

BELMONT ABBEY



OFFICE OF VESPERS FESTAL PSALMS ST BEDE THE VENERABLE

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1. Introduction

viii. V. O God, come to my aid. Lord, make haste
to help me. Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit, as it was in the beginning, 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

DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

with Festal Psalms

v. Guide me in the path of your com - mands: *
for there is my de - light. (Al - le - lu - ia.)

Psalm 110

Alleluia!

I will thank the Lord with all my heart
in the meeting of the just and their assembly.
Great are the works of the Lord;
to be pondered by all who love them.

Majestic and glorious his work,
his justice stands firm for ever.
He makes us remember his wonders.
The Lord is compassion and love.

He gives food to those who fear him;
keeps his covenant ever in mind.
He has shown his might to his people
by giving them the lands of the nations.

His works are justice and truth:
his precepts are all of them sure,
standing firm for ever and ever:
they are made in uprightness and truth.

He has sent deliverance to his people
and established his covenant for ever.
Holy his name, to be feared.

To fear the Lord is the first stage of wisdom;
all who do so prove themselves wise.
His praise shall last for ever!

viii. The just one's mouth ut-ters wis-dom: * the law of
God is in his heart. (Al-le-lu-ia.)
(her)

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.

vii. God is the praise of all his saints *
of the people to whom He comes close.
(Al + le - lu - ia.) +

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.



viii. The Lord has made known * the my-stery of his pur - pose,



the hid-den plan made in Christ from the be - gin - ning.



(Al - le - lu - ia.)



Canticle: Eph1:3-14 – God’s plan of Salvation

Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ
Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ,
to be holy and spotless and to live through love in his presence,

determining that we should become his adopted sons,
through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes,
to make us praise the glory of his grace,
his free gift to us in the Beloved,

in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom,
the forgiveness of our sins.
Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us
in all wisdom and insight.

He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, †
the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning
to act upon when the times had run their course to the end:
that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head,
everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own,
chosen from the beginning,
under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things
as he decides by his own will;

chosen to be for his greater glory,
the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came.
Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth †
and the good news of your salvation,
and have believed it;

and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise,
the pledge of our inheritance
which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own,
to make his glory praised.

3. Short Scripture Reading

followed by a short silence and the Brief Respond

BRIEF RESPOND



V/ Let the hearts * that seek the Lord re - jice.



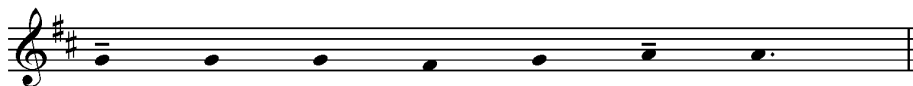
(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)



V/ Con - stant - ly seek his face.



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

MAGNIFICAT

May 25th St Bede the Venerable

i. When the night of this world is past, * Christ, the Mor-ning Star,
gives to his saints the pro-mise of the light of life.
(Al - le - lu - ia.)

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.



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

10. Antiphon of Our Lady

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SIMPLE ANTIPHONS TO OUR LADY

Advent to Presentation

v

A L-ma * Red-emptó-ris Ma-ter, quæ pérvia cæ-li Por-
ta manes, et stella ma-ris, succúrre cadénti, Súrge-re qui
cu-rat, pópu-lo : Tu quæ genu-ísti, Na-tú-ra mi-ránte, tu-um
sanctum Ge-ni-tó-rem, Virgo pri-us ac posté-ri-us, Gabri-é-
lis ab o-re Sumens il-lud Ave, pecca-tó-rum mi-se-ré-re.

February 3rd to Maundy Thursday

VI

A

-ve Re-gi-na cæ-ló-rum,* Ave Dó-mi-na Ange-ló-rum

Salve ra-dix, salve porta, Ex qua mundo lux est orta :

Gaude Virgo glo-ri- ó-sa, Su-per omnes spe-ci- ó-sa : Va-le

o valde de-có-ra, Et pro no-bis Christum exó-ra.

Easter to Pentecost

VI

R

Egí-na cæ-li * læ-tá-re, alle-lú-ia : Qui-a quem me-

ru- í-sti portá-re, alle-lú-ia : Re-surréxít, sic-ut di-xít, al-

le-lú-ia : O-ra pro no-bis De-um, alle-lú-ia.

Pentecost to Advent

v
S Alve Re-gí-na, * ma-ter mi-se-ri-córdi-æ, Vi-ta, dul-
cé-do, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamá-mus, éxsu-
les, fí-li-i Hevæ. Ad te suspi-rá-mus, geméntes et flentes
in hac lacrimárum valle. E-ia ergo, Advo-cá-ta nostra,
il-los tu-os mi-se-ri-córdes ó-cu-los ad nos convér-te. Et
Je-sum, be-ne-díctum fructum ventris tu-i, no-bis post hoc ex-
sí-li-um osténde. O cle-mens, O pi-a, O
dulcis * Virgo Ma-rí-a.



