

THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

II VESPERS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2017



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 (V, Can., or Celebrant) and assembly (R or All) and pray accordingly.

Evening Prayer begins with the following verse:

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

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., “The Lord will come...”) 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

HE Lord will come * on the clouds of heav-en with great
pow-er and might, 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.**

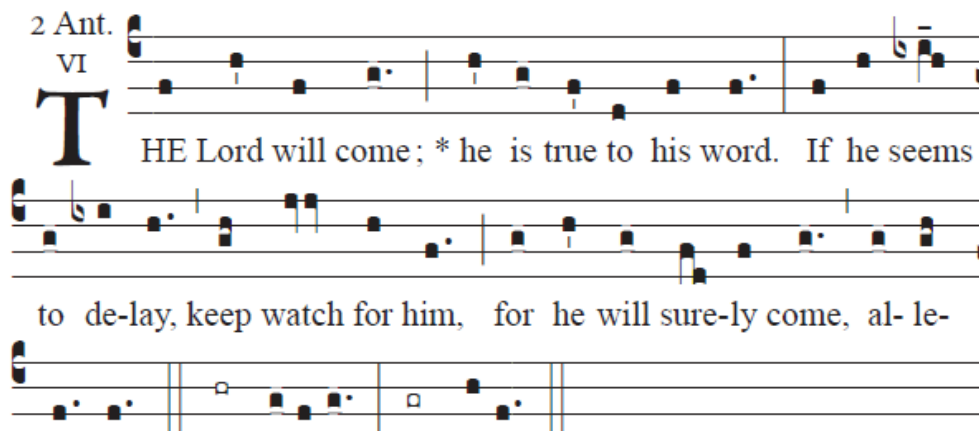
Glory to the Father, *and the* **Son,** *
and to the *Ho-ly* **Spirit:**

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



THE Lord will come; * he is true to his word. If he seems
to de-lay, keep watch for him, for he will sure-ly come, al-le-
lu- ia.

PSALM 115

Can Not to us, LORD, *not to us*, *
but to your name give *the* **glory**,

All for the sake of your love *and your* **truth**, *
lest the heathen say: "Where is *their* **God**?"

(*etc.*) But our God is *in the* **heavens**; *
he does whatever *he* **wills**.

Their idols are sil-*ver* *and* **gold**, *
the work of hu-*man* **hands**.

They have mouths but they *can-not* **speak**; *
they have eyes but they *can-not* **see**;
they have ears but they *can-not* **hear**, *
they have nostrils but they *can-not* **smell**.

With their hands they cannot feel; with their feet they *can-not* **walk**, *
no sound comes from *their* **throats**,

Their *makes* will come to *be like* **them** *
and so will all who *trust in* **them**.

Sons of Israel, trust *in the* **LORD**; *
he is their help and *their* **shield**.

Sons of Aaron, trust *in the* **LORD**; *
he is their help and *their* **shield**.

You who fear him, trust *in the* **LORD**; *
he is their help and *their* **shield**.

He remembers us, and he will bless us; he will bless the *sons of* **Israel**. *
He will bless the sons *of* **Aaron**.

(The psalm continues on the following page.)

Can The LORD will bless *those who* **fear him**, *
the little no less than *the* **great**,

All to you may the LORD grant **increase**, *
to you and all *your* **children**.

Etc. May you be blessed *by the* **LORD**, *
the maker of heaven *and* **earth**.

The heavens belong *to the* **LORD**, *
but the earth he has given *to* **men**.

The dead shall not *praise the* **LORD**, *
nor those who go down into *the* **silence**.

But we who live *bless the* **LORD** *
now and forever. **A-men**.

Glory to the Father, and *to the* **Son**, *
and to the Ho-*ly* **Spirit**.

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

2 Ant.
VI

T HE Lord will come; * he is true to his word. If he seems
to de-lay, keep watch for him, for he will sure-ly come, al- le-
lu- ia.

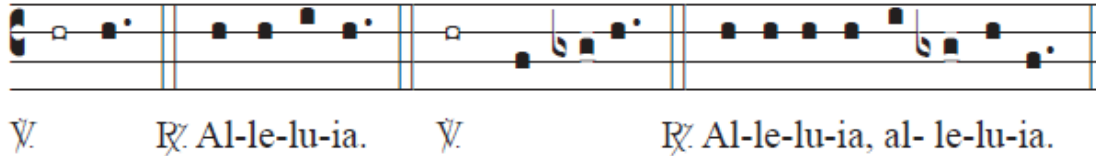
The third antiphon is followed by a canticle. The antiphon is sung as in the preceding psalms (cantor intones to the asterisk, all join thereafter.) Then, the cantor chants the passages from the book of Revelation, while the assembly responds with the single or double Alleluia as indicated.

