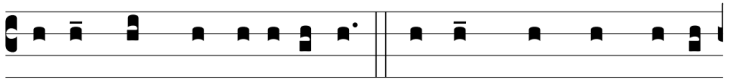


# VESPERS

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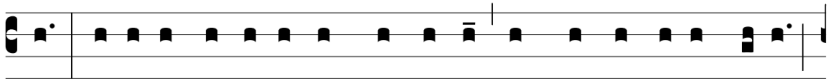
LITURGY OF THE HOURS / EVENING PRAYER

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



O

God, come to my assis-tance. O Lord, make haste to help



me. Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit:



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for e-ver. Amen.



Alle- lu- ia.

# HYMN

## *Creator of the Stars of Night*

*Saint Michael Hymnal, #497*

Creator of the stars of night,  
Your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,  
We pray you hear us when we call.

In sorrow that the ancient curse  
Should doom to death a universe,  
You came, O Savior, to set free  
Your own in glorious liberty.

When this old world drew on toward night,  
You came; but not in splendor bright,  
Not as a monarch, but the child  
Of Mary, blameless mother mild.

At your great Name, O Jesus, now  
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
All things on earth with one accord,  
Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.

Come in your holy might, we pray,  
Redeem us for eternal day;  
Defend us while we dwell below  
From all assaults of our dread foe.

To God Creator, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Praise, honor, might, and glory be  
From age to age eternally. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

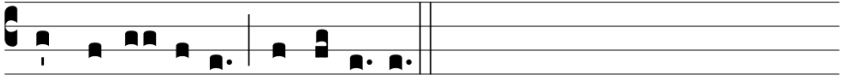
# PSALMODY

*Psalm verses are sung antiphonally between the cantor (I) and all (II).*

## ANTIPHON 1

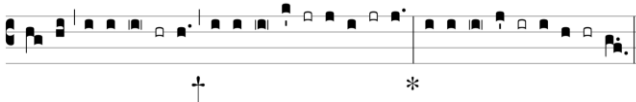


**R** e-joyce, daughter of Zi- on; shout for joy, daughter



of Je-ru- sa-lem, al-le-lu- ia.

## PSALM 110:1-5,7



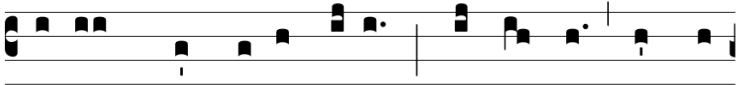
- I *The LORD's* revelation to my Master; | “Sit on my right: \*  
your foes I will | put beneath *your feet*.”
- II The LORD will wield from Zion your | scepter of power: \*  
rule in the | midst of all *your foes*.
- I A prince from the day of your † birth  
on the | holy mountains; \*  
from the womb 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.

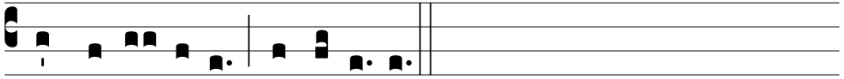
*Bow at "Glory to the Father.... Holy Spirit."*

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.



**R**e-joyce, daughter of Zi- on; shout for joy, daughter



of Je-ru- sa-lem, al-le-lu-ia.

#### ANTIPHON 2



**C**hrist our King will come to us: the Lamb of God



foretold by John.

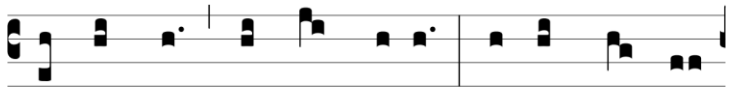
PSALM 116:10-19



- I *I trust*-ed, even | when *I* said: \*  
 “I am sore- | ly af-flic-ted.”
- II and when I said in | my *a*-larm: \*  
 “No man | can be trus-ted.”
- I How can I re- | pay *the* LORD \*  
 for his | goodness to me?
- II This cup of salvation | I *will* raise; \*  
 I will call | on the LORD’s name.
- I My vows to the LORD I | will *ful*-fill \*  
 before | all His peo-ple.
- II O precious in the eyes | of the LORD \*  
 is the death | of his faith-ful.
- I Your servant, LORD, your servant | am I; \*  
 you have | loosened my bonds.
- II A thanksgiving sacri- | fice *I* make: \*  
 I will call | on the LORD’s name.
- I My vows to the LORD I | will *ful*-fill \*  
 before | all His peo-ple,
- II in the courts of the house | of *the* LORD \*  
 in your midst, | O Jeru-*sa*-lem.

