



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

VESPERS

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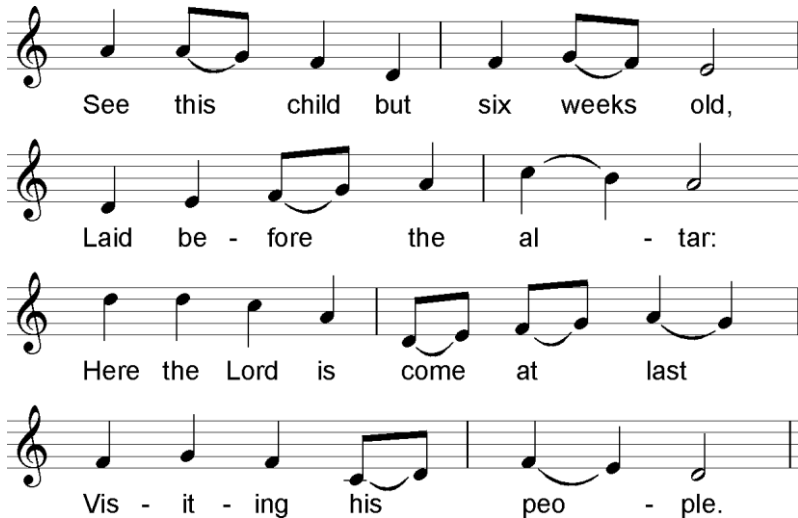
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O God, come to our aid,
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now
and shall be for ever, amen. Alleluia!

HYMN

Words and Music: Mount St Bernard



Eyes grown dim to earthly light
Gaze upon their Saviour,
See the Spirit's promised gift
Israel's consolation

Simeon can go in peace,
Yet his faith sees clearly
How this Child will be a sign,
Stumbling-block and key-stone.

Mary stores through silent years—
Years of growth in wisdom—
Words of glory and of fate:
Sword and revelation.

Glory be to God this day,
Father of our Saviour,
Glory to his Son made man,
Glory to his Spirit.

ANTIPHON 1: Simeon * was waiting for the comforting of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

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: Simeon * was waiting for the comforting of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

ANTIPHON 2: It was * promised him he should not die till he had seen the Christ of the Lord.

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: It was * promised him he should not die till he had seen the Christ of the Lord.

ANTIPHON 3: Zion * receive your King, for he whom you long to see
has come!



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: Zion * receive your King, for he whom you long to see
has come!

ANTIPHON 4: Simeon * took the child in his arms and blessed the God of Israel.



SCRIPTURE READING

RESPONSORY

The Lord has made known his salvation, and shown his justice
to the nations. *(repeat)*

He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel:

And shown his justice to the nations.

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

The Lord has made known his salvation, and shown his justice
to the nations.

MAGNIFICAT ANTIPHON

The old man * bears the child, and the child is his Master; the virgin
brings forth the Son, and she worships him as God.



MAGNIFICAT

Canticle of Mary

(Luke 1:46–55)



My soul magnifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in Gòd my saviour;
so tenderly has he looked upòn his servant,
humble às she is.

For from this day forth
all generations will còunt me blessed,
so wonderfully hàs he dealt with me,
the Lòrd, the mighty one.

His nàme is holy,
his mercy sure from generation to gèneration
toward thòse who fear him;
the deeds of his arm disclòse his might.

The arrogant of heart and mind he has put to rout,
torn powers from their thrones but lifted up the humble.
The hungry he has satisfied with good things,
the rich sent empty away.

He has ranged himself on the side of Israël his servant,
firm in his promise tò our fathers.
He has not forgotten tò show mercy,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory be to the Father and tò the Son
and to the Hòly Spirit,
as it was in the beginnìng, is now
and shall be for evèr, amen.

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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.

