

The Divine Office

Lauds for the Epiphany of Our Lord
Lauds during the Octave of the Epiphany

PREPARATORY PRAYER

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

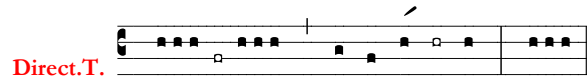
Aperi Domine

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.

Psalm 66. *Deus, misereatur nostri*



GOD be merciful unto • us, and bléss us, *

Be Seated.

and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;

² That thy way may be • known upón earth, *
thy saving health among all nations.

³ Let the peo • ple praise thée, O God; *
yea, let all the people praise thee.

⁴ O let the nations re • joice and bé glad; *
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

⁵ Let the peo • ple praise thée, O God; *
let all the people praise thee.

⁶ Then shall the earth bring • forth her íncrease; *
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

⁷ • God shall bléss us; *

Stand.

and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

Bow (women genuflect) while singing:

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

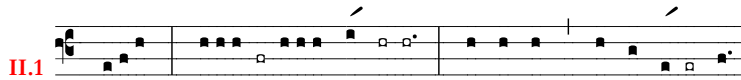
Stand upright.

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

PSALMS

The first half of Antiphon 1 is sung.

Psalm 92. *Dominus regnavit*



*The Lord is king, and hath put on glóir • ious appárel; **

Be Seated.

The Lord hath put on his apparel, and gird • ed himsélf with strength.

² He hath made the • róund world só súde *
that it can • not be móv-ed.

³ Ever since the world began hath thy seat • béen prepár-ed; *
thou art from • everlásting.

⁴ The floods are risen, O Lord. The floods have • líft up théir vóice; *
the • floods líft úp their waves.

⁵ The waves of the sea are mighty, • ánd rage hórríblý; *
but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on • high, is míghtier.

⁶ Thy testimonies, O • Lórd, are véry súde; *

Stand.

holiness becometh thine • house for éver.

Bow (women genuflect) while singing:

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

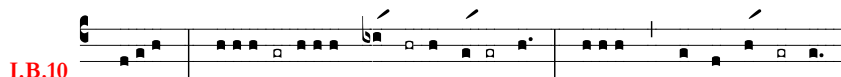
Stand upright.

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

Antiphon 1 is sung in its entirety.

The first half of Antiphon 2 is sung.

Psalm 62. *Deus, Deus meus*



*O God, • thóu art mý Gód; **

Be Seated.

early • will I séek thee.

² My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also lóng • eth áfter thee, *
in a barren and dry land • whére no wáter is.

³ Thus have I looked for • thée in hóliness, *
that I might behold thy pów • er and glóry.

⁴ For thy loving-kindness is better thán • the life ítsélf; *
my • líps shall práise thee.

⁵ As long as I live will I magnify thee • ón this mánnér, *
and lift up my • hánds in thy Name.

⁶ My soul shall be satisfi-ed, † even as it were with már • row and fátness, *
when my mouth praiseth • thée with jóyful lips.

⁷ Have I not remember-ed • thée in mý béd, *
and thought upon thee when • Í was wáking?

⁸ Because thou hast • béen my hélper, *
therefore under the shadow of thy • wíngs will Í rejoice.

⁹ My soul háng • eth upón thee; *
thy right hand • háth uphólden me.

¹⁰ These also that seek the • húrt of mý sóul, *
they shall go • únder thé earth.

¹¹ Let them fall upon the • édge of thé swórd, *
that they may be a pórtion for fóxes.

¹² But the King shall rejoice in God; † all they also that swear by him shall • bé comméded, *

Stand.

for the mouth of them that speak lies • sháll be stóp-ped.

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.

Antiphon 3 is sung in its entirety.

The first half of Antiphon 4 is sung.

The Song of the Three Children. *Benedicite, omnia opera.*



*O all ye works of the • Lórd, bless yé the Lórd : **

Be Seated.

praise him, and magnify • hím for éver.

² O ye Angels of the • Lórd, bless yé the Lórd : *

O ye Héav • ens, bless yé the Lord.

³ O ye Waters that be above the Firma • mént, bless yé the Lórd: *

O all ye Powers of the • Lórd, bless yé the Lord.

⁴ O ye Sun and • Móon, bless yé the Lórd: *

O ye Stars of Héav • en, bless yé the Lord.

⁵ O ye Showers and • Déw, bless yé the Lórd: *

O ye winds of • Gód, bless yé the Lord.

⁶ O ye Fire and • Héat, bless yé the Lórd: *

O ye Winter and Súm • mer, bless yé the Lord.

