

# BELMONT ABBEY



## THE OFFICE OF 1<sup>ST</sup> VESPERS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF STS PETER & PAUL

# 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*



I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

*No Gloria*

*Psalm 115*

I trusted even when I said:  
"I am sorely afflicted,"  
and when I said in my alarm:  
"No man can be trusted."

How can I repay the Lord  
for his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people.  
O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

ii. I have been cru - ci - fied with Christ; \* it is no  
 long - er I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

*First Vespers: Psalm 125*

When the Lord delivered Sion from bondage,  
 it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
 on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: “What marvels  
 the Lord worked for them!”

What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
 Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
 as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears  
 will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
 carrying seed for the sowing:  
 they come back, they come back, full of song,  
 carrying their sheaves.

vii. What we preach is not our-selves,\* but Je - sus Christ as Lord:

and we are your ser - vants for Je - sus' sake.

*First Vespers: Psalm 131*

O Lord, remember David  
 and all the many hardships he endured,  
 the oath he swore to the Lord,  
 his vow to the Strong One of Jacob.

"I will not enter the house where I live  
 nor go to the bed where I rest.  
 I will give no sleep to my eyes  
 to my eyelids I will give no slumber  
 till I find a place for the Lord,  
 a dwelling for the Strong One of Jacob."

At Ephrata we heard of the ark;  
 we found it in the plains of Yearim.  
 "Let us go to the place of his dwelling;  
 let us go to kneel at his footstool."

Go up, Lord, to the place of your rest,  
 you and the ark of your strength.  
 Your priests shall be clothed with holiness:  
 your faithful shall ring out their joy.  
 For the sake of David your servant  
 do not reject your anointed.

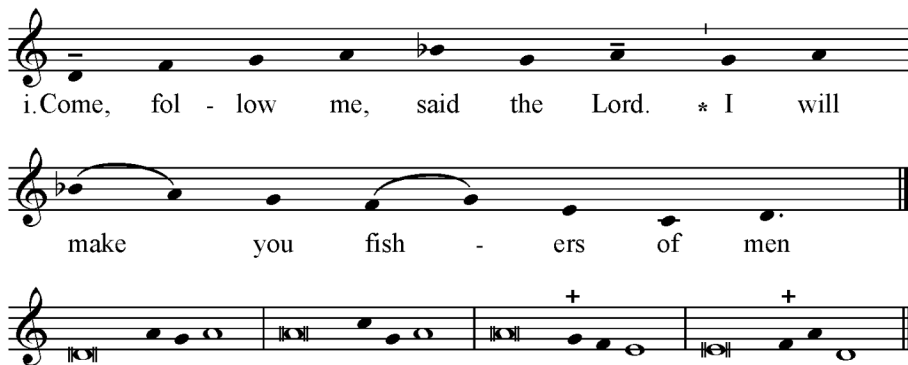
The Lord swore an oath to David;  
he will not go back on his word:  
"A son, the fruit of your body,  
will I set upon your throne.

If they keep my covenant in truth  
and my laws that I have taught them,  
their sons also shall rule  
on your throne from age to age."

For the Lord has chosen Zion;  
he has desired it for his dwelling:  
"This is my resting-place for ever,  
here have I chosen to live.

I will greatly bless her produce,  
I will fill her poor with bread.  
I will clothe her priests with salvation  
and her faithful shall ring out their joy.

There David's stock will flower:  
I will prepare a lamp for my anointed.  
I will cover his enemies with shame  
but on him my crown shall shine."



*Canticle: Rom 8: 31-35, 37-39*

If God is for us, who can be against us?  
 He who did not spare his own Son,  
 but gave him up for us all,  
 will he not with him give us everything he can give?

Who will bring any charge against God's elect?  
 It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?  
 It is Christ Jesus, who died and was raised from the dead,  
 who stands at God's right hand and intercedes for us.