*Bow at “Glory to the Father.... Holy Spirit.”*

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




C hrist our King will come to us: the Lamb of God

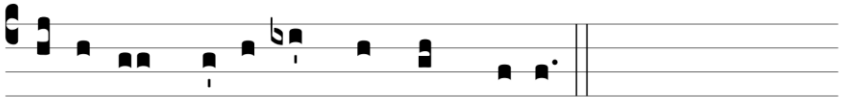


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ANTIPHON 3



I am coming soon, says the Lord; I will give to



ev-eryone the re-ward his deeds de-serve.

CANTICLE: REVELATION 4:11;5:9,10,12

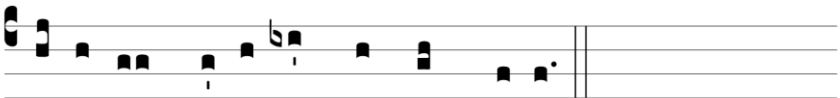


- I O LORD our God, | you are worthy \*  
to receive glory and ho- | nor and po-wer.
- II For you have cre- | ated all things;\*  
by your will they came to | be and were made.
- I Worthy | are you, O LORD, \*  
to receive the scroll and break | open its seals.
- II For | you were slain; \*  
with your blood you | purchased for God.

- I men of | every race *and* tongue, \*  
of every peo- | ple and na-tion.
- II You have made of them a king-†dom,  
and | priests to serve *our* God, \*  
and they shall | reign on the earth.
- I Worthy is the | Lamb that was slain \*  
to receive po- | wer and rich-es,
- II --- | wisdom and strength, \*  
honor and | glory and praise.
- 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.



I am coming soon, says the Lord; I will give to



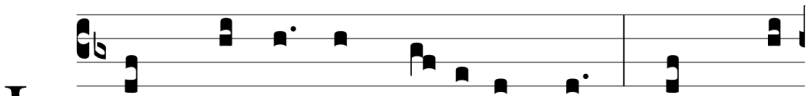
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**READING**

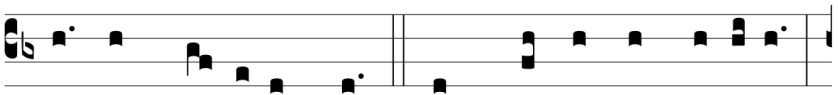
*Philippians 4:4-5*

Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again. Rejoice! Everyone should see how unselfish you are. The Lord is near.

**RESPONSORY**



**L** ord, show us your mercy and love. **Lord, show**



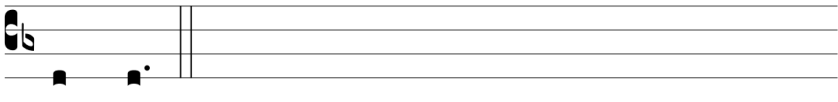
**us your mercy and love.** And grant us your salvation



**your mercy and love.** Glo-ry to the Father, and to the



Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir- it. **Lord, show us your mercy**



**and love.**

*Please stand.*



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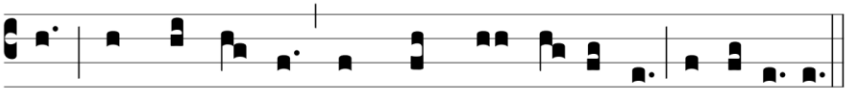
Luke 1:46-55

ANTIPHON: CANTICLE OF MARY



D

o not be afraid, Ma-ry, you have found fa- vor with



God; you will conceive and give birth to a Son, al-le-lu-ia.

*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-keit.

*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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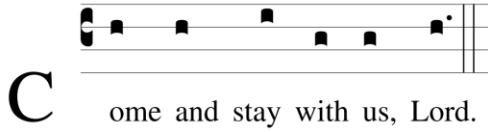
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## INTERCESSIONS

To Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the way, the truth, and the life, let us make our humble prayer:



**C**ome and stay with us, Lord.

Son of the Most High, your coming was announced to the Virgin Mary by Gabriel,  
—come and rule over your people for ever.

