

The Order for Vespers

All stand and the officiant may sing or say the opening sentence (page 246). Then follows:



☩ O Lord, o-pen thou our lips.



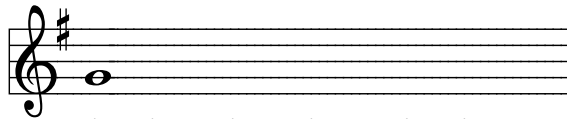
People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**



Officiant ☩ O God, make speed to save us.



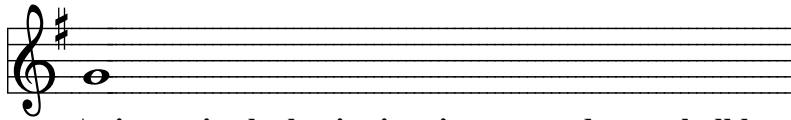
People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**



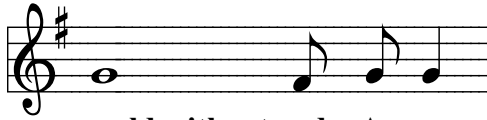
Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,



and to the Ho-ly Ghost:



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



world without end. A - men.



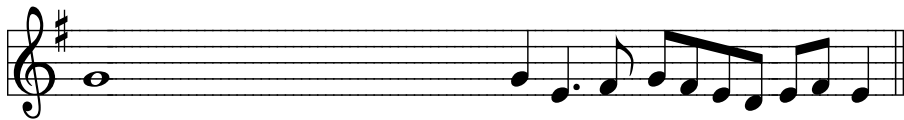
Officiant **Praise ye the Lord.**



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.

Magnificat

Tone VIII S 1



✕ My soul doth mag - ni - fy the Lord,



and my spi - rit hath re - joic - ed in God my Sav - ior.



For he hath re - gard - ed the low - li - ness of his



hand - maid - en. For be - hold from hence - forth



all gen - e - ra - tions shall call me bless - ed.



For he that is migh - ty hath mag - ni - fi - ed me;



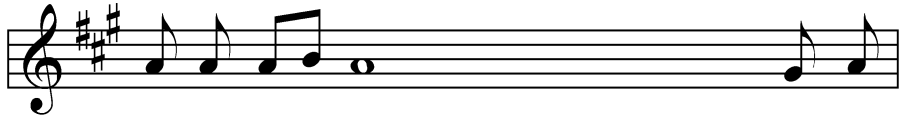
and ho - ly is his Name. And his mer - cy is



on them that fear him through-out all gen-e-ra-tions.



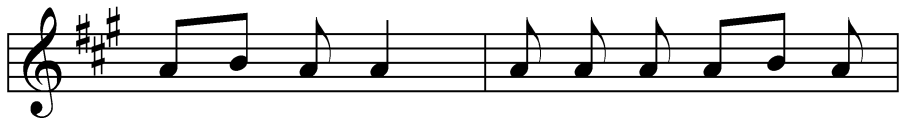
He hath show - ed strength with his arm;



he hath scat - tered the proud in the imagi-na-tion



of their hearts. He hath put down the migh - ty



from their seat, and hath ex - alt - ed



the hum-ble and meek. He hath fill - ed the



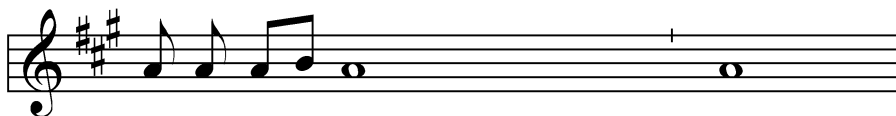
hun - gry with good things; and the rich he hath



sent emp-ty a-way. He re - mem - ber-ing his mer-cy



hath hol-pen his ser - vant Is - ra - el



as he prom - ised to our fore - fathers Abraham and



his seed for ev - er. Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther



and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and

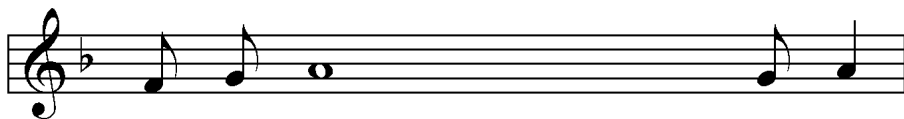


ev - er shall be world with-out end. A - men.

