

Solemn Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

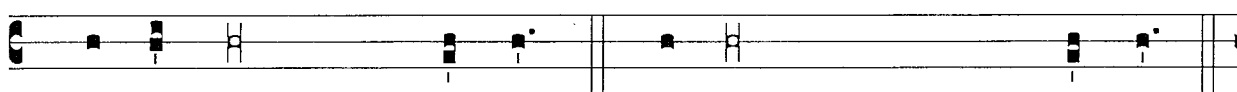
The Fourth Sunday of Lent – *Lætare* Sunday

Saint Patrick's Church in New Orleans, Louisiana

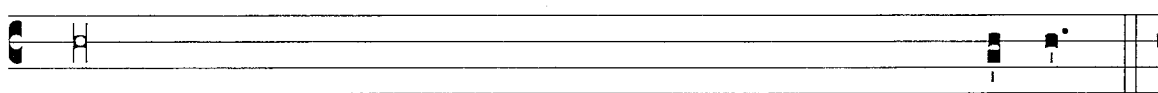
VOLUNTARY: *Adagio in G minor*

Tomaso Albinoni (1671-1751)
reconstructed by Remo Giazotto (1910-1988)

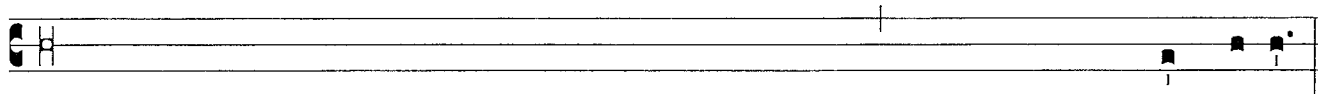
DEUS IN ADJUTORIUM



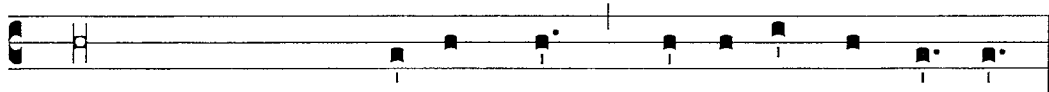
℣. O God, come to my assis-tance. ℞. O Lord, make haste to help me.



Glory be to the Father and to the Son / and to the Holy Spi- rit:

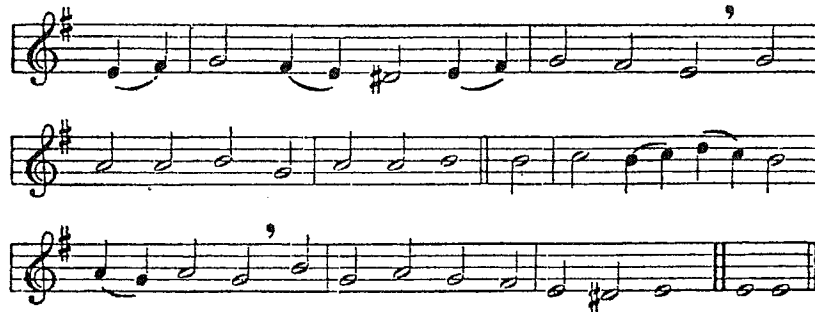


as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



Praise to You, Lord Je-sus Christ / King of end-less glo- ry!

OFFICE HYMN



1. The glory of these forty days We celebrate with songs of praise,
For Christ, through Whom all things were made, Himself has fasted and has prayed.
2. Alone and fasting Moses saw The loving God who gave the law,
And to Elijah, fasting, came The steeds and chariots of flame.
3. So Daniel trained his mystic sight, Deliver'd from the lions' might,
And John, the Bridegroom's friend, became The herald of Messiah's Name.
4. Then grant us, Lord, like them to be Full oft in fast and prayer with Thee;
Our spirits strengthen with Thy grace, and give us joy to see Thy face.
5. O Father, Son and Spirit bless'd, To Thee be every prayer address'd,
Who art in threefold Name ador'd, From age to age, the only Lord. Amen.

text: *Clarum decus jejunii*, Pope St. Gregory the Great (540-604), trans. Maurice F. Bell;
tune: *Spires*, Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1547

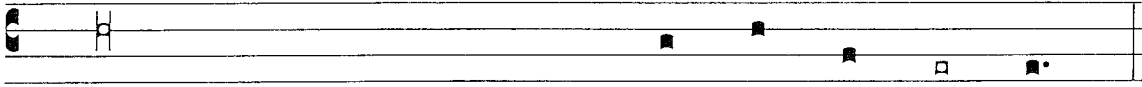
☞ Please be seated, and join in singing the Psalm verses printed in **bold type**.

