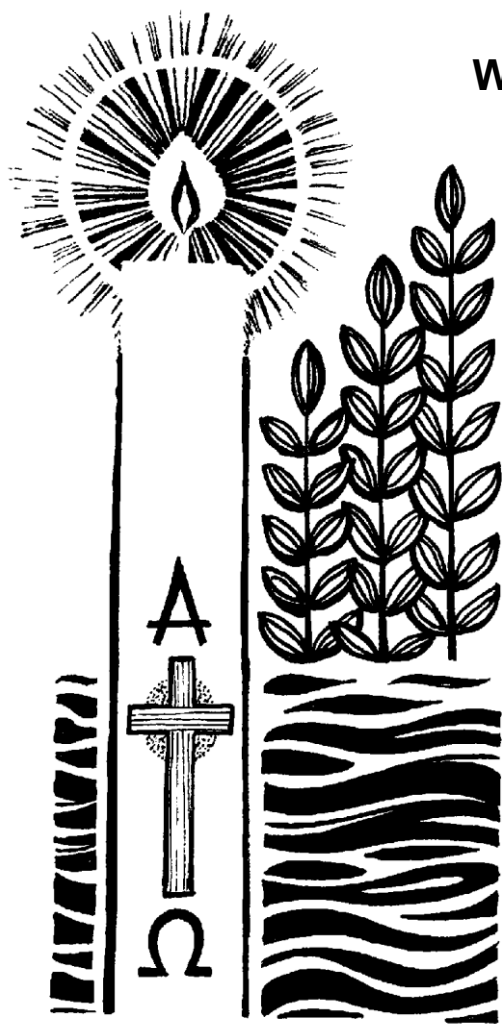


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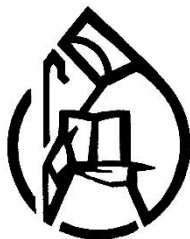
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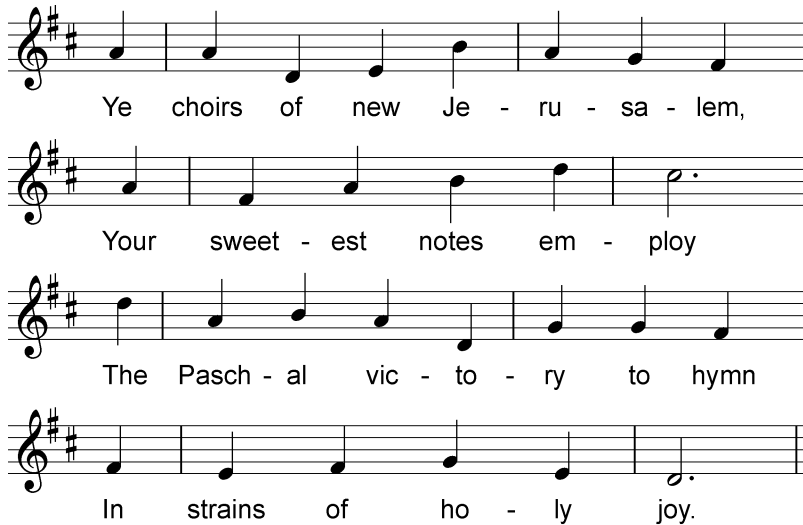
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HYMN

Henry J. Gauntlett 1805–1876



Ye choirs of new Je - ru - sa - lem,
Your sweet - est notes em - ploy
The Pasch - al vic - to - ry to hymn
In strains of ho - ly joy.

How Judah's Lion burst his chains
And crushed the serpent's head;
And brought with him from death's domains
The long-imprisoned dead.

From hell's devouring jaws the prey
Alone our Leader bore;
His ransomed hosts pursue their way
Where he hath gone before.

Triumphant in his glory now,
His sceptre ruleth all;
Earth, heaven and hell before him bow
And at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing,
His mercy we implore,
Into his palace bright to bring
And keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee
While endless ages run.

St Fulbert of Chartres, c.1000
translated by R. Campbell

VESPERS IN EASTERTIDE

WEDNESDAY 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!

HYMN

ANTIPHON 1: I, the Lord, * am your Saviour, I am your Redeemer, alleluia!

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.

Lord, what is man that you care for him,
mortal man, that you keep him in mind;
man, who is merely a breath
whose life fades like a shadow?

Lower your heavens and come down;
touch the mountains; wreath them in smoke.
Flash your lightnings; rout the foe,
shoot your arrows and put them to flight.

(Reach down from heaven and save me;
draw me out from the mighty waters,
from the hands of alien foes
whose mouths are filled with lies,
whose hands are raised in perjury.

To you, O God, will I sing a new song;
I will play on the ten-stringed lute
to you who give kings their victory,
who set David your servant free.

You set him free from the evil sword;
you rescued him from alien foes
whose mouths were filled with lies,
whose hands were raised in perjury.

Let our sons then flourish like saplings
grown tall and strong from their youth:
our daughters graceful as columns,
adorned as though for a palace.

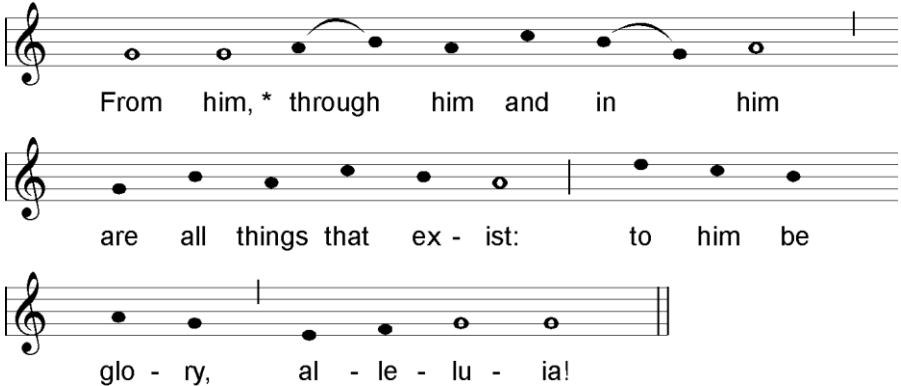
Let our barns be filled to overflowing
with crops of every kind;
(our sheep increasing by thousands,
myriads of sheep in our fields,
our cattle heavy with young,

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: Sing * to the God of victories, alleluia!

ANTIPHON 3



From him,* through him and in him
are all things that exist: to him be
glo - ry, al - le - lu - ia!

NT Cantic 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

ANTIPHON 4: All the earth * shall see the salvation of our God, alleluia!

Psalm 97

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord.

Let the sea and all within it, thunder;
the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy

at the presence of the Lord: for he comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with fairness.

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.

ANTIPHON 4: All the earth * shall see the salvation of our God, alleluia!

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

Week 2

Anyone * who lives by the truth comes out into the light, alleluia!

Week 4

God * sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through him, alleluia!

MAGNIFICAT

(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, ALLELUIA!
THANKS BE TO GOD, ALLELUIA!

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

