

# BELMONT ABBEY



**THE OFFICE OF 1<sup>ST</sup> VESPERS  
FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE  
ASSUMPTION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

# ORDER FOR THE OFFICE OF VESPERS

## 1. Introduction

*On Solemnities*



i. V. O God, come to my aid. R. Lord, make haste to help me.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit,



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and e - ver shall be,



world with-out end. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia.

## 2. Psalmody - three Psalms and a NT Canticle with Antiphons

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Spirit.

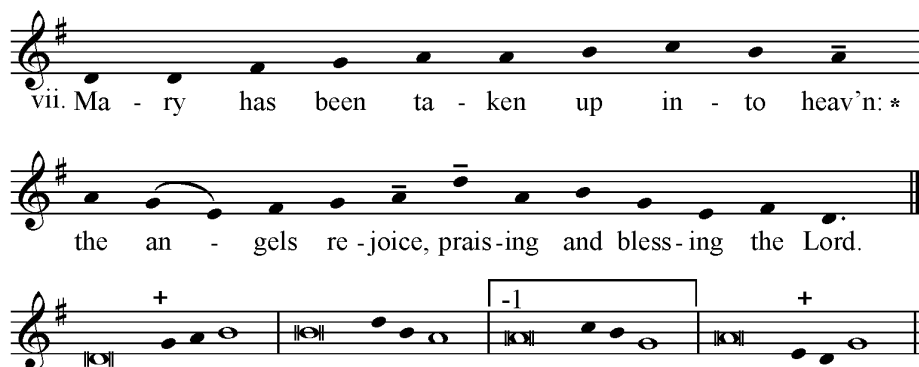
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen.

*Repeated after each Psalm and Canticle*

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

15 August



### *First Vespers: Psalm 109*

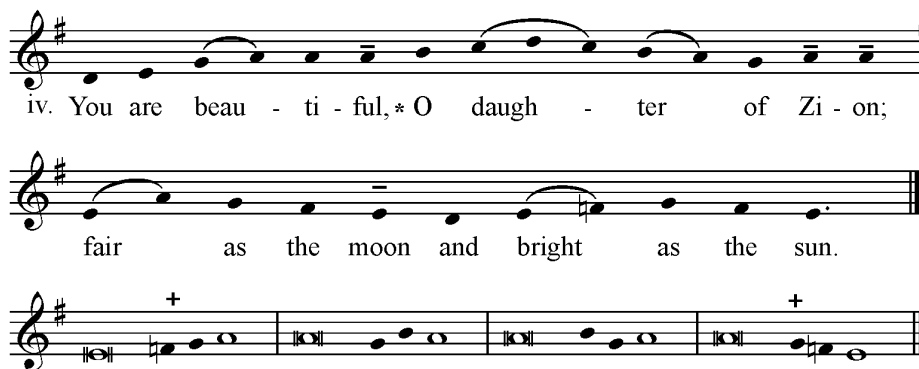
The Lord's revelation to my Master:  
'Sit on my right:  
your foes I will put beneath your feet.'

The Lord will wield from Zion  
your sceptre of power:  
rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth  
on the holy mountains;  
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.  
'You are a priest for ever,  
a priest like Melchizedek of old.'

The Master standing at your right hand  
will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.



### *First Vespers: Psalm 112*

Alleluia!

Praise, O servants of the Lord,

praise the name of the Lord!

May the name of the Lord be blessed

both now and for evermore!

From the rising of the sun to its setting

praised be the name of the Lord!

High above all nations is the Lord,

above the heavens his glory.

Who is like the Lord, our God,

who has risen on high to his throne

yet stoops from the heights to look down,

to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,

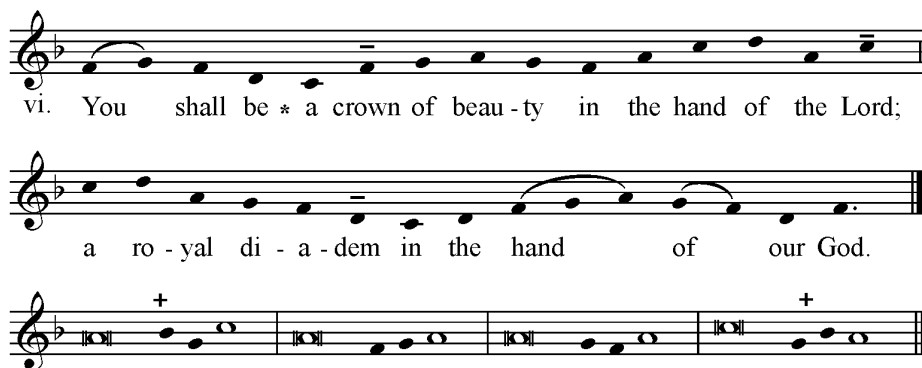
from the dunghill he raises the poor

to set him in the company of princes,

yes, with the princes of his people.

To the childless wife he gives a home

and gladdens her heart with children.