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

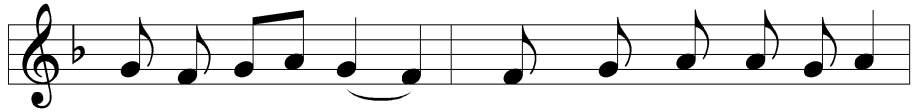
Tone I A 2



✠ Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,



ac-cord-ing to thy word; For mine eyes have seen



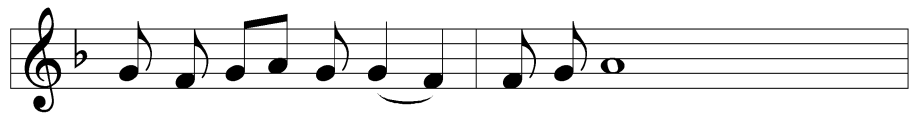
thy sal - va - tion, Which thou hast pre-par-ed



before the face of all peo - ple. To be a light to



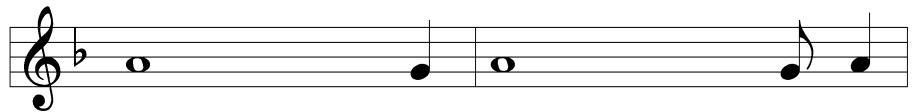
lighten the Gen-tiles, and to be the glory of thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Father, and



to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it



was in the begin-ning, is now, and ever shall be,



world with-out end. A - men.

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.



A-men.



V. The Lord be with you.



R. And with thy spirit.

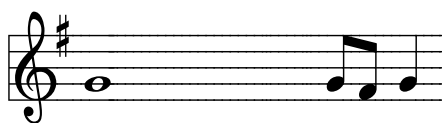


Officiant **Let us pray.**

Then in Greek or English:



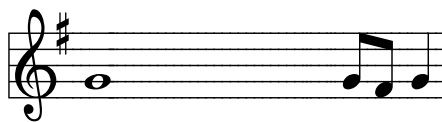
V. Ky-ri - e e - lei- son.



V. Lord, have mercy up-on us.



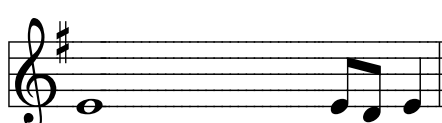
R. Chris-te e- lei- son.



R. Christ, have mercy up-on us.



All Ky-ri - e e - lei - son.



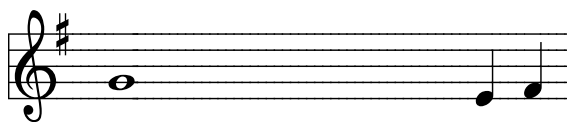
V. Lord, have mercy up-on us.

The Officiant and People then say together

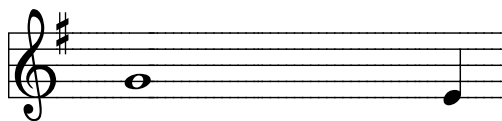
Our Father, * who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



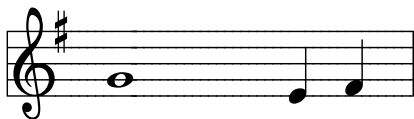
A - men.



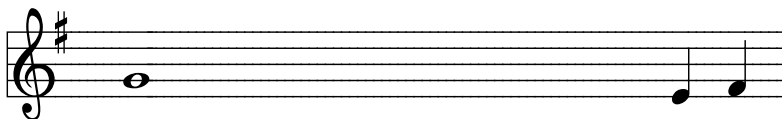
V. O Lord, show thy mercy up-on us.



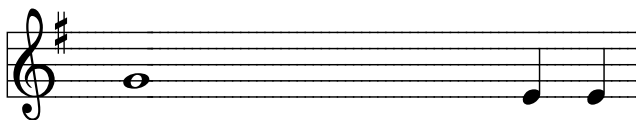
R. And grant us thy salva-tion.



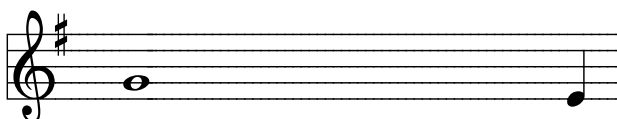
V. O Lord, save the State.



