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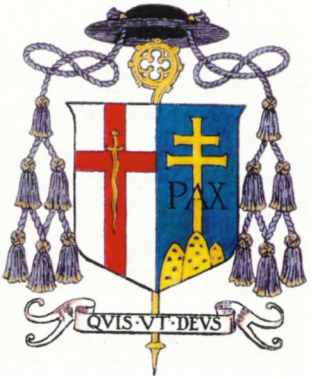

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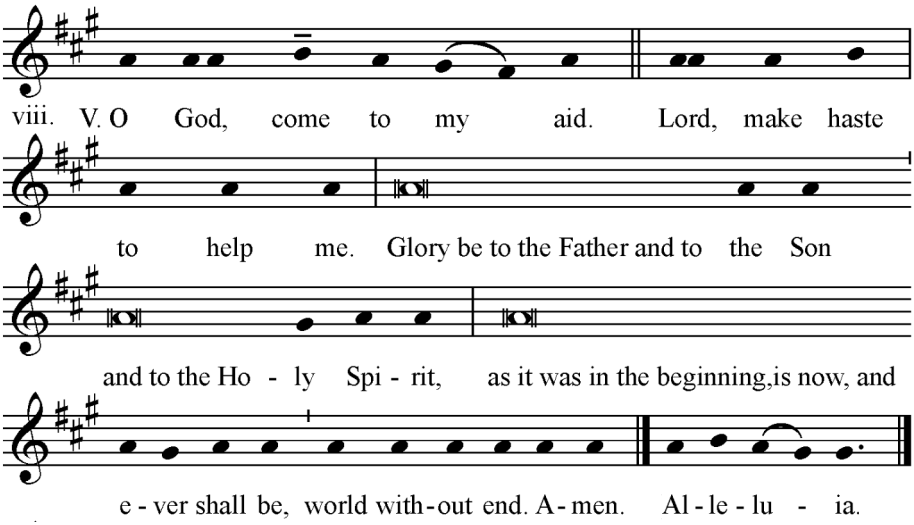
TUESDAY WEEK 2 - ADVENT

ORDER FOR THE OFFICE OF VESPERS

1. Introduction



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

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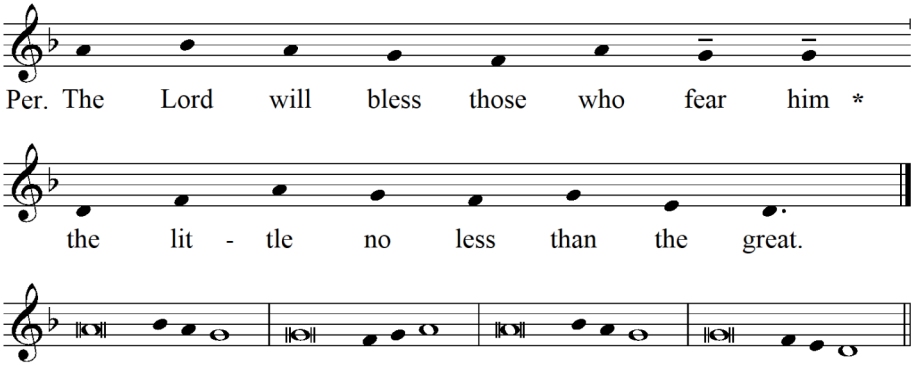


Psalm 113b

Not to us, Lord, not to us,
but to your name give the glory
for the sake of your love and your truth,
lest the heathen say: "Where is their God?"

But our God is in the heavens;
he does whatever he wills.
Their idols are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.

They have mouths but they cannot speak;
they have eyes but they cannot see;
they have ears but they cannot hear;
they have nostrils but they cannot smell.

With their hands they cannot feel; †
with their feet they cannot walk.
[No sound comes from their throats.]
Their makers will come to be like them
and so will all who trust in them.

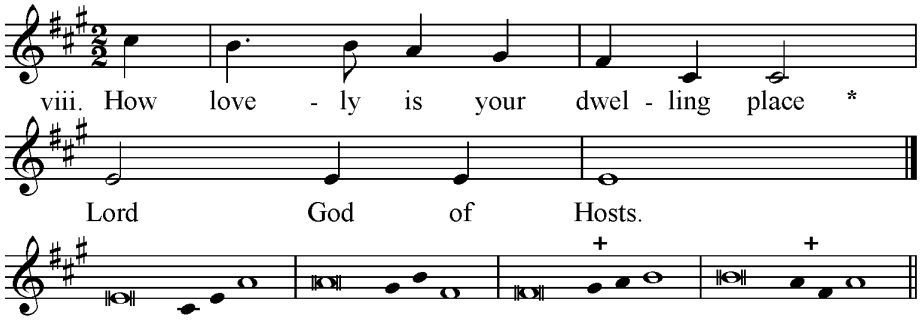
Sons of Israel, trust in the Lord;
he is their help and their shield.
Sons of Aaron, trust in the Lord;
he is their help and their shield.

