VESPERS

THE SOLEMNITY OF EPIPHANY

LITURGY OF THE HOURS / EVENING PRAYER II



Please stand and make the Sign of the Cross as priest (or cantor) intones "O God, come to my assistance." Bow at "Glory to the Father...Holy Spirit"



Alle-lu-ia.

^{*}While the Divine Office may be sung, this prayer may be simply recited. A video will be posted on our website: www.StJohnCatholicMcLean.org (click on WORSHIP THE LORD, then DIVINE OFFICE) Contact James Senson, Director of Music, for any questions: JSenson@StJohnCatholicMclean.org

HYMN

As with gladness men of old, Did the guiding star behold, As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onwards, beaming bright, So, most gracious God, may we Evermore be led to thee.

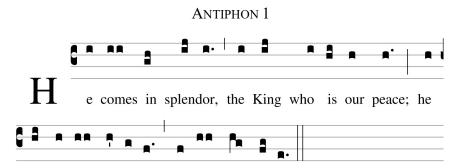
As with joyful steps they sped
To that lowly manger-bed
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare At that manger rude and bare, So may we with holy joy, Pure, and free from sin's alloy, All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee our heavenly king.

Please be seated.

PSALMODY

Psalm verses are sung antiphonally between the left (I) and right (II) sides of the congregation.



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PSALM 110:1-5,7



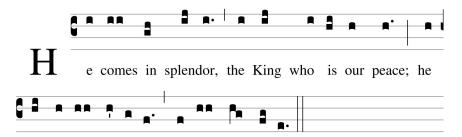
- I <u>The LORD's</u> revelation to my Master; | "Sit on my right: * your foes I will | put beneath your feet."
- II The LORD will wield from Zion your | scepter of power: * rule in the | midst of all *your* foes.
- I A prince from the day of your † birth on the | holy mountains; * from the womb before the dawn | I begot you.
- II The LORD has sworn an oath he will not † change "You are a | priest for ever, *

 A priest like Mel- | chizedek of old."
- I The Master standing | at your right hand * will shatter kings in the | day of his *great* wrath.

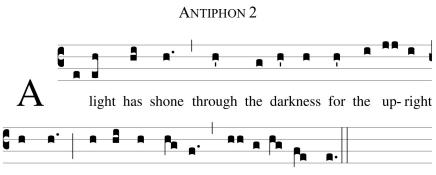
II He shall drink from the stream by the wayside. * and therefore he shall lift up his head.

Bow at "Glory to the Father.... Holy Spirit."

- I Glory to the | Fa-ther, and to the Son, * and to the | Holy Spi-rit:
- II as it was in the be- | ginning, is now, * and will be for- | ever. A-men.

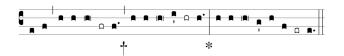


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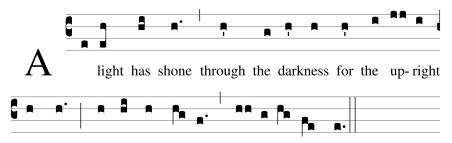
PSALM 112



- I Hap-py the man who | fears the LORD, * who takes delight in | all his commands.
- II His sons will be powerful on earth; *
 the children of the up- right are blessed.
- I The good man takes pity | and lends, *
 He conducts his af- | fairs with honor.
- II The just man will never | waver: *
 he will be remem- | bered for ever.
- I He has no fear of | e-vil news; * with a firm heart he | trusts in the LORD.
- II With a steadfast heart he | will *not* fear; * he will see the | downfall of *his* foes.
- I Open-handed, he gives to the poor; †
 his justice stands firm for ever. *
 His head will be raised in glory.
- II The wicked man sees and is an- | gry, † grinds his teeth and | fades a-way; * the desire of the | wicked leads to doom.

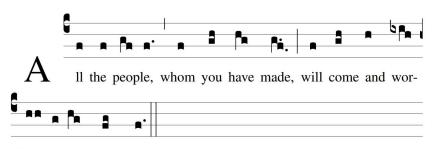
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- I Glory to the Father, and | to *the* Son, * and to the | Holy Spirit:
- II as it was in the beginning, | is now, * and will be for- | ever. Amen.



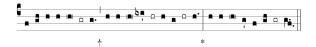
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CANTICLE: REVELATION 15:3-4



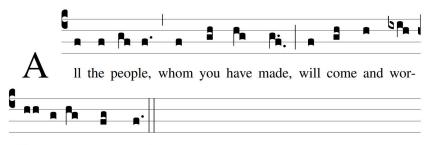
- I Migh-ty and wonderful are your works, *
 LORD God al-migh-ty.
- II Righteous and | true are your ways, *
 O King | of the <u>na-tions</u>.
- I Who would dare re- | fuse you honor, * or the glory | due your <u>name</u>, O <u>LORD</u>?
- II Since you alone are ho- | ly †

 all nations shall come and worship | in your presence. *

 Your mighty | deeds are <u>clear</u>-ly <u>seen</u>.

Bow at "Glory to the Father.... Holy Spirit."

- I Glory to the | Father, and to the Son, * and to the | Holy Spir-it:
- II as it was in the be- ginning, is now, * and will be for- ever. A-men.



