

**THE EASTER OCTAVE**  
**VESPERS**



**SUNDAY**  
**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY**

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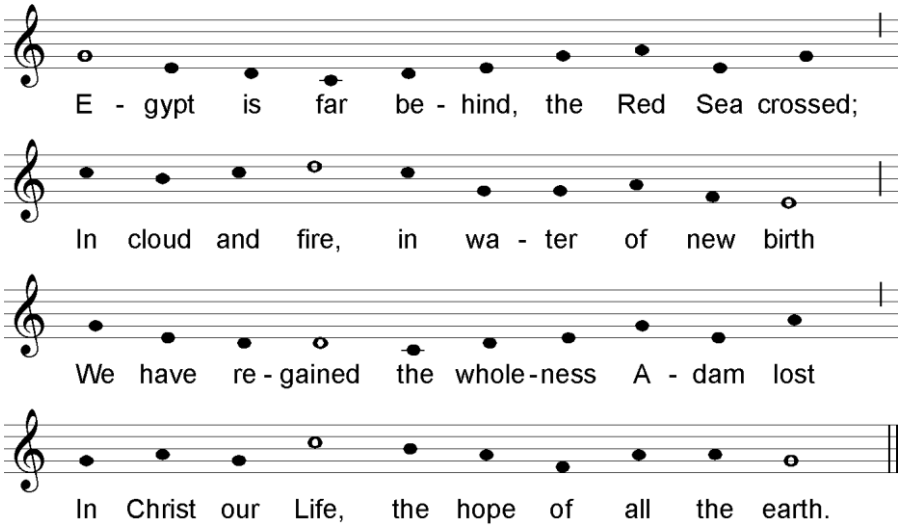
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## VESPERS OF THE EASTER OCTAVE

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

Mount St Bernard Abbey



E - gypt is far be - hind, the Red Sea crossed;  
In cloud and fire, in wa - ter of new birth  
We have re - gained the whole - ness A - dam lost  
In Christ our Life, the hope of all the earth.

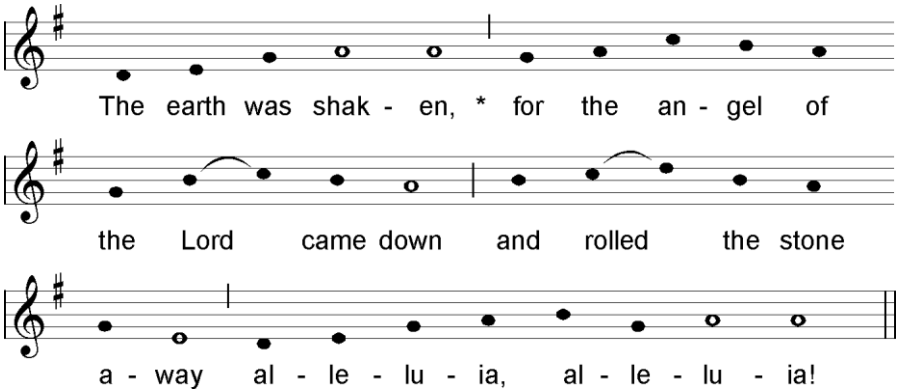
The Living One before all time and space  
No tomb could hold, no evil could destroy.  
He is the Firstborn of the human race,  
Leading us forth in faith to Easter joy.

Let all creation gather for the feast:  
New heaven and new earth are now in sight;  
All live in him, the greatest and the least,  
And all will share his freedom and his light.

Baptised in him we live for evermore  
To know our God and Christ who is our peace;  
The Spirit leads us where he went before,  
To realms of light where life will never cease.

Turvey, altered; from *Ad cenam agni providi*,  
St Niceta of Remesiana (d. c.414)

## ANTIPHON 1



The earth was shak - en, \* for the an - gel of  
the Lord came down and rolled the stone  
a - way al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Psalm 109



A B C

- A The Lord's revelation to my Master:
- B 'Sit on my right:
- C 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.'

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

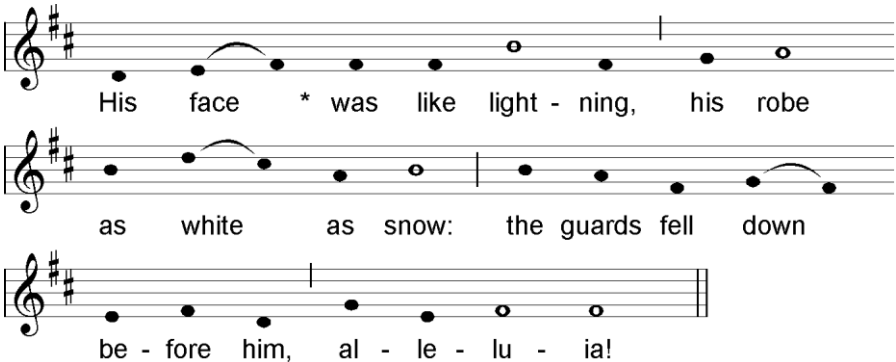
He, the Judge of the nations,  
will heap high the bodies;  
heads shall be shattered far and wide.

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

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

## REPEAT ANTIPHON

## ANTIPHON 2



His face \* was like light - ning, his robe  
as white as snow: the guards fell down  
be - fore him, al - le - lu - ia!