PSALM 110: 1-5, 7

Gregorian tone viii^b

Antiphon: (*schola*) God has appointed Christ to be the Judge of the living and the dead.

1. (*cantor*) The LORD's revelation to my Máster:
"Sit on My right / your foes I will put be-neàth your feet."



2. *(All)* The Lord will wield from Zion your sceptre of pów-er:
rule in the midst of àll your foes.
 3. A prince from the day of your birth on the holy móunt-ains:
from the womb before the dawn I be-gòt you.
 4. The LORD has sworn an oath He will nót change:
“You are a priest for ever / a priest like Mel-chi-ze-dèk of old.”
 5. The Master standing at your ríght hand:
will shatter kings in the day of his great wrath.
 6. He shall drink from the stream by the wáy-side:
and therefore shall he lift up his head.
 7. Glory be to the Father and to thé Son:
and to the Ho-ly Spì-rit.
 8. As it was in the beginning / is now and ever sháll be:
world with-out ènd. A-men.
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PSALM 112

Gregorian tone viii^g

Antiphon: (*schola*) Happy the man who shows mercy for the LORD’s sake: he will stand firm for ever.

1. (*cantor*) Happy the man who féars the LORD:
who takes delight in all His còm-mands.
2. *(All)* His sons will be powerful ón earth:
the children of the up-right are blèss-ed.
3. Riches and wealth are ín his house:
his justice stands firm for èv-er.
4. He is light in the darkness for the úp-right:
he is generous, mer-ci-fùl and just.
5. The good man takes pity ánd lends:
he conducts his af-fairs with hòn-our.
6. The just man will never wáy-er:
he will be remem-ber’d for èv-er.

7. He has no fear of év-il news:

with a firm heart he trusts in thè LORD.

8. With a steadfast heart he will nót fear:

he will see the down-fall òf his foes.

9. Open-handed, he gives to the poor / his justice stands firm for év-er:

his head will be rais'd in glò-ry.

10. The wicked man sees and is angry / grinds his teeth and fâdes away:

the desire of the wick-ed leàds to doom.

11. Glory be to the Father and to thè Son:

and to the Ho-ly Spì-rit.

12. As it was in the beginning / is now and ever sháll be:

world with-out ènd. A-men.

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CANTICLE: I Saint Peter 2: 21-24

chant by Charles Hylton Stewart (1884-1932)

Antiphon: Those things, which God foretold through His prophets: concerning the sufferings that Christ would endure, have been fulfilled.

Christ suffered for you and left you an example: to have you follow in His footsteps.

He did no wrong: no deceit was found in His mouth.

When He was insulted he returned no insult: When He was made to suffer He did not counter with threats.

Instead He delivered Himself up to the One who judges justly.

In His own Body he brought your sins to the Cross: so that all of us, dead to sin, could live in accord with God's will: by His wounds you were healed.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit.

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

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READING: I Corinthians 9: 24-25

While all the runners in the stadium take part in the race, the award goes to one man. In that case, run so as to win! Athletes deny themselves all sorts of things. They do this to win a crown of leaves that withers, but we a crown that is imperishable.

RESPONSORY

Gregorian tone v

℣ Listen to us, O Lord, and have mercy: for we have sinned against You.

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℣ Christ Jesus, hear our humble petitions: ℟ for we have sinned against You.

℣ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

℟ Listen to us, O Lord, and have mercy: for we have sinned against You.

☞ Please stand.

THE CANTICLE OF OUR LADY: St. Luke 1: 46-55

Magnificat en ton royal

Antiphon: Subiit ergo in montem Jesus, et ibi
sedebat cum discipulis suis. [St. John 6:3]

Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

Et exsultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo.

