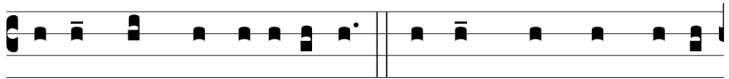


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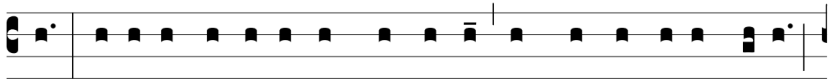
LITURGY OF THE HOURS / EVENING PRAYER II / DECEMBER 20

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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Saint Michael Hymnal, #652

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Please be seated.

PSALMODY

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

ANTIPHON 1

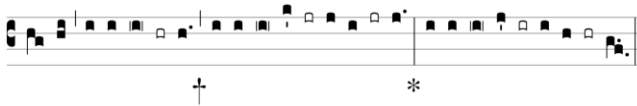


S ee how glo-ri-ous he is, coming forth as Sa-vior of



all peoples!

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.

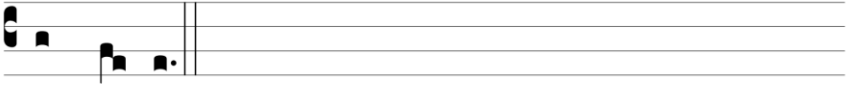
Bow at "Glory to the Father.... Holy Spirit."

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.



S ee how glo-ri-ous he is, coming forth as Sa-vior of



all peoples!

ANTIPHON 2



C rooked paths will be straightened and rough ways



made smooth. Come, O Lord, do not de-lay, al-le-lu-ia.

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.
- 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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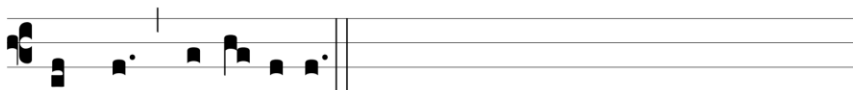
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ANTIPHON 3

E



- ver wi-der will his kingdom spread, e-ternal-ly



at peace, al-le-lu-ia.

CANTICLE: REVELATION 19:1-7



I Salvation, glory, and power to our | God:



II his judgments are honest and | true.



I Sing praise to our God, all you his ser- | vants,

All **Alleluia.**

II all who worship him reverently, great and | small.

All **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

I The LORD our all-powerful God is | King;

All **Alleluia.**

II let us rejoice, sing praise, and give him glo- | ry.

All **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

I The wedding feast of the Lamb has be- | gun,

All **Alleluia.**

II and his bride is prepared to welcome | him.


All **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

I Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spi- | rit.

All **Alleluia.**

II As it was in the beginning, is now,
And will be for ever. A- | men.

All **Alleluia, Alleluia.**



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at peace, al-le-lu-ia.

READING

1 Corinthians 1:7b-9

We await the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will strengthen us to the end, so that we will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and it was he who called us to fellowship with his Son.

RESPONSORY

Come and set us free Lord God of power and
might. **Come and set us free Lord God of power and**
might. Let your face shine upon us and we shall be saved.
Lord God of power and might. Glo-ry to the Father, and
to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir- it. **Come and set us**
free Lord God of power and might.

Please stand.

ANTIPHON: CANTICLE OF MARY

The Antiphon of December 20 is sung by the cantor

O CLAVIS David, et sceptrum domus Israel, qui aperis, et nemo claudit, claudis, et nemo aperit: veni, et educ vincitum de domo carceris, sedentem in tenebris, et umbra mortis.

O KEY of David, and Scepter of the house of Israel, that openest and no man shutteth, and bring forth from the prisonhouse the prisoner, who sitteth in darkness and the in the shadow of death

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 Sa-vior.

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

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

He has mercy on those who | fear him *
in every | gener-a-tion.

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 low-ly.

He has filled the hungry with | good things, *
and the rich he has sent | away em-pty.

He has come to the help of his servant | *Is-ra-el* *
for he has remembered his pro- | mise of *mer-cy*,

The pro-mise he made to our | fathers, *
to Abraham and his chil- | dren for *e-ver*.

Glory to the Father, and | to *the Son*, *
and to the | Holy *Spi-rit*:

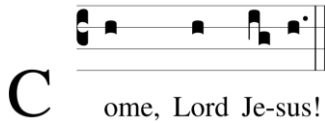
As it was in the beginning, | is now, *
and will be forev- | er. Amen.

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aperit: veni, et educ vinctum de
domo carceris, sedentem in
tenebris, et umbra mortis.

O KEY of David, and Scepter of the
house of Israel, that openest and no
man shutteth, and shuttest and no man
openeth: come and bring the prisoner
forth from the prison-house, and him
that sitteth in darkness and in the
shadow of the death.

INTERCESSIONS

To Christ our Lord and Redeemer, who will appear openly on the last day, let us joyfully pray:



Our Redeemer and Lord, by your birth as a man you freed us from the heavy yoke of the law,
—complete in us the works of your loving kindness.

Come, Lord Jesus!

From us you took whatever served your divinity,
—give us whatever we need to serve you.

Come, Lord Jesus!

Grant the desire we ask of you today,
—in flame our hearts with the fire of your love.

Come, Lord Jesus!

On earth we live with you by faith,
—in glory may we rejoice with you.

Come, Lord Jesus!

Steep the souls of the faithful departed,
—in the dew of your loving kindness.

Come, Lord Jesus!

OUR FATHER



Our 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.

PRAYER

God of love and mercy,
help us to follow the example of Mary,
always ready to do your will.
At the message of an angel
she welcomed your eternal Son
and, filled with the light of your Spirit,
she became the temple of your Word,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

HYMN

Tantum Ergo

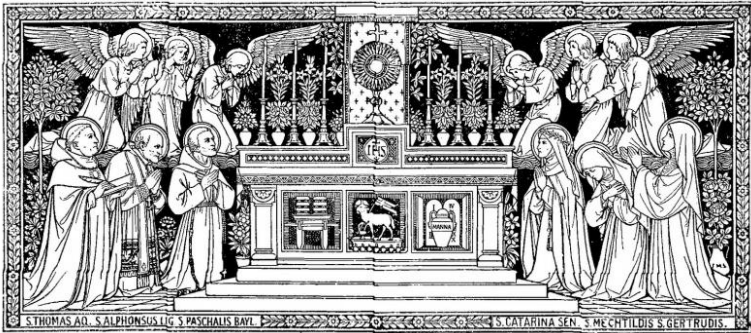
Saint Michael Hymnal, #706, v.5 and 6

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.