You who fear him, trust in the Lord;
he is their help and their shield.
He remembers us, and he will bless us; †
he will bless the sons of Israel.
[He will bless the sons of Aaron.]

The Lord will bless those who fear him,
the little no less than the great:
to you may the Lord grant increase,
to you and all your children.

May you be blessed by the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.
The heavens belong to the Lord
but the earth he has given to men.

The dead shall not praise the Lord,
nor those who go down into the silence.
But we who live bless the Lord
now and for ever. Amen.



Psalm 83

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.

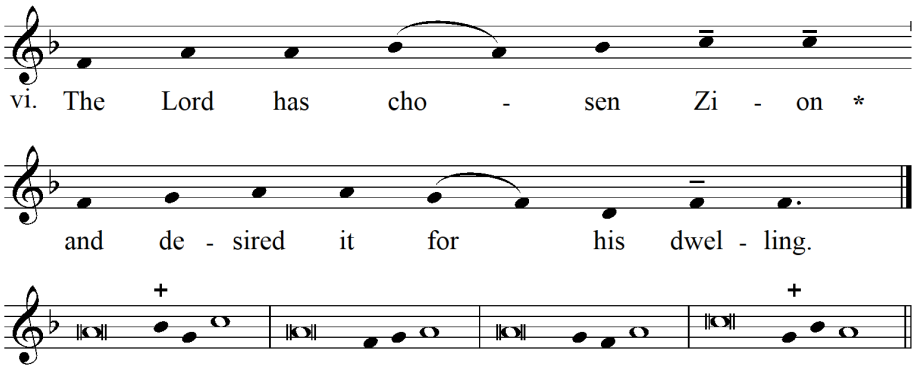
As they go through the Bitter Valley †
they make it a place of springs
[the autumn rain covers it with blessings].
They walk with ever growing strength,
they will see the God of gods in Zion.

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!



Psalm 131

O Lord, remember David
and all the many hardships he endured,
the oath he swore to the Lord,
his vow to the Strong One of Jacob.

"I will not enter the house where I live
nor go to the bed where I rest.
I will give no sleep to my eyes
to my eyelids I will give no slumber
till I find a place for the Lord,
a dwelling for the Strong One of Jacob."

At Ephrata we heard of the ark;
we found it in the plains of Yearim.
"Let us go to the place of his dwelling;
let us go to kneel at his footstool."

Go up, Lord, to the place of your rest,
you and the ark of your strength.
Your priests shall be clothed with holiness:
your faithful shall ring out their joy.
For the sake of David your servant
do not reject your anointed.

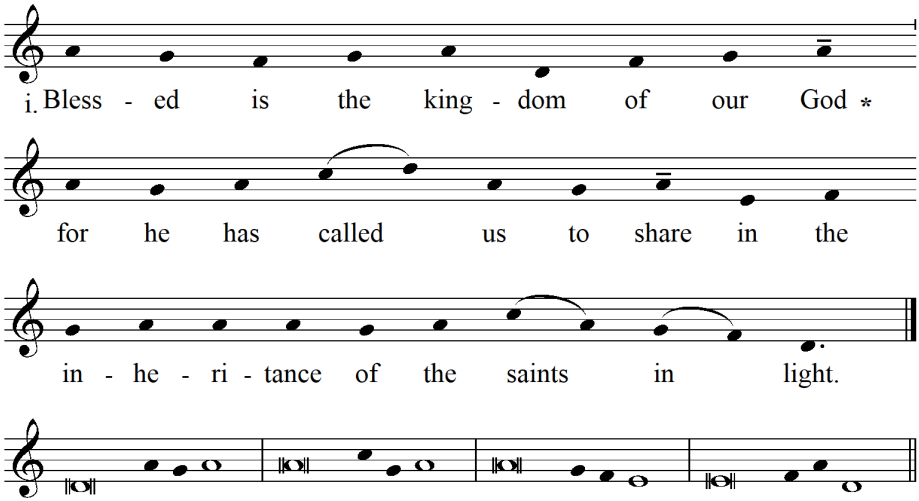
The Lord swore an oath to David;
he will not go back on his word:
"A son, the fruit of your body,
will I set upon your throne.

If they keep my covenant in truth
and my laws that I have taught them,
their sons also shall rule
on your throne from age to age."

