

The Liturgy of the Hours



Volume 2 Propers of the Christmas Season

Vigils, Lauds,
Daytime Prayer and Vespers
for the Feasts of Christmas

Nothing is to be preferred to the Work of God.

Rule of Benedict 43:3

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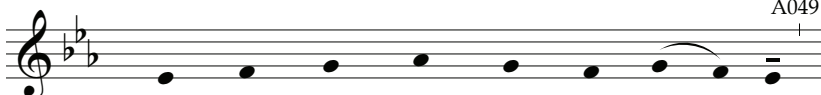
The Proper of Seasons



Christmas at Vespers I

HYMN

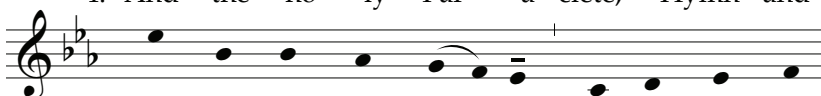
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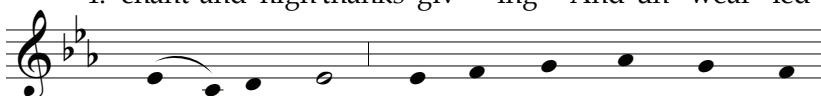
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 3. O you heights of heav'n, a - dore him;
 4. Christ, to you, with God the Fa - ther



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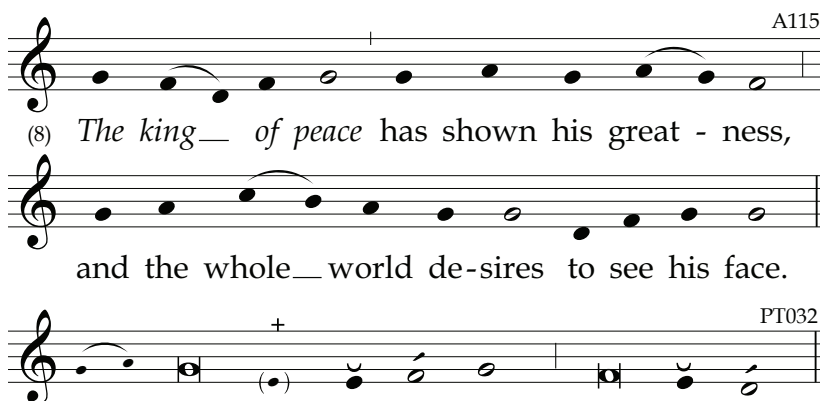
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A - men.__

PSALM 113 (112)

The Poor in the Company of Princes

He has cast down the mighty and lifted up the lowly. Lk 1:52



(8) The king__ of peace has shown his great - ness,
 and the whole__ world de-sires to see his face.

PT032

*Práise, O sérvants of the LÓRD, **

práise the náme of the LÓRD!

² May the náme of the LÓRD be blést *
 both nów and forévermóre!

³ From the rísing of the sún to its sétting, *
 práised be the náme of the LÓRD!

⁴ Hígh above all nátions is the LÓRD, *
 above the héavens his glóry. ~



- 5 Who is like the LÓRD, our Gód, *
who dwélls on hích,
6 Who lówers himsélf to look dówn *
upon héaven and éarth?
- 7 From the dúst he lífts up the lówly, *
from the ásh heap he ráises the póor,
8 To sét them in the cómpany of prínces, *
yés, with the prínces of his péople.
9 To the chíldless wífe he gives a hóme *
as a jóyful móther of chíldren.

Glory...

PSALM 147B (146:12-20)

The Gates of Jerusalem Fortified

Come, I will show you the bride of the Lamb. Rv 21:9

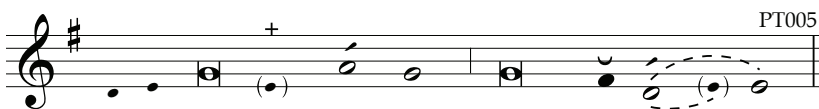
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(8) *God sends forth his Word to the earth, and*
his com-mand spreads swift - ly
through the land.

Glory..

