

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.



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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

AT SECOND VESPERS

The stars traverse the skies; the Wise Men journey from pagan lands, while the earth receives its Redeemer in the cave. There must be no one without some gift to offer, no one unmindful of the gratitude he owes. Let us celebrate the world's salvation, the day Christ was born in our humanity, for today Adam's sentence is reversed. No longer can it be said, *You are earth, and to the earth you shall return*; rather, 'You are now united to heaven, and to heaven you shall be admitted.' — *Saint Basil the Great*

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

Hostis Herodes impie. (L.M.)

*C 1. Why, impious Herod, shouldst thou fear
Because the Christ is come so near?
He who doth heav'nly kingdoms grant
Thine earthly realm can never want.*

*A 2. Lo, Sages from the East are gone
To where the star hath newly shown:
Let on by light, to Light they press,
And by their gifts their God confess.*

*C 3. The Lamb of God is manifest
Again in Jordan's water blest,
And he who sin had never known
By washing had our sins undone.*

*A 4. Yet he that ruleth ev'rything
Can change the nature of the spring,
And gives at Cana this for sign:
The water reddens into wine.*

*C 5. Then, glory, Lord, to thee we pray
A For thine Epiphany today;
All glory through eternity
To Father, Son, and Spirit be.*

Amen.

BENEDICTION

OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tantum ergo Sacramentum

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

Genitori, Genitque
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).

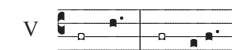
Oratio

DEUS, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili, passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti: * tribue, quæsumus, ita nos Corporis 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



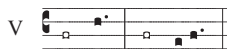
Cantor: Blessed be **God**. *
Blessed be his holy **Name**.

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 : On this day our Savior was adored by the Magi. / Let us also worship him with joy as we pray to **him** :

All : Save the poor, **O Lord**.

Cantor : King of the nations, / you called the Magi to adore you / as the first representative of the **nations**,

All : give us a willing spirit of adoration *and service*.

Cantor : King of glory, / you judge the peoples with **justice**,

All : grant mankind an abundant measure *of peace*.

Cantor : King of ages, / you endure from age to **age**,

All : send your word as fresh spring rain / falling on *our hearts*.

Cantor : King of justice, / you desire to free the poor who have **no advocate**,

All : be compassionate to the suffering and the *afflicted*.

Cantor : Lord, your name is blest for all **ages**,

All : show the wonders of your saving power / to our deceased brothers *and sisters*.

Celebrant : Our Father . . .

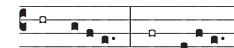
Celebrant : May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord, we pray, shed its light upon our hearts, * that we may pass through the shadows of this world and reach the brightness of our eternal home. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, * for ever and ever.

All : Amen.

Vespers concludes with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

ANTIPHON I

SIT



Cantor : He comes in splendor, / the King who *is our peace* ; * he is supreme over all the kings *of the earth*.

Psalm 109

King and Priest

A famous Messianic Psalm. In colorful pictures, the royal psalmist paints the mission, conflict, and triumph of our Savior. We ought to pray this Psalm with sentiments of deepest devotion, homage, adoration ; for Christ has applied these words of prophecy to himself.

Christ's reign will last until all his enemies are made subject to him (1 Corinthians 15 : 25)

Appointed King by God

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

All : The Lord will wield from Sion your scepter *of power* : * rule in the midst of *all your foes*.

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

Appointed Priest by God

All : The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. / " You are *a priest for ever*, * a priest like Melchizedek *of old* . "

Conqueror and Judge in God

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

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

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 : He comes in splendor, / the King who *is our peace* ; * he is supreme over all the kings *of the earth*.

ANTIPHON 2

Cantor : A light has shown through the darkness /
for the upright of heart ; *
the Lord is gracious, merciful and just.



Psalm 112

Hymn of the humble

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.

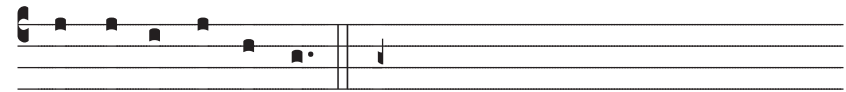
Cantor : To the childless wife he gives a home, *
and gladdens her heart with children.

