

BELMONT ABBEY



THE OFFICE OF 1st VESPERS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

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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,

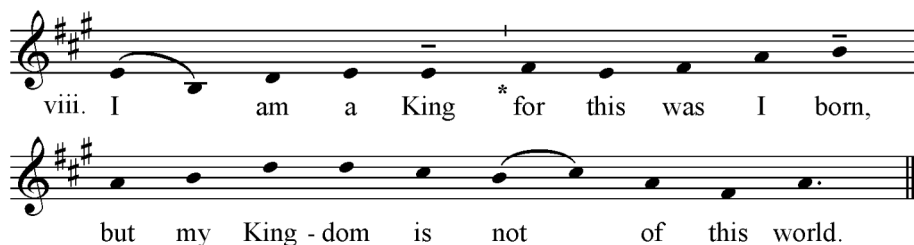
and to the Holy Spirit.

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

world without end. Amen.

Repeated after each Psalm and Canticle

CHRIST THE KING



First Vespers: Psalm 113a

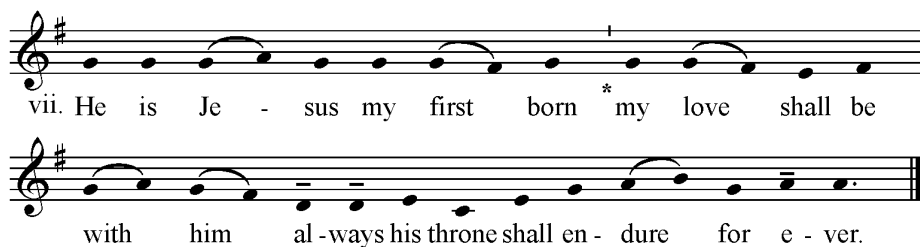


When Israel came forth from Egypt,
Jacob's sons from an alien people,
Judah became the Lord's temple,
Israel became his kingdom.

The sea fled at the sight:
the Jordan turned back on its course,
the mountains leapt like rams
and the hills like yearling sheep.

Why was it, sea, that you fled,
that you turned back, Jordan, on your course?
Mountains, that you leapt like rams,
hills, like yearling sheep?

Tremble, O earth, before the Lord,
in the presence of the God of Jacob,
who turns the rock into a pool
and flint into a spring of water.



First Vespers: Psalm 137



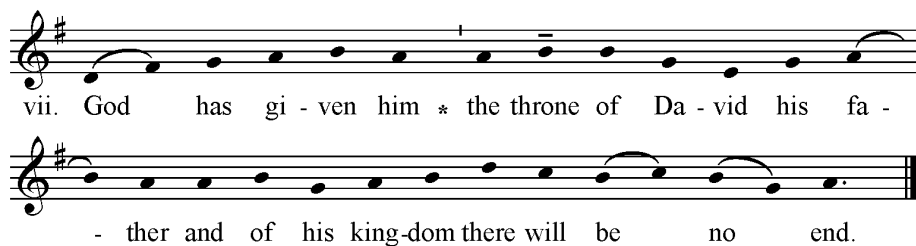
I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:
"How great is the glory of the Lord!"

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes.

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.



First Vespers: Psalm 135



O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love endures for ever.
Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his love endures for ever.
Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his love endures for ever;

who alone has wrought marvellous works,
for his love endures for ever;
whose wisdom it was made the skies,
for his love endures for ever;
who fixed the earth firmly on the seas,
for his love endures for ever.

It was he who made the great lights,
for his love endures for ever,
the sun to rule in the day,
for his love endures for ever,
the moon and stars in the night,
for his love endures for ever.