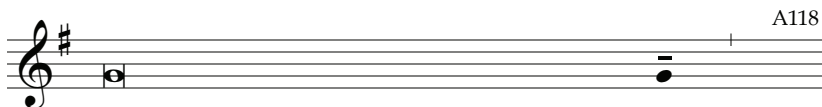
God has raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavens. Eph 2:6

P-13



- 3 *Blest be the Gód and Fáther of our Lórd, Jesus Chríst, +
who has bléssed us in **Chríst** *
with every spíritual bléssing in the **héavens**.*
- 4 *Thús has he chósén us in hím +
befóre the foundátion of the **wórld** *
to be hólý and blámeless before hím in **lóve**.*
- 5 *He déstined ús for himsélf by **adóption** *
as his chíldren through Jésus **Chríst**,
In accórd with the good pléasure of his wíll +*
- 6 *for the práise of his glórious **gráce**, *
in which he fávored ús in the Belóved.*
- 7 *In hím we have redémption through his **blóod**, *
the forgíveness of **síns**,
In accórd with the ríchness of his **gráce** **
- 8 *bestowed on ús in all wísdom and **ínsight**.*
- 9 *He has made knówn to us the mýstery of his wíll +
in accórd with his good **pléasure** *
which he set fórth in **Chríst**,*
- 10 *As a plán for the fúllness of tímes, +
to súm up áll things in **hím**, *
things in héaven, and thíngs on **éarth**.*

Glory...



A118

V. *Today the Lord is com - - - ing,*
R. And in the morning you will see his glo - ry,



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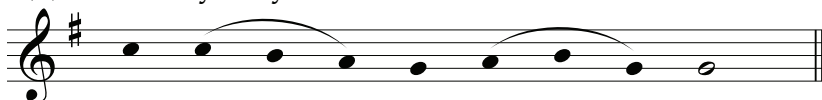
READING

RESPONSORY



A119

(6*) To-day__ you__ will__ know__ *



the Lord_____ is com - ing.

And in the morning you will see his glory. The Lord...
Glory... Today you will...



TODAY YOU WILL KNOW

*that the Lord is coming to save us,
and in the morning
you will see his glory.*

Cf Exodus 16:6-7

CANTICLE OF MARY [Luke 1:46-55]

"Blessed are you who trusted that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." (Luke 1:45) And Mary said:

(8) *When the sun ris-es in the morn - ing sky,*
you will see the King— of kings com-ing
forth— from the Fa - ther like a ra - diant
bride - groom, from the brid - al cham-ber.

A185

PS050

4 *My soul procláims the gréatness of the Lórd,*
and my spírit exúlts in God my Sáviór,
For he has lóoked upon his hándmaid in her lówliness;
henceforth all áges will cáll me bléssed.

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And hólý is his náme.
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for thóse who féar him.

- 6 He has made **knówn** the **stréngth** of his **árm**,
and has **scátted** the **próud** of **héart**.
He has put **dówn** the **míghty** from their **thrónes**
and has **exálted** **thóse** who are **lówly**.
He has **filled** the **húngry** with **góod** things,
and has **sént** the **rích** away **émpy**.
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to **Ábraham** and **hís** **descéndants** **foréver**.

During the incensation the antiphon is repeated.

Glory...

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INTERCESSIONS

(8)  A121

(8) May the birth__ of Christ bring peace to all.

OUR FATHER

ORATION

Let us bless the Lord.

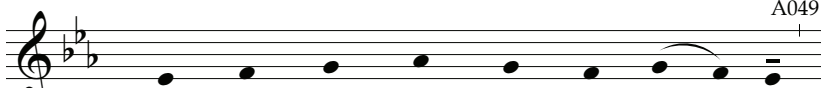
Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