⁷ O ye Dews and • Frósts, bless yé the Lórd: *

O ye Frost and • Cóld, bless yé the Lord.

⁸ O ye Ice and • Snów, bless yé the Lórd: *

O ye Nights and • Dáys, bless yé the Lord.

⁹ O ye Light and Dárk • ness, bless yé the Lórd: *

O ye Lightnings and • Clóuds, bless yé the Lord.

¹⁰ O let the • Éarth bless thé Lórd; *
yea, let it praise him, and magnify • hím for éver.

¹¹ O ye Mountains and • Hílls, bless yé the Lórd: *
O all ye Green Things upon the • éarth, bless yé the Lord.

¹² O ye • Wélls, bless yé the Lórd: *
O ye Seas and • Flóods, bless yé the Lord.

¹³ O ye Whales, and all that move in the wá • ters, bless yé the Lórd: *
O all ye Fowls of the • Áir, bless yé the Lord.

¹⁴ O all ye Beasts and Cát • tle, bless yé the Lórd: *
O ye Children of • Mén, bless yé the Lord.

¹⁵ O let Ís • ra-el bléss the Lórd; *
praise him, and magnify • hím for éver.

¹⁶ O ye Priests of the • Lórd, bless yé the Lórd: *
O ye Servants of the • Lórd, bless yé the Lord.

¹⁷ O ye Spirits and Souls of the Rígh • teous, bless yé the Lórd: *
O ye holy and humble Men of • héart, bless yé the Lord.

¹⁸ O Ananias, Azarias, and Misa • él, bless yé the Lórd: *

Stand.

praise him and magnify • hím for éver.

Bow (women genuflect) while singing:

¹⁹ Let us bless the Father and the Son, • ánd the Hóly Ghóst; *
praise him and magnify • hím for éver.

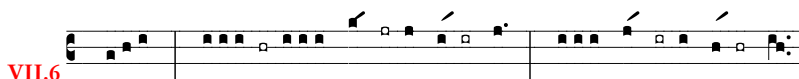
Stand upright.

²⁰ Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firma • mént of héaven; *
and to be prais-ed, and glorifi-ed, and magnifi • ed for éver.

Antiphon 4 is sung in its entirety.

The first half of Antiphon 5 is sung.

Psalm 148. *Laudate Dominum*



*O praise the • Lórd of héaven: **

Be Seated.

• praise him in the height.

² Praise him, all ye • Ángels óf hís: *

• praise him, áll his host.

³ • Práise him, sún and móon: *

praise him, • all ye stárs and light.

⁴ Praise him, • áll ye héavens, *

and ye waters that are a • bove the héavens.

⁵ Let them praise the • Náme of thé Lórd: *

for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they • were créated.

⁶ He hath made them fast for év • er and éver: *

he hath given them a law which shall • not be bróken.

⁷ Praise the • Lórd upón éarth, *

ye dra • gons and áll deeps;

⁸ Fire and hail, • snów and vápours, *

wind and storm, ful • filling hís word;

⁹ Móun • tains and áll hílls; *

fruitful trees and • áll céders;

¹⁰ Béasts • and all cáttle; *

worms and • feather-éd fowls;

¹¹ Kings of the earth, • ánd all péople; *

princes, and all • judges óf the world;

¹² Young men and maidens, old men and children, † praise the • Náme of thé Lórd: *

for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above • heaven ánd earth.

¹³ He shall exalt the horn of his people: † all his • sáints shall práise him; *
even the Children of Israel, even the peo • ple that sérveth him.

Psalm 149. Cantáte Dómino

O sing unto the • Lórd a néw sǒng; *
let the congregation of • sáints práise him.

² Let Isra-el rejoice in • hím that máde him, *
and let the children of Sion be • joyful ín their King.

³ Let them praise his • Náme in thé dǎnce: *
let them sing praises unto him with • tabret ánd harp.

⁴ For the Lord hath pleasure • ín his péople, *
and helpeth the • mēek-héarted.

⁵ Let the saints be jǒy • ful with glóry; *
let them re • joice in théir beds

⁶ Let the praises of • Gód be ín their móuth; *
and a two-edged • sword in théir hands;

⁷ To be aveng-ed • óf the héathen, *
and to re • buke the péople;

⁸ To • bínd their kǐngs in cháins, *
and their nobles with • links of íron;

⁹ To execute judgment upon them, ás • it is wríten, *
Such ho • nour have áll his saints.

Psalm 150. Laudáte Dominum

O praise God • ín his hóliness: *
praise him in the firmament • of his pówer.

² Praise him • ín his nóble ácts: *
praise him according to his ex • cellent gréatness.

