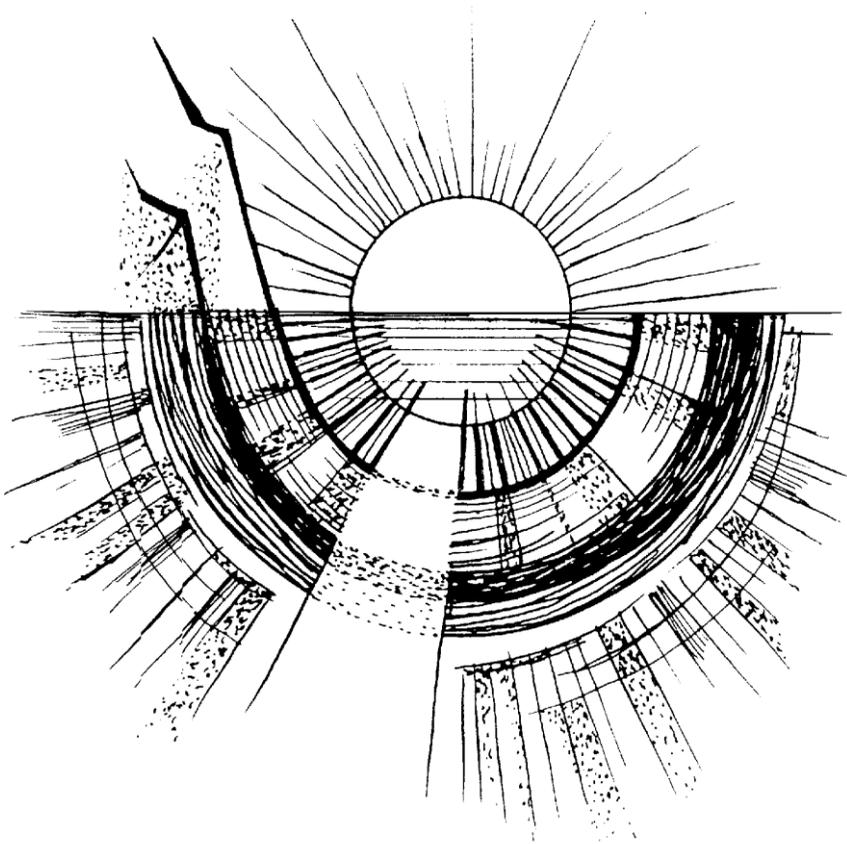


ADVENT VESPERS

WEEK A



BENEDICTINE COMMUNITIES TURVEY BEDFORDSHIRE

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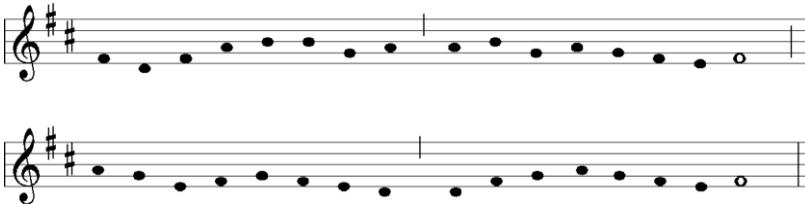
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HYMN

Conditor Alme Siderum



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Your people's everlasting light:
Lord Jesus, who redeemed us all,
In mercy hear us when we call.

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You came with healing, full of grace,
To call to life our ruined race.

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When, mighty Lord, you come again
And manifest your kingly reign,
Then every knee shall bend in awe
And earth and heav'n accept your law.

We now entreat you, Holy One,
Sole Gateway to the world to come,
Protect us in this world of care
From our Deceiver's cruel snare.

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
All honour, praise and glory be
From age to age eternally.

So in them your servant finds instruction;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me.

