

**VESPERS**  
**EPIPHANY TO BAPTISM**  
**TUESDAY B**

BENEDICTINE COMMUNITIES  
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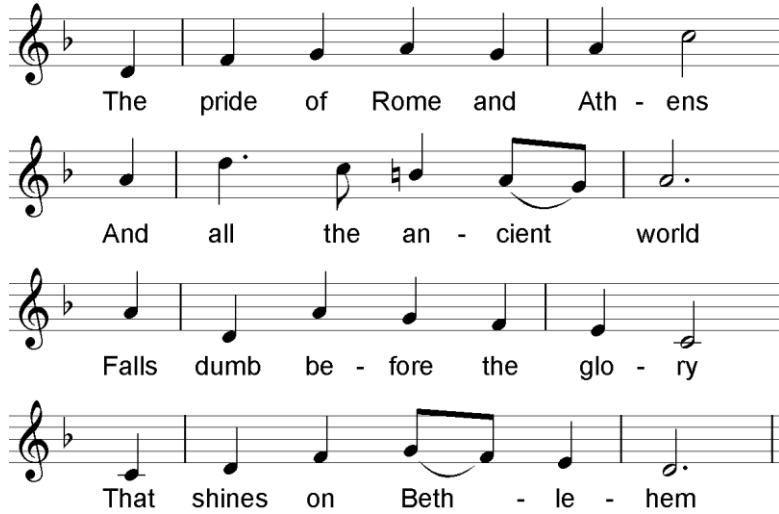
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**TUESDAY B**

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!

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The pride of Rome and Ath - ens  
And all the an - cient world  
Falls dumb be - fore the glo - ry  
That shines on Beth - le - hem

In you is born the Saviour  
Who is both God and Man:  
A star of wondrous splendour  
Is herald of his birth.

The Magi see and follow  
To bring their kingly gifts,  
And falling down they offer  
Their incense, gold and myrrh.

The yellow gold and incense  
Proclaim him King and God,  
While fragrant myrrh foreshadows  
The spices of the tomb.

To Christ be praise and glory  
Who stands revealed this day  
With Father and the Spirit  
Throughout eternity.

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**ANTIPHON 1:** God saw \* all he had made, and indeed it was very good!

Psalm 103 A



Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
clothed in majesty and glory,  
wrapped in light as in a robe!

You stretch out the heavens like a tent.  
Above the rains you build your dwelling.  
You make the clouds your chariot,  
you walk on the wings of the wind,  
you make the winds your messengers  
and flashing fire your servants.

You founded the earth on its base,  
to stand firm from age to age.  
You wrapped it with the ocean like a cloak:  
the waters stood higher than the mountains.

At your threat they took to flight;  
at the voice of your thunder they fled.  
They rose over the mountains and flowed down  
to the place which you had appointed.  
You set limits they might not pass  
lest they return to cover the earth.

You make springs gush forth in the valleys:  
they flow in between the hills.  
They give drink to all the beasts of the field;  
the wild-asses quench their thirst.  
On their banks dwell the birds of heaven;  
from the branches they sing their song.

From your dwelling you water the hills;  
earth drinks its fill of your gift.  
You make the grass grow for the cattle  
and the plants to serve man's needs,

that he may bring forth bread from the earth  
and wine to cheer man's heart;  
oil, to make his face shine  
and bread to strengthen man's heart.

The trees of the Lord drink their fill,  
the cedars he planted on Lebanon;  
there the birds build their nests:  
on the tree-top the stork has her home.  
the goats find a home on the mountains  
and rabbits hide in the rocks.

You made the moon to mark the months;  
the sun knows the time for its setting.  
When you spread the darkness it is night  
and all the beasts of the forest creep forth.  
The young lions roar for their prey  
and ask their food from God.

At the rising of the sun they steal away  
and go to rest in their dens.  
Man goes forth to his work,  
to labour till evening falls.

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

### Psalm 103 B



( How many are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your riches.

( There is the sea, vast and wide,  
with its moving swarms past counting,  
living things great and small.  
The ships are moving there  
and the monsters you made to play with.

All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season.  
You give it, they gather it up:  
you open your hand, they have their fill.

( You hide your face, they are dismayed;  
you take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
He looks on the earth and it trembles;  
the mountains send forth smoke at his touch.

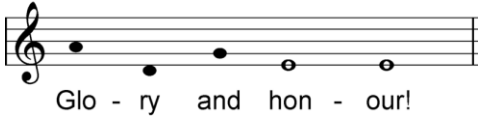
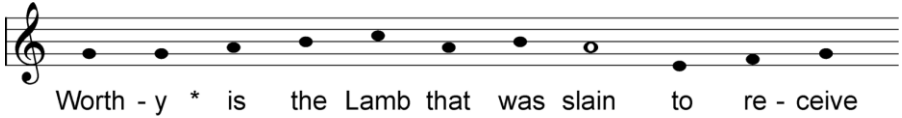
I will sing to the Lord all my life,  
make music to my God while I live.  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord.

( Let sinners vanish from the earth  
and the wicked exist no more.  
Bless the Lord, my soul.

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

**ANTIPHON 1:** God saw \* all he had made, and indeed it was very good!

## ANTIPHON 2



## 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

**ANTIPHON 3:** The Lord \* is king, let earth rejoice!

Psalm 96



The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
let all the coastlands be glad.  
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;  
his throne, justice and right.

A fire prepares his path;  
it burns up his foes on every side.  
His lightnings light up the world,  
the earth trembles at the sight.

The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory.

Let those who serve idols be ashamed,  
those who boast of their worthless gods.  
All you spirits, worship him.

Zion hears and is glad;  
the people of Judah rejoice  
because of your judgements O Lord.

For you indeed are the Lord  
most high above all the earth  
exalted far above all spirits.

The Lord loves those who hate evil:  
he guards the souls of his saints;  
he sets them free from the wicked.

Light shines forth for the just  
and joy for the upright of heart.  
Rejoice, you just, in the Lord;  
give glory to his holy name.

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.

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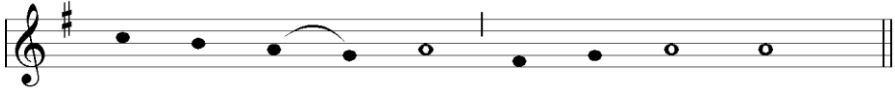


# SCRIPTURE READING

## RESPNSORY



CANTOR: All peo - ples will be blest in him,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

### ALL REPEAT



CANTOR: Let his glo - ry fill the earth:



ALL: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



CANTOR: Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, the Son and



Ho - ly Spi - rit:



ALL: All peo - ples will be blest in him,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## MAGNIFICAT ANTIPHONS

### 7 JANUARY

When the Magi \* saw the star, they were filled with great joy. They entered the house and offered the Lord gold, frankincense and myrrh.

### 8 JANUARY

You came \* to bring us the eternal light: to you, O Christ, we bring our praise, alleluia!

### 9 JANUARY

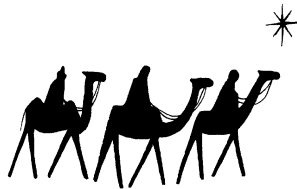
Herod asked: \* 'What is the sign of this new King?' 'We have seen a shining star, whose light fills all the world!'

### 10 JANUARY

Everyone in Sheba \* will come, bringing gold and incense for the Lord, alleluia!

### 11 JANUARY

The Magi \* were warned in a dream, so they returned to their country by another way.



## 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.