ANTIPHON III

V

V The LORD our king and lawgiver *
will come to save us.

Cantor The LORD our king *and* **lawgiver** *
will *come to* **save** us.



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

All : R. Alleluia.

Cantor : his judgments are honest and true.

All : R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

All : R. Alleluia.

Cantor : all who worship him rev'rently, / great and small.

All : R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

All : R. Alleluia.

Cantor : let us rejoice, sing praise, and give him glory.

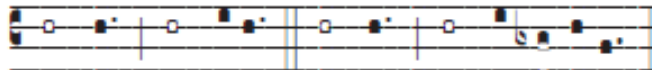
All : R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor : The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun, *

All : R. Alleluia.

Cantor : and his bride is prepared to welcome him.

All : R. Alleluia, alleluia.



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.

(The antiphon [on the facing page] is then repeated by all.)

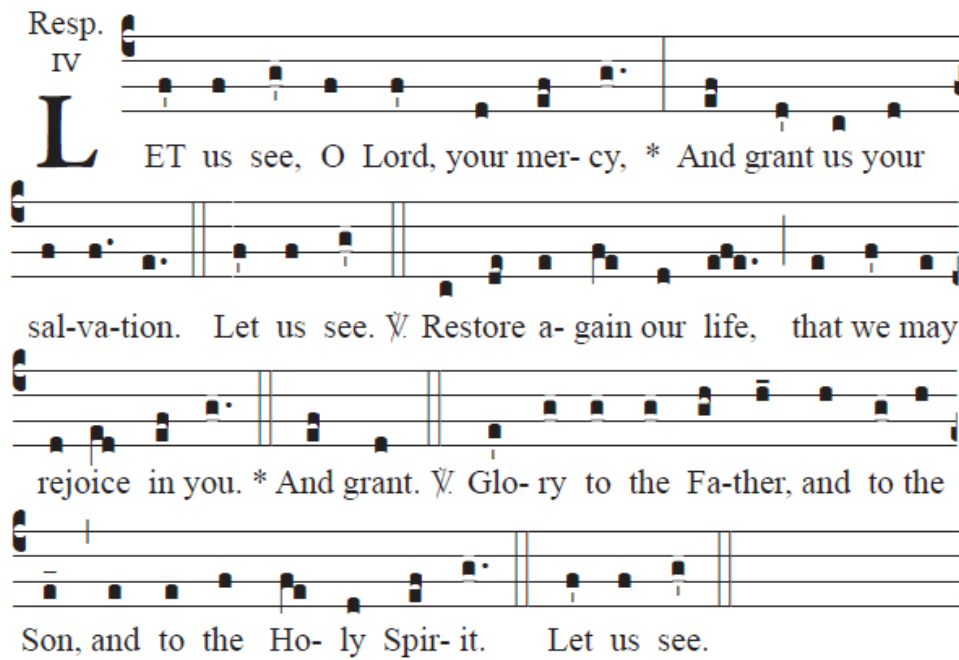
READING

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.

RESPONSORY

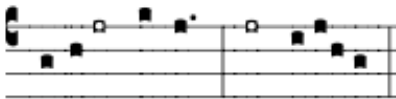
Resp.
IV



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.

