

THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA



VESPERS FOR THE DEAD

FOR THE MOST REVEREND DAVID EDWARD FOLEY, DD

ACCORDING TO THE USAGE OF

ST. BERNARD'S ABBEY, CULLMAN, AL

THE MOST REVEREND ROBERT J. BAKER, STD, CELEBRANT

THE RIGHT REV. CLETUS D. MEAGHER, OSB, HOMILIST

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018 AT 6:30PM, CATHEDRAL OF ST. PAUL

Welcome to Vespers [Evening Prayer] for the Dead. This order will be your guide for the liturgy. Tonight, we have the opportunity to celebrate this office according to the monastic usage of the Benedictine Monks of Saint Bernard Abbey in Cullman, Alabama. St. Bernard Abbey was founded in 1891 and remains Alabama's only Benedictine monastery of men. The late Bishop Emeritus Foley requested that the Monks chant this Vespers as part of his obsequies.

Please note the symbols for celebrant or cantor (VV, Celebrant, or Can.) and assembly (R or All) and pray accordingly. Evening Prayer begins immediately with the first Antiphon.

In Vespers for the Dead, there is no opening verse; the office begins immediately with psalmody. Each psalm has an associated antiphon. The cantors will chant the incipit of the antiphon (the portion up to the asterisk, i.e., "I will walk before the Lord..."), then all join in the remainder of the antiphon. After the psalm, all sing the antiphon in its entirety. The psalm verses are sung in alternation between the cantors and the monastic choir.

1 Antiphon. II D

I will walk be-fore the Lord, * in the land of the
liv-ing.

Psalm 114

I love the Lord for he has heard
* the cry of my appeal ;
for he turned his ear to me *
in the day when I called him.

They surrounded me, the
snares of death, * with the an-
guish of the tomb ;

they caught me, sorrow and
distress. † I called on the Lord's
name. * O Lord my God, deliver
me !

How gracious is the Lord
and just; * our God has com-
passion.

The Lord protects the simple
hearts ; * I was helpless so he
saved me.

Turn back, my soul, to your
rest * for the Lord has been
good ;

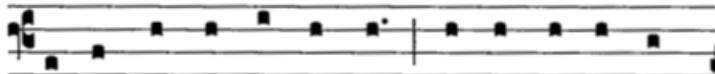
he has kept my soul from
death, † my eyes from tears *
and my feet from stumbling.

I will walk in the presence
of the Lord * in the land of the
living.

Eternal rest * grant unto them,
O Lord.

And let perpetual light * shine
upon them.

Antiphon



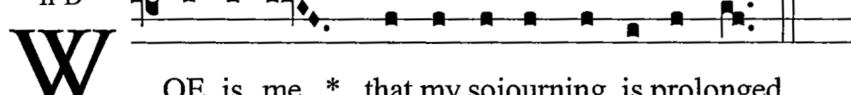
I will walk be-fore the Lord, * in the land of the



liv-ing.

2 Ant.

II D



OE is me * that my sojourning is prolonged.



Psalm 119

TO the Lord in the hour of
my distress * I call and he
answers me.

“ O Lord, save my soul from
lying lips, * from the tongue of
the deceitful. ”

What shall he pay you in re-
turn, * O treacherous tongue ?

The warrior's arrows sharp-
ened * and coals, red-hot, blaz-
ing.

Alas that I abide a stranger
in Meshech, * dwell among the
tents of Kedar !

Long enough have I been
dwelling * with those who hate
peace.

I am for peace, but when I
speak, * they are for fighting.

Eternal rest * grant unto them,
O Lord.

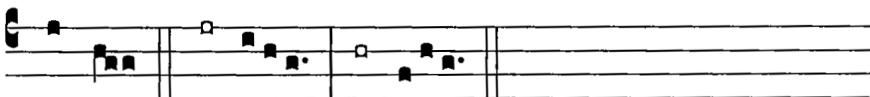
And let perpetual light * shine
upon them.

(The antiphon is repeated.)

3 Ant.
VIII G

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HE Lord will guard you from e- vil, * he will guard



your soul.

bers, * Israel's guard.

The Lord is your guard and
your shade ; * at your right side
he stands.

By day the sun shall not smite
you * nor the moon in the
night.

The Lord will guard you from
evil, * he will guard your soul.

The Lord will guard your
going and coming * both now
and for ever.

Eternal rest * grant unto them,
O Lord.

And let perpetual light * shine
upon them.

Psalm 120

I lift up my eyes to the moun-
tains : * from where shall
come my help ?

My help shall come from the
Lord * who made heaven and
earth.

