

BELMONT ABBEY



THE OFFICE OF VESPERS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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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

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

27 May

vii. Lord, you gave me five ta - lents; *

be - hold, I have made five ta - lents more.

(Al - le - lu - ia.)

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First Vespers: Psalm 114

Alleluia!

I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him.

They surrounded me, the snares of death, †
with the anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me!

How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me.

Turn back, my soul, to your rest
for the Lord has been good;
he has kept my soul from death, †
[my eyes from tears]
and my feet from stumbling.

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.

Second Vespers: Psalm 111

Alleluia!

Happy the man who fears the Lord,
who takes delight in all his commands.
His sons will be powerful on earth;
the children of the upright are blessed.

Riches and wealth are in his house;
his justice stands firm for ever.
He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour.
The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.
With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
he will see the downfall of his foes.

Open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory.

The wicked man sees and is angry,
grinds his teeth and fades away;
the desire of the wicked leads to doom.

iv. Good and faith - ful ser - - vant, *

en - ter in - to the joy of your Lord.

The musical score consists of three staves. The first two staves are treble clefs with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, with a fermata over the word 'ser'. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of text. The third staff is a basso continuo line, starting with a double bar line and a repeat sign, followed by a series of notes and rests, with two plus signs (+) above the staff.

First Vespers: Psalm 22

The Lord is my shepherd;
 there is nothing I shall want.
 Fresh and green are the pastures
 where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,
 to revive my drooping spirit.
 He guides me along the right path;
 he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness
 no evil would I fear.
 You are there with your crook and your staff;
 with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
 in the sight of my foes.
 My head you have anointed with oil;
 my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
 all the days of my life.
 In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
 for ever and ever.

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.

viii. He who fol - lows me * will not walk in dark - ness,
but will have the light of life.

The musical score consists of three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "viii. He who fol - lows me * will not walk in dark - ness,". The second staff continues the vocal line with lyrics: "but will have the light of life." The third staff is a piano accompaniment with a treble clef, featuring a series of chords and a melodic line. There are some markings above the piano staff, including a plus sign (+) and a box containing "-1".

First Vespers: Psalm 65

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: "How tremendous your deeds!

Because of the greatness of your strength
your enemies cringe before you.
Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!"

Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men.
He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might.
His eyes keep watch over the nations:
let rebels not rise against him.

O peoples, bless our God,
let the voice of his praise resound,
of the God who gave life to our souls
and kept our feet from stumbling.

For you, O God, have tested us,
you have tried us as silver is tried:
you led us, God, into the snare;
you laid a heavy burden on our backs.

You let men ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water
but then you brought us relief.

Burnt offering I bring to your house;
to you I will pay my vows,
the vows which my lips have uttered,
which my mouth spoke in my distress.

I will offer burnt offering of fatlings
with the smoke of burning rams.
I will offer bullocks and goats.

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
to him I cried aloud,
with high praise ready on my tongue.

If there had been evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened;
But truly God has listened;
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me.

Second Vespers: Psalm 97

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right and hand his holy arm
have brought salvation.

The Lord has made know his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord.

Let the sea and all within it, thunder,
the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy

at the presence of the Lord: for he comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with fairness.

The musical score consists of three staves. The first two staves are vocal lines in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a vocal line starting on G4, moving up stepwise to D5, then down to G4. The second staff continues the melody, ending with a fermata over the final note. The lyrics are: "v. Bles - sed be God *who chose us to be ho - ly and spot - less and to live in love." The third staff is a piano accompaniment in G major, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It features a simple harmonic accompaniment with quarter and eighth notes, and includes two plus signs (+) above the staff, likely indicating where to add chords or accompaniment.

Canticle: Matthew 5:3-12

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven;
and blessed are the gentle,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted;
and blessed are the merciful,
for they shall have mercy shown them.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God;
and blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called the sons of God.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right,
for they shall have their fill;
and blessed are those who are persecuted for the cause of right,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people accuse you and persecute you,
and speak all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake.
Rejoice and be glad,
for great is your reward in heaven.

3. Short Scripture Reading

followed by a short silence and the Brief Respond

BRIEF RESPOND



vi. R/The just will re - joice * in the pre - sence of God.



V/They shall ex - ult and dance for joy.



V/Praise the Fa - ther, the Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

4. Hymn

as appointed

5. Magnificat with Proper Antiphon



i. This is a wise and faith - ful ser - vant * whom the mas -



-ter placed in charge of his house - hold.



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.

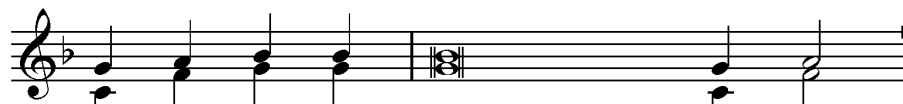
7. The Lord's Prayer



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.

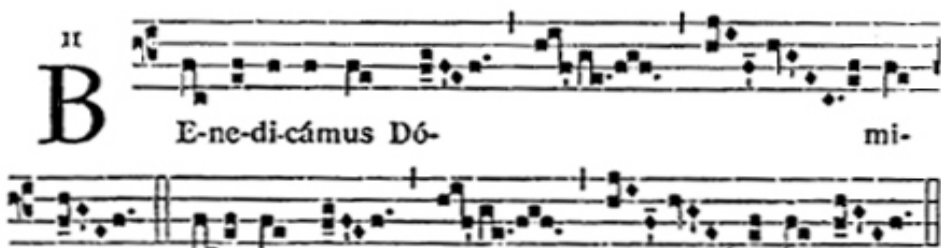
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vi. R. Let us bless the Lord. V. Thanks be to God.



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.

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B Ene-di-cámus Dó-
 mi-no. ř. De- o grá- ti- as.

10. Solemn Antiphon to Our Lady

Easter to Pentecost

Ant.
 VI
R Egí-na cæ-li * læ- tá- re, al-le-
 lú- ia : Qui- a quem me- ru- řsti por-
 tá- re, alle- lú- ia : Re- surré- xit, sic- ut di- xit, alle-
 lú- ia : O- ra pro no- bis De- um, alle-
 * lú- ia.

Pentecost to Advent

Ant.



S 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.