

THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

II VESPERS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2020



Welcome to the Cathedral's celebration of Second Vespers for the Sundays in Advent. This order will be your guide for the liturgy. Please note the symbols for cantor or celebrant (∞, Can., or Celebrant) and assembly (℞ or All) and pray accordingly. Evening Prayer begins with the following verse:

OPENING VERSE (STAND)

God, come to my assistance. ℞ Lord, make haste to help me. Glory to
the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it: as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alle-lu-ia.

HYMN

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, Your peo - ple's
2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse Should doom to
3. When this old world drew on toward night, You came; but
4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now All knees must
ev - er - last - ing light, O Christ, Re - deem - er
death a u - ni - verse, You came, O Sav - ior,
not in splen - dor bright, Not as a mon - arch,
bend, all hearts must bow: All things on earth with
of us all, We pray you hear us when we call.
to set free Your own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.
but the child Of Mar - y, blame - less moth - er mild.
one ac - cord, Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.

5. Come in your holy might, we pray,
Redeem us for eternal day;
Defend us while we dwell below
From all assaults of our dread foe.

6. To God the Father, God the Son
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally.

After the hymn follows the psalmody of the office. Each psalm has an associated antiphon. The antiphon will be introduced, then the cantor will chant the incipit of the antiphon (the portion up to the asterisk, i.e., “Rejoice, daughter of Zion...”). Please join in the remainder of the antiphon. After the psalm, all sing the antiphon in its entirety.

The psalm verses are sung alternating by verse between cantor and assembly. The psalm tone is found at the end of the antiphon below.

ANTIPHON I (SIT)

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 110

Can. The Lord’s revelation to my Master: “Sit on my **right:** *
your foes I will put be-neath your **feet.**”

All The Lord will wield from Zion your scep-ter of **power:** *
rule in the midst of *all your* foes.

(etc.) A prince from the day of your birth on the *ho-ly* **mountains;***
from the womb before the dawn *I be-got you.*

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. “You are a *priest for-ever,* *
a priest like Melchize-dek 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 *Ho-ly* **Spirit:**

as it was in the beginn-*ing,* is **now,** *
and will be forev-er. **A-men.**

(The antiphon is then repeated by all.)

ANTIPHON II

2 Ant.
VI

Christ our King will come to us : * the Lamb of God fore-
told by John.

PSALM 114

Can When Israel came *forth from* Egypt, *
Jacob's sons from an *ali-en* people,

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

(etc.) The sea fled *at the* sight : *
the Jordan turned back on *its* course.

the mountains *leapt like* rams *
and the hills like *year-ling* sheep.

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

Mountains, that you *leapt like* rams, *
hills, like *year-ling* sheep ?

Tremble, O earth, *be-fore the* Lord, *
in the presence of the God of Jacob,

who turns the rock *in-to 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 *beginn-ing*, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

(The antiphon is then repeated by all.)

The third antiphon (on the following page) is followed by a canticle. The antiphon is sung as in the preceding psalms (cantor intones to the asterisk, all join thereafter.) Then, the cantor chants the passages from the book of Revelation, while the assembly responds with the single or double Alleluia as indicated.

ANTIPHON III

I am co- ming soon, says the Lord; * I will give to ev'ry-one
the reward his deeds de-serve.

CANTICLE

CF. REVELATION 19:1-7

Cantor/choir sings each trope, while all respond with "Alleluia".

Salvation, glory, and power to our God.

℞. Allelúia!

His judgments are honest and true.

℞. Alle-lúia, allelúia!

Sing praise to our God, all you his servants,
all who worship him reverently, great and small.
The Lord our all-powerful God is King;
let us rejoice, sing praise, and give him glory.
The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun,
and his bride is prepared to welcome him.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

Alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia.
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Alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia.

(The antiphon is then repeated by all.)

READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again. Rejoice! Everyone should see how unselfish you are. The Lord is near.

After the short reading, a responsory is sung. The cantor intones the antiphon, which is then repeated by all (e.g., “Let us see...”) in its entirety. The “respond” (“And grant...”) is sung after the versicle. After the Gloria Patri, the entire antiphon is repeated.

RESPONSORY

Resp.
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.

The Canticle of Mary (Magnificat) follows. The antiphon is sung to the tone below; in the first line, bold print indicates the second to last note; in the second line, italics and bold are sung on the moving notes. The verses of the Magnificat are found on the following page; the cantor sings odd verses; the assembly sings even verses.

CANTICLE OF MARY (*MAGNIFICAT*) (STAND)

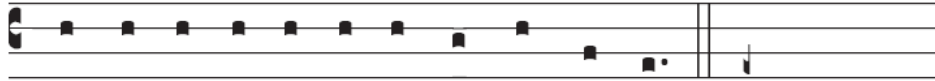
Antiphon (sung by all) Do not be afraid, Mary, / you have found favor **with** God; *
 you will conceive and give birth to a Son, *alle-lu-ia*.

