The English Office Noted

Matins & Vespers according to the Orthodox Mestern Rite



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The Daily Office

In addition to the Eucharist, the Church offers services (known as *The Daily Office*) consisting of the singing of Psalms and hymns, the reading of Scripture and prayer. While the monastic office is considered to be the ideal form of daily prayer, it is seldom kept outside of monastic establishments where the community regularly sings all seven day offices as well as the night office. In the 16th century, the English Church simplified the monastic office for use in parish churches and for family and private use. This work was not original, but a condensation of the primary elements of the ancient Office. Western Rite congregations of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese may make use of this structure for Matins and Vespers, while restoring important didactic content from the monastic use (e.g. the office hymns and antiphons).

The *Ordo* available from the Western Rite Vicariate provides the official daily calendar and lectionary. *The St. Ambrose Hymnal (SAH)* provides the office hymns and Marian anthems. *The Antiphoner* provides collects and antiphons; the collects may also be found in *The Orthodox Missal*. Additional settings of the canticles may be found in *St. Dunstan's Plainsong Psalter* and other resources.

The Office should be sung as common prayer, with the participants listening to one another, singing together, and no one voice standing out from the rest. The chants are best sung at the tempo and rhythm one would use in speaking the texts corporately; the Officiant and cantors should set the pace. It is customary for the Officiant alone to sing the first phrase of the canticles, Creed and Lord's Prayer. According to ancient custom, the psalms may be sung in unison, responsorially (the cantor beginning and alternating verses with the people), or antiphonally (two groups of participants alternating verses).

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Prayers before the Office

which may be said silently

Open my mouth, O Lord, to bless thy holy Name: cleanse my heart from all vain, evil, and wandering thoughts; enlighten my understanding and kindle my affections, that I may say this Office worthily, with attention and devotion, and so may be meet to be heard before the presence of thy divine Majesty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offer thy praises to God while upon the earth, I now recite this Office of prayer unto thee.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Tbelieve in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, ♣ and the life everlasting. Amen.

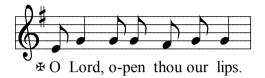
Prayers after the Office

To the holy and undivided Trinity, to the crucified Humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, to the fruitful Virginity of the blessed and glorious ever Virgin Mary, and to the whole company of the Saints, be everlasting praise, honor, power, and glory from every creature, and unto us the remission of all our sins for ever, world without end. Amen.

The Our Father and the Hail Mary may be repeated.

The Order for Matins

All stand and the officiant may sing or say the opening sentence (page 232). Then follows:

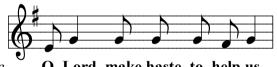




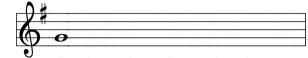
People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.



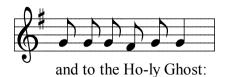
Officiant ♥ O God, make speed to save us.

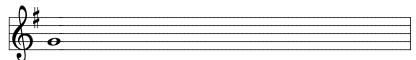


People O Lord, make haste to help us.



Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,





People

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,







Then is sung Venite, exultemus. A proper antiphon may be sung with the response "O come / let us worship." During the Paschal season and on major feasts the response is "O come let us worship. / Alleluia." Note that Psalm 95 is sung in place of the Venite on the 19th day and in Penitential seasons.



O COME, let us sing unto the / Lord; * let us heartily rejoice in the strength of / our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanks/giving, * and show ourselves / glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great / God, * and a great King / above all gods. In his hand are all the corners of the / earth, * and the strength of the hills / is his also.

The sea is his and he / made it, * and his hands pre/pared the dry land. O come, let us worship and fall / down * and kneel before the / Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our / God, * and we are the people of his pasture and the / sheep of his hand.

Conclusion of Venite

O worship the Lord in the beauty of / holiness; * let the whole earth / stand in awe of him

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the / earth, * and with righteousness to judge the world and the / peoples with his truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the / Son, * and / to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever / shall be, * world / without end. Amen.

Conclusion of Psalm 95 (sung on the 19th Day and on penitential occasions)

Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your / hearts * as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation / in the wilderness;

When your fathers / tempted me, * proved / me, and saw my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation and / said, * It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they / have not known my ways:

Unto whom I sware in my / wrath, * that they should not en/ter into my rest.

