

On the Sunday within the  
Octave of the Epiphany

## THE HOLY FAMILY: JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

### AT VESPER

**ANT. 1.** Jacob begat Joseph, † the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called the Christ. **Psalms from the Common of the BVM.** (p. 61\*).

2. The Angel of the Lord said unto Joseph in a dream, † Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

3. The shepherds † came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

4. When the Wise Men † were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary his Mother.

**CHAPTER.** *Luke ii. 51.*

**J**ESUS went down with Mary and Joseph, † and came to Nazareth, \* and was subject unto them.

**HYMN.** *O lux beata caelitem.*

**T**HE blessed Light of Saints above,  
Sweet hope of mortals here below,  
Art thou, O Jesu, who the love  
Of human home and hearth didst know.

O Mary, thou art full of grace,  
Who Jesus nursed at thy breast,  
And kissed his blessed, laughing face  
Whilst in thine arms he took his rest.

O Joseph, thou of all our race

Elected wast to guard the fame  
Of Mary, Virgin full of grace,  
And give her Son a father's name.

O Mary! Joseph! holy twain  
From Jesse's root and David's seed,  
Who ushered in salvation's reign;  
Help all who at Christ's altars plead.

The sun declineth towards the west,  
And dusk of night is drawing near;  
O take to God the heart's behest  
Of each and all who linger here.

Praise God who served, whilst here on earth,  
Joseph, and her who gave him birth;  
Whom with the Father, we adore,  
And Holy Ghost, for ever more. Amen.

✠ Blessed are they that dwell in thy  
house. ✠ They will be always praising  
thee, O Lord.

**ANT. ON MAG.** The Word was made flesh † and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth: and of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

Collect as at Lauds, below.

Commem. is made of the preceding day within the Octave of the Epiphany: Antiphon of the current day, ✠ The kings of Tharsis, and Collect (p. 225).

### AT LAUDS – HOURS

**ANT. 1.** After three days † they found Jesus in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions. **Psalm 93** *Dominus regnavit*, and the rest as in the Psalter (p. 34).

2. The Mother of Jesus † said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt

with us? Behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

3. Jesus went down with them, † and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them.

4. And Jesus increased † in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

5. And they said: † Whence hath this Man this wisdom, and these mighty works? is not this the carpenter's Son?

Chapter as at I Vespers, above.

**HYMN.** *O gente felix hospita.*

**O** HOME of Nazareth so blest,  
Thy sheltering hospitality  
God's Church begat, made manifest  
In thine own happy Family.

The sun, in coursing o'er the earth,  
No happier spot hath lighted on,  
Nor on a place of greater worth  
Through all the ages hath he shone.

This house of God, how dread it is!  
Here Angels came, and stood in line;  
Heaven's courtiers waited here with bliss  
Their turn to serve at virtue's shrine.

With diligence, in nothing loth,  
There Jesus did good Joseph's will;  
And Mary gladly served them both  
As mother-wife, yet virgin still.

Her every care was Joseph's too,  
Who toiled in love from dawn till night;  
And so to them could grace accrue  
From him who is the source of might;

For love of Jesus made these twain  
In love conjugal e'en as one,  
Whereby a great reward they gain,  
Eternal love from him, their Son.

Like this, may Christian homes on earth

In holy charity increase;  
Love sweeten pain, and give it worth,  
And keep them all in God's sweet peace.

Praise God who served, whilst here on earth  
Joseph, and her who gave him birth;  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Ghost, for evermore. Amen.

∴ All thy children shall be taught  
of the Lord. ✠ And great shall be the  
peace of thy children.

**ANT. ON BEN.** Let the example  
of thine household, † O Lord, give  
light to the dark ways of this world  
and thereby guide thou the feet of  
parents and children into the way of  
peace.

**COLLECT.**

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, who was  
subject to Mary and Joseph,  
and didst consecrate family life with  
thine unspeakable virtues; grant us,  
with the aid of them both, that we  
may be taught by the examples of thy  
Holy Family, and may obtain eternal  
fellowship therewith. Who livest and  
reignest.

Commemoration is made of the Sun-  
day and the Octave of the Epiphany.

**AT PRIME**

**Brief Lesson** He made himself of no  
reputation, as at None below.

**AT TERCE**

**ANT.** The Mother of Jesus.

**Chapter** Jesus went down with Mary  
and Joseph, as at I Vespers above.

℣. For our sakes he became poor, although he was rich. ℞. That by his poverty we might be rich.

#### AT SEXT

ANT. Jesus went down with them.

CHAPTER. *Rom. v. 19.*

AS by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, † so by the obedience of one Man \* shall many be made righteous.

℣. The Lord shall teach us his ways.  
℞. And we will walk in his paths.

#### AT NONE

ANT. And they said.

CHAPTER. *Philipp. ii. 7.*

HE made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the

form of a servant, † and was made in the likeness of men: \* and was found in fashion as a man.

℣. I am poor, and in labours from my youth. ℞. Being lifted up I am humbled and distressed.

#### AT II VESPERS

Antiphons as at Lauds, or if at I Vespers a Commemoration only has been made of the Feast, all is as at I Vespers.

℣. All thy children shall be taught of the Lord. ℞. And great shall be the peace of thy children.

ANT. ON MAG. But Mary † kept all these things in her heart, \* and did ponder them.

Commemoration of the following day within the Octave, then of the Sunday.