

THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

VESPERS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN PREPARATION FOR ORDINATION



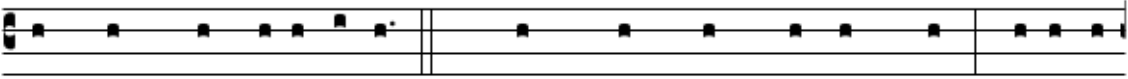
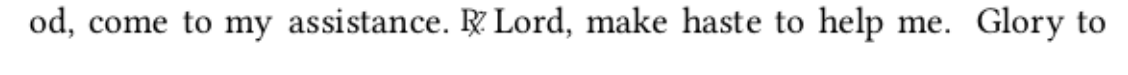
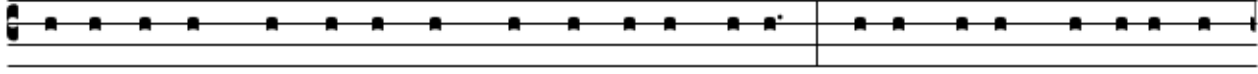
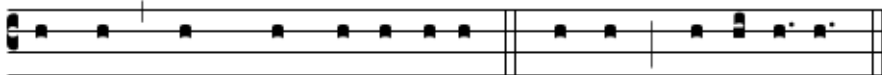
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THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

MAY 29, 2026 AT 5:30PM

Welcome: please note the symbols for cantor or celebrant (V̇) and assembly (Ṙ) and pray accordingly. 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.

OPENING VERSE

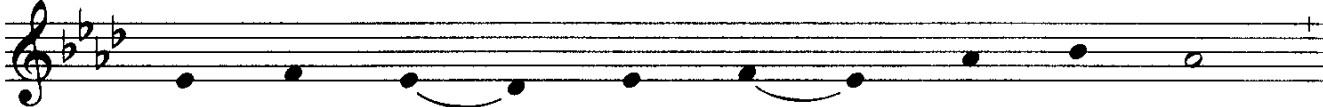
G  od, come to my assistance.  Lord, make haste to help me. Glory to  the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it: as it was in the beginning,  is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alle-lu-ia.



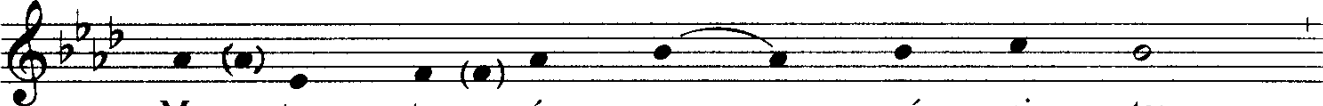
HYMN

Veni Creator Spiritus

Hymn is sung in alternation between schola (odds) and all (evens); all sing doxology (vs. 8).



1. Ve - ni	Cre - á - tor	Spí - ri - tus,
2. Qui dí - ce	- ris Pa - rá - cli - tus,	
3. Tu se - pti	- fór - mis mú - ne - re,	
4. Ac - cén - de	lu - men sén - si - bus,	
5. Hó - stem	re - pél - las lón - gi - us,	
6. Per te	sci - á - mus da Pa - trem,	
7. De - o	Pa - tri sit gló - ri - a,	



Men - tes	tu - ó - rum	ví - si - ta:
Al - tís - si - mi	dó - num	De - i,
Di - gi - tus	pa - tér - nae	déx - te - rae,
In - fun - de - a - mó - rem	cór - di - bus,	
Pa - cém - que	do - nes	pró - ti - nus:
No - scá - mus	at - que	Fí - li - um
Et Fí - li - o,	qui	a mór - tu - is

Im - ple - su - pér - na grá - ti - a
 Fons vi - vus, i - gnis, cá - ri - tas,
 Tu ri - te pro - mís - sum Pa - tris,
 In - fír - ma no - stri cór - po - ris
 Du - ctó - re sic te práe - vi - o,
 Te - que u - tri - ús - que Spí - ri - tum
 Sur - ré - xit, ac Pa - rá - cli - to,

Quae tu cre - á - sti pé - cto - ra.
 Et spi - ri - tá - lis ún - cti - o.
 Ser - mó - ne di - tans gút - tu - ra.
 Vir - tú - te fír - mans pér - pe - ti.
 Vi - té - mus om - ne nó - xi - um.
 Cre - dá - mus om - ni tém - po - re.
 In sae - cu - ló - rum sae - cu - la. A - men.

Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest, and in our souls take up Thy rest; come with Thy grace and heavenly aid to fill the hearts which Thou hast made. O comforter, to Thee we cry, O heavenly gift of God Most High, O fount of life and fire of love, and sweet anointing from above. Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts are known; Thou, finger of God's hand we own; Thou, promise of the Father, Thou Who dost the tongue with power imbue. Kindle our sense from above, and make our hearts o'erflow with love; with patience firm and virtue high the weakness of our flesh supply. Far from us drive the foe we dread, and grant us Thy peace instead; so shall we not, with Thee for guide, turn from the path of life aside. Oh, may Thy grace on us bestow the Father and the Son to know; and Thee, through endless times confessed, of both the eternal Spirit blest. Now to the Father and the Son, Who rose from death, be glory given, with Thou, O Holy Comforter, henceforth by all in earth and heaven. Amen.

PSALMODY

Antiphons are intoned by the cantor/schola to the asterisk, then all join. The entire antiphon is sung by all after each Psalm (or Canticle).

ANTIPHON I

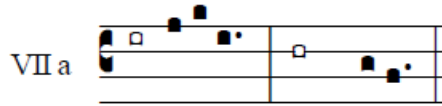
Acts 2:1

III
DUM comple-réntur * di- es Pentecóstes, e-rant omnes pá-ri-ter, di-céntes:

Alle- lú-ia.

On the day of Pentecost, they all gathered together in one place and said, Alleluia

PSALM 147:1-11



Praise the Lord for he is good; †
sing to our God for *he is loving*; *
to him our praise is **due**.

The Lord builds *up Je-rusalem* *
and brings back Is-rael's **exiles**,

he heals the *bro-ken-hearted*, *
he binds up all *their wounds*.

He fixes the number *of the stars*; *
he calls each one by *its name*.

Our Lord is great *and al-mighty*; *
his wisdom can never *be measured*.

The Lord rais-*es the lowly*; *
he humbles the wicked to *the dust*.

O sing to the Lord *giv-ing thanks*; *
sing psalms to our God with *the harp*.

He covers the heav-*ens with clouds*; *
he prepares the rain for *the earth*,

making mountains *sprout with grass* *
and with plants to serve *man's needs*.

He provides the beasts *with their food* *
and young ravens that call *u-pon him*.

His delight is *not in horses* *
nor his pleasure in *war-riors' strength*.

The Lord delights in those *who re-vere him*, *
in those who wait for *his love*.

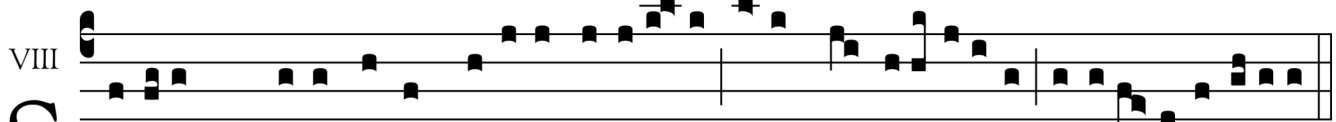
Glory to the Father, and *to the Son*, *
and to the Ho-ly **Spirit**.

As it was in the begin-*ning, is now*, *
and will be for ever. **A-men**.

(repeat Antiphon)

ANTIPHON III

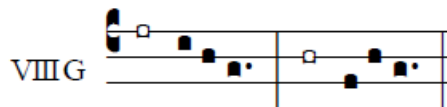
Revelation 7:12



S pí-ritus * qui a Patre procédit, allelú-ia, ille me clari-ficábit, allelú-ia allelúia.

The Spirit who comes from the Father will glorify me, alleluia.

REVELATION 15:3-4



Mighty and wonderful *are your works*, *
Lord God **Al-mighty**.

Righteous and true *are your ways*, *
O King *of the nations*!

Who would dare re-*fuse you honor*, *
or the glory due your *name*, O **Lord**?

Since you a-lone are holy, † all nations shall come and
worship *in your presence*. *

Your mighty deeds are *clear-ly seen*.

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)

If the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, then he who raised Christ from the dead will bring your mortal bodies to life also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

HOMILY

RESPONSORY

A short response to the reading follows—the antiphon intoned in its entirety by the cantor, then repeated by all. A versicle follows, which is “responded to” by the Alleluia. The Gloria Patri follows, then the entire antiphon is repeated.