Glory be to the Father, and to the / Son, * and / to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever / shall be, * world / without end. Amen.

The antiphon is repeated. Then shall be sung the Psalm or Psalms appointed for the day (psalm antiphons may be sung), followed by the First Lesson.

The first canticle is then sung. The Te Deum laudamus is sung on most Sundays and feast days. Note that in Advent and Lent Benedicite omnia (p. 5) is sung in place of Te Deum when Matins is sung with two lessons. The canticle Benedictus es, Domine (p. 7) may also be sung in place of Te Deum at any time. Following local custom, Matins may be sung with one lesson and canticle.

Te Deum laudamus

Tone VIII 1



WE PRAISE thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the / Lord. * All the earth doth worship thee, the Father / everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the / Powers therein. * To thee Cherubim and Seraphim con/tinually do cry:

Holy, holy, Lord God of / Sabaoth; * Heaven and earth are full of the majesty / of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles / praise thee: * the goodly fellowship of the / prophets praise thee.

The noble army of martyrs / praise thee: * the holy Church throughout all the world / doth acknowledge thee,

The Father of an infinite majesty, † thine adorable, true, and only / Son, * also the Holy / Ghost the Comforter.

Tone VII 3



Thou art the King of / glory, O Christ: * thou art the everlasting / Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee / to deliver man, * thou didst humble thyself to be / born of a Virgin.

When thou hadst overcome the / sharpness of death, * thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to / all believers.

Thou sittest at the / right hand of God, * in the glory / of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt / come to be our judge: * we therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed / with thy precious blood.

Make them to be / numbered with thy saints, * in glory / everlasting.



- O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine / heritage; * Govern them and lift them / up for ever.
- Day by day we magnify / thee; * And we worship thy Name ever / world without end.
- Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without / sin; * O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mer/cy upon us.
- O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us; as our trust is in / thee. * O Lord, in thee have I trusted; Let me never / be confounded.

Benedicite, omnia opera Tone I B 7

- O ALL ye Works of the Lord, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O ye Angels of the Lord, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O ye Heavens, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O ye Waters that be above the Firmament, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O all ye Powers of the Lord, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O ye Sun and Moon, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.

- O ye Stars of Heaven, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O ye Showers and Dew, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O ye Winds of God, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O ye Fire and Heat, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O ye Winter and Summer, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O ye Dews and Frosts, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O ye Frost and Cold, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O ye Ice and Snow, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O ye Nights and Days, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O ye Light and Darkness, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O ye Lightnings and Clouds, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O let the / Earth bless the Lord * yea, let it praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O ye Mountains and Hills, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O all ye Green Things upon the Earth, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O ye Wells, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O ye Seas and Floods, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O ye Whales, and all that move in the Waters, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O all ye Fowls of the Air, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O all ye Beasts and Cattle, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.

- O ye Children of Men, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O let / Israel bless the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O ye Priests of the Lord, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O ye Servants of the Lord, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O ye holy and humble Men of heart, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- O Ananias, Azarias and Misael, / bless ye the Lord * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.
- Let us bless the Father, and the / Son and the Holy Ghost; * praise him, and magnify / him for ever.

Benedictus es, Domine

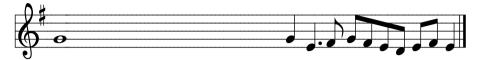
Tone VI C



- BLESSED art thou, O Lord God of / our fathers: * praised and exalted above / all forever.
- Blessed art thou for the Name of / thy Majesty: * praised and exalted above / all forever
- Blessed art thou in the temple of / thy holiness: * praised and exalted above / all forever.
- Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between / the Cherubim: * praised and exalted above / all forever.
- Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of / thy kingdom: * praised and exalted above / all forever.
- Blessed art thou in the firmament / of heaven: * praised and exalted above / all forever.

The Second Lesson is read, as appointed.

The Office Hymn, Versicle and Response shall then be sung. The Versicle and Response for the Second Sunday after Epiphany to Quinquagesima and the Sundays after Trinity are:



- V. The Lord is King and hath put on glorious appar/el.
- R. The Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with / strength.

The canticle Benedictus Dominus is then sung, with the proper antiphon. Another setting is found on page 15.