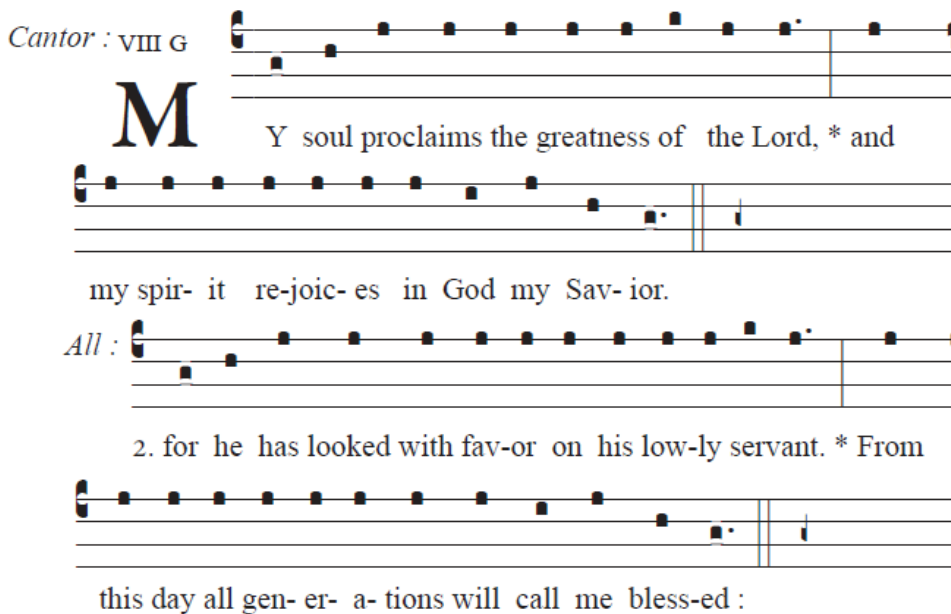
The Cantic of Mary (Magnificat) follows. The antiphon is sung to the tone below; in the first line, bold print indicates the second to last note; in the second line, italics and bold are sung on the moving notes. The verses of the Magnificat are found on the following page; cantor sings first verse,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

CANTICLE OF MARY (*MAGNIFICAT*) (STAND)

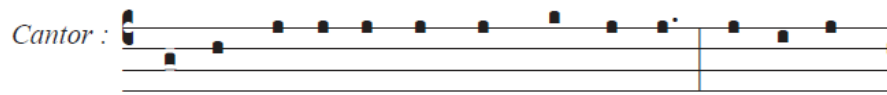


Antiphon (sung by all) Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, for **your** great faith; *
all that the Lord promised you will come to pass through you, *al-le-lu-ia*.

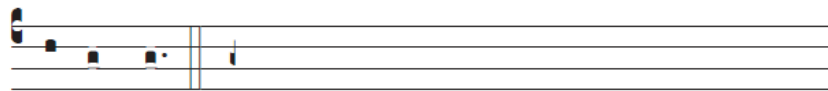
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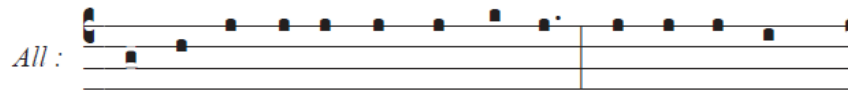
M Y soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, * and
my spir- it re-joic- es in God my Sav- ior.
All : 2. for he has looked with fav- or on his low-ly servant. * From
this day all gen- er- a- tions will call me bless- ed :



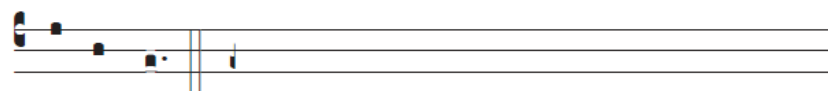
3. the Al-might-y has done great things for me, * and ho- ly



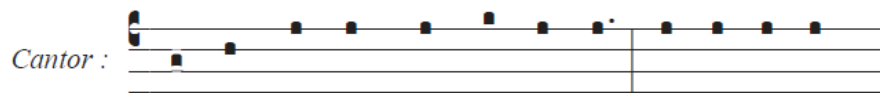
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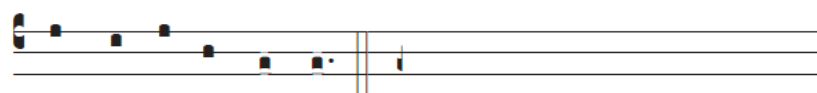
4. He has mer- cy on those who fear him * in ev- 'ry gen-



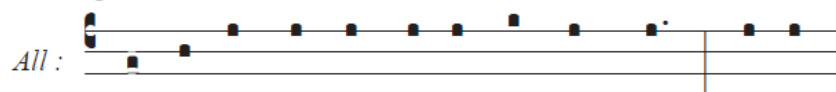
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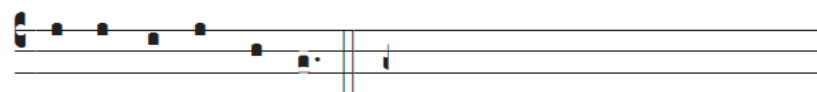
5. He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered



the proud in their con- ceit.



