

The Divine Office

First Vespers (Saturday) Per Annum
Sundays after Pentecost

PREPARATORY PRAYER

Before the Office, it is praiseworthy to kneel, make the sign of the cross and then say silently the following prayers.

Aperi Domine

Open my mouth, O Lord, to bless thy holy Name: cleanse my heart from all vain, evil, and wandering thoughts; enlighten my understanding and kindle my affections, that I may fittingly recite this Office with attention and devotion, and so may be meet to be heard before the presence of thy divine Majesty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayer of St. Gertrude

O Lord, in union with that divine intention wherewith thou thyself didst offer thy praises to God while upon the earth, I now recite this Office to thee.

PSALMS

The first half of Antiphon 1 is sung.

Psalm 144.ii. *Confiteantur tibi*



¹⁰ *All thy works praise thee, O LÓRD; **

Be Seated.

and thy saints give • thanks untó thee.

¹¹ They shew the glory of thy kíngdom, *
and talk • of thy pów-er;

¹² That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kíngdom, *
might be • known untó men.

¹³ Thy kingdom is an everlasting kíngdom, *
and thy dominion endureth through • out all áges.

¹⁴ The LORD upholdeth all such as fáll, *
and lifteth up all • those that áre down.

¹⁵ The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lórd; *
and thou givest them their meat • in due séason.

¹⁶ Thou openest thine hánd, *
and fillest all things liv • ing with plénteousness.

¹⁷ The LORD is righteous in all his wáys, *
and ho • ly in áll his works.

¹⁸ The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upón him; *
yea, all such as call up • on him fáithfully.

¹⁹ He will fulfil the desire of them that féar him; *
he also will hear their cry, • and will hélp them.

²⁰ The LORD preserveth all them that lóve him; *
but scattereth abroad all • the ungodly.

²¹ My mouth shall speak the praise of the LÓRD; *

Stand.

and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ev • er and éver.

Bow (women genuflect) while singing:

Glory be to the Father and to the Són, *
and • to the Hóly Ghost.

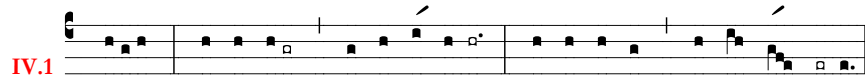
Stand upright.

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, *
world • without énd. Amen.

Antiphon 1 is sung in its entirety.

The first half of Antiphon 2 is sung.

Psalm 145. Lauda, ánima mea



PRAISE the LORD, O my soul: while I live, • will I praise the LORD; *

Be Seated.

yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises • unto my God.

² O put not your trust in princes, nor in • any child of man; *
for there • is no help in them.

³ For when the breath of man goeth forth, he shall turn a • gain to his earth, *
and then all • his thoughts perish.

⁴ Bless-ed is he that hath the God of Ja • cob for his help, *
and whose hope is • in the LÓRD his God:

⁵ Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all • that therein is; *
who keepeth his pro • mise for éver;

⁶ Who helpeth them to • right that suffer wrong; *
who feed • eth the hungry.

⁷ The LORD looseth men • out of prison; *
the LORD giv • eth sight to the blind.

⁸ The LORD helpeth them • that are fallen; *
the LORD careth • for the righteous.

⁹ The LORD careth for the strangers; † he defendeth the father • less and widow: *
as for the way of the ungodly, he turn • eth it upside down.

¹⁰ The LORD thy God, O Sion, shall be • King for évermore, *

Stand.

and throughout all • generátions.

Bow (women genuflect) while singing:

Glory be to the Fa • ther and to the Son, *
and • to the Hóly Ghost.

Stand upright.

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and • ever shall be, *
world • without énd. Amen.

Antiphon 2 is sung in its entirety.

The first half of Antiphon 3 is sung.

Psalm 146. Laudate Dominum



O PRAISE the LORD, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our Gód; *

Be Seated.

yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is • to be thánkful.

² The LORD doth build up Jerúsalem, *
and gather together the out • casts of Isra-el.

³ He healeth those that are broken in héart, *
and giveth medicine to • heal their síckness.

⁴ He telleth the number of the stárs, *
and calleth them • all by théir names.

⁵ Great is our Lord, and great is his pówer; *
yea, and his wis • dom is ínfinite.

⁶ The LORD setteth up the méek, *
and bringeth the ungodly • down to thé ground.

⁷ O sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; *
sing praises upon the harp • unto óur God:

⁸ Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the éarth; *
and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb • for the úse of men;

⁹ Who giveth fodder unto the cáttle, *
and feedeth the young ravens that • call upón him.

¹⁰ He hath no pleasure in the strength of an hórs; *
neither delighteth he in • any mán's legs.

¹¹ But the LORD'S delight is in them that féar him, *

Stand.

and put their trust • in his mércy.

Bow (women genuflect) while singing:

Glory be to the Father and to the Són, *
and • to the Hóly Ghost.