Benedictus Dominus

Tone VII 5



- ₱ BLESSED be the Lord / God of Israel, * for he hath visited and re/deemed his people;
- AND HATH raised up a mighty sal/vation for us * in the house of his / servant David,
- AS HE spake by the mouth of his / holy prophets, * which have / been since the world began:
- THAT WE should be saved / from our enemies, * and from the hand of / all that hate us;
- TO PERform the mercy promised / to our forefathers, * and to remember his / holy covenant;
- TO PERform the oath which he sware to our fore/father Abraham, * that / he would give us,
- THAT WE being delivered out of the hand / of our enemies * might / serve him without fear,
- IN HOliness and righteous/ness before him, * all the / days of our life.
- AND THOU, child, shalt be called the prophet / of the Highest, * for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord / to prepare his ways;

TO GIVE knowledge of salvation un/to his people * for the re/mission of their sins.

THROUGH THE tender / mercy of our God, * whereby the dayspring from on high hath / visited us;

TO GIVE light to them that sit in darkness † and in the / shadow of death, * and to guide our feet / into the way of peace.

GLORY be to the / Father, and to the Son, * and / to the Holy Ghost: AS IT was in the beginning,† is now, and / ever shall be, * – / world without end. Amen.

The antiphon is repeated.

Then all shall say **The Apostles' Creed**, or the Nicene Creed (p. 14) may be said as announced. Note that the Creed may be omitted when the Office precedes the Mass.

I believe in God, * the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, ** and the life everlasting.

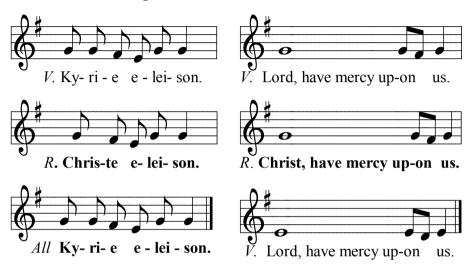




V. The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit.

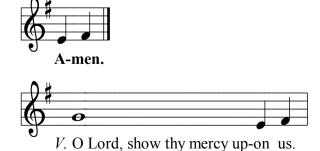


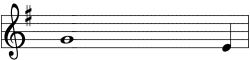
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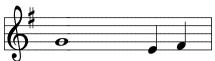
The Officiant and People then say together

Our Father, * who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.





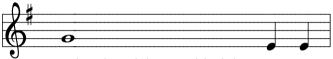
R. And grant us thy salva-tion.



V. O Lord, save the State.



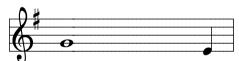
R. And mercifully hear us when we call up-on thee.



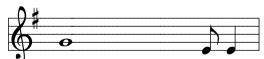
V. Endue thy ministers with right-eous-ness.



R. And make thy chosen people joy-ful.



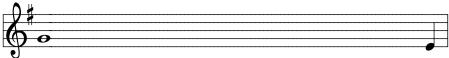
V. O Lord, save thy peo-ple.



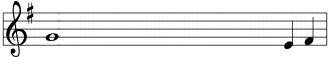
R. And bless thine inher-it-ance.



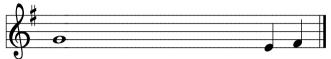
V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.



R. For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safe-ty.



V. O God, make clean our hearts with-in us



R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Officiant then says the Collect(s) of the Day and the following:

Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Collect for Divine Protection

Defend us, we beseech thee, O Lord, from all perils of mind and body; and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious Mary, the ever

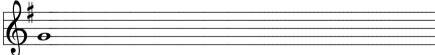
Virgin Mother of God, of blessed Joseph, of thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, (of blessed *N.,)* and of all thy saints, graciously bestow upon us both peace and safety: that all adversity and error being done away, thy Church may serve thee in untroubled freedom. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. **Amen**.

Other collects may be added, after which is said

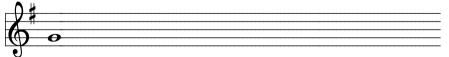




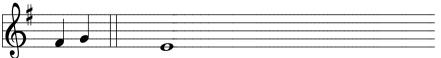




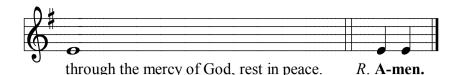
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and



the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.



R. A-men. V. \blacksquare May the souls of the faithful departed,



When the Mass does not follow the Office, the Marian Anthem is sung.