³ Praise him in the sóund • of the trúmpet: *
praise him up • on the lúte and harp.

⁴ Praise him in the cým • bals and dǎnces: *
praise him up • on the stríngs and pipe.

⁵ Praise him upon the well • tún-ed cýmbals: *
praise him upon the • löud cýmbals.

⁶ Let every • thing that háth bréath *

Stand.

• praise the LORD.

Bow (women genuflect) while singing:

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

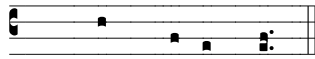
Stand upright.

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

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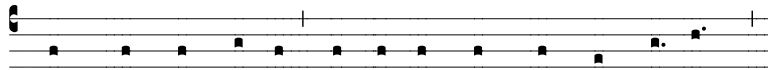
CHAPTER

After the Chapter is chanted by the Officiant:



⌘ Thanks be to God.

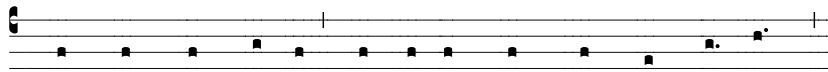
SHORT RESPONSE



The Kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents *



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



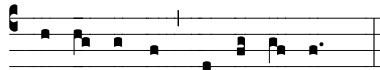
The Kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



⌘ The kings of A-ra-bi-a and Saba shall bring gifts.



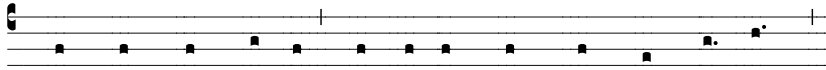
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Bow (women genuflect) while singing:



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

Stand upright.



The Kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

HYMN



O more than mighty cities known,
Dear Bethlehem, in thee alone
Salvation's Lord from heaven took birth
In human form upon the earth.

And from a star that far outshone
The radiant circle of the sun
In beauty, swift the tidings ran
Of God on earth in flesh of man.

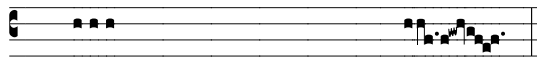
The wise men, seeing him, so fair,
Bow low before him, and with prayer
Their treasured orient gifts unfold
Of incense, myrrh, and royal gold.

The fragrant incense which they bring,
The gold, proclaims him God and King:
The bitter spicy dust of myrrh
Foreshadows his new sepulcher.

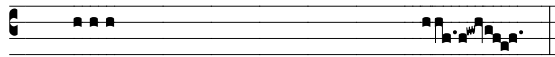
Bow (women genuflect) while singing:

All glory, Lord, to thee we pay
For thine Epiphany today;
All glory, as is ever meet,
To Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

VERSICLE



∩ O worship the Lord, allelu-ia.

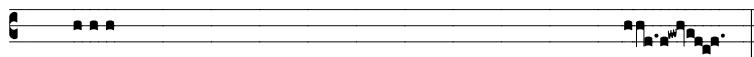


⦿ All ye Angels of his, allelu-ia.

For the Sunday within the Octave:



∩ All they from Sheba shall come, allelu-ia.



⦿ They shall bring gold and incense, allelu-ia.

THE BENEDICTUS

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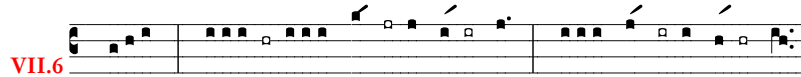
*For Epiphany Day:
For Day II in the Octave & the Day of the Octave:*



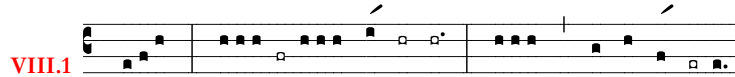
For Day III & Day IV in the Octave:



For Day V in the Octave:



For Day VI in the Octave:



For the Sunday within the Octave:



✠ *Blessed* † *be the Lord • Gód of Ísra-el; **
for he hath visited and redeem • ed his péople ;
And hath raised up a mighty sal • vátion fór us, *
in the house of his • servant Dávid ;
As he spake by the mouth of his • hóly Próphets, *
which have been • since the wórld began ;
That we should be sav-ed • fróm our énemies, *
and from the hand of • all that háte us.
To perform the mercy promis-ed tó • our forefáthers, *
and to remember his • holy cóvenant ;
To perform the oath which he sware to our fóre • father Ábraham, *
that • he would gíve us ;
That we being delivered out of the hánd • of our énemies *
might serve • him withóut fear ;
In holiness and righteous • nés before him, *
all the • days of óur life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet • óf the Híghest: *
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord • to prepáre his ways ;
To give knowledge of salvation ún • to his péople *
for the re • mission of théir sins,

Through the tender • mércy óf our God; *
whereby the Day-Spring from on high hath • visitéd us ;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, † and in the • shádw óf death, *
and to guide our feet in • to the wáy of peace.