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READING Titus 3:4-5

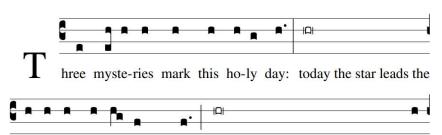
When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us; not because of any righteous deeds we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the baptism of new birth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORY

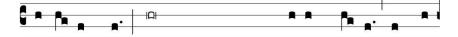


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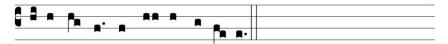
ANTIPHON: CANTICLE OF MARY



Ma-gi to the in-fant Christ; today water is changed into wine for



the wedding feast; today Christ wills to be baptized by John in the



ri-ver Jor-dan to bring us sal-va-tion.

Make the sign of the cross as all sing "My soul proclaims the greatness of the LORD."



all: My soul proclaims the greatness of the LORD. *
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

For he has looked with favor on his lowly | servant. * From this day all generations will | call me blessed:

The Al-mighty has done great | things for me, * and | Holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who | fear him * in every | generation.

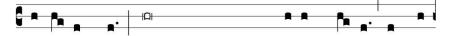
- He has shown the strength | of his arm, *
 He has scattered the | proud in their con-ceit.
- He has cast down the mighty | from their thrones, * and has lifted | up the lowly.
- He has filled the hungry with | good things, * and the rich he has sent | away empty.
- He has come to the help of his servant | Is-ra-el * for he has remembered his pro- | mise of mercy,
- The pro-mise he made to our | fathers, * to Abraham and his chil- | dren for ever.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:
- As it was in the beginning, | is now, * and will be for- | ever. Amen.



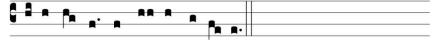
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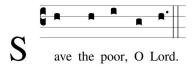
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INTERCESSIONS

On this day our Savior was adored by the Magi. Let us also worship him with joy as we pray to him:



King of the nations, you called the Magi to adore you as the first representatives of the nations,

—give us a willing spirit of adoration and service.

Save the poor, O Lord.

King of glory, you judge your people with justice, —grant mankind an abundant measure of peace.

Save the poor, O Lord.

King of justice, you desire to free the poor who have no advocate, —be compassionate to the suffering and the afflicted.

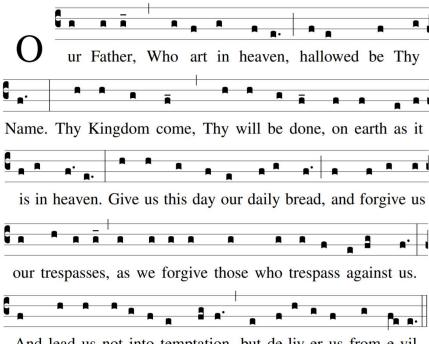
Save the poor, O Lord.

Lord, your name is blessed for all ages,

—show the wonders of your saving power to our deceased brothers and sisters.

Save the poor, O Lord.

OUR FATHER



PRAYER

Father,
you revealed your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star.
Lead us to your glory in heaven
by the light of faith.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Skip the following if **Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament** is after Vespers

DISMISSAL

May the LORD bless us, (make the Sign of the Cross) protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

HYMN

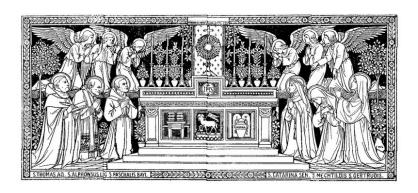
Tantum Ergo

Saint Michael Hymnal, #706, v.5 and 6

Tantum ergo Sacraméntum Venerémur cérnui: Et antíquum documéntum Novo cedat rítui: Præstet fides suppleméntum Sensuum deféctui.

Genitòri, Genitòque Laus et jubilátio, Salus, honor, virtus quoque Sit et benedíctio: Procedénti ab utròque Compar sit laudátio. Amen. Down in adoration falling, Lo! The sacred Host we hail! Over ancient forms departing, Newer rites of grace prevail Faith for all defects supplying, Where the feeble senses fail.

To the everlasting Father, And the Son who reigns on high, With the Holy Ghost proceeding Forth from Each eternally, Be salvation, honor, blessing, Might and endless majesty. Amen.



Panem de cælo præstitísti eis.

Omne delectaméntum in se habéntem.

You have given them bread from heaven.

Having all sweetness within it.

Orémus: Deus, qui nobis sub Sacraménto mirábili passiónis tuæ memóriam reliquísti: tríbue quæsumus, ita nos còrporis et sánguinis tui sacra mystéria venerári; ut redemptiònis tuæ fructum in nobis júgiter sentiámus. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculòrum. Amen.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of Your suffering and death. May our worship of this Sacrament of Your Body and Blood help us to experience the salvation You won for us and the peace of the Kingdom where You live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The celebrant then blesses the people with Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God, in His angels, and in His saints.

May the heart of Jesus, in the most blessed sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved, with grateful affection at every moment in all the tabernacles of the world, even until the end of time. Amen.

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name Saint Michael Hymnal, #561

REPOSITION

Holy God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow before thee! All on earth thy scepter claim, All in heaven above adore thee; Infinite thy vast domain, Everlasting is thy reign

Hark! The loud celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising, Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising; Fill the heavens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord."

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit. Three we name thee;
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim thee;
And adoring, bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.