

**VESPERS**  
**EPIPHANY TO BAPTISM**  
**WEDNESDAY B**

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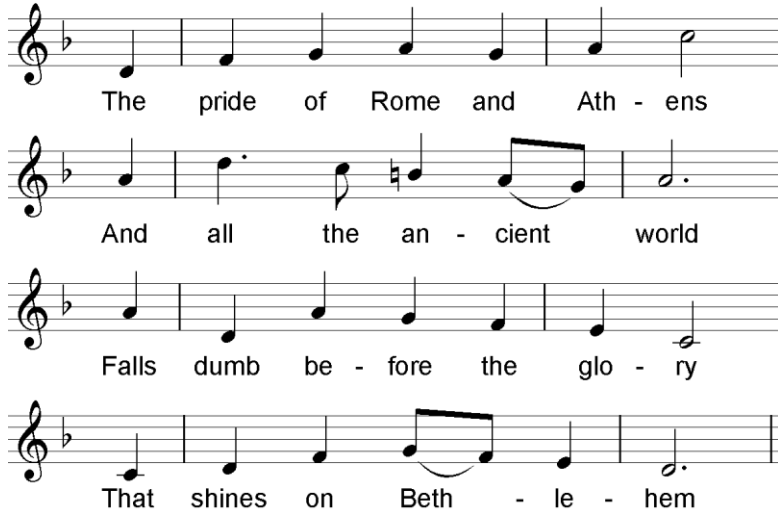
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O God, come to our aid,  
O Lord, make haste to help us.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now  
and shall be for ever, amen. Alleluia!

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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.

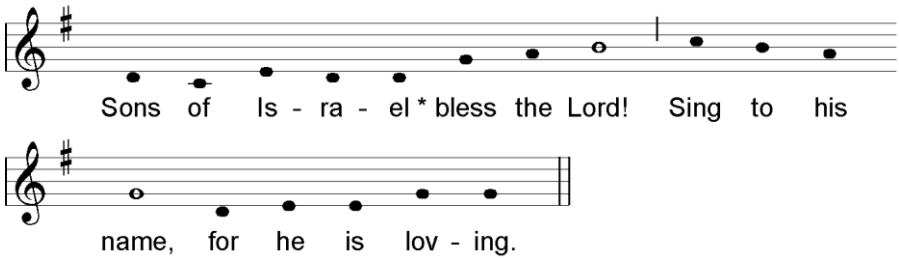
The Magi see and follow  
To bring their kingly gifts,  
And falling down they offer  
Their incense, gold and myrrh.

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



Sons of Is - ra - el \* bless the Lord! Sing to his  
name, for he is lov - ing.

## Psalm 134



Alleluia!

Praise the name of the Lord,  
praise him, servants of the Lord,  
who stand in the house of the Lord  
in the courts of the house of our God.

Praise the Lord for the Lord is good.  
Sing a psalm to his name for he is loving.  
For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself  
and Israel for his own possession.

For I know the Lord is great,  
that our Lord is high above all gods.  
The Lord does whatever he wills,  
in heaven, on earth, in the seas.

( He summons clouds from the ends of the earth;  
makes lightning produce the rain;  
from his treasures he sends forth the wind.

The first-born of the Egyptians he smote,  
of man and beast alike.

( Signs and wonders he worked  
In the midst of your land, O Egypt,  
against Pharaoh and all his servants.

Nations in their greatness he struck  
and kings in their splendour he slew.

( Sihon, king of the Amorites,  
Og, the king of Bashan,  
and all the kingdoms of Canaan.  
He let Israel inherit their land;  
on his people their land he bestowed.

Lord, your name stands for ever,  
unforgotten from age to age:  
for the Lord does justice for his people;  
the Lord takes pity on his servants.

Pagan idols are silver and gold,  
the work of human hands.  
They have mouths but they cannot speak;  
they have eyes but they cannot see.

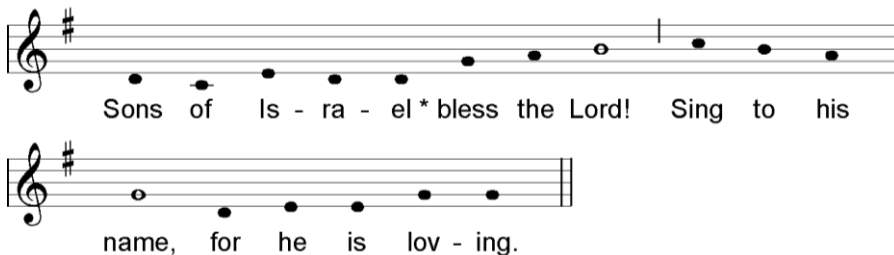
They have ears but they cannot hear;  
there is never a breath on their lips.  
Their makers will come to be like them  
and so will all who trust in them!

Sons of Israel, bless the Lord!  
Sons of Aaron, bless the Lord!  
Sons of Levi, bless the Lord!  
You who fear him, bless the Lord!

From Zion may the Lord be blessed,  
he who dwells in Jerusalem!

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

#### ANTIPHON



Sons of Is - ra - el \* bless the Lord! Sing to his  
name, for he is lov - ing.

**ANTIPHON 2:** To you, \* O God, will I sing a new song.

Psalm 143



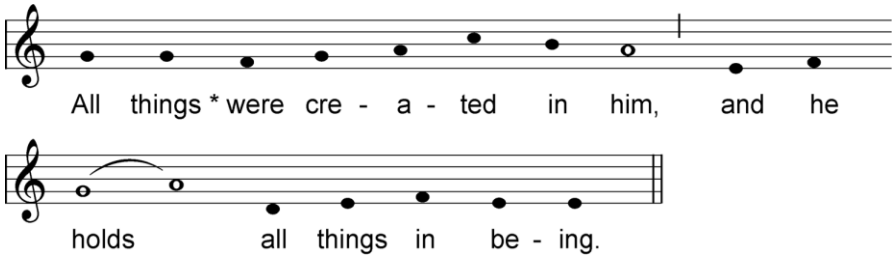
Let our barns be filled to overflowing  
with crops of every kind;  
( our sheep increasing by thousands,  
myriads of sheep in our fields,  
our cattle heavy with young,

no ruined wall, no exile,  
no sound of weeping in our streets.  
Happy the people with such blessings;  
happy the people whose God is the Lord.

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

**ANTIPHON 2:** To you, \* O God, will I sing a new song.

### ANTIPHON 3



All things \* were cre - a - ted in him, and he  
holds all things in be - ing.

### 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.

**REPEAT ANTIPHON**





# 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.

