete. A- men.

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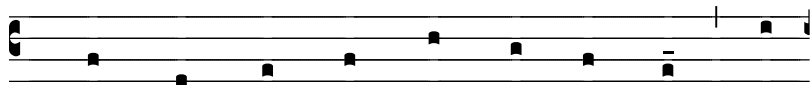
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During Paschaltide : At Vespers

YE CHOIRS OF NEW JERUSALEM

Chorus novæ Ierusalem

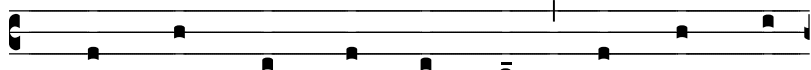
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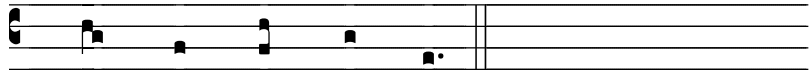
1. Ye choirs of new Je- ru- sa- lem, To
2. When Christ, un- con- quered Li- on, first The
3. En- gorged in for- mer years, their prey Must
4. Right glo- rious- ly He tri- umphs now, Wor-
5. And we, as these His deeds we sing, His
6. Long as un- end- ing a- ges run, To



1. sweet new strains at- tune your theme ; The while
2. dra- gon's chains by ris- ing burst : And while
3. death and hell re- store to- day : And man-
4. thy to Whom all things should bow ; And join-
5. sup- pliant sol- diers, pray our King, That in
6. God the Fa- ther, laud be done : To God



1. we keep, from care re- leased, With sob- er
2. with liv- ing voice he cries, The dead of
3. y_a cap- tive soul set free, With Je- sus
4. ing heav'n and earth a- gain, Links in one
5. His pal- ace, bright and vast, We may keep
6. the Son, our e- qual praise, And God the



1. joy our Pas- chal feast.
2. o- ther a- ges rise.
3. leaves cap- tiv- i- ty.
4. com- mon- weal the twain.
5. watch and ward at last.
6. Ho- ly Ghost, we raise. A-men.

Hymn. 8

Low - Medium Key

(alternate key : 6 flats)

High key
(alternate key : 3 sharps)