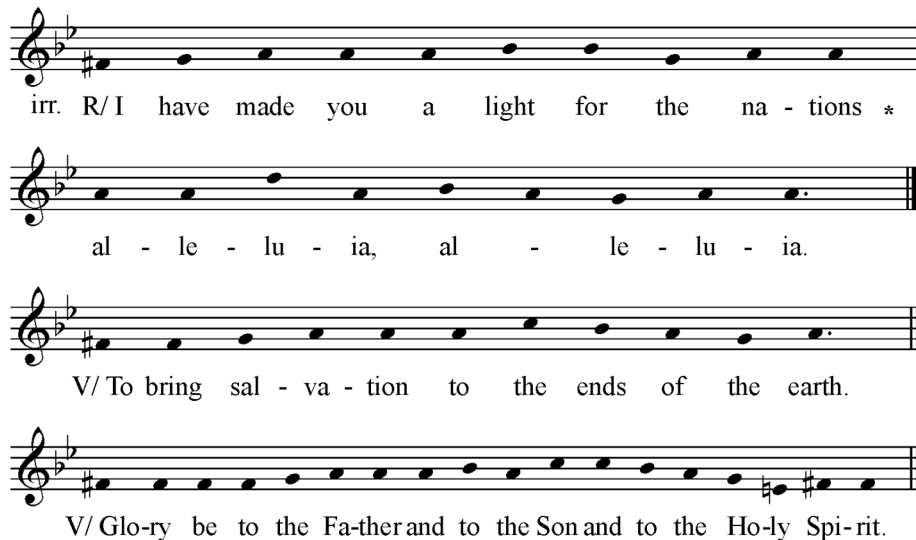
Who will separate us from the love of Christ?  
 Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, †  
     or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?  
 In all these things we are more than conquerors  
 by the power of him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,  
 nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,  
 nor powers, nor height, nor depth, †  
     nor anything else in all creation,  
 can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### 3. Short Scripture Reading

followed by a short silence and the Brief Respond

#### BRIEF RESPOND

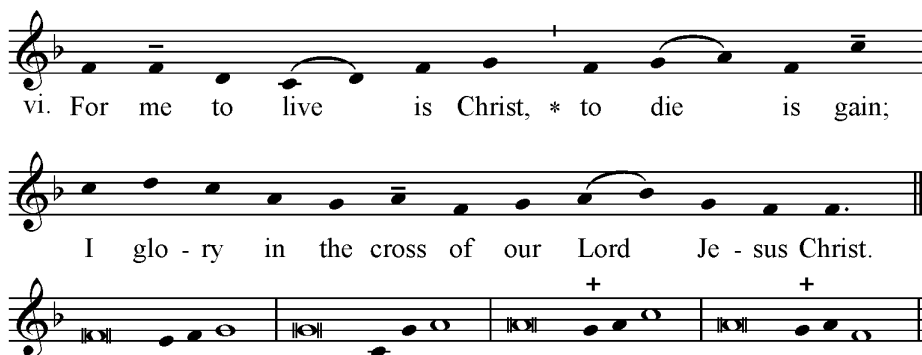


irr. R/I have made you a light for the na - tions \*  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
V/ To bring sal - va - tion to the ends of the earth.  
V/ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit.

### 4. Hymn

as appointed

### 5. Magnificat with Proper Antiphon



vi. For me to live is Christ, \* to die is gain;  
I glo - ry in the cross of our Lord Je - sus Christ.  
+ +

*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 heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it

