

# THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

## II VESPERS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 16, 2018



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)

**O** God, come to my as-sistance. ℟. 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.

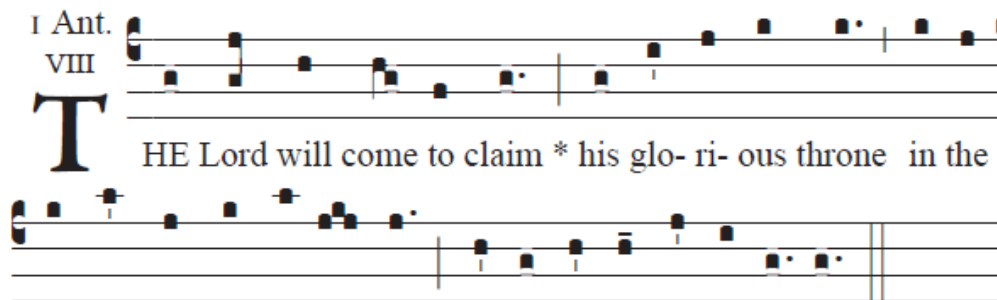
5. Come in your holy might, we pray,  
Redeem us for eternal day;  
Defend us while we dwell below  
From all assaults of our dread foe.

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 schola will chant the incipit of the antiphon (the portion up to the asterisk, i.e., “The Lord will come to claim...”). 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)

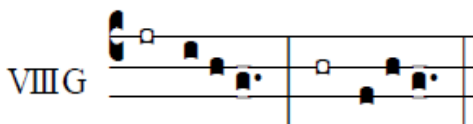
I Ant.  
VIII



**T** HE Lord will come to claim \* his glo- ri- ous throne in the  
as-sem-bly of the princes, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia.

## PSALM 110

VIII G



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.**

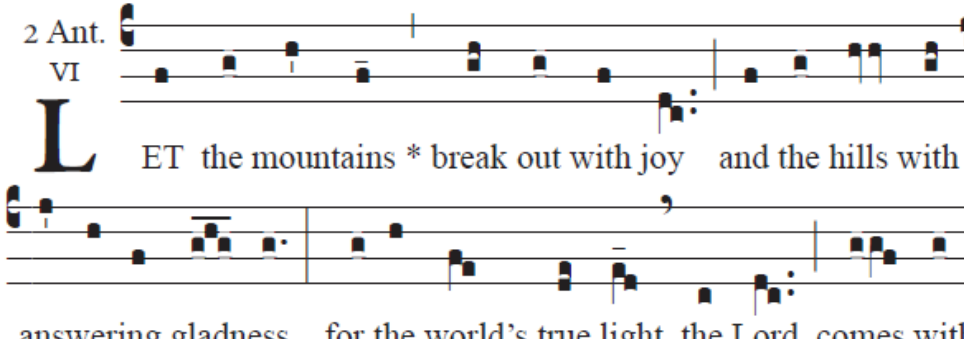
Glory to the Father, and to *the* **Son,** \*  
and to the *Ho-ly* **Spirit:**

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

(The antiphon is then repeated by all.)

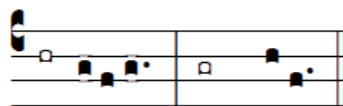
## ANTIPHON II

2 Ant.  
VI



**L** ET the mountains \* break out with joy and the hills with  
answering gladness, for the world's true light, the Lord, comes with  
pow- er and might.

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## PSALM 111

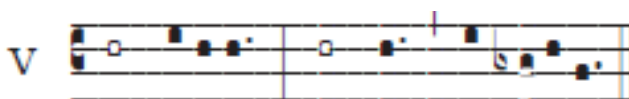
Can I will thank the Lord with *all my heart* \*  
in the meeting of the just and their *as-sembly*.

All Great are the works of the **Lord**; \*  
to be pondered by all *who love* them.

(etc.) Majestic and glo-rious his **work**, \*  
his justice stands firm *for ever*.  
He makes us remem-ber his **wonders**. \*  
The Lord is compassion and **love**.  
He gives food to *those who fear* him ; \*  
keeps his covenant ever in **mind**.  
He has shown his might to his **people** \*  
by giving them the lands of the **nations**.  
His works are jus-tice and **truth** : \*  
his precepts are all of them **sure**,  
standing firm for ev-er and **ever** : \*  
they are made in uprightness and **truth**.  
He has sent deliverance to his people / and established his cove-nant *for ever*. \*  
Holy his Name, to be **feared**.  
To fear the Lord is the first stage of wisdom; /all who do so prove *them-selves wise*. \*  
His praise shall last *for ever*.  
Glory to the Father, and to the **Son**, \*  
and to the Ho-ly **Spirit**:  
as it was in the begin-ning, is **now**, \*  
and will be for ever. **A-men**.

