

# THE TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS



## VESPERS

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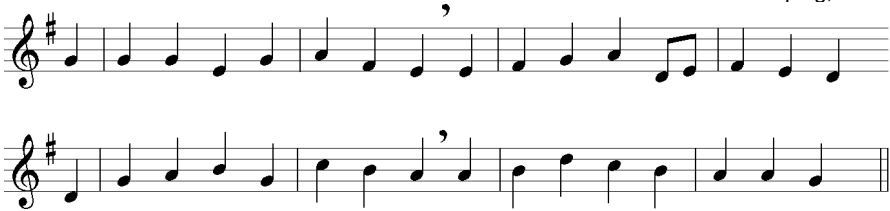
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## VESPERS

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

Leipzig, 1625



The royal banners forward go,  
The Cross shines forth in mystic glow;  
Where he in flesh, our flesh who made,  
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.

Where deep for us the spear was dyed,  
Life's torrent rushing from his side,  
To wash us in that precious flood  
Where mingled water flowed, and blood.

Fulfilled is all that David told  
In true prophetic song of old:  
Amid the nations, God, saith he,  
Hath reigned and triumphed from the Tree.

O Tree of beauty, Tree of light!  
O Tree with royal purple dight!  
Elect on whose triumphal breast  
Those holy limbs should find their rest!

On whose dear arms, so widely flung,  
The weight of this world's ransom hung;  
The price of humankind to pay,  
And spoil the Spoiler of his prey.

O Cross, our one reliance, hail!  
So may thy power with us avail  
To give new virtue to the saint  
And pardon to the penitent.

To thee, eternal Three in One,  
Let homage meet by all be done:  
Whom by the Cross thou dost restore  
Preserve and govern evermore.

Venantius Fortunatus 530–609

**ANTIPHON 1:** Wonderful \* work of love! Death was conquered when life died on the Cross.

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:** Wonderful \* work of love! Death was conquered when life died on the Cross.



**ANTIPHON 3:** We worship you, Christ, \* and we bless you: by your Cross  
you have redeemed the world.

NT Canticle 11 (Philippians 2:6–11)



Though he was in the form of God,  
Jesus did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped.

He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,  
being born in the likeness of men.

( And being found in human form, he humbled himself  
and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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

**ANTIPHON 3:** We worship you, Christ, \* and we bless you: by your Cross  
you have redeemed the world.

**ANTIPHON 4:** It is \* in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ that we must glory.

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 4:** It is \* in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ that we must glory.

### SCRIPTURE READING

### RESPONSORY

The King of angels has triumphed upon the Cross of glory. (*repeat*)

He has washed our wounds clean with his blood:—

Upon the Cross of glory.

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

The King of angels has triumphed upon the Cross of glory.







## 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.