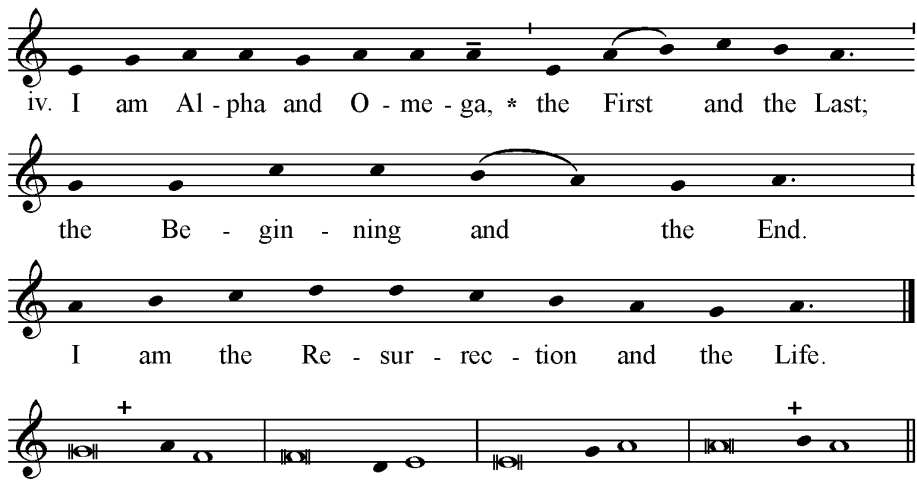
The first-born of the Egyptians he smote,
for his love endures for ever.
He brought Israel out from their midst,
for his love endures for ever;
arm outstretched, with power in his hand,
for his love endures for ever.

He divided the Red Sea in two,
for his love endures for ever;
he made Israel pass through the midst,
for his love endures for ever;
he flung Pharaoh and his force in the sea,
for his love endures for ever.

Through the desert his people he led,
for his love endures for ever.
Nations in their greatness he struck,
for his love endures for ever.
Kings in their splendour he slew,
for his love endures for ever.

He let Israel inherit their land,
for his love endures for ever.
On his servant their land he bestowed,
for his love endures for ever.
He remembered us in our distress,
for his love endures for ever.

And he snatched us away from our foes,
for his love endures for ever.
He gives food to all living things,
for his love endures for ever.
To the God of heaven give thanks,
for his love endures for ever.



*Canticle: Various sources - Our life and glory in Christ
(Eph 5:14,2; 2 Tim 2:11-13; 1 Tim 3:16, 6:15-16)*

Wake up from your sleep, †
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.
If we have died with him,
then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm,
then we shall reign with him
If we disown him,
then he will disown us

We may be unfaithful, †
but he is always faithful
for he cannot disown his own self.
He was made visible in the flesh,
attested by the Spirit,

was seen by angels
proclaimed to the pagans,
believed in by the world,
taken up in glory.

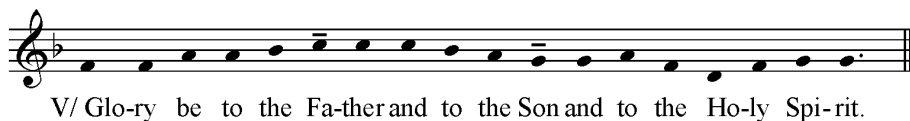
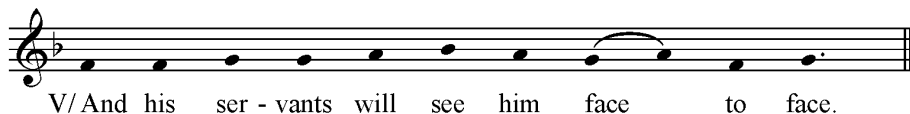
He at the due time will be revealed by God,
 the blessed and only Ruler of all,
 the King of kings,
 and Lord of lords,

who alone is immortal,
 whose home is in light inaccessible,
 whom no man has seen, †
 no man is able to see:
 to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

3. Short Scripture Reading

followed by a short silence and the Brief Respond

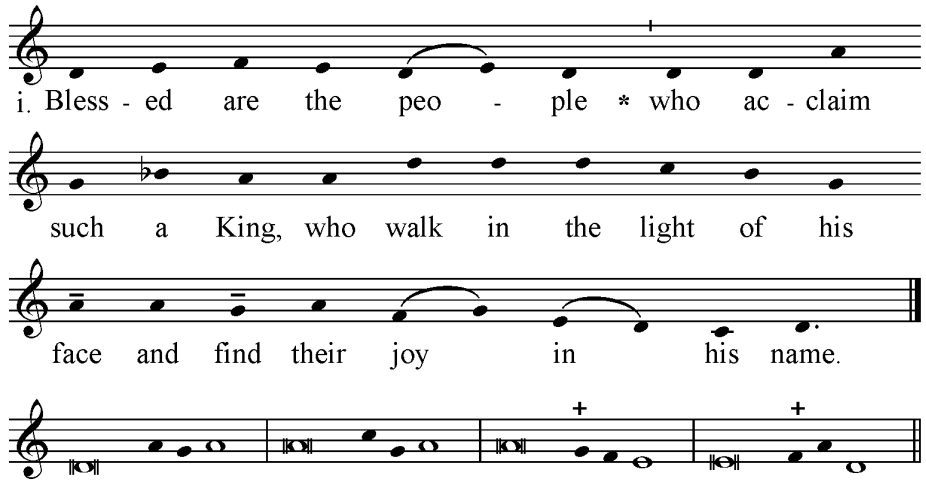
BRIEF RESPOND



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.