Doxology

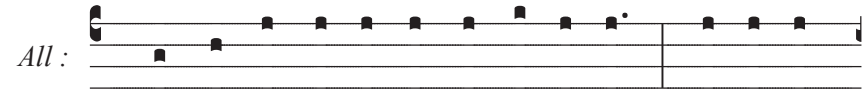
All : Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit :

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

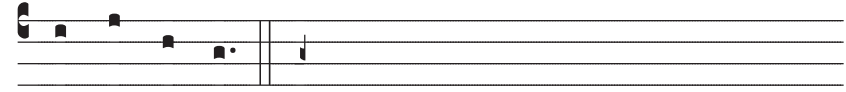
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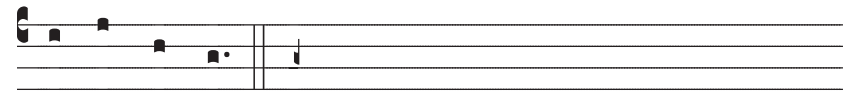
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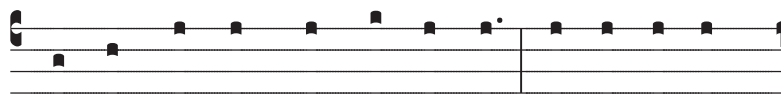


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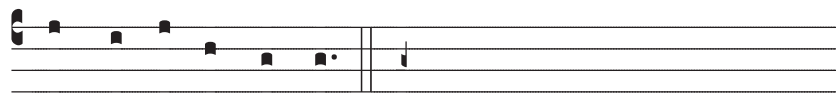


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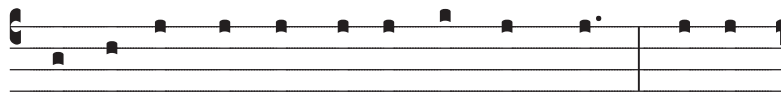
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today water is changed into wine for the wedding feast ; /
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to bring us salvation.

Cantor : 

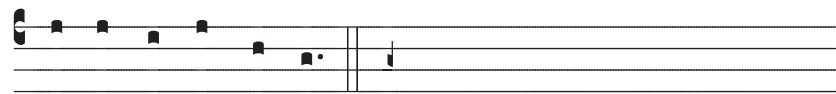
5. He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered



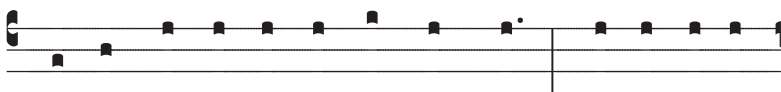
the proud in their con-ceil.

All : 

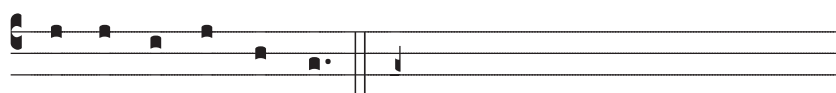
6. He has cast down the might-y from their thrones, * and has



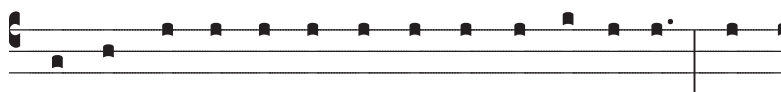
lift-ed up the low-ly.

Cantor : 

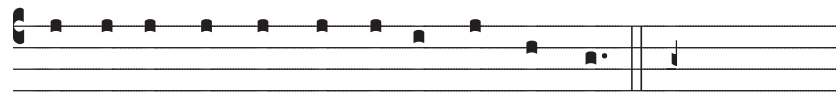
7. He has filled the hun-gry with good things, * and the rich he



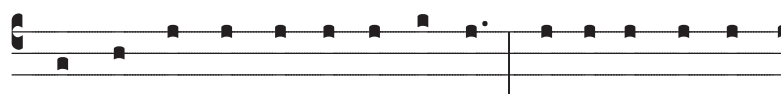
has sent a-way emp-ty.

All : 

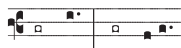
8. He has come to the help of his ser-vant, Is- ra- el * for



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

IV E 

ANTIPHON 3

Cantor : All the people, whom you have **made**, *
will come and worship before you, *O Lord*.

Canticle

Revelation 15:3-4

Cantor : Mighty and wonderful are your **works**, *
Lord God *Almighty*!

All : Righteous and true are your **ways**, *
O King of *the nations*!

Cantor : Who would dare refuse you **honor**, *
or the glory due your name, *O Lord*?

All : Since you alone are **holy**, *
all nations *shall come*.

Cantor : and worship in your **presence**, *
Your mighty deeds are clearly *seen*.

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

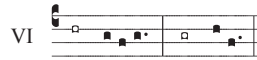
Cantor : as it was in the beginning, is **now**, *
and will be for ever. *Amen*.

Cantor : All the people, whom you have **made**, *
will come and worship before you, *O Lord*.

READING

Titus 3 : 4-5

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us ; not because of any righteous deeds we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the baptism of new birth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.



RESPONSORY

Cantor : All peoples will be *blest in him*, *
men and women of *ev'ry race*.

All : All peoples will be *blest in him*, *
men and women of *ev'ry race*.