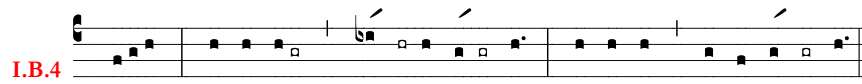
Stand upright.

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever sháll be, *
world • without énd. Amen.

Antiphon 3 is sung in its entirety.

The first half of Antiphon 4 is sung.

Psalm 147. Lauda, Jerusalem



*PRAISE the LORD, Ó Jerúsalem; **

Be Seated.

praise thy • God, O Síon.

² For he hath made fast the bárs of thý gates, *
and hath bless-ed thy child • ren withín thee.

³ He maketh peace ín thy bórders, *
and filleth thee • with the flóur of wheat.

⁴ He sendeth forth his commándment upón earth, *
and his word runneth • very swíftly.

⁵ He gívethe snów like wool, *
and scattereth the hoar • frost like áshes.

⁶ He casteth forth his íce like mórsels: *
who is able • to abíde his frost?

⁷ He sendeth out his wórd, and mélteth them: *
he bloweth with his wind, • and the wáters flow.

⁸ He sheweth his word únto Jácob, *
his statutes and ordinances • unto Ísra-el.

⁹ He hath not dealt so with ány nátion; *

Stand.

neither have the heathen • knowledge óf his laws.

Bow (women genuflect) while singing:

Glory be to the Fáther and tó the Son, *
and • to the Hóly Ghost.

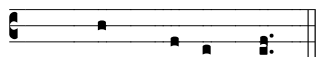
Stand upright.

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and éver sháll be, *
world • without énd. Amen.

Antiphon 4 is sung in its entirety.

CHAPTER

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge ôf God! † how unsearchable âre his judgements, * and his ways past finding out!

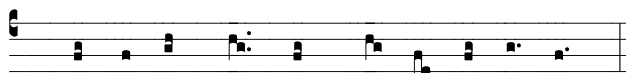


℞ Thanks be to God.

SHORT RESPONSE



Great is our Lord * And great is his power.



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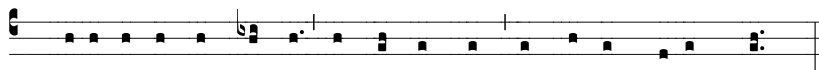


℣ Yea, and his wisdom is infinite.



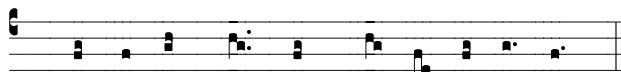
And great is his power.

Bow (women genuflect) while singing:



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

Stand upright.



Great is our Lord And great is his power.

HYMN



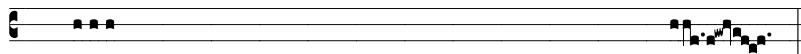
O Trinity of blessed light,
O Unity of princely might,
The fiery sun now goes his way,
Shed thou within our hearts thy ray.

To thee our morning song of praise,
To thee our evening prayer we raise;
Thy glory suppliant we adore,
For ever and for evermore.

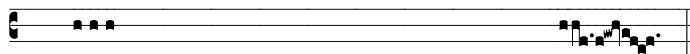
Bow (women genuflect) while singing:

All laud to God the Father be;
All praise, eternal Son, to thee;
All glory, as is ever meet,
To God the Holy Paraclete. Amen.

VERSICLE



∩ Let our evening prayer come up before thee, O Lord.



∩ And let thy mercy come down upon us.

THE MAGNIFICAT

The first half of the Antiphon is sung.

✠ MY SOUL doth • magnify the Lórd, *
and my spirit hath rejoic-ed in • Gód my Sáviour.

For he • háth regárded *
the lowliness of • his handmáiden.

For be • hóld, from hénceforth *
all generations shall • cáll me bléss-ed.

For he that is mighty hath • mágnifi-ed mé; *

Bow the head.

and hó • ly is his Name.

And his mercy is on • thém that féar him *
throughout all • génerátions.

He hath shew-ed • stréngth with his árm; *
he hath scatter-ed the proud in the imaginá • tion of théir hearts.

He hath put down the mígh • ty from théir séat, *
and hath exalted the • húmble ánd meek.

He hath filled the húng • ry with góod thínghs; *
and the rich he hath sent • éempty áway.

He remembering his mercy † hath holpen his • sérvant Ísra-el; *
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his • séed for éver.

Bow (women genuflect) while singing:

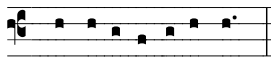
Glory be to the Fá • ther and tó the Són, *
and • tó the Hóly Ghost.

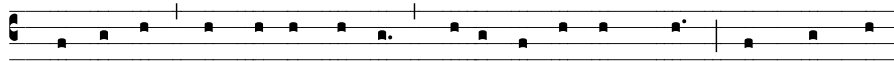
Stand upright.