**Come and stay with us Lord.**

Holy One of God, in your presence John the Baptist leapt in Elizabeth's womb,  
—bring the joy of salvation to all the earth.

**Come and stay with us Lord.**

Jesus the Savior, the angel revealed your name to Joseph the just man,  
—come and save your people from their sins.

**Come and stay with us Lord.**

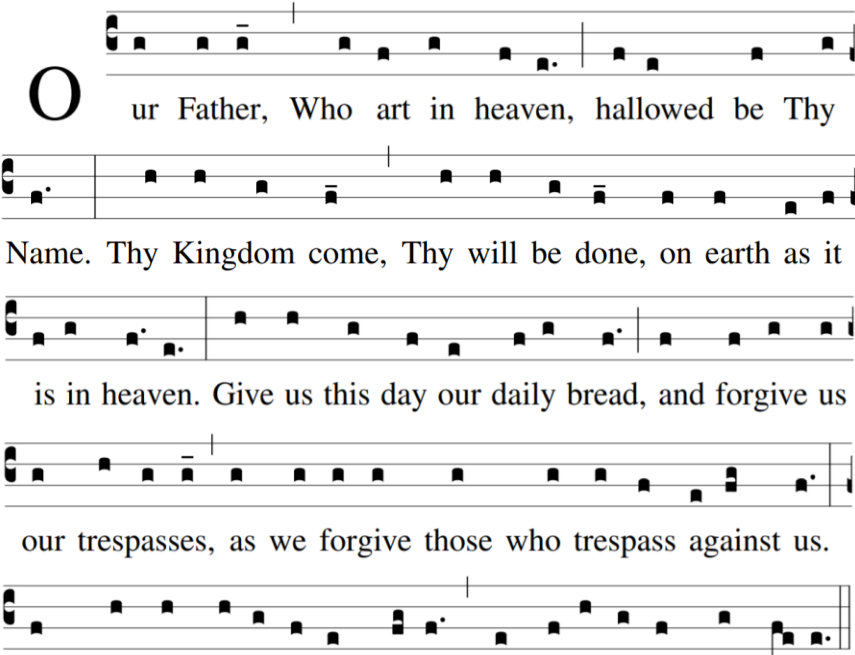
Light of the world, for whom Simeon and all the just waited,  
—come and comfort us.

**Come and stay with us Lord.**

O Rising Sun that never sets, Zechariah foretold that you would visit us from above,  
—come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

**Come and stay with us Lord.**

# OUR FATHER



**O**ur Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy  
Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it  
is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us  
our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Our Father'. It consists of five staves of music, each with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The notes are represented by small black squares on a five-line staff. Vertical bar lines separate the measures. The lyrics are printed below the corresponding musical staves. The first staff begins with a large capital letter 'O' for the word 'Our'. The music is a simple, single-melody line.

## **PRAYER**

All-powerful God,  
increase our strength of will for doing good  
that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming  
and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven,  
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

# BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

HYMN

*Tantum Ergo*

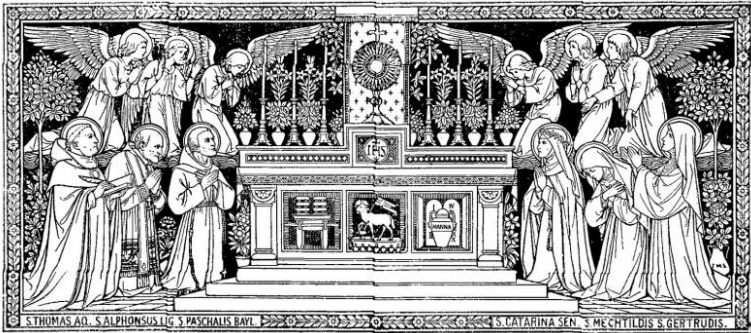
*Saint Michael Hymnal, #706, v.5 and 6*

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

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.

Genitòri, Genitòque  
Laus et jubilátio,  
Salus, honor, virtus quoque  
Sit et benedíctio:  
Procedénti ab utròque  
Compar sit laudátio. Amen.

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  
reliquisti: 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.

*Please stand.*

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

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.