(The antiphon is then repeated by all.)

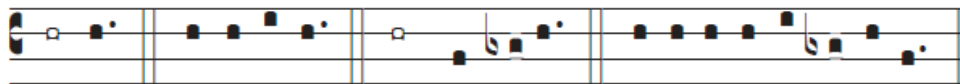
### ANTIPHON III



Cantor Let us live in holiness and love \* as we patiently await our *bless-ed hope*,  
the coming of our *Sav-ior*.

### CANTICLE

CF. REVELATION 19:1-7



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

Can. Alleluia. Salvation, glory, and power to our God: \*

All Ps. Alle-lu-ia.

(etc.) his judgments are hon-est and **true**. \*

Ps. Alleluia, *al-le-lu-ia*.

Alleluia. Sing praise to our God, all you his servants, \*

Ps. Alle-lu-ia.

All who worship him reverently, / *great and small*. \*

Ps. Alleluia, *al-le-lu-ia*.

Alleluia. The Lord our all-powerful God is King; \*

Ps. Alle-lu-ia.

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

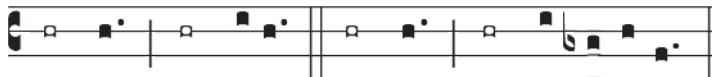
Ps. Alleluia, *al-le-lu-ia*.

Alleluia. The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun, \*

Ps. Alle-lu-ia.

and his bride is *pre-pared to welcome* him. \*

Ps. Alleluia, *al-le-lu-ia*.



Can. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, /  
and to the Holy *Spi-rit*:

All as it was in the beginning, is now, /  
and will be for *ever*. **A-men**.

(The antiphon is then repeated by all.)

# READING

1 THESSALONIANS 5:23-24

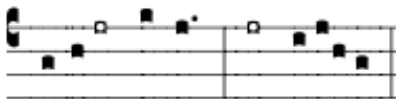
May the God of peace make you perfect in holiness. May he preserve you whole and entire, spirit, soul, and body, irreproachable at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls us is trustworthy, therefore he will do it.

# RESPONSORY

Resp.  
IV

**L** ET us see, O Lord, your mer- cy, \* And grant us your  
sal-va-tion. Let us see. V Restore a- gain our life, that we may  
rejoice in you. \* And grant. V Glo- ry to the Fa-ther, and to the  
Son, and to the Ho- ly Spir- it. Let us see.

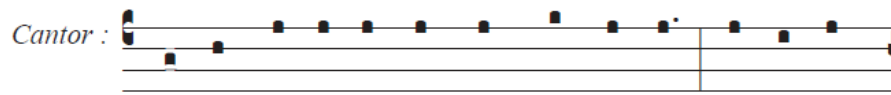
# CANTICLE OF MARY (MAGNIFICAT) (STAND)



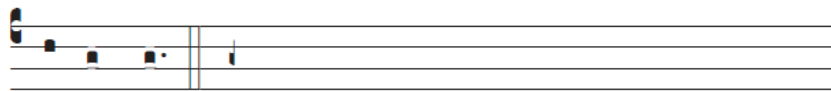
Ant. (all) Are you the one whose coming *was* **foretold**, \*  
or should we look *for a-no-ther*?  
Tell John what you see: the blind have their sight restored, the dead are *raised to life*,  
the poor have the good news preached to them, *al-le-lu-ia*.

Cantor : VIII G

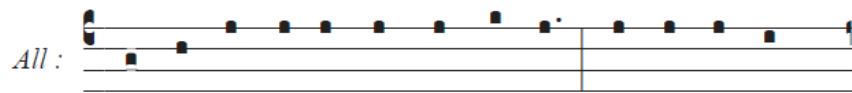
**M** Y soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, \*  
my spir- it re-joic- es in God my Sav- ior.  
All :  
2. for he has looked with fav- or on his low-ly servant. \* From  
this day all gen- er- a- tions will call me bless- ed :



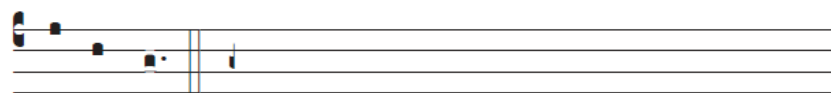
3. the Al-might-y has done great things for me, \* and ho- ly



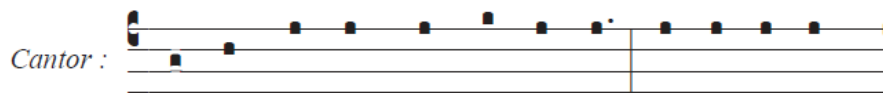
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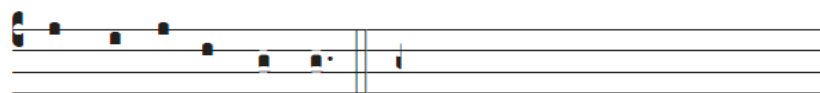
4. He has mer- cy on those who fear him \* in ev- 'ry gen-



er- a- tion.



