

Vespers of the Departed

The Office begins with the antiphon.

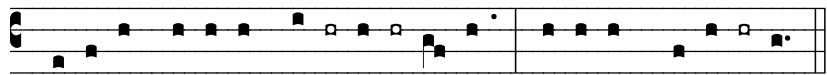


I will walk be -fore the Lord in the land of the liv-ing.

The congregation sings the even numbered verses of the Psalms.

PSALM 116 Dilexi, quoniam

Tone III B 4



MY DELight / is in the Lord; * because he hath heard the voice / of my prayer;

2. Because he hath inclined his / ear unto me; * therefore will I call upon him as long / as I live.

3. The snares of death / compassed me round about, * and the pains of hell gat hold / upon me.

4. I found trouble and heaviness; then called I upon the / Name of the Lord; * O Lord, I beseech thee, deliv/er my soul.

5. Gracious is the / Lord, and righteous; * yea, our God / is merciful.

6. The Lord pre/serveth the simple: * I was in misery, and / he helped me.

7. Turn again then unto thy / rest, O my soul; * for the Lord hath / rewarded thee.

8. And why? thou hast de/livered my soul from death, * mine eyes from tears, and my feet / from falling.

9. I will / walk before the Lord * in the land of / the living.

- / Rest eternal * grant un/to them, O Lord.

And let / light perpetual * shine / upon them.

The Antiphon is repeated: I will walk before the Lord * in the land of the living.

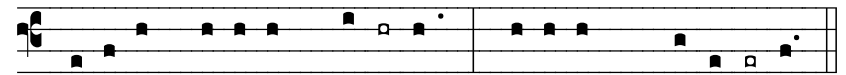
Antiphon:



Woe is me, for my so-journ-ing is pro-long-ed.

PSALM 120 *Ad Dominum*

Tone II 1



WHEN I was in trouble, I called upon the / Lord, * and / he heard me.

2. Deliver my soul, O Lord, from / lying lips, * and from a de/citful tongue.

3. What reward shall be given or done unto thee, thou false / tongue? * even mighty and sharp arrows, with / hot burning coals.

4. Woe is me, that I am constrained to dwell with / Mesech, * and to have my habitation among the tents / of Kedar!

5. My soul hath long dwelt a/mong them * that are enemies / unto peace.

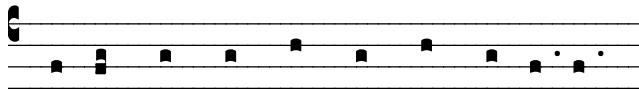
6. I labor for peace; but when I speak unto them there/of, * they make them ready / to battle.

Rest e/ternal * grant unto / them, O Lord.

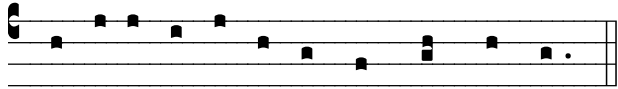
And let light per/perpetual * shine / upon them.

The Antiphon is repeated: Woe is me, for my sojourning is prolonged.

Antiphon:



The Lord shall pre-serve thee from all e - vil:



yea it is ev-en he that shall keep thy soul.

PSALM 121 *Levavi oculos*

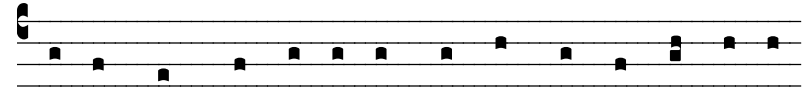
Tone VIII 5



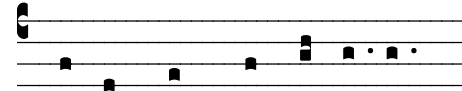
- I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the / hills; * from whence / cometh my help?
2. My help cometh even from the / Lord, * who hath made / heaven and earth.
 3. He will not suffer thy foot to be / moved; * and he that keep/eth thee will not sleep.
 4. Behold, he that keepeth / Israel * shall neither / slumber nor sleep.
 5. The Lord himself is thy / keeper; * the Lord is thy defense up/on thy right hand;
 6. So that the sun shall not burn thee by / day, * nei/ther the moon by night.
 7. The Lord shall preserve thee from all / evil; * yea, it is even he / that shall keep thy soul.
 8. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming / in, * from this time / forth forevermore.
- Rest e/ternal * grant / unto them, O Lord.
And let light per/petual * - / shine upon them.

The Antiphon is repeated: The Lord shall preserve thee * from all evil: yea it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

Antiphon:



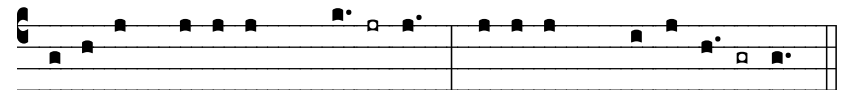
If thou, Lord, wilt be ex-treme to mark what is done a-miss:



O Lord, who may a - bide it?