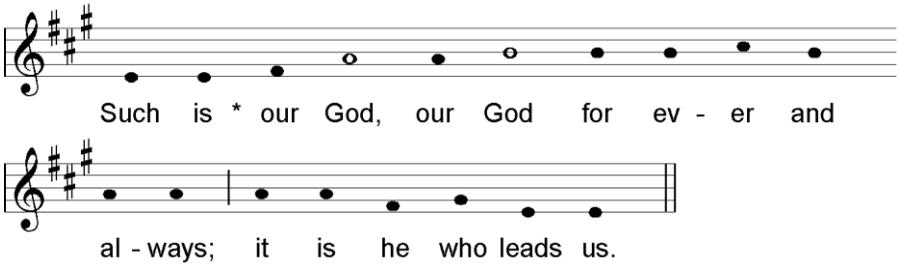
From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin.

May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock!

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 1: The fear * of the Lord is holy: there is nothing concealed
from him.

ANTIPHON 2



Such is * our God, our God for ev - er and
al - ways; it is he who leads us.

Psalm 47



The Lord is great and worthy to be praised
in the city of our God.
His holy mountain rises in beauty,
the joy of all the earth.

Mount Zion, true pole of the earth,
the Great King's city!
God, in the midst of its citadels,
has shown himself its stronghold.

For the kings assembled together,
together they advanced.
They saw; at once they were astounded;
dismayed, they fled in fear.

A trembling seized them there,
like the pangs of birth,
By the east wind you have destroyed
the ships of Tarshish.

As we have heard, so we have seen
in the city of our God,
in the city of the Lord of hosts
which God upholds for ever.

O God, we ponder your love
within your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name
reaches the ends of the earth.

With justice your right hand is filled.
Mount Zion rejoices;
the people of Judah rejoice
at the sight of your judgements.

Walk through Zion, walk all round it;
count the number of its towers.
Review all its ramparts,
examine its castles,

that you may tell the next generation
that such is our God,
our God for ever and always.
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MAGNIFICAT ANTIPHON

WEEK 1: The angel * of the Lord brought the good news to Mary, and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

WEEK 3: All generations * will call me blest, for God has looked upon his lowly handmaid.

MAGNIFICAT

Canticle of Mary

(Luke 1:46–55)



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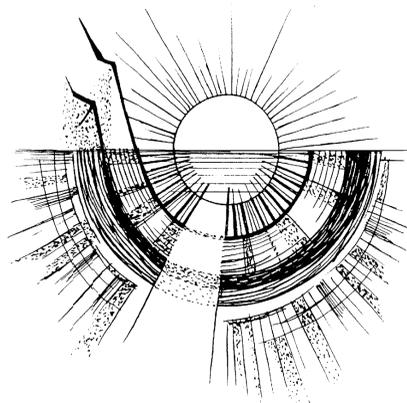
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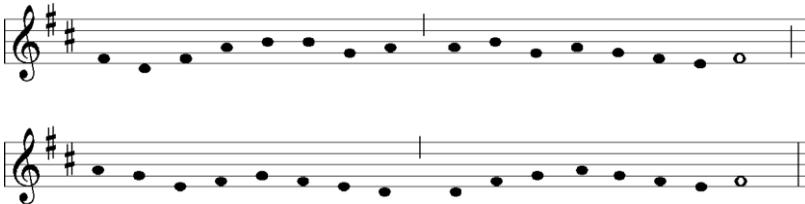
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Threaten the wild beast that dwells in the reeds,
the bands of the mighty and lords of the peoples.
Let them bow down offering silver.
Scatter the peoples who delight in war.
Princes will make their way from Egypt:
Ethiopia will stretch out her hands to God.

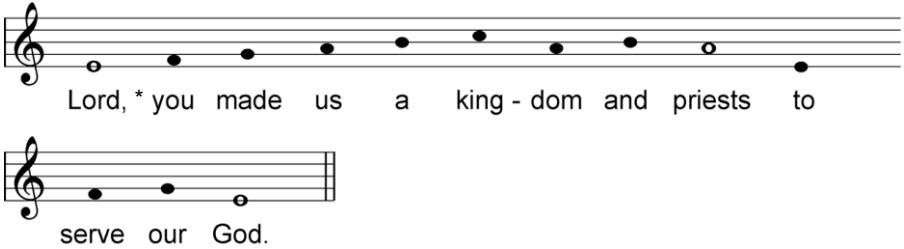
Kingdoms of the earth, sing to God, praise the Lord
who rides on the heavens, the ancient heavens.
He thunders his voice, his mighty voice.
Come, acknowledge the power of God.