Advent to Presentation -Gracious Mother of our Redeemer - SAH #172

Presentation to Wednesday of Holy Week -Queen of the Heavens, we hail thee - SAH #185

Paschaltide -O Queen of Heaven, be joyful - SAH #181

Trinity to Advent Mary we hail thee - SAH #177

The Nicene Creed may be sung in place of the Apostle's Creed.

I believe in one God, * the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost and the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Benedictus Dominus

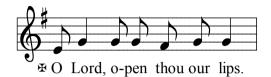


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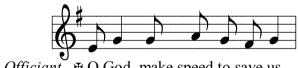
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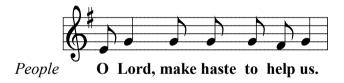
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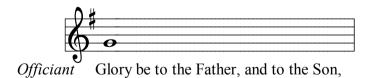
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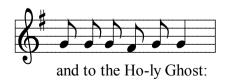


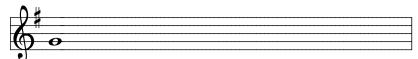












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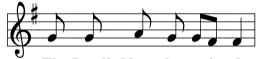
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,





Officiant

Praise ye the Lord.



People

The Lord's Name be prais-ed.

Then shall be sung the Psalm or Psalms appointed (psalm antiphons may be sung), followed by the First Lesson.

The Office Hymn is sung after the lesson, followed by the proper Versicle and Response. For the Second Saturday after Epiphany to Quinquagesima and the Saturdays after Trinity the Versicle and Response are:



- V. Let our evening prayer come up before thee, O / Lord.
- R. And let thy mercy come down upon / us.

For Sundays during the same period the versicle is: Lord, let my prayer be set / forth. And the response is: In thy sight as the in/cense.

Then follows the Magnificat with the proper antiphon. Another setting, which may be used in penitential seasons, is found on page 28.

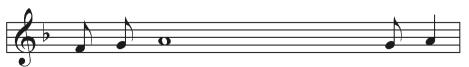






The Antiphon is repeated. Then shall the Second Lesson be read, as appointed. The Nunc dimittis is then sung. Another setting, which may be used in penitential seasons, is found on page 28.

Nunc dimittis Tone I A 2



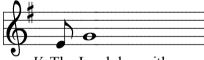
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,



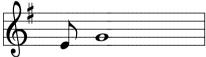
Then all shall say the Apostles' Creed. Alternatively, the Nicene Creed (p. 14) may be said as announced. Note that the Creed may be omitted when the Office precedes the Mass.

I believe in God, * the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, ** and the life everlasting.

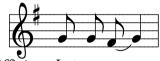




V. The Lord be with you.

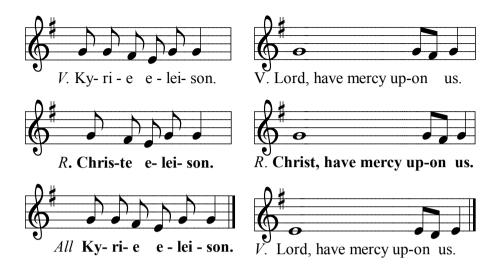


R. And with thy spirit.



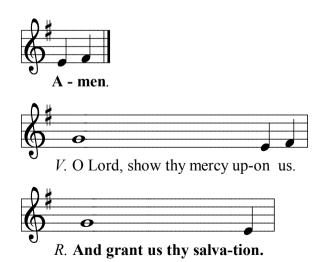
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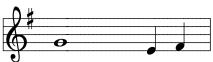
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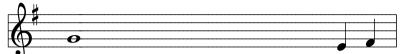
The Officiant and People then say together

Our Father, * who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.





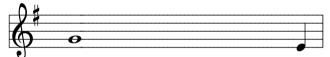
V. O Lord, save the State.



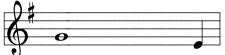
R. And mercifully hear us when we call up-on thee.



V. Endue thy ministers with right-eous-ness.



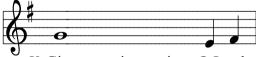
R. And make thy chosen people joy-ful.



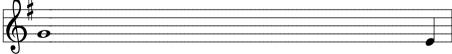
V. O Lord, save thy peo-ple.