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and • éver sháll be, *
wórlđ • without énd. Amen.

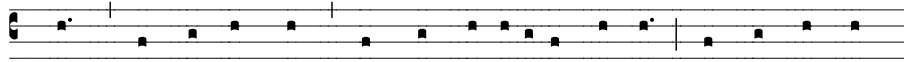
The Antiphon is sung in its entirety.

THE PRAYERS





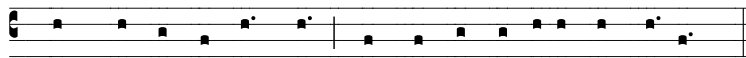
Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom



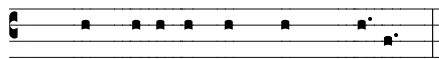
come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day



our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those



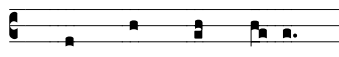
who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation.



℞ But deliver us from **✝** evil.



℣ The Lord be with you.

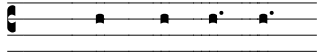


℞ And with thy spirit.

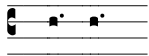


Let us pray.

The collect is prayed, ending with the words:



...world without end.



℟. Amen

Appointed commemorations are observed.

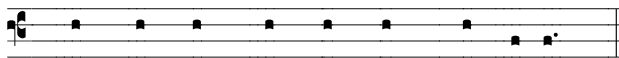
THE SUFFRAGE OF ALL SAINTS



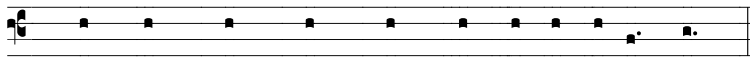
May the blessed Mother of God, † the Virgin Mary, and all the Saints,



intercede for us to the Lord.



℣. The Lord hath made his Saints wonderful.

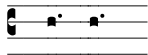


℟. And hath heard them when they called upon him.



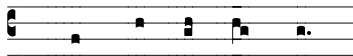
Let us pray.

Defend us, we beseech thee, O Lord, from all perils of mind and body: and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious Mary, the ever Virgin Mother of God, of blessed Joseph, of thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, [of blessed N.,] and of all Saints, graciously bestow upon us both peace and safety; that all adversity and error being done away, thy Church may serve thee in untroubled freedom, through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord; who with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth God: world without end.

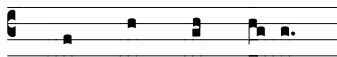


R. Amen

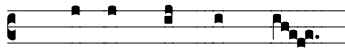
THE BLESSING



V. The Lord be with you.



R. And with thy spirit.



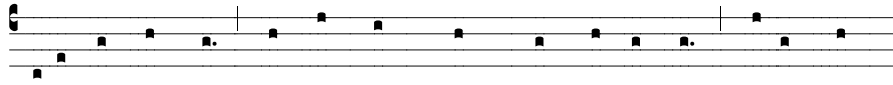
V. Let us bless the Lord.



R. Thanks be to God.

THE MARIAN ANTIPHON

From I Vespers of Trinity Sunday through None of the Saturday before Advent.



Mary we hail thee: **Mother and Queen** compassionate; Mary, our



comfort, life and hope, we hail thee. To thee we exiles, children of



Eve, lift our crying. To thee we are sighing, as mournful and



weeping, we pass through this vale of sorrow. Turn thou,



therefore, O our intercessor, those thine eyes of pity and loving-



kindness upon us sinners. Hereafter, when our earthly exile shall



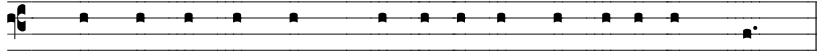
be ended, shew us Jesus, the blessed fruit of thy womb.



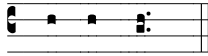
O gentle, O tender, O gracious Virgin Ma-ry.



∇ Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.



℞ That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

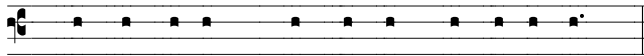


Let us pray.

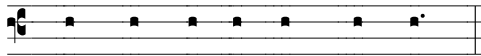
Almighty, everlasting God, who by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin-Mother Mary to become a habitation meet for thy Son: grant that as we rejoice in her commemoration; we may be delivered by her loving intercession from our present evils and from eternal death. Through the same Christ our Lord.



℞ Amen



∇ May the divine ✠ help remain with us always.



℞ And with our absent brethren.

After the Office is ended, it is praiseworthy to say the following Prayers.

To the holy and undivided Trinity,
To the crucified humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ,
To the fruitful Virginity of the blessed and glorious ever Virgin Mary,
And to the whole company of the Saints
Be everlasting praise, honor, power and glory from every creature,
And unto us the remission of all our sins for ever, world without end.

℞ Amen.

∇ Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, which bore the Son of the Father eternal.

℞ And blessed are the paps which gave suck to Christ the Lord.

The Pater Noster & Ave Maria are prayed silently.