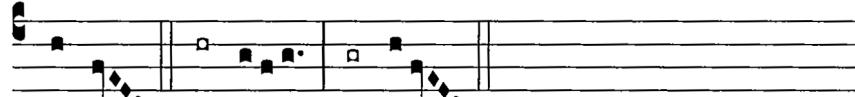
May he never allow you to
stumble ! * Let him sleep not
your guard.

No, he sleeps not nor slum-

4 Ant.

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F you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, * Lord, who would



sur- vive ?

Psalm 129

OUT of the depths I cry to
you, O Lord, * Lord, hear
my voice !

O let your ears be attentive *
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark
our guilt, * Lord, who would sur-
vive ?

But with you is found forgive-
ness : * for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the
Lord, * I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the
Lord * more than watchman for
daybreak.

Let the watchman count on
daybreak * and Israel on the
Lord.

Because with the Lord there
is mercy * and fullness of redemp-
tion,

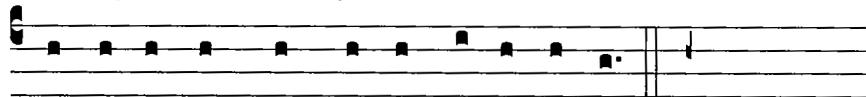
Israel indeed he will redeem *
from all its iniquity.

Eternal rest * grant unto them,
O Lord.

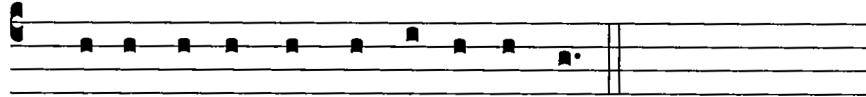
And let perpetual light * shine
upon them.

(The antiphon is repeated.)

There follows immediately :



V. I heard a voice from heav-en say-ing to me.



R. Blessèd are the dead who die in the Lord.

READING

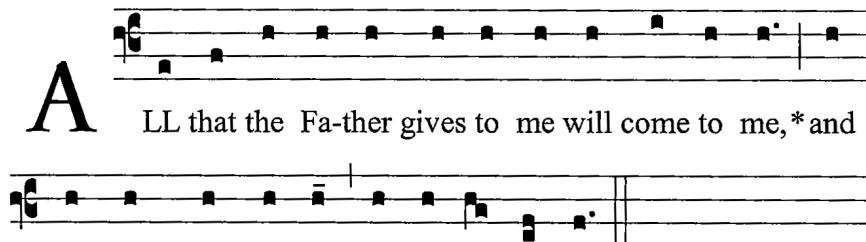
1 CORINTHIANS 15:55-57

O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and sin gets its sting from the law. But thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

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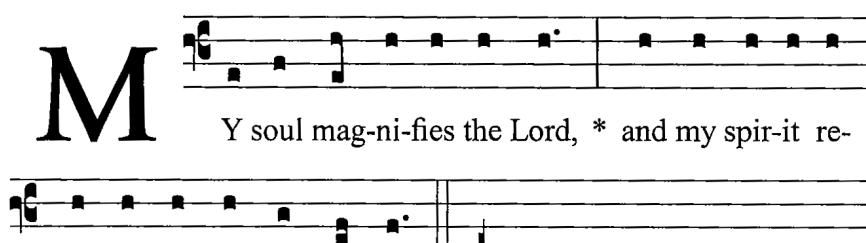
At Magnificat, Antiphon. II D



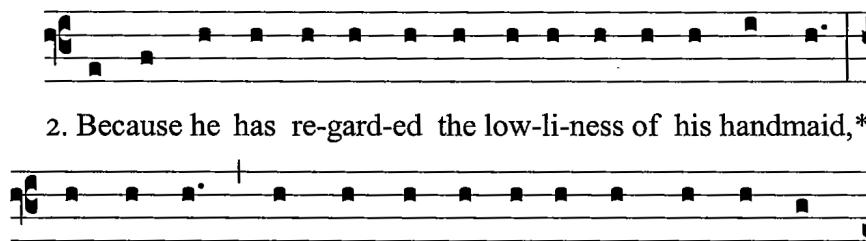
him who comes to me I will not cast out.

Canticle of the Blessed Virgin Mary

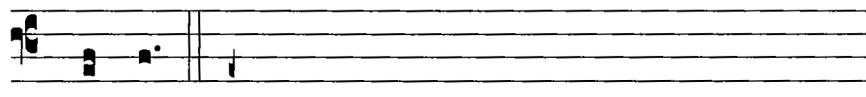
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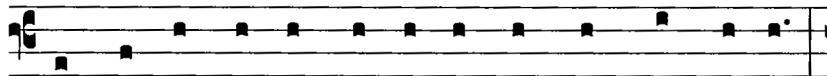


joice-es in God my Sav-ior,



for be-hold, henceforth all gen-er-a-tions shall call me

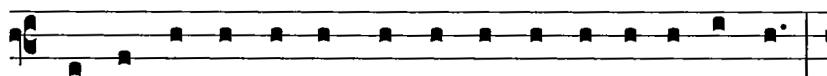




3. Be-cause he who is might-y has done great things for me, *



and ho- ly is his Name.