The Holy Spirit is the Par- aclete, *℞*. Alle- lú-ia, al-le-lú- ia. *ψ*. He will teach you all things. *℞*. Alle- lú-ia, al-le-lú-ia. *ψ*. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi- rit. The Holy Spirit is the Par- aclete, *℞*. Alle- lú-ia, al-le-lú-ia.

MAGNIFICAT *Veni, Sancte Spiritus*

VIII

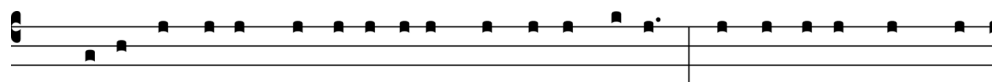
V E-ni Sancte Spí- ri-tus, * reple tu- ó-rum corda fi-dé- li- um, et tu- i amó- ris in e- is ignem ac- cénde : qui per di-versi-tá- tem linguá-rum cunctá- rum, gentes in u-ni- tá- tem fí-de- i congre-gásti, al-le-lu- ia al-le-lu- ia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of all believers and set them on fire with your love. Though they spoke many different languages, you united the nations in professing the same faith, Alleluia.

The Bishop intones "Magnificat" after which those present join in each of the odd verses, which schola sings even verses in parts.

viii
M agní-fi-cat * áni-ma me-a Dómi-num.

2. Et exultávit spiritus meus * in Deo salutári meo.

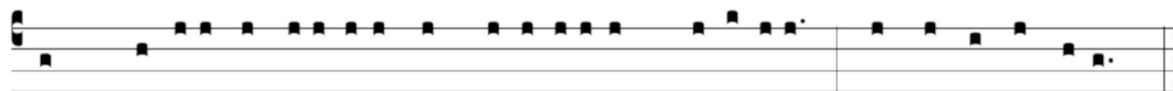


3. Qui- a respéxit humi-li-tátem ancíllæ su-æ: * ecce enim ex hoc



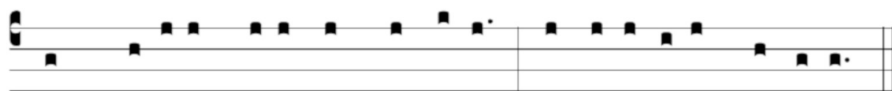
be-átam me dicent omnes genera-ti-ónes.

4. Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est: * et sanctum nomen ejus.



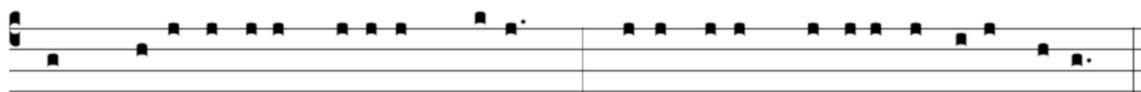
5. Et mi-seri-córdi-a ejus a progéni-e in progéni-es * ti-ménti-bus e-um.

6. Fecit poténtiam in bráchio suo: * dispérsit supérbos mente cordis sui.



7. Depósu-it poténtes de sede, * et exaltávit húmi-les. ;

8. Esuriéntes implévit bonis: * et divites dimisit inánes.



9. Suscépit Isra-ël pú-erum su-um, * recordátus mi-seri-córdi-æ su-æ.

10. Sicut locútus est ad patres nostros, * Abraham et sémini ejus in sǽcula.



II. Glóri-a Patri, et Fí-li-o, * et Spi-rí-tu-i Sancto.

12. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, * et in sǽcula sæculórum. Amen. (The antiphon is then repeated.)

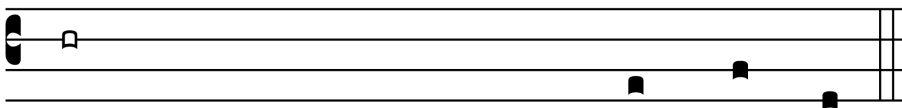
(translation on following page)

My soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid: for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. Because he that is mighty hath done great things to me: and holy is his name. And his mercy is from generation unto generations, to them that fear him. He hath shewed might in his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart. He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath received Israel his servant, being mindful of his mercy. As he spoke to our fathers: to Abraham and to his seed for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

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

Ps.



Send forth your Spirit and make the whole world new.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

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PRELUDE IN E-FLAT, BWV 552

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