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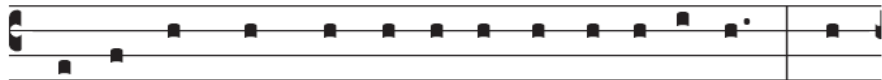
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Y soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, *



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- mighty has done great things for me, * and ho- ly



is his Name.



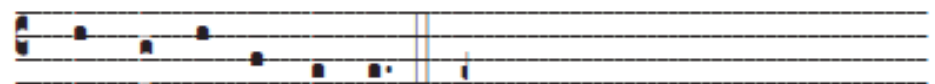
4. He has mer- cy on those who fear him * in ev- 'ry gen-



er- a- tion.



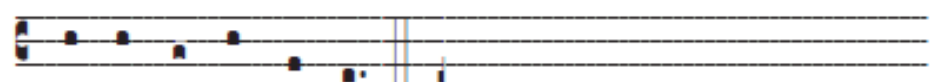
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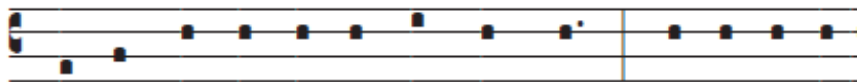
the proud in their con- ceit.



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



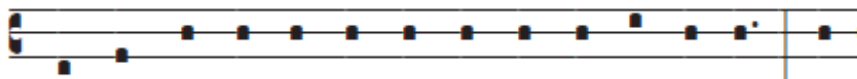
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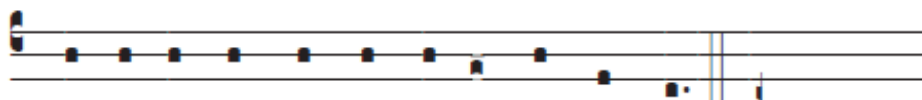
7. He has filled the hun-gry with good things, * and the rich he



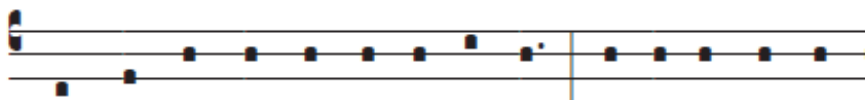
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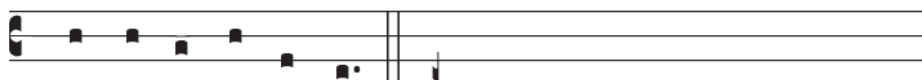
8. He has come to the help of his ser-vant, Is- ra- el * for



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



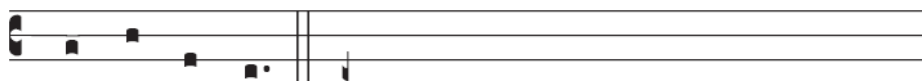
9. the prom-ise he made to our fa-thers, * to A-bra-ham and



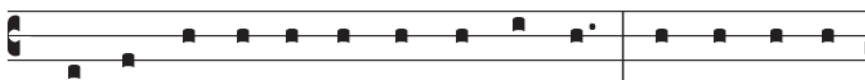
his children for ev-er.



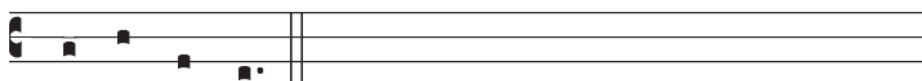
10. Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, * and to the



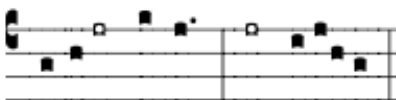
Ho-ly Spir- it :



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



ev-er. A-men.

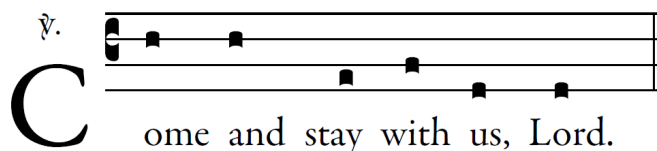


Antiphon (sung by all) Do not be afraid, Mary, / you have found favor with God; * you will conceive and give birth to a Son, alle-lu-ia.

The office of Vespers concludes with the sung Intercessions, Concluding Prayer, and Final Blessing and Dismissal below.

INTERCESSIONS

After the Celebrant's invocation and each cantor petition, the following response is sung:



CONCLUDING PRAYER, FINAL BLESSING, AND DISMISSAL

- ✠ O God, who have shown forth your salvation to all the ends of the earth, grant, we pray, that we may look forward in joy to the glorious Nativity of Christ. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
- ✠ Amen.
- ✠ The Lord be with you.
- ✠ And with your spirit.
- ✠ 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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