Bow (women genuflect) while singing:

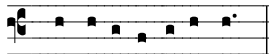
Glory be to the Fáth • er and tó the Son, *
and • to the Hóly Ghost.

Stand upright.

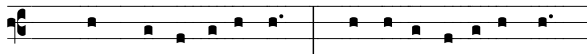
As it was in the beginning, † is now, and • éver sháll be, *
world • without énd. Amen.

The Antiphon is sung in its entirety.

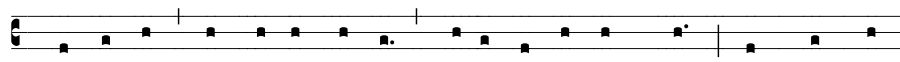
THE PRAYERS



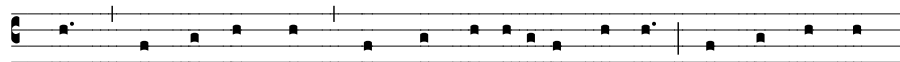
Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.



℞ Chris-te e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.



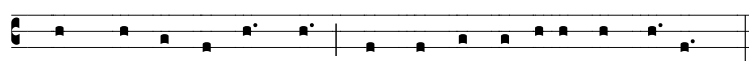
Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom



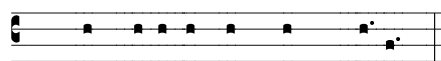
come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day



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



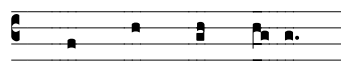
who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation.



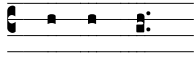
℞ But deliver us from **✠** evil.



℣ The Lord be with you.

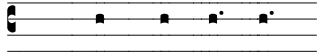


℞ And with thy spirit.

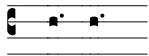


Let us pray.

The collect is prayed, ending with the words:



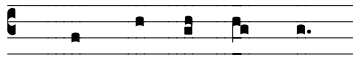
...world without end.



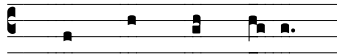
℟. Amen

Appointed commemorations are observed.

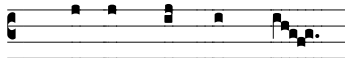
THE BLESSING



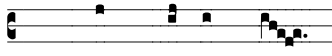
℣ The Lord be with you.



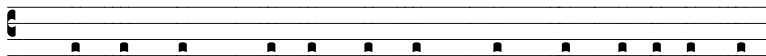
℟ And with thy spirit.



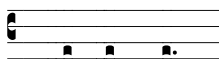
℣ Let us bless the Lord.



℟ Thanks be to God.



℣ May the souls **✠** of the faithful, through the mercy of God,



rest in peace.

THE MARIAN ANTIPHON

From I Vespers of Advent Sunday through II Vespers of the Purification.



Gracious † Mother of our Redeemer, forever abiding Heaven's



gateway, and star of ocean, O succour the people, Who, though



falling, strive to rise again. Thou Maiden who barest thy holy



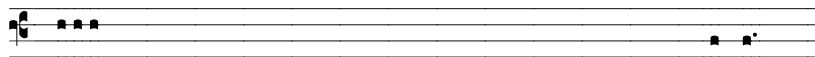
Creator, to the wonder of all nature; Ever Virgin, after as before



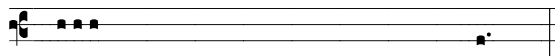
thou recei-vedst that Ave from the mouth of Gabriel; have com-



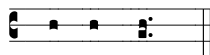
passion on us sinners.



∇ After Child-bearing, O Virgin, thou didst remain invi-olate.



⊠ Intercede for us, O Mother of God.



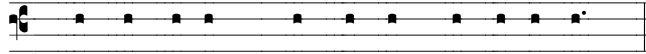
Let us pray.

O God, who by the fruitful virginity of blessed Mary hast bestowed upon mankind the reward of eternal salvation: grant, we beseech Thee; that we may know the help of her intercession, through

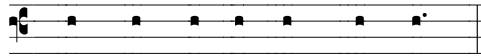
whom we have been accounted worthy to receive the Author of our life, Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord.



R: Amen



V: May the divine **✠** help remain with us always.



R: 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.

R: Amen.

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

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

The Pater Noster & Ave Maria are prayed silently.

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. Amen.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners; now, and at the hour of our death. Amen