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

and for - give us our tres - pas - ses, as we forgive those

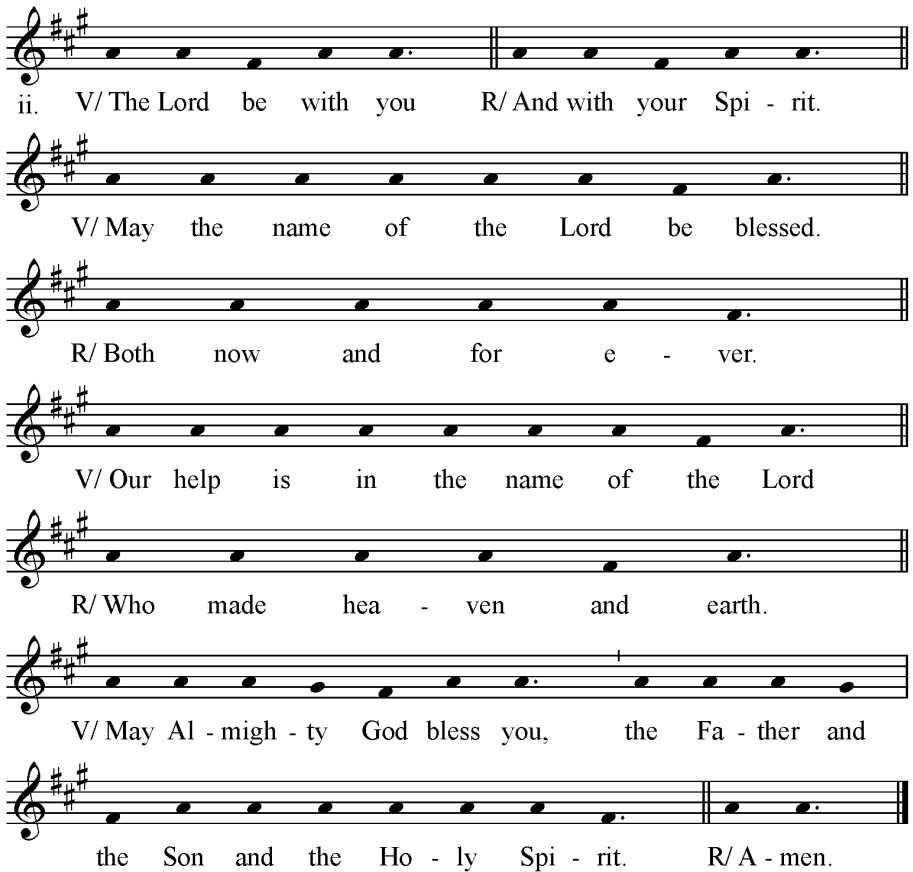
who tres - pass a - gainst us and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,

but deliver us from e - vil.

## 8. Collect

## 9. Blessing and Conclusion

### 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.

The musical notation consists of seven staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: Staff 1: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Staff 2: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Staff 3: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Staff 4: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Staff 5: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Staff 6: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Staff 7: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words split across lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

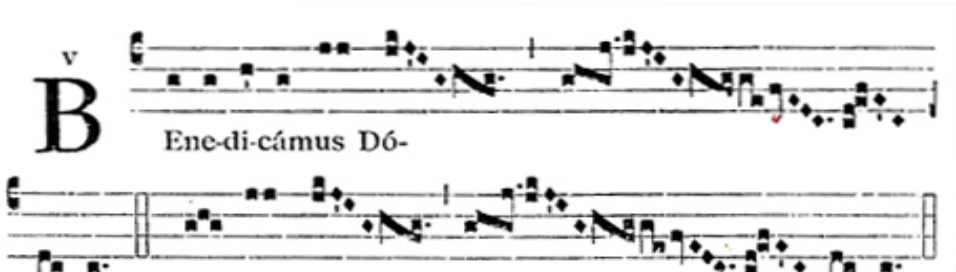
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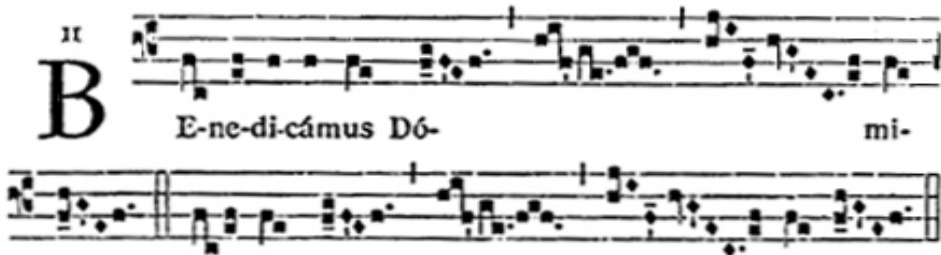
iv. R. Let us bless the Lord. V. Thanks be to God.



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



v  
**B** Ene-di-camus Dó-  
mi- no. R. De- o grá- ti- as.



ii  
**B** E-ne-di-camus Dó- mi-  
no. R. De- o grá- ti- as.

# 10. Solemn Antiphon to Our Lady

*Following procession to the Lady Chapel*

Ant.

Al-ve, \*Re-gi-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.