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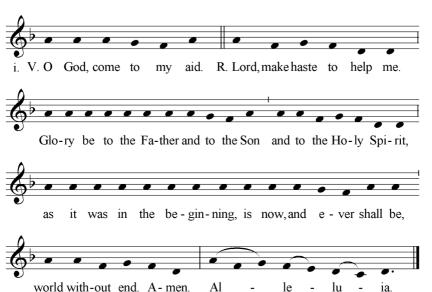


THE OFFICE OF 2ND VESPERS FOR MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

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1. Introduction

On Solemnities



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

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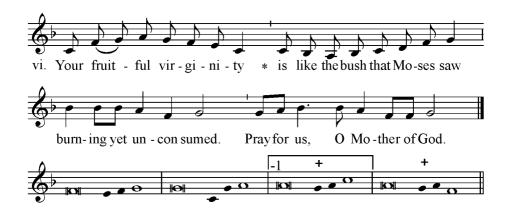
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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Repeated after each Psalm and Canticle



Psalm 121

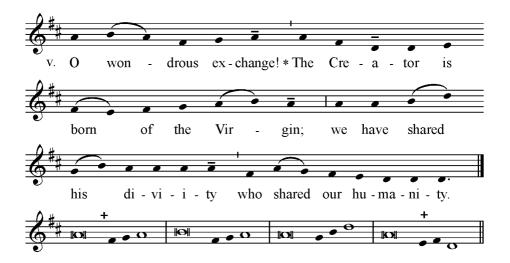
I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgment of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!'

For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you.'
For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good.



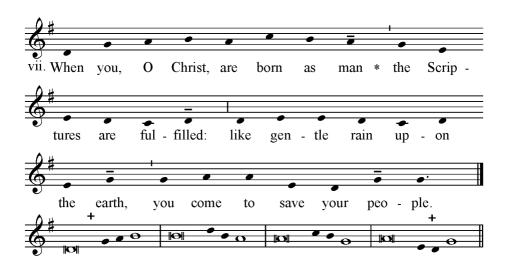
Psalm 126

If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do its builders labour; if the Lord does not watch over the city, in vain does the watchman keep vigil.

In vain is your earlier rising, your going later to rest, you who toil for the bread you eat: when he pours gifts on his beloved while they slumber.

Truly sons are a gift from the Lord, a blessing, the fruit of the womb. Indeed the sons of youth are like arrows in the hand of a warrior.

O the happiness of the man who has filled his quiver with these arrows! He will have no cause for shame when he disputes with his foes in the gateways.

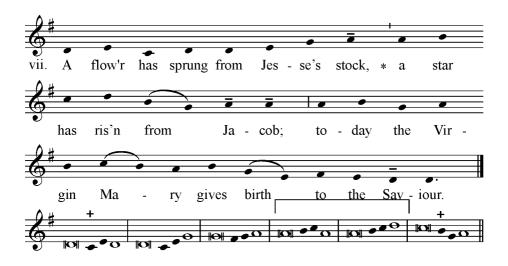


Psalm 130

O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me.

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul.

O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever.



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.

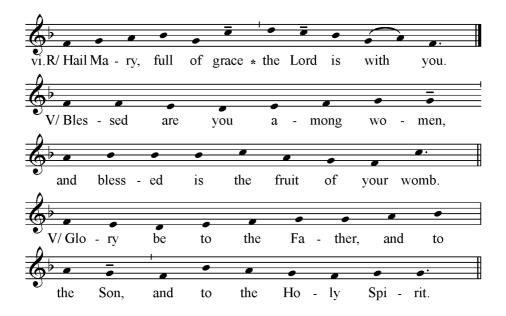
Hail Mary, both Virgin and Mother'.

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

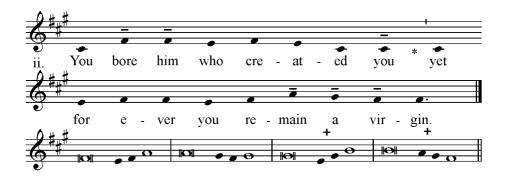
BRIEF RESPOND



4. Hymn

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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

Antiphion

6. Intercessions with Kyrie Eleison



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7. The Lord's Prayer



8. Collect

9. Blessing and Conclusion

The Lord be with you.

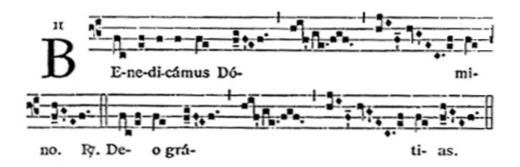
And with your spirit.

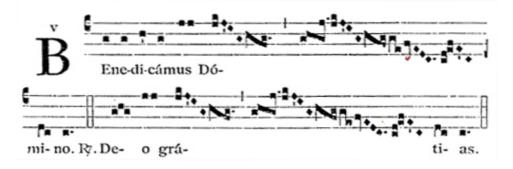
May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

On Solemnities









10. Solemn Antiphon to Our Lady

Advent to Presentation