## Psalm 2



Why this tumult among nations,  
among peoples this useless murmuring?  
They arise, the kings of the earth,  
princes plot against the Lord and his Anointed.  
'Come, let us break their fetters,  
come, let us cast off their yoke.'

He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
the Lord is laughing them to scorn.  
Then he will speak in his anger,  
his rage will strike them with terror.  
'It is I who have set up my king  
on Zion, my holy mountain.'

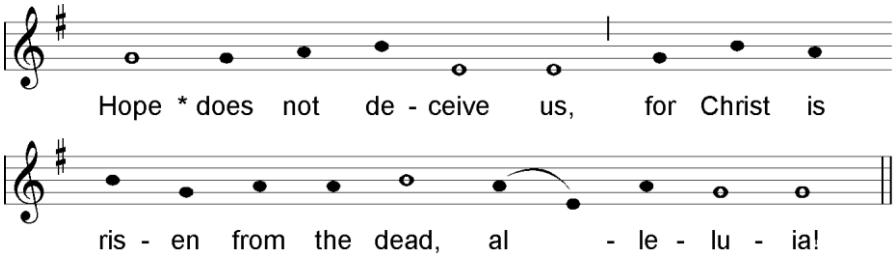
( I will announce the decree of the Lord:  
The Lord said to me: 'You are my son.  
It is I who have begotten you this day.  
Ask and I shall bequeath you the nations,  
put the ends of the earth in your possession.  
With a rod of iron you will break them,  
shatter them like a potter's jar.'

Now, O kings, understand,  
take warning, rulers of the earth;  
serve the Lord with awe  
and trembling, pay him your homage  
( lest he be angry and you perish;  
for suddenly his anger will blaze.  
Blessed are they who put their trust in God.

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

## REPEAT ANTIPHON

### ANTIPHON 3



Hope \* does not de - ceive us, for Christ is  
ris - en from the dead, al - le - lu - ia!

### Easter Canticle 2



(from Romans 5:1–11)

Now that we have been justified through fáith,  
we are at peace with God through Jesus Christ òur Lórd.

Through him we have gáined áccess  
to this grace in which wè stánd.

And so we exult in our hope of Gòd's glóry:  
we even exult in our present súfferings.

( Our hope does not deceive us,  
for God's love has been poured into òur héarts  
through the Holy Spirit he hàs given us.

While we were stíll pówerless,  
Christ died for thè gódless.

Christ died for us while we were yèt sínners:  
this is the proof that Gòd lóves us.

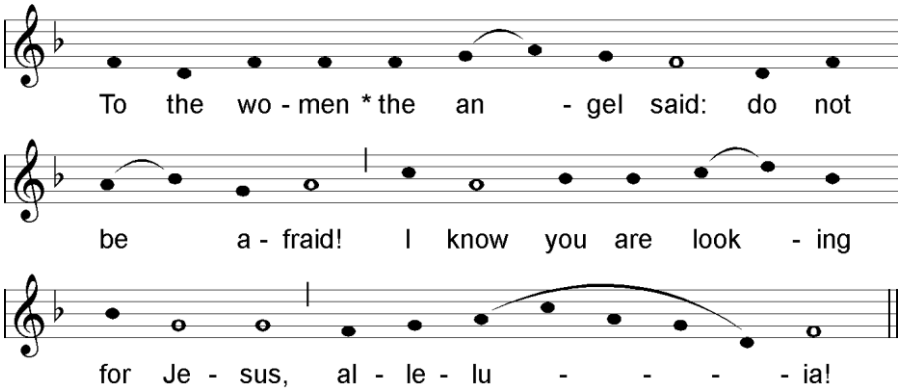
If, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled by the  
death of hìs Són,  
how much more surely shall we be saved by hìs lífe!

And we exult in God through our Lord Jesùs Chríst,  
through whom we have received reconciliátion.

Glory be to the Father, the Son and Holý Spírit,  
both now and for ever, àmén.

**REPEAT ANTIPHON**

## ANTIPHON 4



To the wo - men \* the an - gel said: do not  
be a - fraid! I know you are look - ing  
for Je - sus, al - le - lu - - - - ia!

## Psalm 46



All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth.

He subdues peoples under us  
and nations under our feet.  
Our inheritance, our glory, is from him,  
given to Jacob out of love.

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth,  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne.

The princes of the peoples are assembled  
with the people of Abraham's God.  
The rulers of the earth belong to God,  
to God who reigns over all.

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

## REPEAT ANTIPHON

# SCRIPTURE READING

## RESPONSORY



**Cantor:** The Lord is tru - ly ris - en, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia!

### All Repeat



**Cantor:** He has appeared to Sim - on:



**All:** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



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



to the Ho - ly Spi - rit.



**All:** The Lord is tru - ly ris - en, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia!

# MAGNIFICAT ANTIPHON

From the tomb \* you have been raised to life,  
Sav - iour of the world, and in your flesh  
you have raised up the hu - man race:  
glo - ry to you, O Lord!





## INTERCESSIONS

### OUR FATHER

*(said by the Superior)*

### CONCLUDING PRAYER

LET US BLESS THE LORD, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!  
THANKS BE TO GOD, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

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

