

BELMONT ABBEY



THE OFFICE OF VESPERS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

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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.

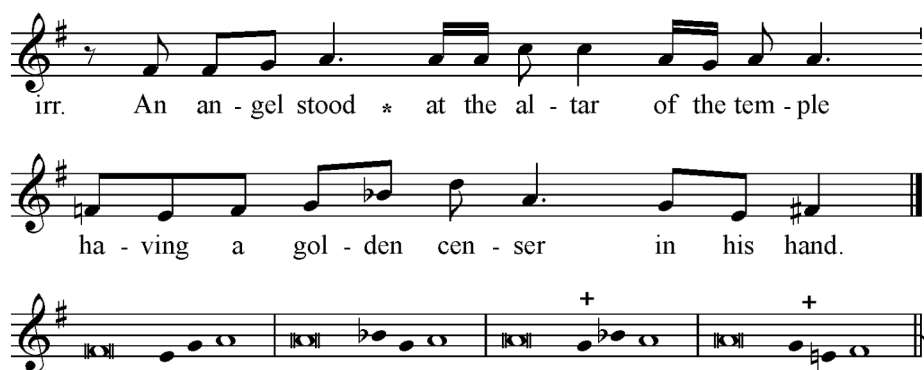
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen.

Repeated after each Psalm and Canticle

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

29 September



First & Second Vespers: Psalm 83

How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God.

The sparrow herself finds a home
and the swallow a nest for her brood;
she lays her young by your altars,
Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.
They are happy, whose strength is in you,
in whose hearts are the roads to Zion.

As they go through the Bitter Valley †
they make it a place of springs
[the autumn rain covers it with blessings].
They walk with ever growing strength,
they will see the God of gods in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer,
give ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
look on the face of your anointed.

One day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.
The threshold of the house of God
I prefer to the dwellings of the wicked.

For the Lord God is a rampart, a shield;
he will give us his favour and glory.
The Lord will not refuse any good
to those who walk without blame.

Lord, God of hosts,
happy the man who trusts in you!



First & Second Vespers: 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.



First Vespers: Psalm 33

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Come, children and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?

Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal.

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

Second Vespers: Psalm 47

The Lord is great and worthy to be praised
in the city of our God.
His holy mountain rises in beauty,
the joy of all the earth.

Mount Zion, true pole of the earth,
the Great King's city!
God, in the midst of its citadels,
has shown himself its stronghold.

For the kings assembled together,
together they advanced.
They saw; at once they were astounded;
dismayed, they fled in fear.

A trembling seized them there,
like the pangs of birth.
By the east wind you have destroyed
the ships of Tarshish.

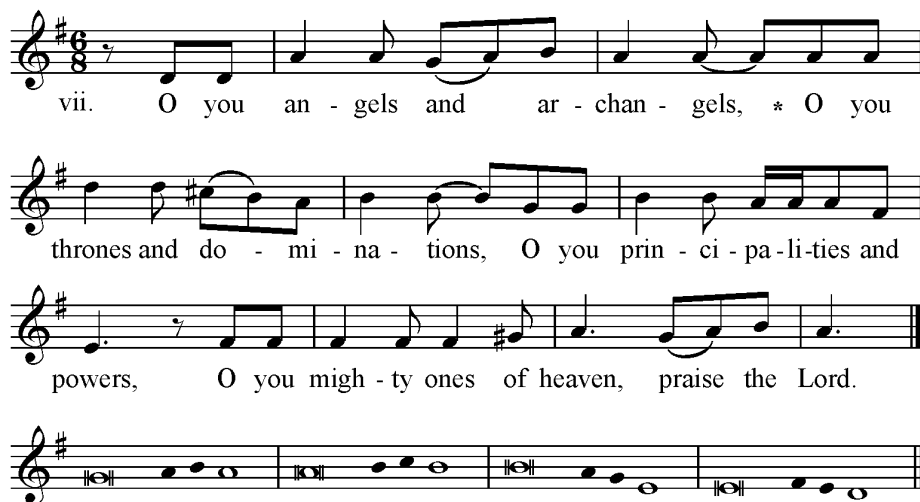
As we have heard, so we have seen
in the city of our God,
in the city of the Lord of hosts
which God upholds for ever.

