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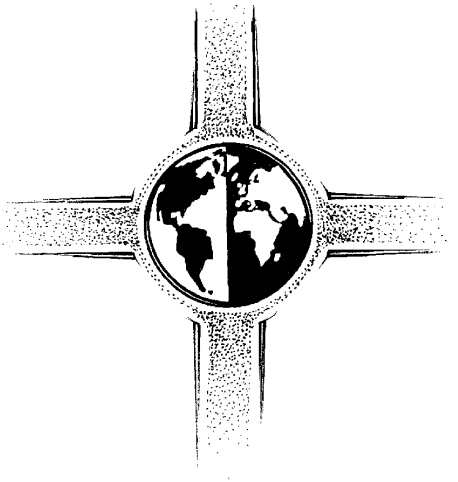

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COMMON OF APOSTLES **VESPERS**

O God, come to our aid,
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now
and shall be for ever, amen. Alleluia!

HYMN

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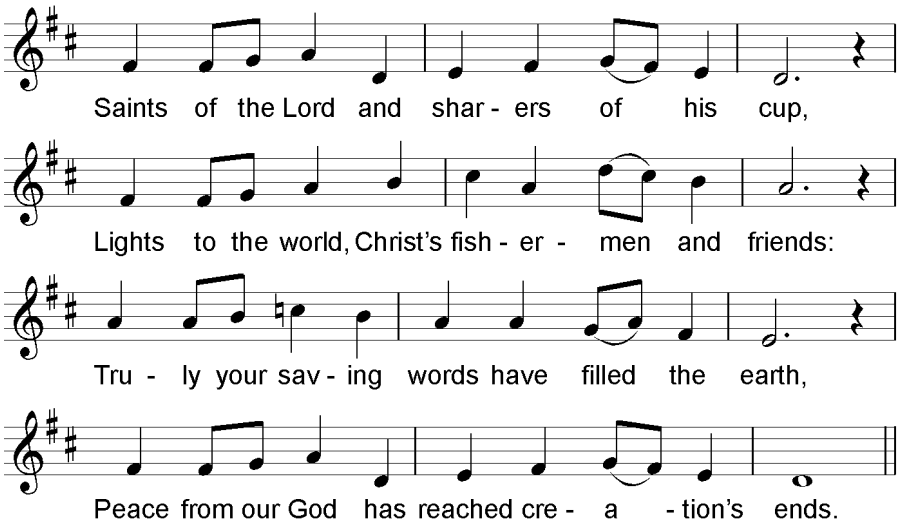

Once men of little faith and much afraid
You journeyed on in love with Christ to death.
His faithful love remade you as his own
When on the cross he yielded up his breath.

Spirit of courage, constancy and truth
Strengthened your weakness, set your tongues aflame,
Telling of God's surpassing works of love,
Calling the world to glorify his name.

Safe in your teaching still the Church will stand,
Rooted and based in love, the perfect law,
Till, all her striving passed, she shares your reign,
Praising the Three-in-One for evermore.

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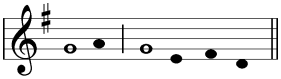
ANTIPHON 1: The Lord * has sworn an oath he will not change; you are a priest for ever.



Psalm 109

The Lord's revelation to my Master:
'Sit on my right:
your foes I will put beneath your feet.'

The Lord will wield from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes.

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

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
'You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.'

The Master standing at your right hand
will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.

He, the Judge of the nations,
will heap high the bodies;
heads shall be shattered far and wide.

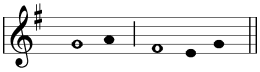
He shall drink from the stream by the wayside
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

Glory be to the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit**,**
both now and for ever, amen.

ANTIPHON 1: The Lord * has sworn an oath he will not change; you are a priest for ever.

ANTIPHON 2: The Lord * has given him a place among the leaders of his people.

Psalm 112



Alleluia!

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting
praised be the name of the Lord!

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.
To the childless wife he gives a home
and gladdens her heart with children.

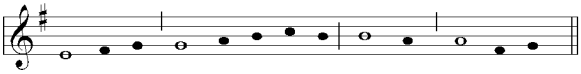
Glory be to the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit**,**
both now and for ever, amen.

ANTIPHON 2: The Lord * has given him a place among the leaders of his people.

ANTIPHON 3: They have been chosen * in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and spotless through love in God's presence.

NT Canticle 10

(Ephesians 1: 3–10)



Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

He chose us in him
before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy
and blameless before him.

He destined us in love
to be his sons through Jesus Christ,
according to the purpose of his will,
to the praise of his glorious grace,
which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace
which he lavished upon us.

He has made known to us in all wisdom and insight
the mystery of his will,
according to his purpose
which he set forth in Christ.

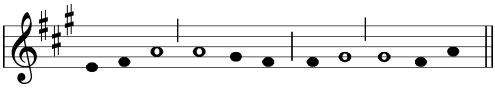
His purpose he set forth in Christ
as a plan for the fullness of time,
to unite all things in him,
things in heaven and things on earth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now
and shall be for ever, amen.

ANTIPHON 3: They have been chosen * in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and spotless through love in God's presence.

ANTIPHON 4: These men * stood faithfully by the Lord in his trials.

Psalm 115



I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted,'
and when I said in my alarm:
'No man can be trusted.'

How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.

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.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.

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.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now
and shall be for ever, amen.

ANTIPHON 4: These men * stood faithfully by the Lord in his trials.

SCRIPTURE READING

RESPONSORY

Tell of the glory of the Lord: announce it among the nations!
(repeat)

Speak of his wonderful deeds to all the peoples:

Announce it among the nations!

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

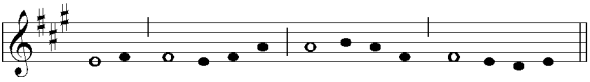
Tell of the glory of the Lord: announce it among the nations!

MAGNIFICAT ANTIPHON

When all * is made new, and the Son of Man sits on his throne of glory, you will sit on twelve thrones to judge the twelve tribes of Israel.

MAGNIFICAT Canticle of Mary

(Luke 1:46–55)



My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy 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 raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering 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 shall be for ever, amen.

REPEAT ANTIPHON

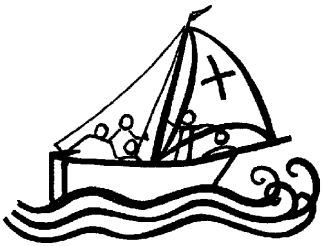
INTERCESSIONS

OUR FATHER *(said by the Superior)*

CONCLUDING PRAYER

LET US BLESS THE LORD
THANKS BE TO GOD

May the divine assistance remain always with us
And with our absent brothers and sisters. Amen.



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