For the Lord has chosen Zion;
he has desired it for his dwelling:
"This is my resting-place for ever,
here have I chosen to live.

I will greatly bless her produce,
I will fill her poor with bread.
I will clothe her priests with salvation
and her faithful shall ring out their joy.

There David's stock will flower:
I will prepare a lamp for my anointed.
I will cover his enemies with shame
but on him my crown shall shine."



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.

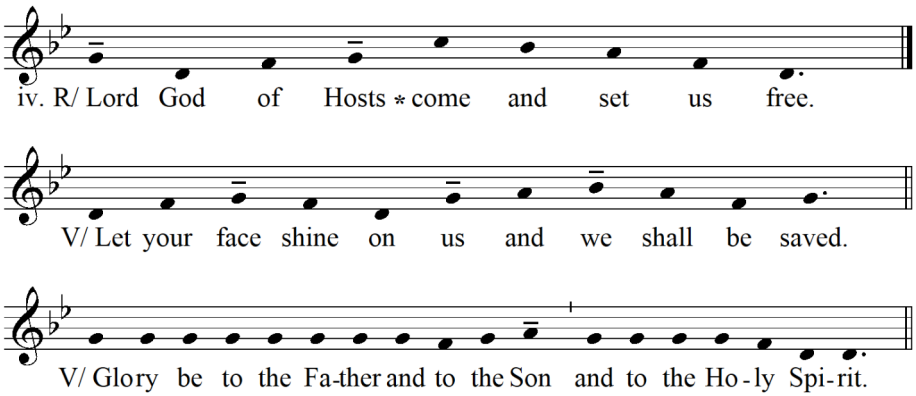
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right,
for they shall have their fill;
and blessed are those who are persecuted for the cause of right,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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



4. HYMN as appointed

5. Magnificat with Proper Antiphon

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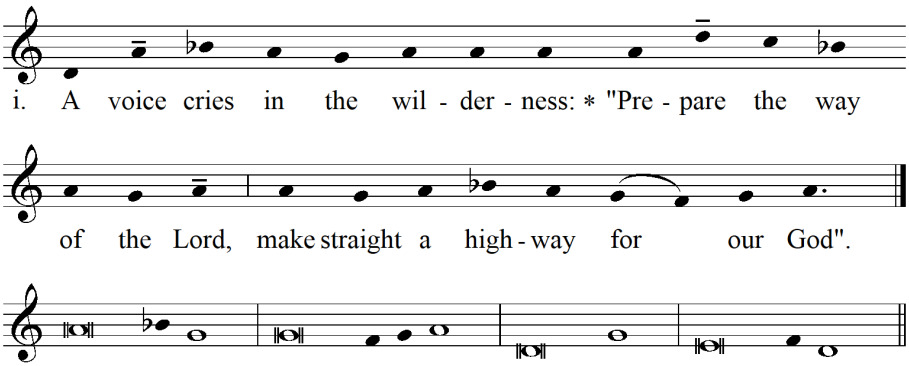


Luke 1:46-55

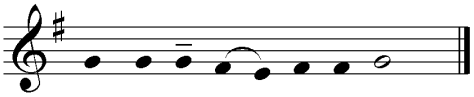
My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

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.

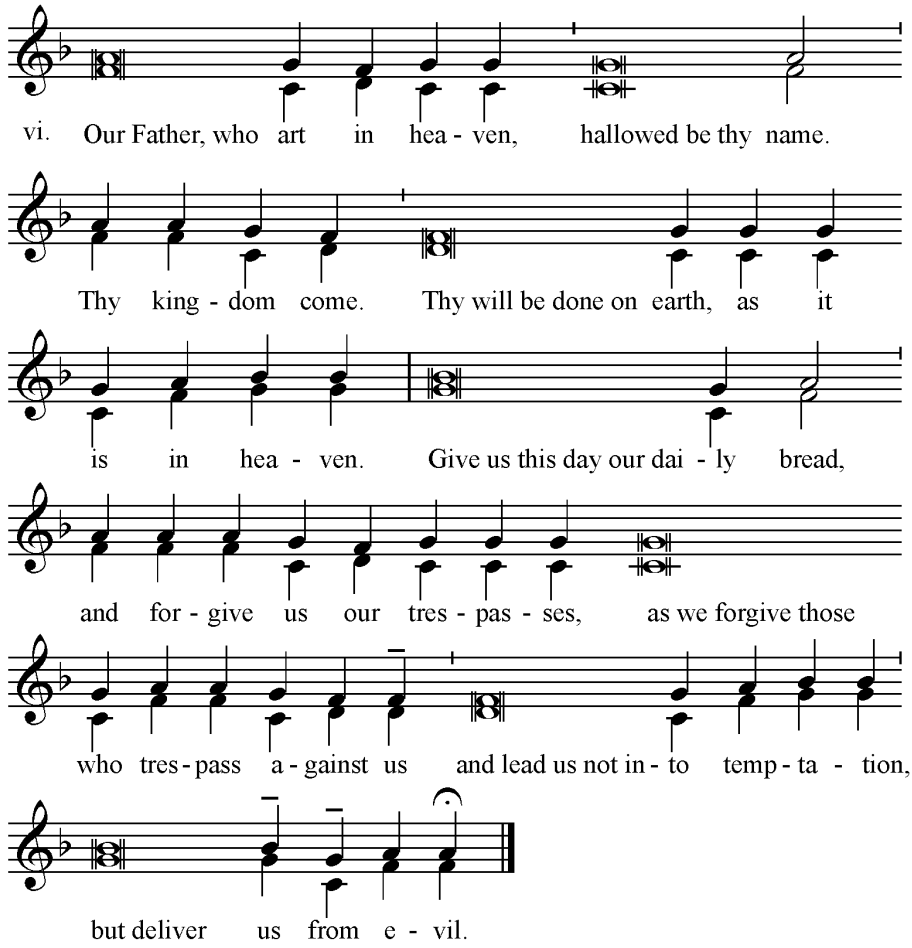
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons forever.