Cantor : All nations will *acclaim his glory*, *

All : men and women of *ev'ry race*.

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

All : All peoples will be *blest in him*, *
men and women of *ev'ry race*.

CANTICLE OF MARY

STAND

Cantor : Three mysteries mark this *holy day* : *
today the star leads the Magi to the *infant Christ* ;

today water is changed into wine for the wedding feast ; /
today Christ wills to be baptized by John in the *river Jordan* *
to bring *us salvation*.

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

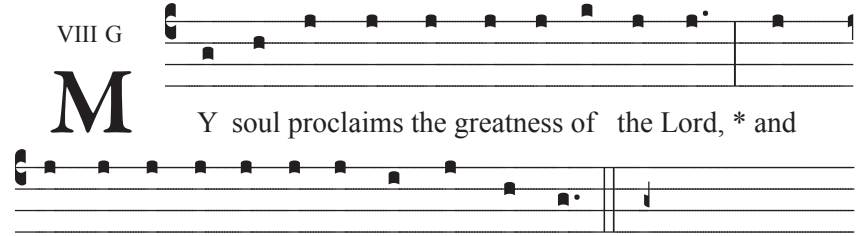
The soul rejoices in the Lord

Luke I : 46-55

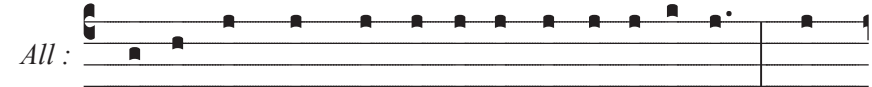
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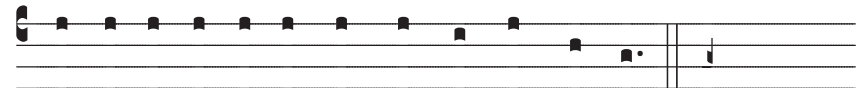
Y soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, * and



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



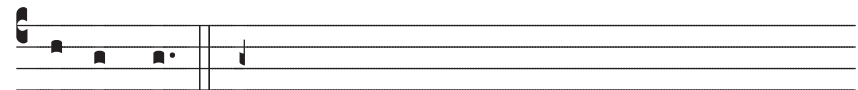
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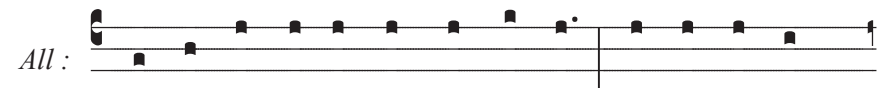
this day all gen- er- a- tions will call me bless- ed :



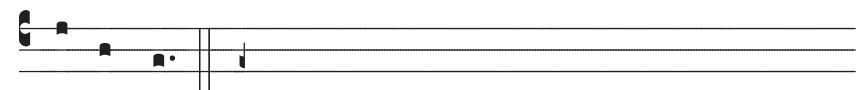
3. the Al- might- y has done great things for me, * and ho- ly



is his Name.



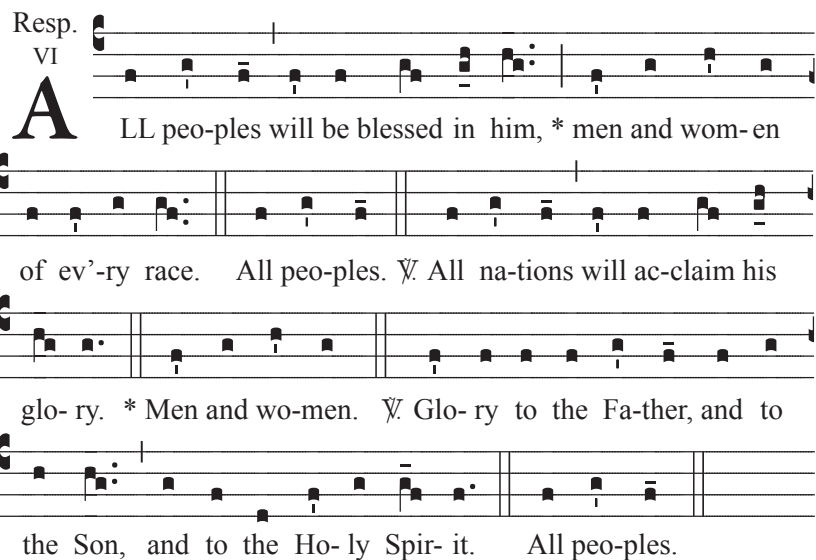
4. He has mer- cy on those who fear him * in ev- 'ry gen-