Christmas at Vespers II

HYMN

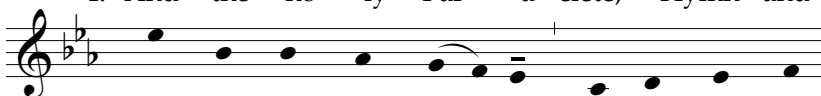
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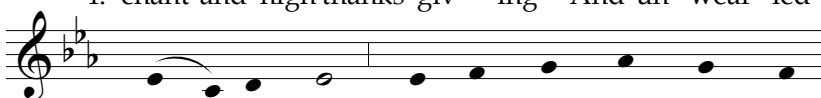
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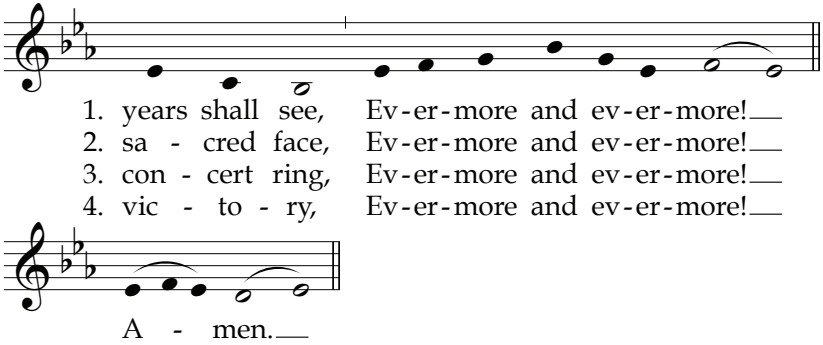
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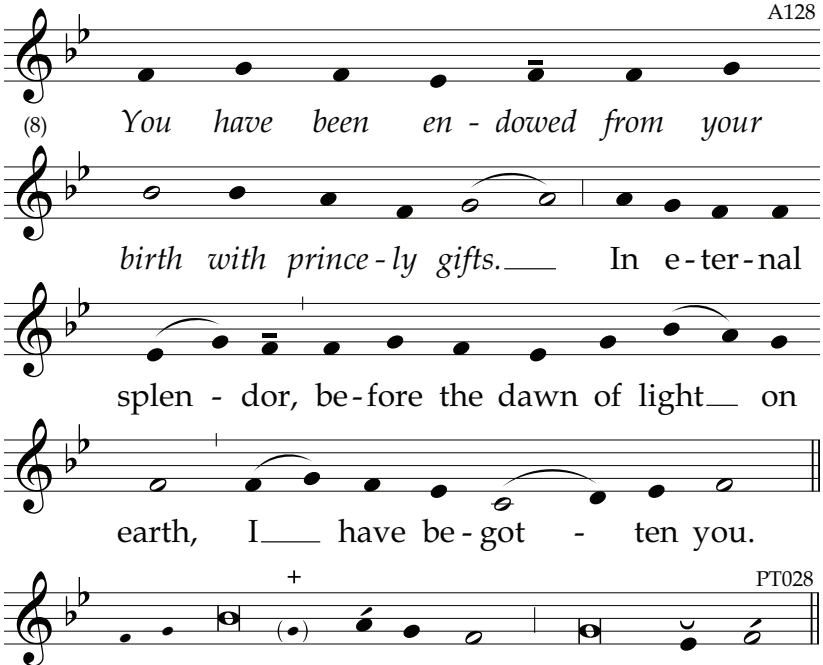


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PSALM 110 (109)
Sit at My Right Hand

*Christ must reign until God has put all enemies under his feet.
 The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 1 Cor 15:25-26*



A128

(8) You have been en - dowed from your
 birth with prince - ly gifts.____ In e - ter - nal
 splen - dor, be - fore the dawn of light____ on
 earth, I____ have be - got - ten you.

PT028

¹ The LÓRD's revelátiún to my lórd: +
 "Sít at my right hánd, *
 until I máke your fóes your fóotstool." ~



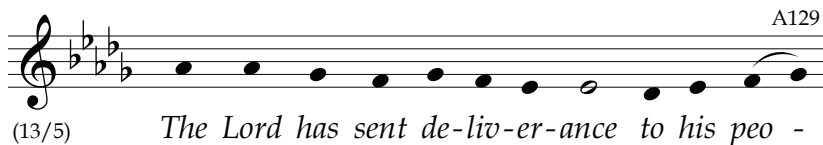
- 2 The LÓRD will sénd from Sión +
your scépter of **pówer**: *
rúle in the mídst of your **fóes**.
- 3 With yóu is princely **rúle** *
on the dáy of your **pówer**.
In holy spléndor, from the wómb before the **dáwn**, *
I have begóttén **yóu**.
- 4 The LÓRD has sworn an óath he will not chángé: +
“Yóu are a príest foréver, *
in the líne of Mel**ch**ízedek.”
- 5 The Lórd, stánding at your **ríght**, *
shatters kíngs in the dáy of his **wráth**.
- 6 He brings a júdgment amóng the nátions, +
and héaps the bódies **hígh**; *
he shatters héads throughóut the wide **éarth**.
- 7 He shall drínk from the stréam by the **wáyside**, *
and thérefore he shall líft up his **héad**.

