

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA



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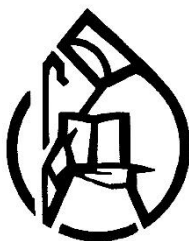
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VESPERS

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

Alan Rees, O.S.B.



The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below each staff.

We praise you, Lord, with joy this day
As glad - ly we pro - claim
That in her life this wo - man's love
Has glo - ri - fied your name

She longed for Christ, she yearned for him,
To see him face to face,
And through the long and patient years
She found in him her peace.

She gave herself and all she owned
To find the pearl of price.
She waited for the Bridegroom's call,
And listened through the night.

She walked in harmony with God,
Her eyes were on the Lord;
And in the struggles of each day
Her calm was in his word.

Her brothers and her sisters found
In her a mighty shield,
For in the fortress of her faith
They saw God's pow'r revealed.

O come and worship God this day,
The Father and the Son—
And in their Spirit know that joy
Which now she shares—O come!

Ralph Wright, O.S.B.

ANTIPHON 1: Blessed * are the pure in heart; they shall see God, alleluia!

Psalm 15



(Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
My happiness lies in you alone.'

He has put into my heart a marvellous love
for the faithful ones who dwell in his land.

(Those who choose other gods increase their sorrows.
Never will I offer their offerings of blood.
Never will I take their name upon my lips.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
The lot marked out for me is my delight:
welcome indeed the heritage that falls to me!

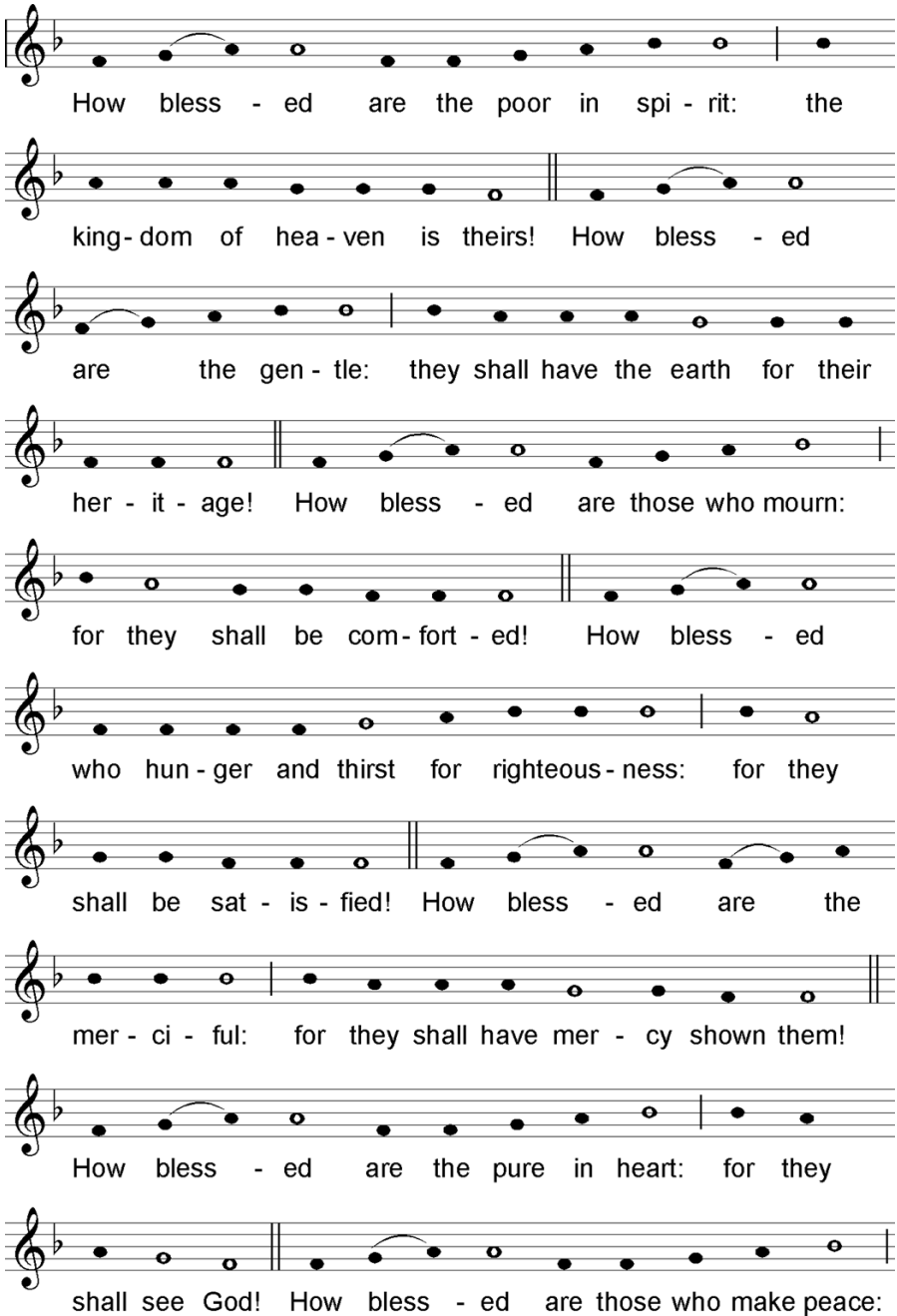
I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