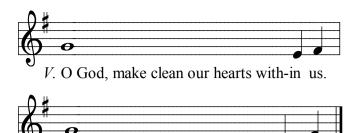
R. And bless thine inher-it-ance.



V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.



R. For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safe-ty.



R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Officiant then says the Collect(s) of the Day and the following:

Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Collect for Aid against Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen**.

Collect for Divine Protection

Defend us, we beseech thee, O Lord, from all perils of mind and body; and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious Mary, the ever Virgin Mother of God, of blessed Joseph, of thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, (of blessed *N.,)* and of all thy saints, graciously bestow upon us both peace and safety: that all adversity and error being done away, thy Church may serve thee in untroubled freedom. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. **Amen**.

Then may be sung a hymn or anthem. Additional collects may be added, if desired.

Before the close of the Office the Officiant and People may say

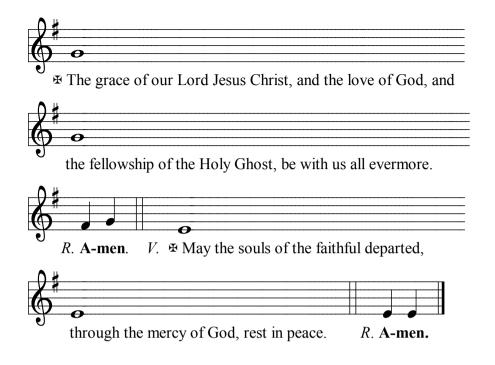
The General Thanksgiving.

Almighty God, * Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Then follows







When the Mass does not follow the Office, the Marian Anthem is sung.

Advent to Presentation -Gracious Mother of our Redeemer - SAH #172

Presentation to Wednesday of Holy Week -Queen of the Heavens, we hail thee - SAH #185

Paschal-tide -O Queen of Heaven, be joyful - SAH #181

Trinity to Advent -Mary we hail thee - SAH #177 MAGNIFICAT Tone II 2



₱ MY SOUL doth magnify the / Lord, * and my spirit hath rejoiced in / God my Savior.

FOR HE hath re/garded * the lowliness of / his handmaiden.

FOR BEhold from / henceforth * all generations shall / call me blessed.

FOR HE that is mighty hath magnified / me; * and / holy is his Name.

AND HIS mercy is on them that / fear him * throughout all / generations.

HE HATH showed strength with his / arm; * he hath scattered the proud in the imagi/nation of their hearts.

HE HATH put down the mighty from their / seat, * and hath exalted the / humble and meek.

HE HATH filled the hungry with good / things; * and the rich he hath sent / empty away.

HE REmembering his mercy † hath holpen his servant / Israel; * as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his / seed for ever.

GLORY be to the Father and to the / Son, * and / to the Holy Ghost.

AS IT was in the beginning, † is now and ever / shall be, * world / without end. Amen.

Vespers continues on page 20.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Tone I A 5



₱ LORD, NOW lettest thou thy servant depart / in peace, * ac/cording to thy word.

FOR MINE eyes have seen thy sal/vation, * which thou hast prepared before the face / of all people.

TO BE a light to lighten the / Gentiles, * and to be the glory of thy / people Israel.

GLORY be to the Father and to / the Son, * and / to the Holy Ghost.

AS IT was in the beginning, † is now and ever / shall be, * world / without end. Amen.

Vespers continues on page 22.

The Psalter, or Psalms of David

Che first Day at Morning Prayer



BLESSED is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, † nor stood in the / way of sinners, * and hath not sat in the seat / of the scornful.

- 2. But his delight is in the / law of the Lord; * and in his law will he exercise / himself day and night.
- 3. And he shall be like a tree planted / by the water-side, * that will bring forth his fruit / in due season.
- 4. His leaf also / shall not wither; * and look, whatsoever he doeth, / it shall prosper.
- 5. As for the ungodly, it / is not so with them; * but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the / face of the earth.
- 6. Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to / stand in the judgment, * neither the sinners in the congregation / of the righteous.
- 7. But the Lord knoweth the / way of the righteous; * and the way of the ungod/ly shall perish.

Glory be to the / Father, and to the Son, * and / to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, † is now and / ever shall be, * world / without end Amen

PSALM 2 Quare fremuerunt gentes?