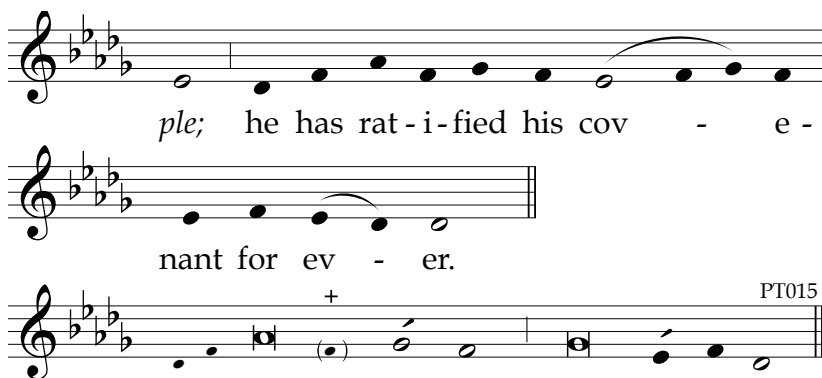
Glory...

PSALM 111 (110)

A Memorial of Divine Wonders

*Mighty and wonderful are your works, O Lord God almighty!
Righteous and true are your ways, O king of the nations! Rv 15:3*





- I will praise the LÓRD with all my héart, **
in the méeting of the júst and the assémbly.
- 2 Gréat are the wórks of the LÓRD, *
to be póndered by áll who delíght in **thém**.
- 3 Majéstic and glórious his **wórk**; *
his jústice stands fírm foréver.
- 4 He has gíven us a memórial of his **wónders**. *
The LÓRD is grácious and **mérciful**.
- 5 He gives fóod to thóse who **féar** him; *
keeps his cóvenant éver in **mínd**.
- 6 His mighty wórks he has shówn to his **péople** *
by gíving them the héritage of **nátions**.
- 7 His hándiwork is jústice and **trúth**; *
his précepts are áll of them **súre**,
- 8 Standing fírm foréver and **éver**, *
wróught in úprightness and **trúth**.
- 9 He has sént redémption to his péople, +
and estáblished his cóvenant foréver. *
Hóly his náme, to be **féared**.
- 10 The fear of the LÓRD is the beginníng of wísdom; +
understánding marks áll who **attáin** it. *
His práise endúres foréver!

Glory...

COLOSSIANS 1:12-20
Christ, the Image of God

*In these last days, God spoke to us through a son, whom he made heir of all things
 and through whom he created the universe. Heb 1:2*

A130

(8) In the be-gin - ning, and be-fore__ all a -
 ges, the Word__ was God.__ He it is who is
 born__ for us, the Sav - ior of the world.__

PT030

- 12 Give thanks to the Fáther who has máde you **fít** *
 to share the héritage óf the hóly ones in **líght**.
- 13 He delívered ús out of the pówer of dárkness +
 and bróught us to the kíngdom of his belóved **Són**, *
- 14 in whóm we have redémption, the forgíveness of **síns**.
- 15 He is the ímage of the únseen **Gód**, *
 the fírstborn of áll creátion,
- 16 For by hím all things in héaven and on éarth were créated, +
 thínks that are séen and unséen, *
 whether thrónes or rulers, sóvereignties or **pówers**.
- All were créated through hím and for hím, +
 17 and he exísts before all **thínks**, *
 and in hím all things hólđ togéther.

20 and through hím, to réconcile éverything to himsélF,
Making péace through the blóod of his cróss, *
both of thóse on the éarth, and in the héavens.

Glory...

S1099

RESPONSORY

A131

(6*) The Word of God has dwelt a - mong

us: *al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*And we have seen his glory. Alleluia, alleluia.
Glory... The Word of God...*

CANTICLE OF MARY [Luke 1:46-55]

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A120

(1*) This__ day Christ__ is born;__ this__ day the
Sav - ior has__ ap - peared. This__ day, the
an - gels sing__ on earth,__ the arch - an -
gels re - joyce; this__ day _____ the
just____ ex - ult, say - ing: Glo - ry be__ to
God__ in the high - est,__ al - le - lu - ia.

PS034

omit for 5-line
omit for 4-line

- 4 *My soul procláims the gréatness of the Lórd,
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