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Responsory

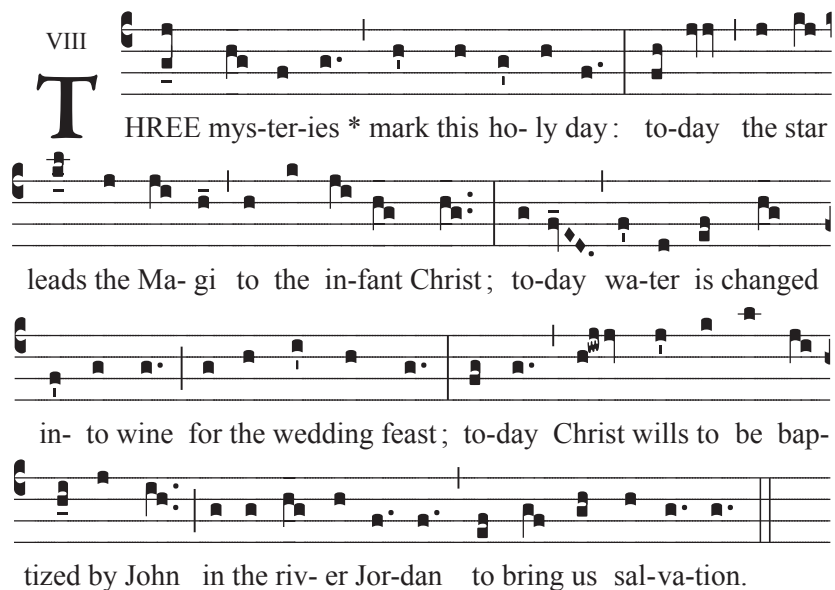
Resp. VI



ALL peo-ples will be blessed in him, * men and wom-en
of ev'-ry race. All peo-ples. V. All na-tions will ac-claim his
glo-ry. * Men and wo-men. V. Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to
the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it. All peo-ples.

At Magnificat. Antiphon

VIII



THREE mys-ter-ies * mark this ho-ly day: to-day the star
leads the Ma-gi to the in-fant Christ; to-day wa-ter is changed
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tized by John in the riv-er Jor-dan to bring us sal-va-tion.

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THE OFFICE OF SUNDAY VESPERS THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Roman Rite. Psalter : Festal Psalms

Ordinary Form. At Second Vespers



CATHEDRAL OF SAINT EUGENE

Diocese of Santa Rosa

2013

FROM A HOMILY BY SAINT PETER CHRYSOLOGUS



GOD manifested his Incarnation to us by the signs we celebrate today. The first is that after searching the stars for his appearance in glory, the Wise Men found him in a cradle: a crying baby. They marvel at the sight of this Child, shown to them in swaddling clothes, who has for so long been hidden from them amid the constellations of heaven. Lost in wonder, they ponder over what they gaze upon: heaven on earth, earth taken up to heaven; man in God, God in man; what the whole world cannot encompass, contained in a tiny body. From the moment they see him, they believe without question. The gifts they

offer proclaim their faith: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die. Through their action the Gentiles have moved from the last place to the first, since today, in the Wise Men's profession of faith, pagan credulity has been consecrated to the truth.

Today we also commemorate Christ's going down into the waters of the Jordan, to wash away the sin of the world. For this is why he has come, as John himself bears witness in the words: *Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.* Today a servant restrains his Lord, man touches God, John lays his hand upon Christ — not to grant forgiveness, but to receive it.

Today, as the prophet says, *The voice of the Lord is heard over the waters* — the voice that declares, *This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.* Today the Holy Spirit broods over the waters in the form of a dove. As in the time of the Deluge Noah learned from a dove that the flood had subsided upon the earth, so now, by the same sign, we know that the world has been saved from everlasting destruction. But here, unlike Noah's dove which brought him a branch of an ancient olive tree, the Holy Spirit pours out all the riches of a new anointing upon the head of the Father of the world to come. So the prophecy is fulfilled: *God, your God has anointed you with the oil of gladness, above all your companions.*

Finally we recall today that when he changed water into wine Christ worked the first of his heavenly signs. But water was destined to be changed into the sacrament of his Blood, so that from the vessel of his own body he might give pure wine to those would drink. Thus he would fulfill the prophet's words: *My cup is overflowing: how magnificent it is!*

THE EPIPHAY OF THE LORD

Antiphons *In Cantu*
for cantor, schola or choir

I Ant.
VIII

HE comes in splen-dor, * the King who is our peace;
he is su- preme o- ver all the kings of the earth.

Psalm 109

2 Ant.
VI

Alight has shone * through the darkness for the upright
of heart; the Lord is gracious, mer- ci- ful and just.

Psalm 112

3 Ant.
IV E

ALL the peo-ple, * whom you have made, will come and

worship be- fore you, Lord. *Canticle, Revelation 15 : 3-4*