(You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

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

ANTIPHON 1: Blessed * are the pure in heart; they shall see God, alleluia!



How bless - ed are the poor in spi - rit: the
king - dom of hea - ven is theirs! How bless - ed
are the gen - tle: they shall have the earth for their
her - it - age! How bless - ed are those who mourn:
for they shall be com - fort - ed! How bless - ed
who hun - ger and thirst for righteous - ness: for they
shall be sat - is - fied! How bless - ed are the
mer - ci - ful: for they shall have mer - cy shown them!
How bless - ed are the pure in heart: for they
shall see God! How bless - ed are those who make peace:

for they shall be called the child- ren of God! How
bless - ed those per - se - cut - ed for righteous-ness'
sake: who are slandered be-cause of my name: theirs
is the king-dom of hea - ven!

ANTIPHON 3: Wisdom * came into her heart, knowledge filled her soul with
delight, alleluia!



ANTIPHON 4: Go out * to meet the Bridegroom, your lamp alight with faith,
alleluia!

Psalm 98



The Lord is king; the peoples tremble.
He is throned on the cherubim; the earth quakes.
The Lord is great in Zion.

He is supreme over all the peoples.
Let them praise his name, so terrible and great.
he is holy, full of power.

You are a king who loves what is right;
you have established equity, justice and right;
you have established them in Jacob.

Exalt the Lord our God;
bow down before Zion, his footstool.
He the Lord is holy.

Among his priests were Aaron and Moses,
among those who invoked his name was Samuel.
They invoked the Lord and he answered.

To them he spoke in the pillar of cloud.
They did his will; they kept the law,
which he, the Lord, had given.

O Lord our God, you answered them.
For them you were a God who forgives;
yet you punished all their offences.

Exalt the Lord our God;
bow down before his holy mountain
for the Lord our God is holy.

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

ANTIPHON 4: Go out * to meet the Bridegroom, your lamp alight with faith,
alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READING

RESPONSORY

They come to the King with gladness and joy, alleluia, alleluia!
(repeat)

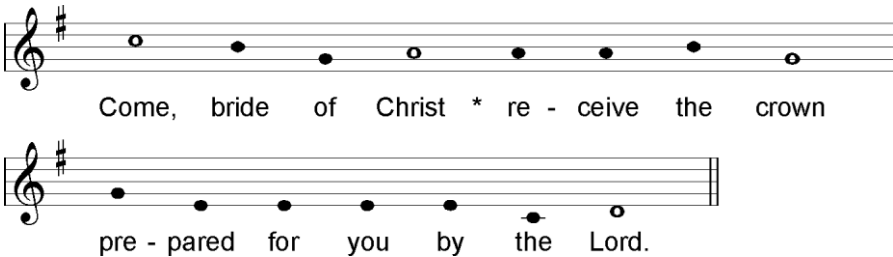
They enter his temple for ever:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

They come to the King with gladness and joy, alleluia, alleluia!

MAGNIFICAT ANTIPHON



Come, bride of Christ * re - ceive the crown
pre - pared for you by the Lord.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The notes are simple quarter and half notes.



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.

A He fills the starving with good things,
D 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, ALLELUIA!
THANKS BE TO GOD, ALLELUIA!

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

