

St David and St Patrick's Catholic Church,
with the Church of the Immaculate Conception.



Holy Hour and Vespers for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.



This celebration of Evening Prayer is taken from:
*The Divine Office: The Liturgy of the Hours According to the
Roman Rite and Book of Eucharistic Devotions.*

EXPOSITION OF THE SACRAMENT

The priest exposes the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance while a hymn is sung, during which time he incenses the Sacrament. There follows a time of short prayer and a reading from Scripture. Other litanies, prayers or hymns may then be added.



Two staves of musical notation in G-clef and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Ó sa-lu- ta-ris ho-sti-a quæ cæli padis o-stium: bel-la
pre-munt hos-ti-li-a da ro-bur, fer aux-i-li-um.

Uni trinoque Domino
sit sempiterna gloria:
qui vitam sine termino
nobis donet in patria. Amen.

O saving victim, opening wide
the gate of heaven to man below:
our foes press on from every side,
thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

To thy great name be endless praise,
immortal Godhead, one in three:
O grant us endless length of days
in our true native land with thee.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:41-58 The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other. 'No one can come to me unless

he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your father ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

The Jews then started arguing with one another: 'How can this man gives us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you solemnly, if you do not eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

LITANY OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Priest: Lord have mercy.	All: Lord have mercy.
Priest: Christ have mercy.	All: Christ have mercy.
Priest: Lord have mercy.	All: Lord have mercy.
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Priest: God the Father in heaven.	All: Have mercy on us.

Priest: God the Son, Redeemer of the World.

All: Have mercy on us.

etc. until....

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

All: Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. **x3**

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Priest: For those who do not believe in your Eucharistic presence,

All: Have mercy, O Lord.

Priest: For those who are indifferent to the Sacrament of your love,

All: Have mercy on us.

Priest: For those who have offended you in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar,

All: Have mercy on us.

Priest: That we may show fitting reverence when entering your holy temple,

All: we beseech you, hear us.

etc. until....

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Priest: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

All: spare us, O Lord.

Priest: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

All: graciously hear us, O Lord.

Priest: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

All: have mercy on us, O Lord.

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Priest: O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,

All: All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.

BENEDICTION OF THE SACRAMENT

The minister comes before the Sacrament and makes his own quiet prayers. The hymn is then sung during which time he incenses the Sacrament.



TANTUM ERGO Sacraméntum Vene-rémur cérnu- i:
Et antíquum do-cuméntum Novo cedat rí-tu- i: Præstet
fi-des suppleméntum Senu- um de- féctu- i.

Genitori genitoque
laus et iubilatio,
salus, honor, virtus quoque
sit et benedictio;
procedenti ab utroque,
compar sit laudatio. Amen.

Down in adoration falling,
lo! the sacred Host we hail,
lo! o'er 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

RESPONSORY

Priest: Panem de cælo præstitisti eis.

All: Omne delectamentum in sei habentem.

Or, in English:

Priest: You gave them bread from heaven.

All: Containing in itself all goodness.

PRAYER

Priest: Deus, qui nobis sub Sacramento mirabilis passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti; tribue quaesumus, ita nos Corporis et Sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis iugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum.

All: Amen.

Or in English:

Priest: 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, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Placing the Humeral Veil over his shoulders, the minister blesses + the congregation with the Sacrament. Bells may be rung at this time while a server incenses the Sacrament.

DIVINE PRAISES

Priest: Blessed be God.

All: Blessed be God.

Priest: Blessed be his holy name.

All: Blessed be his holy name.

Priest: Blessed be Jesus Christ true God and true man.

All: repeat...

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 St Joseph, her spouse most chaste.
Blessed be God in his angles and in his saints.

The Sacred Host is returned to the tabernacle while the following is sung:

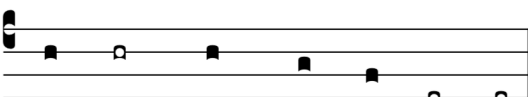
All: O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.

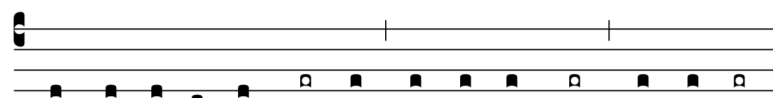
THE CELEBRATION OF VESPERS


Introduction

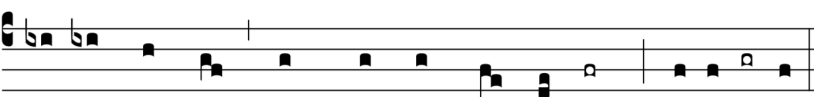
(Sung - English)

Priest: 
O God, come to our aid.

All: 
O Lord, make haste to help us.


Glo-ry be to the Fath-er, and to the Son, and to the

All: 
Ho-ly Spir-it, as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and


ev- er shall be, world with-out end. A-men. Al-le-lu-ia.

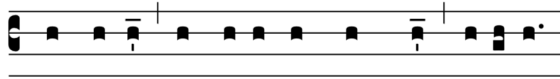
(Sung - Latin)

Priest:



De-us in adiuto-ri-um meum intende.