Quia respexit humilitatem ancillæ suæ: ecce
enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes
generationes.

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est: et sanctum
nomen ejus.

Et misericordia ejus a progenie in progenies:
timentibus eum.

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo: dispersit
superbos mente cordis sui.

Deposuit potentes de sede: et exaltavit humiles.

Esurientes implevit bonis: et divites dimisit
inanes.

Suscepit Ísrael puerum suum: recordatus
misericordiæ suæ.

Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros: Abraham et
semini ejus in sæcula.

Gloria Patri, et Filio: et Spiritui Sancto.

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper: et in
sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

Antiphon: Subiit ergo in montem Jesus, et ibi
sedebat cum discipulos suis.

attr. Louis XIII of France (1601-1643)

Antiphon: *Jesus therefore went up into a
mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.*

My soul doth magnify the Lord:

and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

*For He hath regarded 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 shewed strength with His arm: He hath
scattered the proud in the imagination 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.*

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INTERCESSIONS

℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

sung by all

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, Who through Your Word reconcile the human race to Yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ℟. Amen.

ANTIPHON OF OUR LADY

Please join in singing the antiphon.

VI



A - ve Re-gí-na cæ-ló-rum, * A-ve Dómi-na Ange-
ló-rum: Salve ra-dix, salve porta, Ex qua mundo lux
est orta: Gaude Virgo glo-ri- ó-sa, Su-per omnes spe-ci-
ó-sa: Va-le, o valde de-có- ra, Et pro no-bis Christum
ex-ó- ra.

Hail, O Queen of the heavens! Hail, O mistress of the angels: Hail, Root [of Jesse]! Hail, Gate whence arose the Light upon the world: Rejoice, O glorious Virgin, lovelier than all others, Farewell, O most beautiful, and pray for us to Christ.

☞ Please be seated.

HOMILY

BENEDICTION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

☩ Please kneel when the Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance.

HYMN: *O salutaris Hostia*

Please join in singing the hymn.



1. O salutaris Hostia, Quæ cæli pandis ostium,
Bella premunt hostilia, Da robur, fer auxilium.
2. Uni trinoque Domino Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

HYMN: *Tantum ergo*

Please join in singing the hymn.

Musical notation for the hymn 'Tantum ergo'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The music is in E-flat major (three flats) and 4/4 time. The notation is more complex than the previous hymn, featuring many chords and sixteenth-note patterns. The first system has two staves, the second system has two staves, and the third system has two staves. Each system ends with a double bar line.

1. Tantum ergo Sacramentum Veneremur cernui,
Et antiquum documentum Novo cedat ritui:
Præstet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui.
2. Genitori, Genitoque Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

℣. Panem de cælo præstitisti eis.
℞. **Omne delectamentum in se habentem.**

℣. *Thou hast given them bread from heaven.*
℞. *Containing in itself all sweetness.*

Oremus. Deus, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili, passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti: tribue, quæsumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum. ℞. **Amen.**

O God, Who in this wonderful Sacrament hast left us a memorial of Thy Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of Thy redemption. Who livest and reignest for ever and ever.

BENEDICTION

DIVINE PRAISES

Please repeat after Officiant.

ANTIPHON

℞. Adoremus in æternum Sanctissimum Sacramentum.
℣. Laudate Dominum, omnes gentes: laudate eum, omnes populi.
Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus: et veritas Domini manet in æternum.
℣. Gloria Patri. ℞. Adoremus.

Gregorian chant, mode vi
℞. *Let us forever adore the Most Holy Sacrament.*
℣. *O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise Him, all ye peoples.*
For His mercy is ever more and more towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.
℣. *Glory be to the Father. ℞. Let us forever ...*

HYMN: *Holy God, we praise Thy Name*

Please stand, and join in singing the hymn.

1. Holy God, we praise Thy Name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy sceptre claim, All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.
Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign. Amen.

VOLUNTARY: *Prelude in C minor*, BWV 546/1

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The music at Vespers this afternoon is made possible
by a generous offering in loving memory of
Joanne Hickey Frazel, Jerome A. Frazel Jr., and Mark J. Frazel. *Requiescant in pace.*