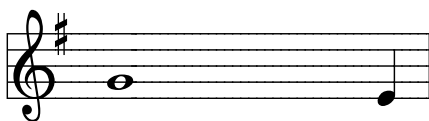
R. And mercifully hear us when we call up-on thee.



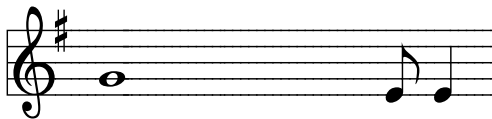
V. Endue thy ministers with right-eous-ness.



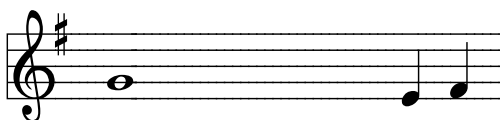
R. And make thy chosen people joy-ful.



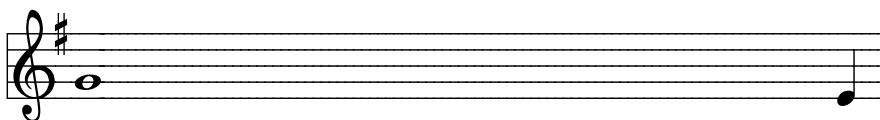
V. O Lord, save thy peo-ple.



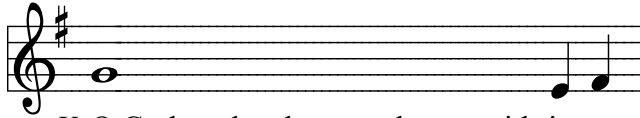
R. And bless thine inher-it-ance.



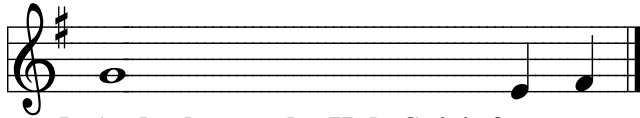
V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.



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, 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



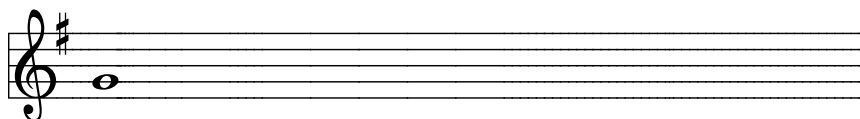
V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy Spi-rit.



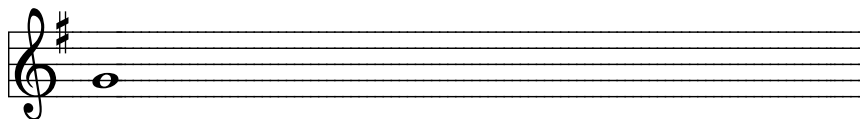
V. Let us bless the Lord.



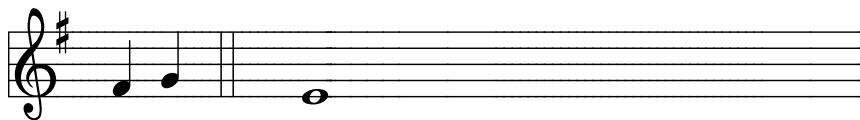
R. Thanks be to God.



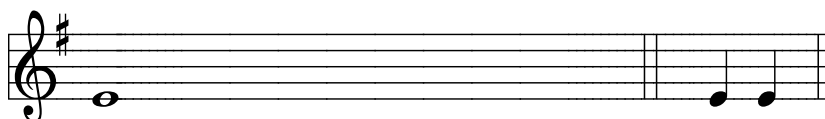
✠ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and



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



R. **A-men.** V. ✠ May the souls of the faithful departed,



through the mercy of God, rest in peace. R. **A-men.**

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.

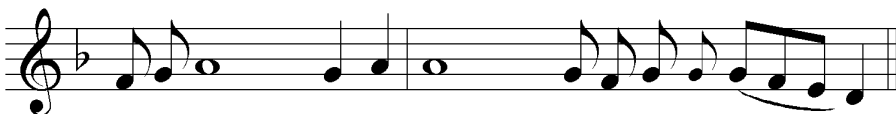
HE HATH filled the hungry with good / things; * and the rich he hath
sent / empty away.

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.

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