All:



Domine ad adiuvandum me festina.



Glo-ri-a Pat-ri, et Fi-li-o, et Spi-ri-tu-i Sancto. Sicut

All:



e-rat in princi-pi-o, et nunc et semper, et in sæ-cu-la



sæ-cu-lo-rum. Amen. Alle-lu-ia,

HYMN

O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at every Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, "thy will be done."
O may we all one Bread, one Body be,
through this blest Sacrament of unity.

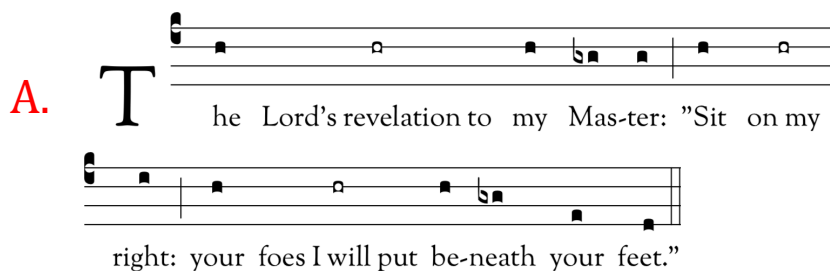
For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
through this blest Sacrament of unity.

We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old,

back to the Church which still that faith doth keep;
soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
through this blest Sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy Church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love;
more blessèd still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.

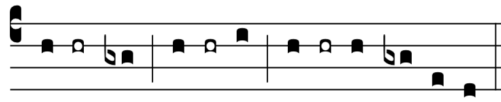
Antiphon 1: **Cantor:** Christ the Lord is a priest for ever. **All:** Like Melchizedek he made an offering of bread and wine.



**B. The Lord will wield from | Sion
your sceptre of | power:
rule in the midst of | all your foes.**

**A. A prince from the day of your | birth
on the holy | mountains;
from the womb before the dawn | I begot you.**

**B. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not | change.
"You are a priest for|ever,
a priest like Melchize|dek of old."**



first bar) **A.** The Master standing at your right | hand
last bar) will shatter kings in the day | of his wrath.

first bar) **B.** He shall drink from the stream by the | wayside
last bar) and therefore he shall lift | up his head.

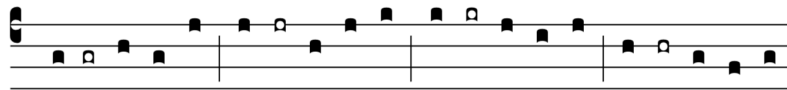
first bar) **A.** Glory be to the Father and to the | Son
last bar) and to the | Holy Spirit.

first bar) **B.** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall be,
last bar) world without | end. Amen.

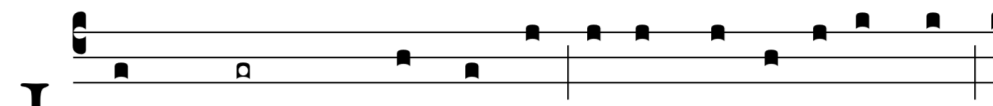
Antiphon 1: All: Christ the Lord is a priest for ever. Like Melchizedek he made an offering of bread and wine.

Antiphon 2: Cantor: I will take the chalice of salvation, **All:** and I will offer a thanksgiving sacrifice.

Tone:



A.

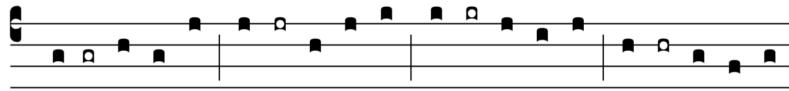


I trusted even when I said: I am sore-ly a-fflic-ted,



and when I said in my a-larm: 'No man can be trusted.'

B. How can I re|pay the Lord
For his good|ness to me?
The cup of salvation | I will raise:
I will call | on the Lord's name.



A. My vows to the Lord I | will fulfil
before | all his people.
O precious in the eyes | of the Lord
is the death | of his faithful.

B. Your servant, Lord, your ser|vant am I;
You have loos|ened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacri|fice I make:
I will call | on the Lord's name.

A. My vows to the Lord I | will fulfil
before | all his people.
In the courts of the house | of the Lord,
In your midst, | O Jerusalem.

B. 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.

Antiphon 2: All: I will take the chalice of salvation, and I will offer a thanksgiving sacrifice.

Antiphon 3: Cantor: You are the Way, you are the Truth, **All:** you, O Lord, are the Life of the world.



Tone:



A l-le-lu-ia. Salvation and glory and power belong

A. to our God,

B.Resp. **A** l-le-lu-ia-

A. **H** is judgements are true and just.

B.Resp. **A** l-le-luia, al-le-luia.

Tone:

B. Alleluia.

Praise our God all | you his servants

R. Alleluia.

You who fear him small | and great.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A. Alleluia.

The Lord our God, the Al|mighty, reigns,

R. Alleluia.

Let us rejoice and exult and give him | the glory.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

B. Alleluia.

The marriage of the | Lamb has come,

R. Alleluia.

And his bride has made her|self ready.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A. Alleluia.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the | Holy Spirit.