ENGLISH ANTIPHONS TO OUR LADY

Advent to Presentation



Mo - ther of Christ! hear thou thy peo-ple's cry,



star of the deep and por - tal of the sky!



Mo - ther of him who thee from noth - ing made,



sink - ing we strive and call to thee for aid.

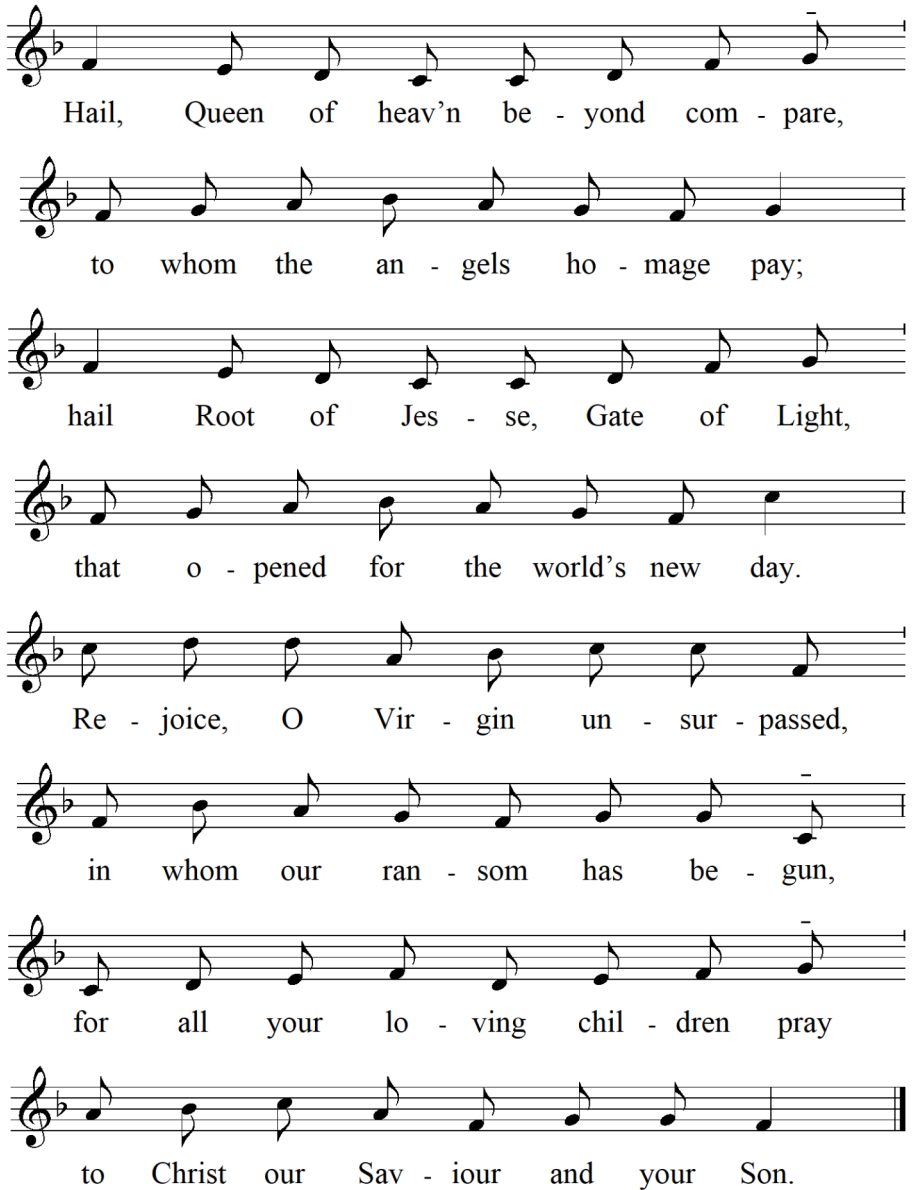


Oh, by the joy which Ga-briel brought to thee, thou



vir - gin first and last, thy mer - cy let us see.

February 3rd to Maundy Thursday



Hail, Queen of heav'n be - yond com - pare,
to whom the an - gels ho - mage pay;
hail Root of Jes - se, Gate of Light,
that o - pened for the world's new day.
Re - joice, O Vir - gin un - sur - passed,
in whom our ran - som has be - gun,
for all your lo - ving chil - dren pray
to Christ our Sav - iour and your Son.

Pentecost to Advent

Hail, Ho - ly Queen, Mo - ther of mer - cy!

Hail, our life, our sweet - ness and our hope!

To thee do we cry, poor ba - nished chil - dren of Eve;

to thee do we send up our sighs,
mourn - ing and weep - ing in this vale of tears.

Turn then, most gra - cious Ad - vo - cate,
thine eyes of mer - cy to - wards us;

and af - ter this our ex - ile show un - to
us the bless - ed fruit of thy womb, Je - sus.

O cle - ment, O lov - ing,
O sweet Vir - gin Ma - ry.