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



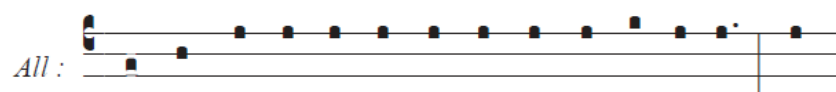
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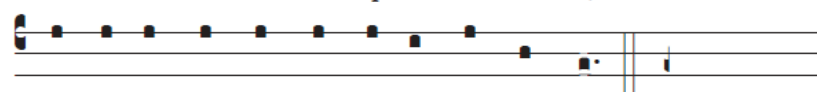
7. He has filled the hun- gry with good things, * and the rich he



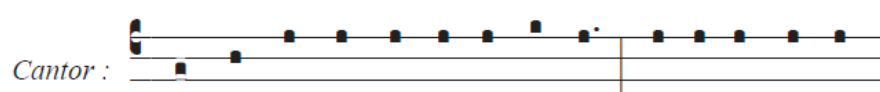
has sent a- way emp- ty.



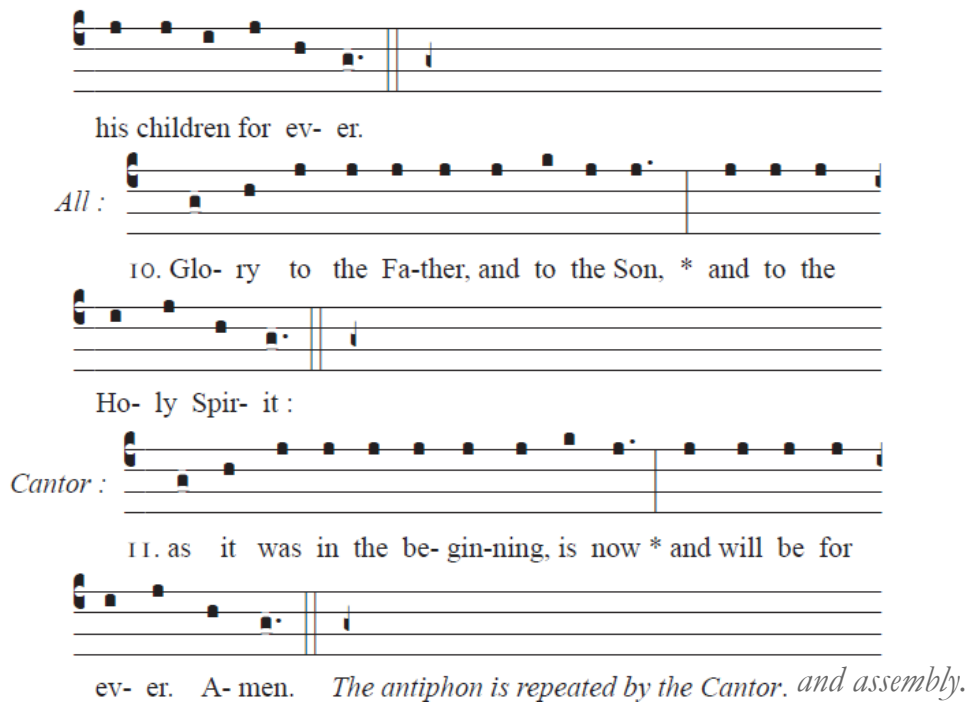
8. He has come to the help of his ser- vant, Is- ra- el * for



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



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



his children for ev- er.

All :

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

Ho- ly Spir- it :

Cantor :

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, and assembly.*

INTERCESSIONS



Celebrant: To Christ the Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, let us pray with joyful **hearts:**

All: Come, *Lord* **Jesus.**

Cantor: Lord Jesus, in the mystery of your incarnation, you revealed your glory to the **world,**

All: give us new life by *your* **coming.**

Cantor: You have taken weakness upon your-**self,**

All: grant us *your* **mercy.**

Cantor: You redeemed the world from sin by your first coming in hu-**mility,**

All: free us from all guilt when you come again *in* **glory.**

Cantor: You live and rule over **all,**

All: in your goodness bring us to your eternal *in*-**heritance.**

Cantor: You sit at the right hand of the **Father,**

All: gladden the souls of the dead with *your* **light.**

All: **Our Father . . .**

CONCLUDING PRAYER, FINAL BLESSING, AND DISMISSAL

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