

THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA



II VESPERS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT «LAETARE»

MARCH 14, 2021

Welcome: please note the symbols for cantor or celebrant (V) and assembly (R) and pray accordingly. The opening verse and Magnificat may be found on the insert. The psalmody of the office alternates, beginning with the cantor, then followed by assembly, etc. Antiphons are intoned by the cantor up to the asterisk, then all join. Tonight, in celebration of Laetare Sunday, the Cathedral Choir staff singers present Soriano's Magnificat Primi Toni I as part of Vespers.

OPENING VERSE

(see insert)

HYMN

Audi benigne Conditor

Hymn is sung in alternation between cantor (odds) and all (evens); all sing doxology (vs. 5).

1. O kind Cre a - tor, bow Thine ear
 2. Our hearts are o - pen, Lord to Thee:
 3. Our sins are man y, this we know;
 4. Give us the self - con - trol that springs
 5. We pray Thee, Ho - ly Trin - i - ty,

To mark the cry - to know the tear
 Thou know - est our in - fir mi - ty;
 Spare us good Lord, Thy mer cy show;
 From dis - ci - pline of out - ward things,
 One God, un - chang ing U - ni - ty,

Be - fore Thy throne of mer - cy spent
 Pour out on all who seek Thy face
 And for the hon - or of Thy Name
 That fast - ing in - ward se - cret - ly
 That we from this our ab - sti - nence

In this our ho - ly fast of Lent.
 A bun - dance of Thy par - d'ning grace.
 Our faint - ing souls to life re - claim.
 The soul - may pure - ly dwell with Thee.
 May reap - the fruit - of pen - i - tence. A - men.

PSALMODY

ANTIPHON I

Psalm 110:7

VIII

D E tor-rén te * in vi- a bi-bet, prop té- re- a exal- tá-bit caput.

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside, and therefore He shall lift up His head.

PSALM 110:1-5, 7
THE MESSIAH IS KING AND PRIEST

VIII G

The Lord's revelation to my Master: †

"Sit on my right: *
your foes I will put be-neath your feet."

The Lord will wield from Zion your sce-pter of power: *
rule in the midst of all your foes.

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 begin-ning, is now,*
and will be forev-er. A-men.

(repeat Antiphon)

ANTIPHON II

Psalm 112:5-6

I g

I U-cún dus ho mo * qui miserétur in Dómino, non commovébitur in æ-térnum.

Happy the man who shows mercy for the Lord's sake; he will stand firm for ever.

PSALM 112
THE HAPPINESS OF THE JUST MAN

I g

Happy the man who fears the Lord,*
who takes delight in all his com-mands.

His sons will be power-ful on earth; *
the children of the upright are blessed.

Riches and wealth are in his house; *
his justice stands firm for ever.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright: *
he is generous, merciful, and just. (Cont. facing page)

The good man takes pi-ty and **lends**, *
he conducts his affairs **with honor**.

The just man will **ne-ver waver**: *
he will be remembered **for ever**.

He has no fear of **evil news**; *
with a firm heart he trusts in **the Lord**.

With a steadfast heart he **will not fear**; *
he will see the downfall of **his foes**.

Open-handed, he gives to the poor; †
his justice stands **firm for ever**. *

His head will be raised **in glory**.

The wicked man sees and is angry †
grinds his teeth and **fades a-way**; *
the desire of the wicked leads to **doom**.

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 ev-er. **A-men.** (repeat Antiphon)

ANTIPHON III

1 Peter 2:21

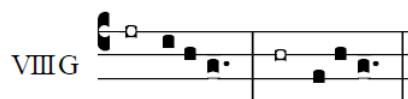


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CANTICLE

1 PETER 2:21-24

THE WILLING ACCEPTANCE OF HIS PASSION BY CHRIST, THE SERVANT OF GOD



Christ suffered for you, † and left you **an ex-ample**, *
to have you follow **in his footsteps**.

He did no **wrong**; *
No deceit was found **in his mouth**.

When he **was in-sulted**, *
he re-turned no **insult**.

When he was **made to suffer**, *
he did not coun-ter **with threats**."

Instead he delivered **him-self up** *
to the One who **judges justly**.

In **his own body** *
he brought your sins to the **cross**,

So that all of us, **dead to sin**, *
could live in accord **with God's will**.

[omit 1st half]
By his wounds you were **healed**.

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 ev-er. **A-men.** (repeat Antiphon)

READING

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-25

RESPONSORY

(following page)

I. Cantor; II. All

R. br.

Listen to us, O Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.

Y. Christ Je-sus hear our humble pe-titions, R. for we have sinned against you.

Y. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spirit. Listen to us,

O Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.

MAGNIFICAT *John 3:17*

(Antiphon below; please see insert for verses)

I d2

NON enim mi-sit De-us * Fí-li-um su- um in mun- dum ut iúdi-cet mun dum,

sed ut salvé- tur mun dus per ipsum.

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

INTERCESSIONS

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

Y.

Come, Lord, to vi- sit your family.

PATER NOSTER

Pater noster, qui es in cælis; sanctificétur nomen tuum; advéniat regnum tuum; fiat volúntas tua, sicut in cælo, et in terra. Panem nostrum cotidiánum da nobis hódie; et dimítte nobis débita nostra, sicut et nos dimíttimus debitóribus nostris; et ne nos indúcas in tentatióne; sed líbera nos a malo.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

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