4. And his mer-cy is from gen- er- a- tion to gen-er- a- tion *



toward those who fear him.



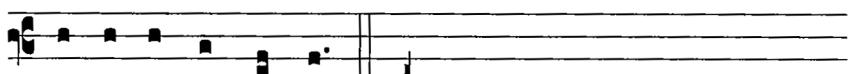
5. He has revealed his arm in pow- er, * he has scattered



the proud in the con-ceit of their heart.



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



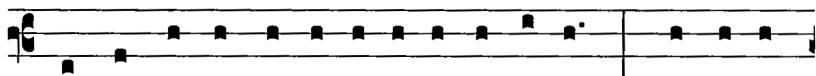
ex- alt-ed the low- ly.



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



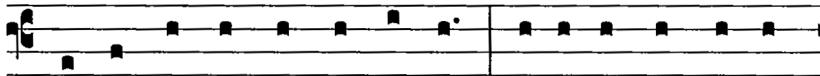
has sent a-way emp-t-y.



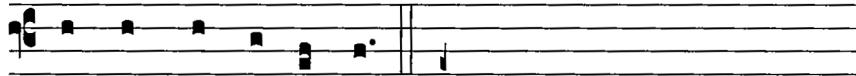
8. He has giv- en help to Is- ra- el his servant, * mindful of



his mer- cy



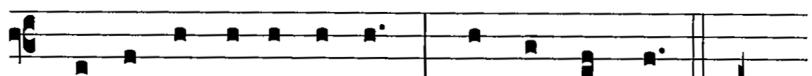
9. Just as he promised our fa-thers, * to A-bra-ham and his



de-scend-ants for ev- er.



10. E- ter-nal rest * grant un- to them, O Lord.



11. And let per- pe- tu- al light * shine up- on them.



All that the Fa-ther gives to me will come to me, and



him who comes to me I will not cast out.

The celebrant chants “Our Father...” on one pitch (beginning The Lord’s Prayer), then all continue silently until:

℣. And lead us not into temptation.

℟. **But deliver us from evil.**

℣. From the gate of hell.

℟. **Deliver his soul, O Lord.**

℣. May he rest in peace.

℟. **Amen.**

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer.

℟. **And let my cry come unto you.**

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. **And with your spirit.**

℣. Let us pray: We beseech you, O Lord, deliver the soul of your servant David, that being dead to this world, he may live to you ; and whatever sins he has committed through human frailty, wipe away by the pardon of your merciful goodness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

℟. **Amen.**

℣. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

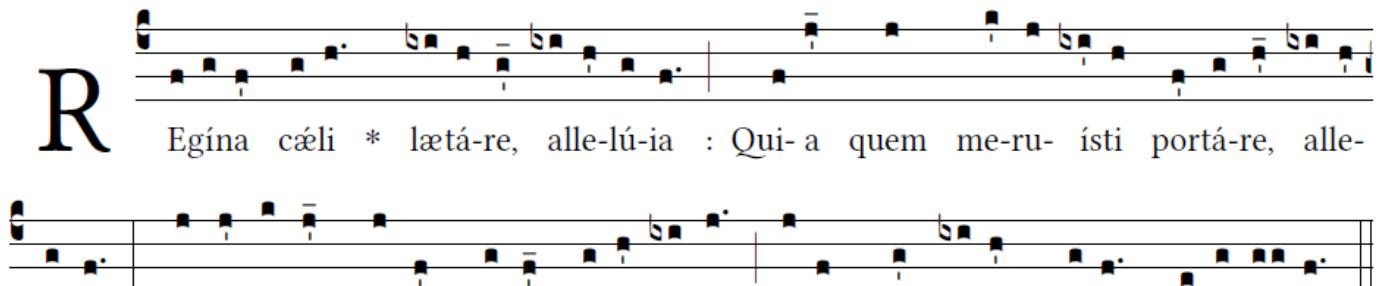
℟. **And let perpetual light shine upon him.**

℣. May he rest in peace.