Tone III A 4



WHY DO the heathen so furiously / rage together? * and why do the people imagine / a vain thing?

2. The kings of the earth stand up, and the rulers take / counsel together * against the Lord, and against his / Anointed:



- 3. Let us break their / bonds asunder, * and cast away / their cords from us.
- 4. He that dwelleth in heaven shall / laugh them to scorn: * the Lord shall have them in / derision.
- 5. Then shall he speak unto / them in his wrath, * and vex them in his sore / displeasure:
- 6. / Yet have I set my King * upon my holy hill / of Zion.
- 7. I will re/hearse the decree; * the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son, this day have I / begotten thee.
- 8. Desire of me, and I shall give thee the nations for / thine inheritance, * and the utmost parts of the earth for thy / possession.
- 9. Thou shalt bruise them with a / rod of iron, * and break them in pieces like a pot/ter's vessel.
- 10. Be wise now / therefore, O ye kings; * be instructed, ye that are judg/es of the earth.
- 11. / Serve the Lord in fear, * and rejoice unto him / with reverence.
- 12. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, † and so ye perish from the right way, if his wrath be kindled, / yea but a little * Blessed are all they that put / their trust in him.

Glory be to the / Father, and to the Son, * and to / the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, † is now and / ever shall be, * world with/out end. Amen.

PSALM 3 Domine, quid multiplicati?

Tone II 1



- LORD, HOW are they increased that / trouble me! * many are they that rise / against me.
- 2. Many one there be that say of my / soul, * There is no help for him / in his God.

- 3. But thou, O Lord, art my de/fender; * thou art my worship, and the lifter up / of my head.
- 4. I did call upon the Lord with my / voice, * and he heard me out of / his holy hill.
- 5. I laid me down and slept, and rose / up again; * for the Lord / sustained me.
- 6. I will not be afraid for ten thousands of the / people, * that have set themselves against / me round about.
- 7. Up, Lord, and help me, O my / God, * for thou smitest all mine enemies upon the cheek-bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the / ungodly.
- 8. Salvation belongeth unto the / Lord; * and thy blessing is upon / thy people.

Glory be to the Father, and to the / Son, * and to / the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, † is now and ever / shall be, * world with/out end. Amen.



- HEAR ME when I call, O God of my / righteousness: * thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hear/ken unto my prayer.
- 2. O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine / honor, * and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek / after falsehood?
- 3. Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is / godly; * when I call upon the Lord / he will hear me.
- 4. Stand in awe, and / sin not; * commune with your own heart, and in your / chamber, and be still.
- 5. Offer the sacrifice of / righteousness, * and put your / trust in the Lord.
- 6. There be many that / say, * Who will / show us any good?
- 7. Lord, lift thou / up * the light of thy counte/nance upon us.
- 8. Thou hast put gladness in my / heart; * yea, more than when their corn and / wine and oil increase.

9. I will lay me down in peace, and take my / rest; * for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me / dwell in safety.

Glory be to the Father, and to the / Son, * and / to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, † is now and ever / shall be, * world / without end. Amen.

PSALM 5 Verba mea auribus

Tone I A 4



PONDER my words, / O Lord, * consider my / meditation.

- 2. O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King and / my God: * for unto thee / will I make my prayer.
- 3. My voice shalt thou hear betimes, / O Lord; * early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, / and will look up.
- 4. For thou art the God that hast no pleasure in wick/edness; * neither shall any / evil dwell with thee.
- 5. Such as be foolish shall not stand in / thy sight; * for thou hatest all them that / work iniquity.
- 6. Thou shalt destroy them that / speak lies: * the Lord will abhor both the blood-thirsty / and deceitful man.
- 7. But as for me, in the multitude of thy mercy I will come into / thine house; * and in thy fear will I worship toward thy / holy temple.
- 8. Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness, because of mine en/emies; * make thy way / plain before my face.
- 9. For there is no faithfulness in / their mouth; * their inward parts are / very wickedness.
- 10. Their throat is an open se/pulchre; * they / flatter with their tongue.
- 11. Destroy thou them, O God; let them perish through their own imagi/nations; * cast them out in the multitude of their ungodliness; for they have re/belled against thee.
- 12. And let all them that put their trust in thee / rejoice: * they shall ever be giving of thanks, because thou defendest them; they that love thy Name shall be / joyful in thee;
- 13. For thou, Lord, wilt give thy blessing unto the / righteous, * and with thy favorable kindness wilt thou defend / him as with a shield.