*First Vespers: Psalm 147*

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
Zion praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
he has blessed the children within you.  
He established peace on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command.  
He showers down snow white as wool,  
he scatters hoar-frost like ashes.

He hurls down hailstones like crumbs.  
The waters are frozen at his touch;  
he sends forth his word and it melts them:  
at the breath of his mouth the waters flow:

He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees.



*Canticle: From the Byzantine Office of the Mother of God*

The Angel who stands before God's throne  
 was sent down to greet the Mother of God;  
 and seeing you become incarnate, O Lord,  
 speechless he stood in fear, until he said:  
 'Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
 Hail Mary, lowly handmaid of the Lord.

Hail Mary, through you will joy shine forth.  
 Hail Mary, through you the curse will be lifted.  
 Hail Mary, hope of fallen Adam.  
 Hail Mary, by you Eve's tears are dried.  
 Hail Mary, height beyond the reach of human thought.  
 Hail Mary, depth which can never be fathomed.

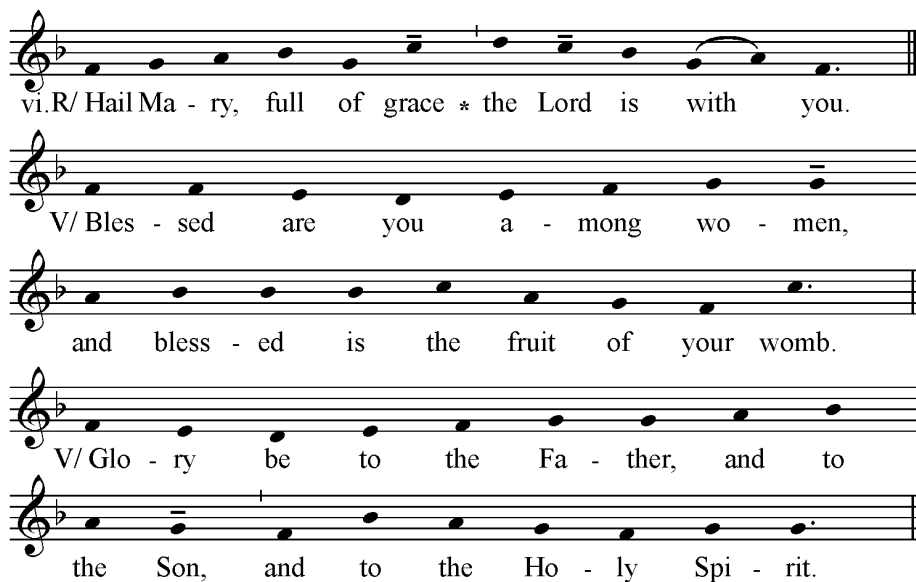
Hail Mary, you are the throne of the King.  
 Hail Mary, you bear the Saviour of the world.  
 Hail Mary, star proclaiming the dawn.  
 Hail Mary, womb in which God was made man.  
 Hail Mary, through you all creation is made new.  
 Hail Mary, both Virgin and Mother'.

Let every creature born of earth  
 exult in soul and shine forth in radiance.  
 Let the angels and saints of heaven  
 Sing the praises of the Mother of God,  
 And let the whole Church proclaim:  
 'Rejoice, O full of grace, the Lord is with you.'

### 3. Short Scripture Reading

followed by a short silence and the Brief Respond

#### BRIEF RESPOND



vi. R/ Hail Ma - ry, full of grace \* the Lord is with you.

V/ Bles - sed are you a - mong wo - men,

and bless - ed is the fruit of your womb.

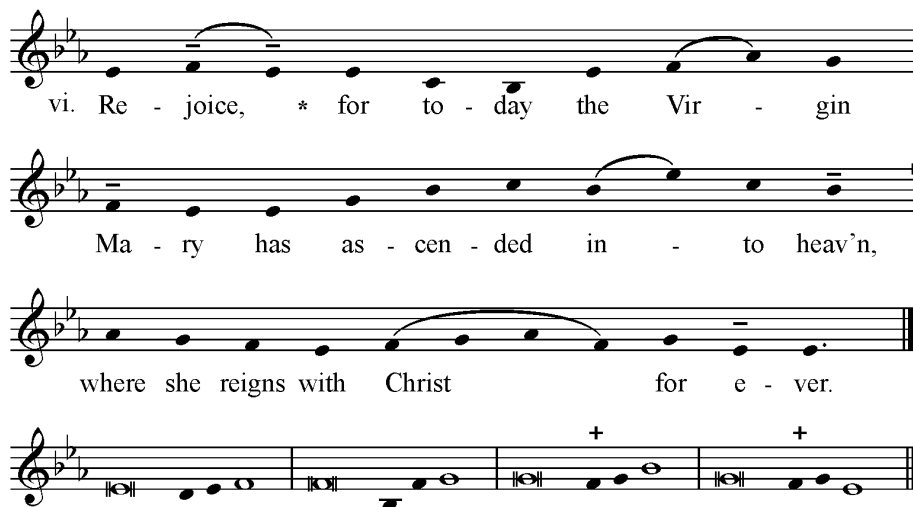
V/ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to

the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit.

