

BELMONT ABBEY



THE OFFICE OF VESPERS FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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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.

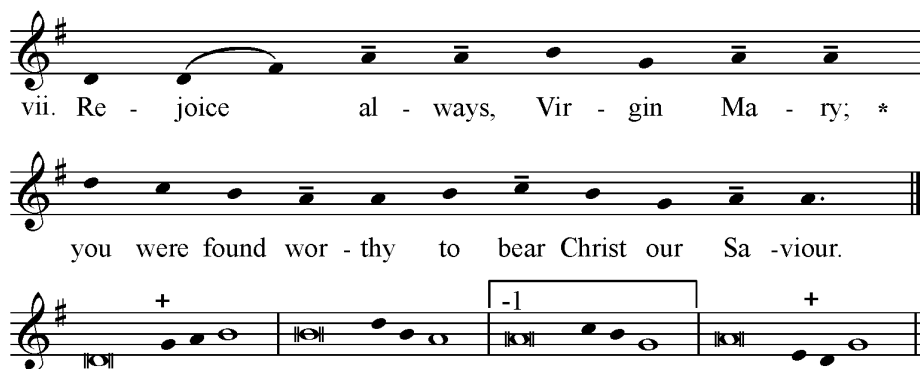
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen.

Repeated after each Psalm and Canticle

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8 December



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.

Second Vespers: Psalm 121

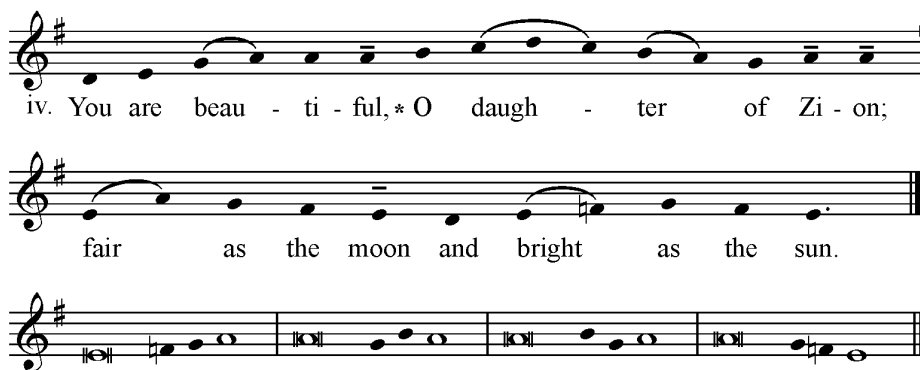
I rejoiced when I heard them say:
‘Let us go to God's house.’
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

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.



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 dungheap 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.

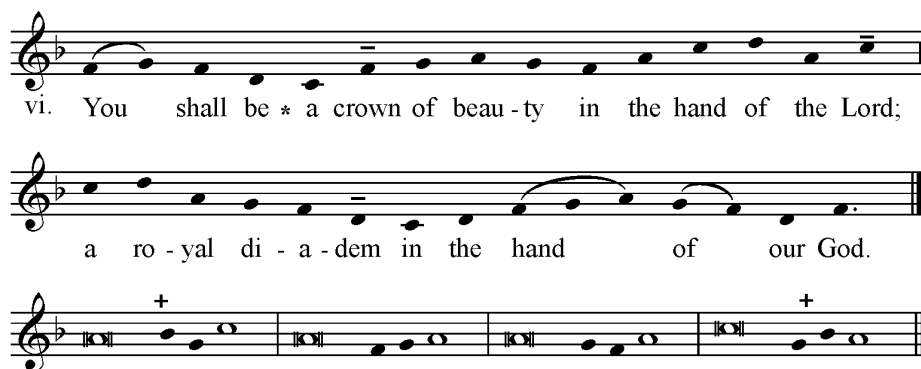
Second Vespers: Psalm 126

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.



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:

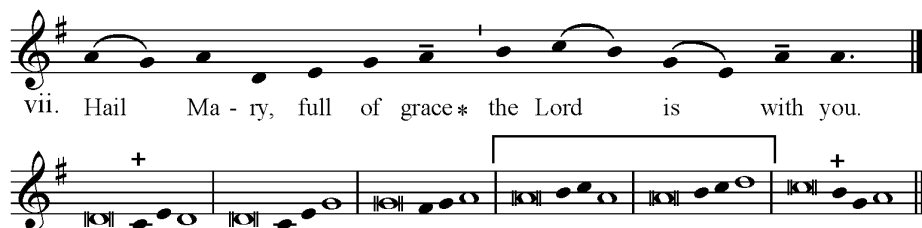
He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees.

Second Vespers: 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.