Glory be to the Father, and to / the Son, * and / to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, † is now and ever / shall be, * world / without end. Amen.

Che first Day at Evening Prayer

PSALM 6 Domine, ne in furore

Tone VIII 5



- O LORD, rebuke me not in thine indig/nation, * neither chasten me in / thy displeasure.
- 2. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am / weak; * O Lord, heal me, / for my bones are vexed.
- 3. My soul also is sore / troubled: * but, Lord, how long / wilt thou punish me?
- 4. Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my / soul; * O save me, / for thy mercy's sake.
- 5. For in death no man remembereth / thee; * and who will give thee / thanks in the pit?
- 6. I am weary of my / groaning; * every night wash I my bed, and water my / couch with my tears.
- 7. My beauty is gone for very / trouble, * and worn away because of / all mine enemies.
- 8. Away from me, all ye that work in/iquity; * for the Lord hath heard the voice / of my weeping.
- 9. The Lord hath heard my pe/tition; * the Lord / will receive my prayer.
- 10. All mine enemies shall be confounded, and sore / vexed; * they shall be turned back, and put / to shame suddenly.

Glory be to the Father and to the / Son, * and / to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, † is now and ever / shall be, * world / without end. Amen.



- O LORD my God, in thee have I put / my trust: * save me from all them that persecute me, / and deliver me;
- 2. Lest he devour my soul like a lion, and tear it in / pieces, * while / there is none to help.
- 3. O Lord my God, if I have done any / such thing; * or if there be any wick/edness in my hands;
- 4. If I have rewarded evil unto him that dealt friendly / with me; * yea, I have delivered him that without any cause / is mine enemy;
- 5. Then let mine enemy persecute my soul, and / take me; * yea, let him tread my life down upon the earth, and lay mine / honor in the dust.
- 6. Stand up, O Lord, in thy wrath, and lift up thyself, because of the indignation of mine e/nemies; * arise up for me in the judgment that thou / hast commanded.
- 7. And so shall the congregation of the peoples come a/bout thee: * for their sakes therefore lift / up thyself again.
- 8. The Lord shall judge the peoples; give sentence with me, / O Lord, * according to my righteousness, and according to the innocency / that is in me.
- 9. O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to / an end; * but / guide thou the just.
- 10. For the right/eous God * trieth the / very hearts and reins.
- 11. My help cometh / of God, * who preserveth them / that are true of heart.
- 12. God is a righteous Judge, strong, and / patient; * and God is pro/voked ev'ry day.
- 13. If a man will not turn, he will whet / his sword; * he hath bent his bow, and / made it ready.
- 14. He hath prepared for him the instruments / of death; * he ordaineth his arrows against the / persecutors.
- 15. Behold, the ungodly travaileth with ini/quity; * he hath conceived mischief, and / brought forth falsehood.

- 16. He hath graven and digged up / a pit, * and is fallen himself into the destruction that he / made for other.
- 17. For his travail shall come upon his / own head, * and his wickedness shall fall / on his own pate.
- 18. I will give thanks unto the Lord, according to his right/eousness; * and I will praise the Name / of the Lord Most High.

Glory be to the Father and to / the Son, * and / to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, † is now and ever / shall be, * world / without end. Amen.

PSALM 8 Domine, Dominus noster Tone V 2

- O LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the / world; * thou that hast set thy glory a/bove the heavens!
- 2. Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine / enemies, * that thou mightest still the enemy and / the avenger.
- 3. When I consider thy heavens, even the work of thy / fingers; * the moon and the stars / which thou hast ordained;
- 4. What is man, that thou art mindful of / him? * and the son of man, that thou / visitest him?
- 5. Thou madest him lower than the / angels, * to crown him with / glory and worship.
- 6. Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy / hands; * and thou hast put all things in subjection / under his feet:
- 7. All sheep and / oxen; * yea, and the / beasts of the field;
- 8. The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the / sea; * and whatsoever walketh through the / paths of the seas.
- 9. O Lord our / Governor, * how excellent is thy / Name in all the world!

Glory be to the Father and to the / Son, * and / to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, † is now and ever / shall be, * - / world without end. Amen.