### 4. Hymn

as appointed

### 5. Magnificat with Proper Antiphon



Luke 1:46-55

My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength  
and scatters the proud-hearted.  
He casts the mighty from their thrones  
and raises the lowly.  
He fills the hungry with good things  
sends the rich away empty.



He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy,  
the mercy promised to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his sons forever.

Antiphon

Glory Be

Antiphon

## 6. Intercessions with Kyrie Eleison



vi. R. Ký-ri - e e - lé - i - son.

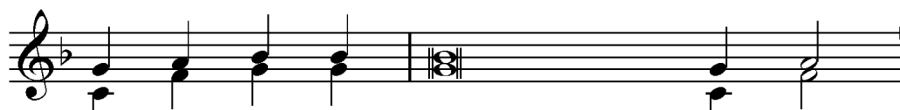
## 7. The Lord's Prayer



vi. Our Father, who art in hea - ven, hallowed be thy name.



Thy king - dom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it



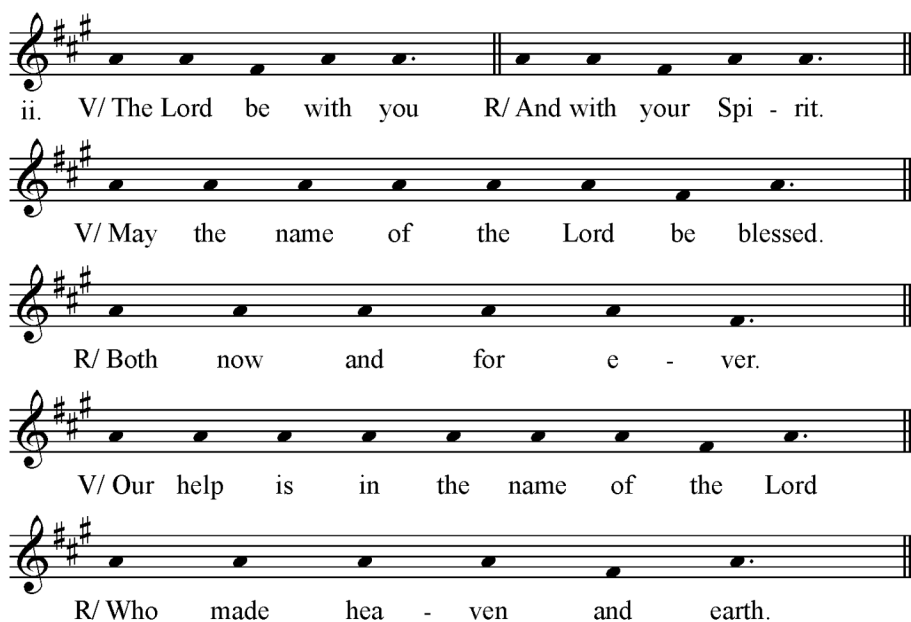
is in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread,




and for - give us our tres - pas - ses, as we forgive those  
 who tres - pass a - gainst us and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,  
 but deliver us from e - vil.

## 8. Collect


## 9. Pontifical Blessing



ii. V/ The Lord be with you R/ And with your Spi - rit.  
 V/ May the name of the Lord be blessed.  
 R/ Both now and for e - ver.  
 V/ Our help is in the name of the Lord  
 R/ Who made hea - ven and earth.



V/ May Al - migh - ty God bless you, the Fa - ther and



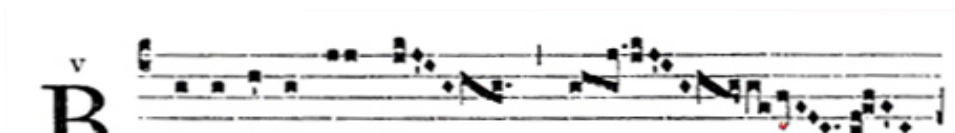
the Son and the Ho - ly Spi - rit. R/ A - men.




vi. R. Let us bless the Lord. V. Thanks be to God.



iv. R. Let us bless the Lord. V. Thanks be to God.



**v**  
**B** Ene-di-cámus Dó-



mi- no. R. De- o grá- ti- as.

## 10. Solemn Antiphon to Our Lady - Ave Regina Caelorum

following Procession to the Lady Chapel

Ant.  
VI

**A** - ve \* Re-gí-na cæ-ló- rum, A- ve Dómi-  
na Ange-ló- rum: Sal- ve ra-dix, salve porta, Ex qua  
mun-do lux est or- ta : Gaude Vir-go glo-ri- ó- sa, Super  
o-mnes spe-ci- ó- sa : Va- le o valde de-có-ra, Et  
pro no- bis Chri- stum \* exó- ra.