His glory is on Israel; his might is in the skies.
God is to be feared in his holy place.
(He is the Lord, Israel's God.
He gives strength and power to his people.
Blessed be God!

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

ANTIPHON 1: Rejoice * in the Lord, exult in his presence!

ANTIPHON 2



Lord,* you made us a king - dom and priests to
serve our God.

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NT Canticle 19



(Revelation 4:11;5:9,10,12)

Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you made all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.

(Worthy are you, O Lord,
to take the scroll and open the seals
for you were slain,
and by your blood you ransomed men for God
from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

You have made us a kingdom and priests to our God,
and we shall reign on earth.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth,
and wisdom and might,
and honour and glory and blessing.

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

REPEAT ANTIPHON

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MAGNIFICAT ANTIPHON

WEEK 1: Seek the Lord * while he may be found, call on him while he is near.

WEEK 3: Before * they came together, Mary was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.

MAGNIFICAT

Canticle of Mary

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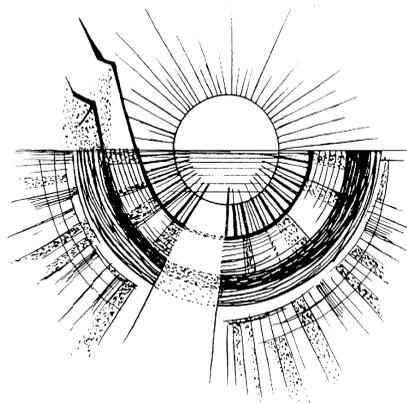
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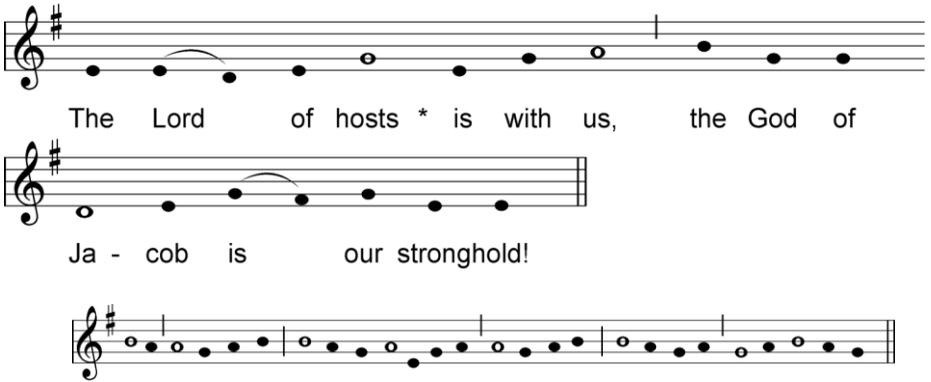
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ANTIPHON 1



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Ja - cob is our stronghold!

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Psalm 45

God is for us a refuge and strength,
a helper close at hand, in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea,
even though its waters rage and foam,
even though the mountains be shaken by its waves.

The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day.
Nations are in tumult, kingdoms are shaken;
he lifts his voice, the earth shrinks away.

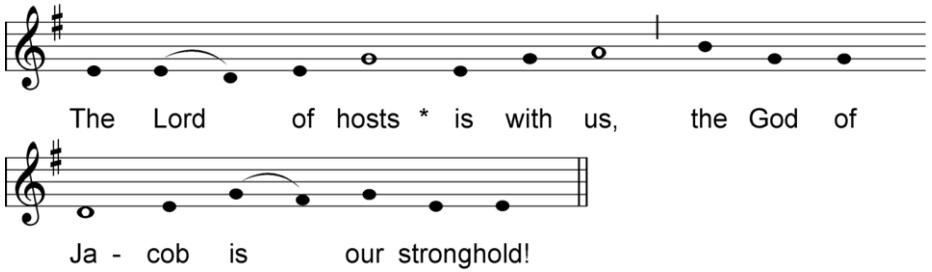
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Come, consider the works of the Lord
the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth.
He puts an end to wars over all the earth;
the bow he breaks, the spear he snaps.
He burns the shields with fire.
'Be still and know that I am God,
supreme among the nations, supreme on the earth!'