O God, we ponder your love
within your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name
reaches the ends of the earth.

With justice your right hand is filled.
Mount Zion rejoices;
the people of Judah rejoice
at the sight of your judgments.

Walk through Zion, walk all round it;
count the number of its towers.
Review all its ramparts,
examine its castles,

that you may tell the next generation
 that such is our God,
 our God for ever and always.
 It is he who leads us.



Canticle: Various sources - Our life and glory in Christ
(Eph 5:14,2; 2 Tim 2:11-13; 1 Tim 3:16, 6:15-16)

Wake up from your sleep, †
 rise from the dead,
 and Christ will shine on you.
 If we have died with him,
 then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm,
 then we shall reign with him
 If we disown him,
 then he will disown us

We may be unfaithful, †
but he is always faithful
for he cannot disown his own self.
He was made visible in the flesh,
attested by the Spirit,

was seen by angels
proclaimed to the pagans,
believed in by the world,
taken up in glory.

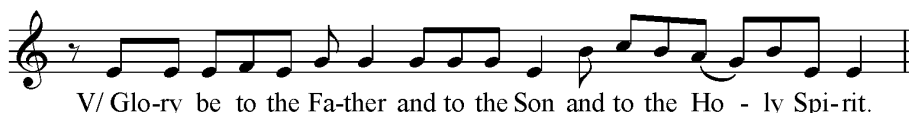
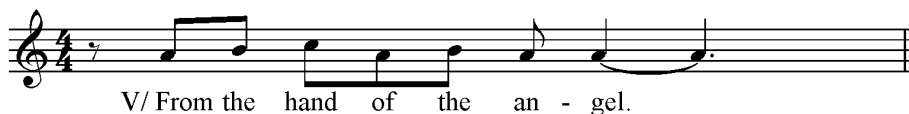
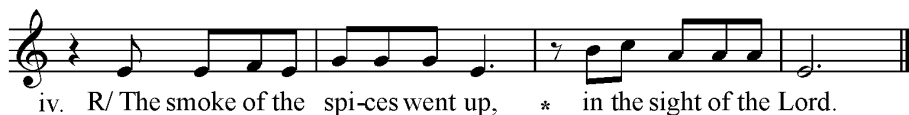
He at the due time will be revealed by God,
the blessed and only Ruler of all,
the King of kings,
and Lord of lords,

who alone is immortal,
whose home is in light inaccessible,
whom no man has seen, †
no man is able to see:
to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

3. Short Scripture Reading

followed by a short silence and the Brief Respond

BRIEF RESPOND



4. Hymn

as appointed

5. Magnificat with Proper Antiphon

vi. As John was ga - zing up - on the Ho - ly My - ste - ry *

the Ar - chan - gel Mi - chael soun - ded his trum - pet:

For - give us, O Lord our God, you o - pen the

book and break the seals there - of. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

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6. Intercessions with Kyrie Eleison



vi. R. Ký-ri - e e - lé - i - son.

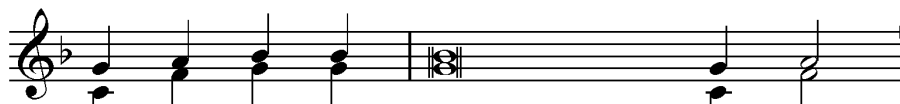
7. The Lord's Prayer



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. 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.

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

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

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E-ne-di-cámus Dó-mi-
no. Ky. De-o grá-ti-as.

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no. Ky. De-o grá-ti-as.

10. Antiphon of Our Lady

following Procession to the Lady Chapel

Ant.
S Al- ve, * Re- gí- na, ma- ter mi- se- ri- córdi- æ :
Vi- ta, dulcé- do, et spes nostra, sal- ve. Ad te
clamá- mus, éxsu- les, fí- 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 exsú-
li- um osténde : O cle- mens : O pi- a : O
dulcis * Virgo Ma- ri- a.