PSALM 130 *De profundis*

Tone VIII 1



- OUT OF the deep have I called unto / thee, O Lord; * - / Lord, hear my voice.
2. O let thine ears con/sider well * the / voice of my complaint.
 3. If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is / done amiss, * O Lord, who / may abide it?
 4. For there is mercy with / thee; * therefore shalt / thou be feared.
 5. I look for the Lord; my soul doth / wait for him; * in his / word is my trust.
 6. My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the / morning watch; * I say, be/fore the morning watch.
 7. O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is / mercy, * and with him is plen/teous redemption.
 8. And he shall redeem / Israel * - / from all his sins.
- Rest e/ternal * grant / unto them, O Lord.
And let light per/petual * - / shine upon them.

The Antiphon is repeated: If thou, * Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it?

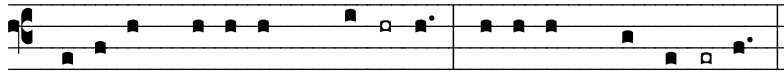
Antiphon:



De-spise not, O Lord, the works of thine own hands.

PSALM 138 *Confitebor tibi*

Tone II 1



I WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my / whole heart; *
even before the gods will I sing praise / unto thee.

2. I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name,
because of thy loving-kindness and / truth; * for thou hast
magnified thy Name, and thy word, / above all things.

3. When I called upon thee, thou / heardest me; * and enduedst
my soul / with much strength.

4. All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O / Lord; * for
they have heard the words / of thy mouth.

5. Yea, they shall sing of the ways of the / Lord, * that great is
the glory / of the Lord.

6. For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the /
lowly; * as for the proud he beholdeth them / afar off.

7. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou re/fresh
me; * thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness
of mine enemies, and thy right hand / shall save me.

8. The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness / toward me; *
yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; despise not then
the works / of thine own hands.

Rest e/ternal * grant unto / them, O Lord.

And let light per/petual * shine / upon them.

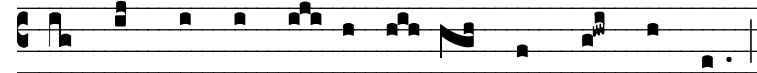
The Antiphon is repeated: Despise not, * O Lord, the works of
thine own hands.



V. I heard a voice from heaven saying un/to me.

R. **Blessed are the dead which die in / the Lord.**

Antiphon:



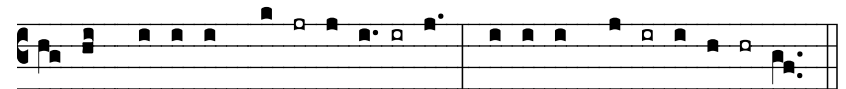
All that the Fa - ther giv-eth me shall come to me



and him that com-eth to me I will in no wise cast out.

MAGNIFICAT

Tone VII 1



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

FOR HE / hath regarded * the lowliness of / his handmaiden.

FOR BE/hold 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.

- / Rest eternal * grant / unto them, O Lord.
And let / light perpetual * - / shine upon them.

Antiphon: All that the Father giveth me shall come to me: and him
that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Then shall be said: Our Fa/ther...

And the prayer continues in silence as far as:

V. And lead us not into tempta/tion.

R. **But deliver us from e/vil.**

V. From the gate / of hell.

R. **Deliver his soul, / O Lord.**

V. May *he* rest / in peace.

R. **Amen.**

V. O Lord, hear / my prayer.

R. **And let my cry come un/to thee.**

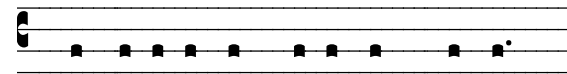
V. The Lord be with / you.

R. **And with thy spi/rit.**

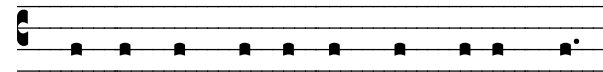
Let us pray: Absolve, O Lord, we beseech thee, the soul of thy
servant (handmaid), N., that being dead to the world, *he (she)* may
live to thee; and whatsoever through carnal frailness *he (she)* hath
committed in *his (her)* earthly conversation, do thou by the pardon
of thy most merciful goodness cleanse away. Through Jesus Christ,
thy Son, our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and
reigneth, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Absolve, we beseech thee, O Lord, the soul of thy *servant*
(*handmaid*) *N.*, from every bond of sin: that in the glory of the
resurrection *he (she)* may be raised up amid thy Saints and elect
unto newness of life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

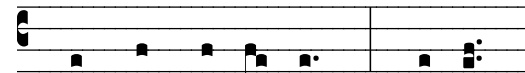
O God, the giver of pardon and lover of man's salvation: we
beseech thee of thy mercy to grant; that the brethren, kinsfolk, and
benefactors of our congregation who have passed out of this world,
may at the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin and of all thy
Saints attain unto the fellowship of eternal blessedness. Through
Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit
liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**



V. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.



R. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**



V. May they rest in peace. *R.* **A-men.**