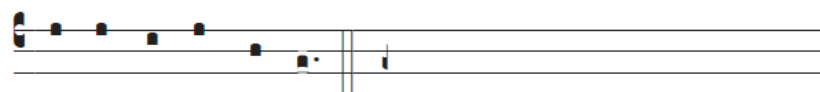
5. He has shown the strength of his arm, \* he has scattered



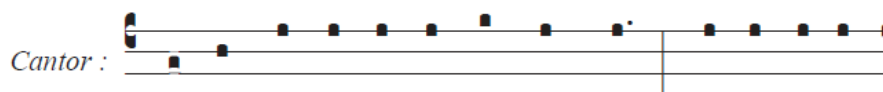
the proud in their con- ceit.



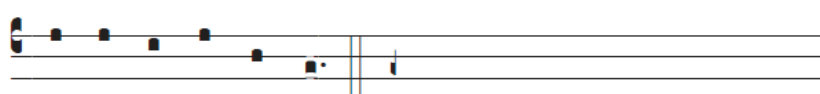
6. He has cast down the might-y from their thrones, \* and has



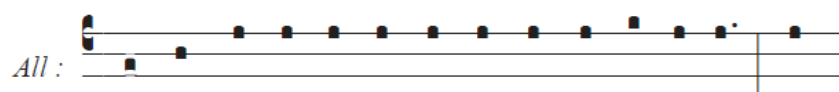
lift- ed up the low- ly.



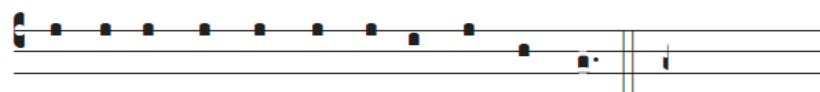
7. He has filled the hun- gry with good things, \* and the rich he



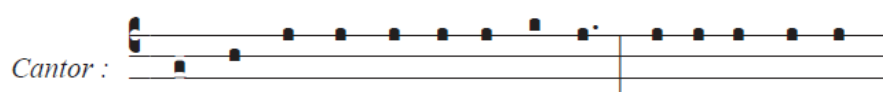
has sent a- way emp- ty.



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 :*

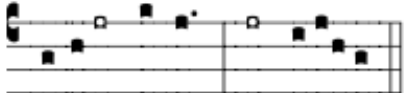
10. Glo- ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, \* and to the

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.*



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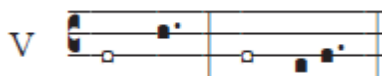


*The office of Vespers concludes with the sung Intercessions, Concluding Prayer, and Final Blessing and Dismissal found on the final page. Please note the tone for the Intercessions, introduced by the celebrant, intoned by the cantor, and responded to by the assembly.*

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## INTERCESSIONS



**Celebrant:** Jesus Christ is the joy and happiness of all who look forward to his coming. Let us call upon him and **say:**

**All:** Come, Lord, and do not *de-lay*.

**Cantor:** In joy we wait for your **coming**,

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

**Cantor:** before time began, you shared life with the **Father**,

**All:** come now *and save us*.

**Cantor:** You created the world and all who **live in it**,

**All:** come to redeem the work of *your hands*.

**Cantor:** You did not hesitate to become man, subject to **death**,

**All:** come to free us from the power of **death**.

**Cantor:** You came to give us life to the **full**,

**All:** Come and give us your unend-*ing* **life**.

**Cantor:** You desire all people to live in love in your **kingdom**,

**All:** Come and bring together those who long to see you face *to face*.

**All:** **Our Father . . .**

## CONCLUDING PRAYER, FINAL BLESSING, AND DISMISSAL

✠. O God, Creator and Redeemer of human nature, who willed that your Word should take flesh in an ever-virgin womb, look with favor on our prayers, that your Only Begotten Son, having taken to himself our humanity, may be pleased to grant us a share in his divinity. Who lives and reigns...

✠. **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.**