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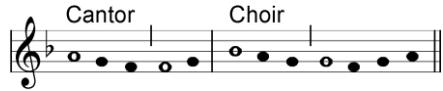


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ANTIPHON 2: To the God * of heaven give thanks, for his love endures for ever.

Psalm 135



Alleluia!

O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love endures for ever.

Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his love endures for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his love endures for ever;

who alone has wrought marvellous works,
for his love endures for ever;
whose wisdom it was made the skies,
for his love endures for ever;
who fixed the earth firmly on the seas,
for his love endures for ever.

It was he who made the great lights,
for his love endures for ever,
the sun to rule in the day,
for his love endures for ever,
the moon and stars in the night,
for his love endures for ever.

The first-born of the Egyptians he smote,
for his love endures for ever.
He brought Israel out from their midst,
for his love endures for ever;
arm outstretched, with power in his hand,
for his love endures for ever.

He divided the Red Sea in two,
for his love endures for ever;
he made Israel pass through the midst,
for his love endures for ever;
he flung Pharaoh and his force in the sea,
for his love endures for ever.

Through the desert his people he led,
for his love endures for ever.
Nations in their greatness he struck,
for his love endures for ever.
Kings in their splendour he slew,
for his love endures for ever.

Sihon, king of the Amorites,
for his love endures for ever;
and Og, the king of Bashan,
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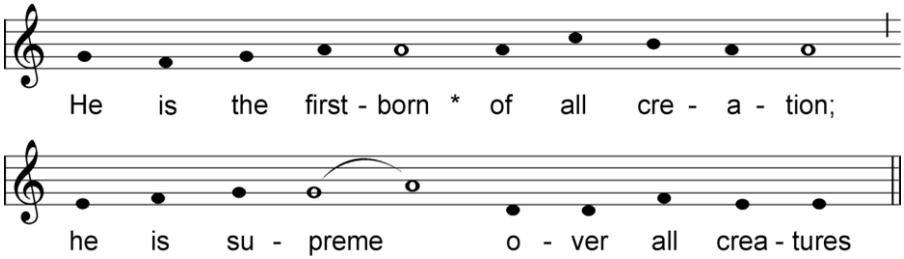
He let Israel inherit their land,
for his love endures for ever.
On his servant their land he bestowed,
for his love endures for ever.
He remembered us in our distress,
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And he snatched us away from our foes,
for his love endures for ever.
He gives food to all living things,
for his love endures for ever.
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ANTIPHON 3



He is the first - born * of all cre - a - tion;
he is su - preme o - ver all crea - tures

NT Canticle 12

(Colossians 1:12–20)



(Let us give thanks to the Father,
who has qualified us to share
in the inheritance of the saints in light.

He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption,
the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God,
the first-born of all creation,
(for in him all things were created,
in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible.

All things were created
through him and for him.
He is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the Church;
he is the beginning,
the first-born from the dead,
that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of his cross.

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

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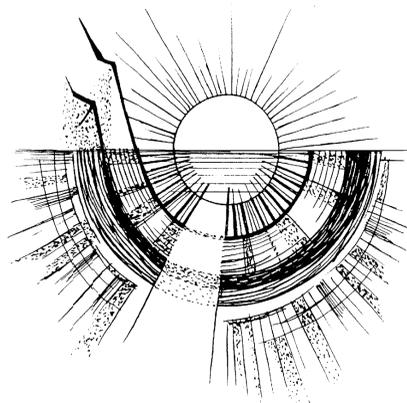
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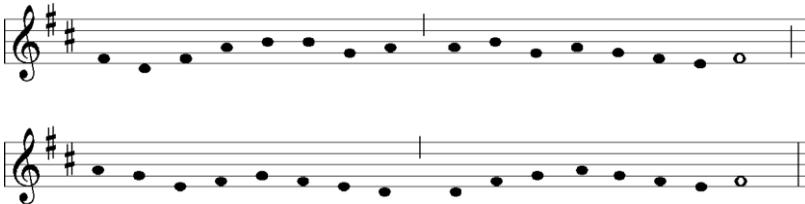
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ANTIPHON 2: Let my prayer * rise before you like incense.