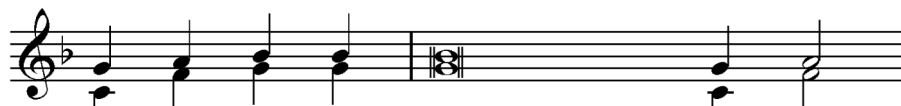
7. The Lord's Prayer



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



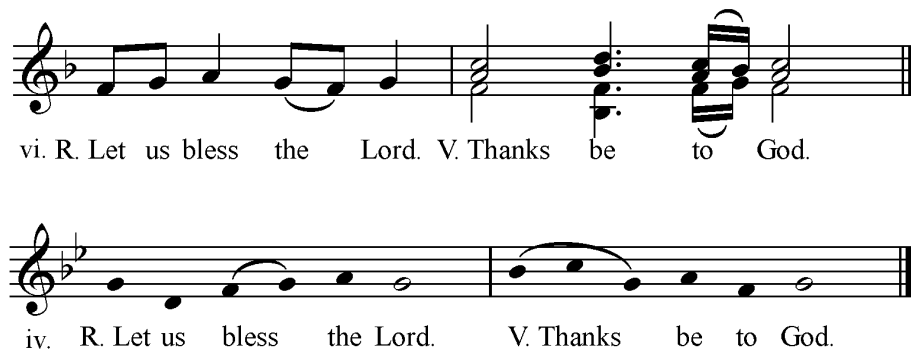
8. Collect

9. Blessing and Conclusion

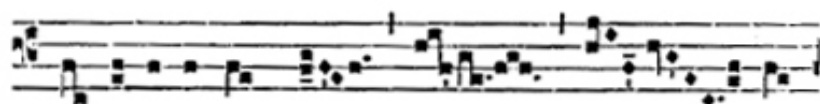
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

On Solemnities

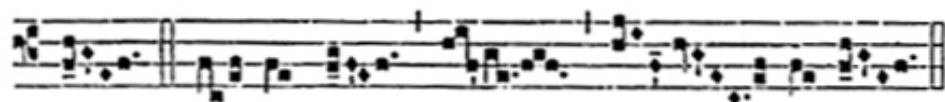


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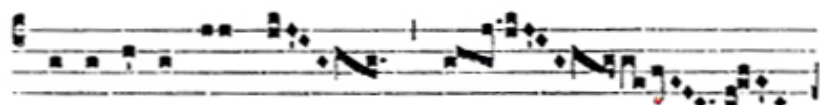
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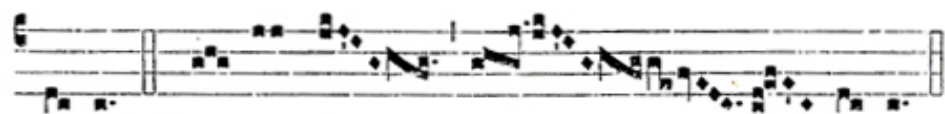
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E-ne-di-cá-mus Dó-



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ti- as.

10. Solemn Antiphon of Our Lady

following Procession to the Lady Chapel

Pentecost to Advent

Ant. 

Al- ve, * Re-gí- na, ma-ter mi-se-ri-córdi- æ :

Vi- ta, dulcé- do, et spes nostra, sal- ve. Ad te

clamá-mus, éxsu-les, fi-li-i He-væ. Ad te suspi-rá-

mus, geméntes et flentes in hac lacrimá-rum val-le.

E-ia ergo, Advo-cá- ta nostra, il-los tu- os mi-se-

ri-cór-des ó-cu-los ad nos convér-te. Et Je-sum, be-

ne-dí- ctum fructum ventris tu- i, no-bis post hoc exsí-

li- um osténde : O cle- mens : O pi- a : O

dulcis * Virgo Ma- ri- a.