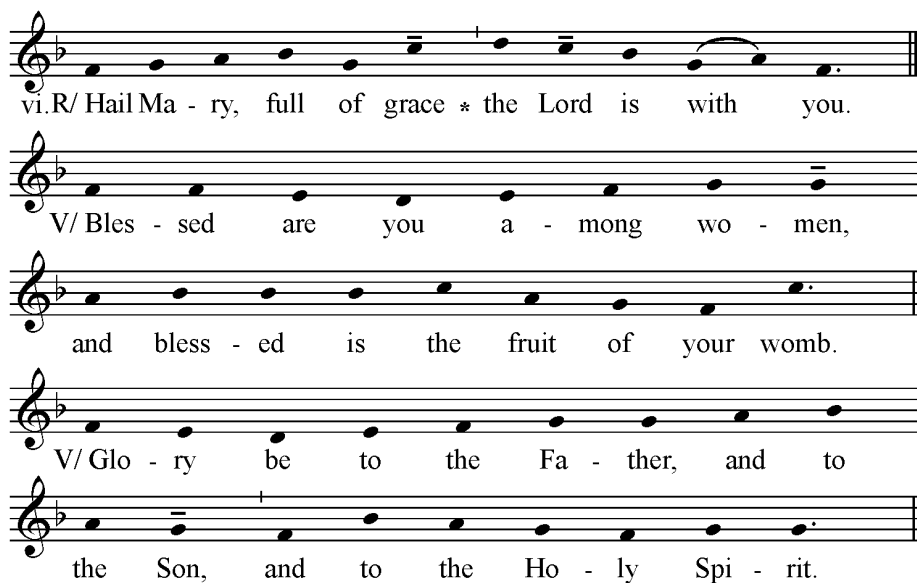
Hail Mary, you are the throne of the King.
Hail Mary, you bear the Saviour of the world.
Hail Mary, star proclaiming the dawn.
Hail Mary, womb in which God was made man.
Hail Mary, through you all creation is made new.
Hail Mary, both Virgin and Mother'.

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



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.

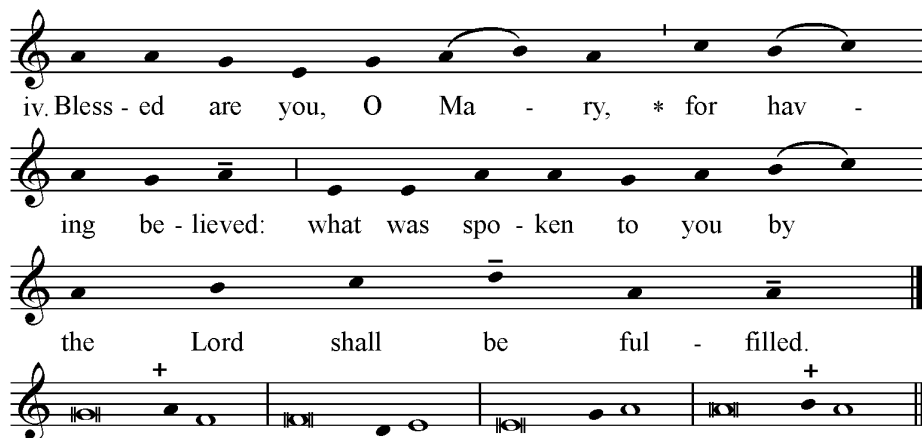
V/ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to

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. 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.

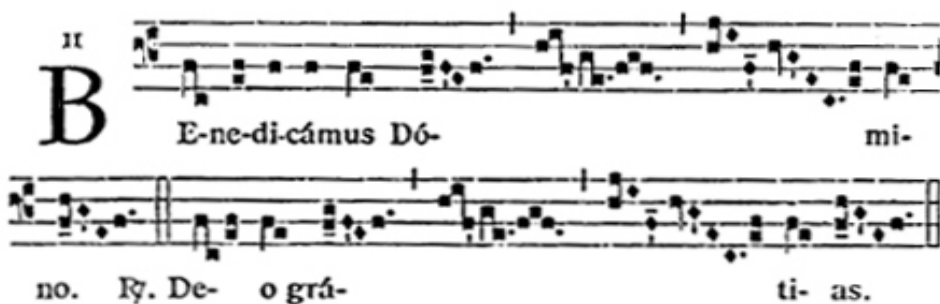
On Solemnities



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



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



B E-ne-di-cá-mus Dó-mi-
no. R. De-o grá-ti-as.

B ^v Ene-di-cámus Dó-
mi-no. R̃y. De- o grá- ti- as.

10. Solemn Antiphon to Our Lady

Advent to Presentation

A ^{Ant.} ^v L- ma * Redemptó-ris Ma- ter, quæ pér-
vi- a cæ-li Por-ta ma- nes, Et stel- la ma- ris, suc-
cúrre cadén- ti Súrge-re qui cu- rat pópu-lo : Tu quæ
genu- í- sti, Na- tú- ra mi- rán- te, tu- um sanctum Ge- ni- tó-
rem ; Vir- go pri- us ac posté- ri- us, Gabri- é- lis
ab o- re Sumens il-lud Ave, * pecca- tó- rum mi- se- ré- re.