Psalm 140



I have called to you, Lord; hasten to help me!
Hear my voice when I cry to you.
Let my prayer arise before you like incense,
the raising of my hands like an evening oblation.

Set, O Lord, a guard over my mouth;
keep watch, O Lord, at the door of my lips!
Do not turn my heart to things that are wrong,
to evil deeds with men who are sinners.

Never allow me to share in their feasting.
If a good man strikes or reproves me it is kindness;
but let the oil of the wicked not anoint my head.
Let my prayer be ever against their malice.

Their princes were thrown down by the side of the rock:
then they understood that my words were kind.
As a millstone is shattered to pieces on the ground,
so their bones were strewn at the mouth of the grave.

To you, Lord God, my eyes are turned:
in you I take refuge; spare my soul!
From the trap they have laid for me keep me safe:
keep me from the snares of those who do evil.

Let the wicked fall into the traps they have set
whilst I pursue my way unharmed.

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WEEK 3: Rejoice * for ever with Jerusalem, exult for her, all you who love her!

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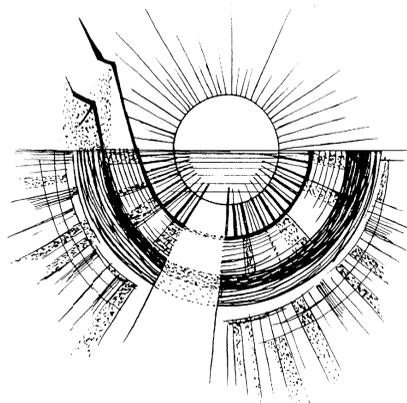
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ANTIPHON 1: All the earth * shall remember and return to the Lord.

Psalm 21 A



My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
You are far from my plea and the cry of my distress.
O my God, I call by day and you give no reply;
I call by night and I find no peace.

Yet you, O God, are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
In you our fathers put their trust;
they trusted and you set them free.
When they cried to you, they escaped.
In you they trusted and never in vain.

But I am a worm and no man,
the butt of men, laughing-stock of the people.
All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'

Yes, it was you who took me from the womb,
entrusted me to my mother's breast.
To you I was committed from my birth,
from my mother's womb you have been my God.
Do not leave me alone in my distress;
come close, there is none else to help.

Many bulls have surrounded me,
fierce bulls of Bashan close me in.
Against me they open wide their jaws,
like lions rending and roaring.

Like water I am poured out,
disjointed are all my bones.
My heart has become like wax,
it is melted within my breast.

Parched as burnt clay is my throat,
my tongue cleaves to my jaws.

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet
and lay me in the dust of death.

ANTIPHON 2



All the peoples * will come and a - dore you, O Lord!

NT Canticle 21



(Revelation 15:3–4)

Great and wonderful are your deeds,
O Lord God, the Almighty!
Just and true are your ways,
O King of the ages!

Who shall not fear and glorify your name, O Lord,
for you alone are holy!
All nations shall come and worship you,
for your judgements have been revealed.

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 2: All the peoples * will come and adore you, O Lord!

ANTIPHON 3



Psalm 99



Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Go within his gates, giving thanks.
Enter his courts with songs of praise.
Give thanks to him and bless his name.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

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ANTIPHON 3: Come * before the Lord, singing for joy!

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Cantor: Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the



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All: Let us see your mercy, Lord, and grant us your salvation.

MAGNIFICAT ANTIPHON

WEEK 1: Out of Egypt * I have called my son; he will come and save his people.

WEEK 3: This is * John's testimony: he who comes after me existed before I was born.

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.