6. Intercessions with Kyrie Eleison



7. Silent Prayer

8. The Lord's Prayer

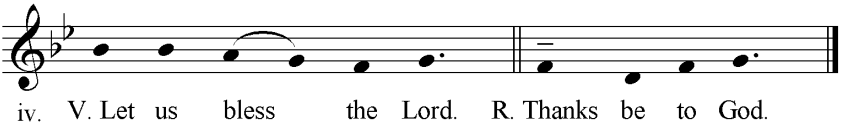


9. Collect

10. 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.



11. Antiphon of Our Lady (in Latin or English)

following Procession to the Lady Chapel

SIMPLE ANTIPHONS TO OUR LADY

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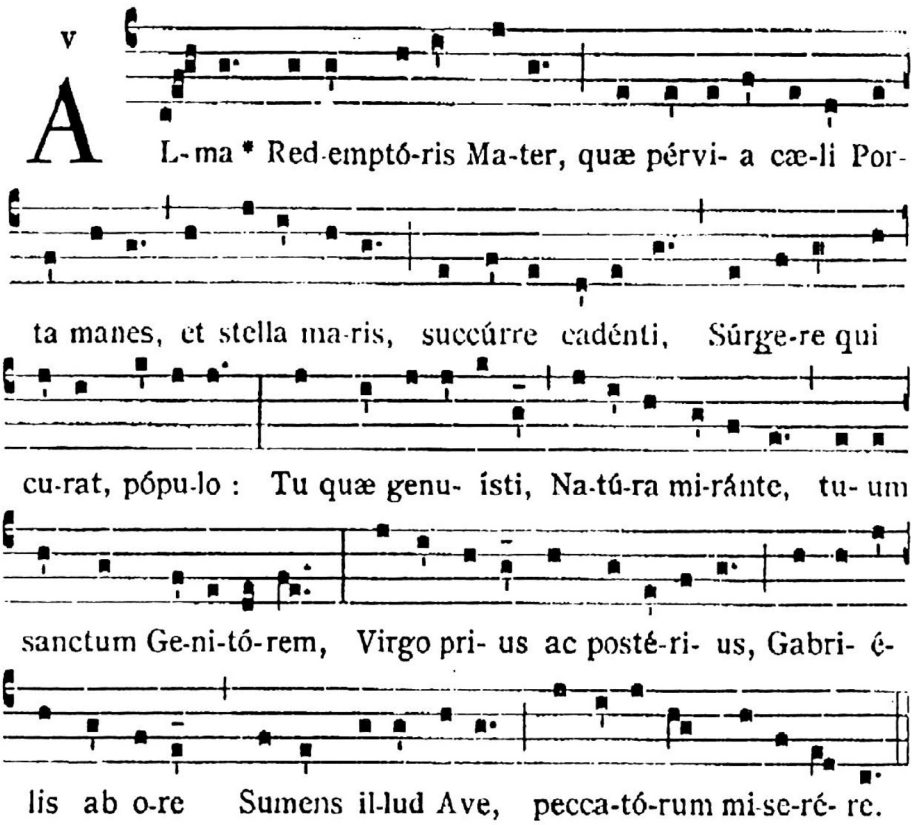

ENGLISH ANTIPHONS TO OUR LADY

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