℟. **Amen.**

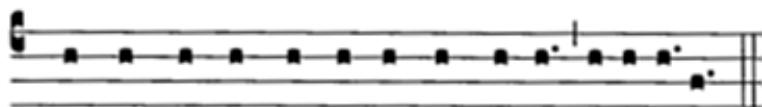
MARIAN ANTIphon

Regina Caeli



R Egína cæli * lætá-re, alle-lú-ia : Qui- a quem me-ru- ísti portá-re, alle-
lú-ia : Re-surréx-it, si-cut dix-it, alle- lú-ia : Ora pro nobis De-um, alle-lú- ia.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia: For he whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia: Has risen as he said, Alleluia: Pray for us to God, Alleluia.



℣ Rejoice and be glad, O Vir-gin Mar-y, al-le-lu-ia.
℟ For the Lord is tru-ly ris- en, al-le-lu-ia.

℣ Let us pray. O God, who by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, have vouchsafed to make glad the whole world, grant, we beseech you, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ our Lord.

℟ Amen.

℣ May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

℟ Amen.

℣ May the divine assistance remain always with us.

℟ And with our absent brethren. Amen.

ULTIMA

Ultima in mortis hora, Filium pro nobis ora, Bonam mortem impetra Virgo Mater Domina.

At the final hour of dying. Pray to your Son for us. Requesting for us a happy death, O Virgin Mother, Our Lady.



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**THE MOST REVEREND DAVID EDWARD FOLEY, D.D.,
BISHOP *EMERITUS*, DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA**

Most Reverend David Edward Foley, D.D., beloved bishop *emeritus* of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama, died at St. John Vianney Residence for Priests in Birmingham on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at the age of 88.

Bishop Foley was born in Worcester, Massachusetts on February 3, 1930. In 1934 his father was appointed Assistant Attorney General of the United States of America and the family moved to Washington, D.C., where he attended the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church and elementary school. In 1944, he entered high school at Saint Charles College minor seminary in Catonsville, Maryland. In 1950, he continued studies at Saint Mary's Seminary, Paca Street, Baltimore, Maryland, receiving the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy with a minor in Education in 1952. He completed his postgraduate studies at Saint Mary's Seminary, Roland Park, Baltimore, Maryland, receiving the Pontifical Degree of Licentiate in Sacred Theology (S.T.L.) in 1956.

On May 26, 1956 he was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle in Saint Matthew's Cathedral, Washington, D.C. For 30 years he served in several parishes of the Archdiocese of Washington. On June 27, 1986 he was ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Richmond, Virginia by Bishop Walter Sullivan in the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond, Virginia.

After eight years, on May 13, 1994, he was installed as the third Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama at the Cathedral of Saint Paul in Birmingham. During his time in Birmingham, he hosted *Pillars of Faith*, a live television program on the Eternal Word Television Network, from 1994-2000. Throughout his years of ministry he served on numerous boards and committees including the Executive Committee of Board of Trustees for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

He served 11 years as the Bishop of Birmingham, submitting his resignation to Pope Saint John Paul II at the age of 75 as required by Canon Law. Bishop Foley was elected by the Diocesan Consultors to serve 2 1/2 years as Administrator of the diocese prior to the installation of the Most Rev. Robert J. Baker, S.T.D. as Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama in 2007.

Bishop Foley's retirement was in name only: he never stopped being a priest, which was the true love of his life. He would spend Christmas and Thanksgiving at prisons, celebrate Mass for any priest for any reason in any parish at any time, and would regularly help with Confirmations. Always humble, he quietly continued his ministry, which included visiting the sick at hospitals each week and celebrating Mass once a week for the elderly unable to travel. He lived a full and happy life as a priest, setting an example to all on how to live fearlessly following Christ.

Bishop Foley was preceded in death by his father, George F. Foley; his mother, Ellen Vincent Quinn Foley; and his brothers, George V. Foley and William F. Foley.

Bishop Foley's body will be solemnly received at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, 2120 3rd Avenue, North, in Birmingham on Sunday, April 22, at 2 p.m. Following reception of the body, prayers will be held on the hour until 6:30 p.m. A Rosary will begin at 4 p.m., led by Father Kevin Bazzel. At 6:30 p.m., Bishop Robert J. Baker, Bishop of the Diocese of Birmingham, will celebrate Vespers for the Dead with Abbot Cletus Meagher, OSB, of St. Bernard Abbey preaching. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday, April 23, at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul, with Archbishop Thomas Rodi of the Archdiocese of Mobile celebrating. Burial will immediately follow in the Cathedral of Saint Paul courtyard.

The Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama would like to thank Hope Hospice, the caregivers, doctors, and St. John Vianney Residence for Priests staff for the superb care given to Bishop Foley during his illness. Memorial contributions may be made to the Seminarian Education Fund, Diocese of Birmingham, P.O. Box 12047, Birmingham, AL 35202-2047.