R. Alleluia.

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

world with out end | Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.

Antiphon 3: All: You are the Way, you are the Truth, you, O Lord, are the Life of the world.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Cor 11:23-25 This is what I have received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night before he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it and he said: 'This is my body which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.'

SHORT RESPONSE

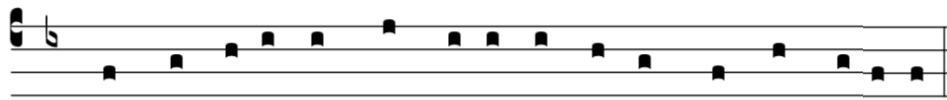
Cantor:

B 
less-ed are you, O Lord, in the vault of hea-ven.

All:

B 
less-ed are you, O Lord, in the vault of hea-ven.

Cantor:



You are ex-ul-ted and glo-ri-fied a-bove all else for e-ver.

All:



B less-ed are you, O Lord, in the vault of hea-ven.

Cantor:



G lo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit.

All:

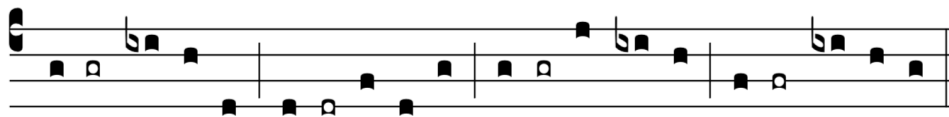


B less-ed are you, O Lord, in the vault of hea-ven.

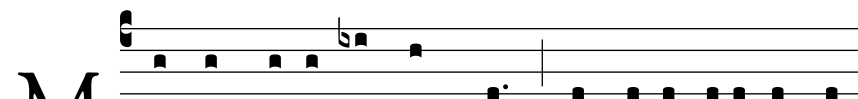
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Antiphon: **Cantor:** O sacred feast in which we partake of Christ: **All:** his sufferings are remembered, our minds are filled with his grace and we receive a pledge of the glory that is to be ours, alleluia.

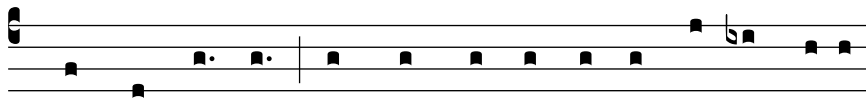
Tone:



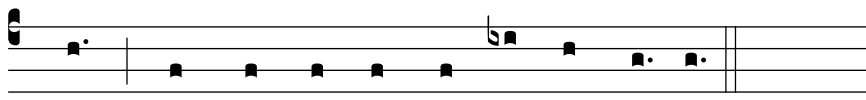
All.



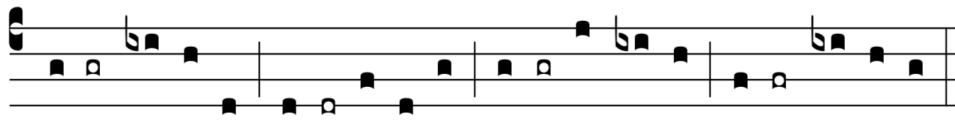
M y soul glorif-ies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in



God my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her lowli-



ness, henceforth all ages will call me blessed.



The Almighty works mar|vels for me.
Ho|ly 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 rai|ses the lowly.

first bar) He fills the starving | with good things,
last bar) sends the rich | away empty.

He protects Isra|ël, his servant,
remember|ing his mercy,
the mercy promised | to our fathers,
to Abraham and his | sons for ever.

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.

Antiphon: All: O sacred feast in which we partake of Christ: his sufferings are remembered, our minds are filled with his grace and we receive a pledge of the glory that is to be ours, alleluia.

INTERCESSIONS

Response: All: Lord, Jesus Christ, give us the bread of eternal life.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Sung on one note) **All:** Our Father, who art in heaven...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ,
You gave your Church an admirable sacrament
as the abiding memorial of your passion.
Teach us so to worship
The sacred mystery of your Body and Blood,
that it's redeeming power
may sanctify us always.
Who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your Spirit.
Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and
the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.
Priest: Go in the peace of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

MARIAN ANTHEM

Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiæ,
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevæ,
ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.

Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos
misericordes oculos ad nos converte;
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris
tui, nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
hail our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of
Eve; To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us;
And after this our exile, show unto us the
blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary

V
S Alve Re-gí-na, * ma-ter mi-se-ri-córdi-æ, Vi-ta, dul-
cé-do, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamá-mus, éxsu-
les, fí-li-i Hevæ. Ad te suspi-rá-mus, geméntes et flen-
tes in hac lacrimá-rum valle. E-ia ergo, Advo-cá-ta
nostra, illos tu-os mi-se-ri-córdes ó-cu-los ad nos con-
vér-te. Et Je-sum, be-ne-díctum fructum ventris tu-i,
no-bis post hoc exsí-li-um osténde. O cle-mens:
O pi-a: O dulcis Virgo Ma-rí-a.