

Solemn Vespers

Palm Sunday



Saint Mary's Basilica

Sunday, March 25, 2018

Introduction to the Hour

Celebrant:



O God, come to our aid.

ALL:

O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory be to the Father,

and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit, as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be, world with-out end. A - men.

Hymn

O SACRED HEAD, SURROUNDED

PASSION CHORALE



1. O Sa-cred Head, sur-round - ed By crown of pierc - ing thorn!
2. O Love, all love tran-scend - ing, O Wis-dom from on high!
3. O Je - sus, we a - dore thee, Up - on the cross our King!



1. O bleed-ing Head so wound - ed Re - viled and put to scorn!
2. O Truth, un-changed, un - chang - ing, Sur - ren-dered up to die!
3. We hum-bly bow be - fore thee, And of thy vic - t'ry sing!



1. No come - li - ness or beau - ty Thy wound-ed face be - trays,
2. Was e'er a love so won - drous! That from his heav'n - ly throne
3. Thy cross is our sal - va - tion, Our hope from day to day,



1. Yet an - gel hosts a - dore thee And trem-ble as they gaze.
2. God should de-scend a - mong us To suf - fer for his own.
3. Our peace and con - so - la - tion When life shall fade a - way.

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Music: Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612; adapt. by Johann S. Bach, 1685-1750.

Psalm 110

*Antiphon: Christ was scourged and treated with contempt,
but God's right hand raised him up.*



(The Congregation chants the verses in bold)

The Lord's revelation to my Master: sit on my right,
your foes I will put beneath your feet.

**The Lord will wield from Zion your scepter of power,
rule in the midst of all your foes.**

A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

**The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change:
“You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.”**

The Master standing at your right hand
will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.

**He shall drink from the stream by the wayside
and therefore he shall lift up his head.**

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

**as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.**

Psalm 115

*Antiphon: The blood of Christ washes away our sins,
and makes us worthy to serve the living God.*



(The Congregation chants the verses in bold)

Not to us, Lord, not to us,
but to your name be the glory,

**for the sake of your love and truth,
lest the heathen say, “where is their God?”**

But our God is in the heavens,
he does whatever he wills.

**Their idols are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.**

They have mouths but they cannot speak;
they have eyes but they cannot see;

**they have ears but they cannot hear;
they have nostrils but they cannot smell.**

With their hands they cannot feel;
with their feet they cannot walk.

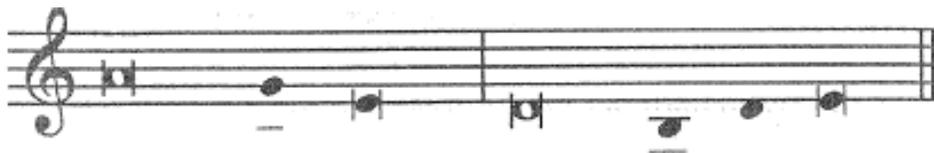
**No sound comes from their throats;
their makers will come to be like them’
and so will all who trust in them.**

Sons of Israel, trust in the Lord,
he is their help and their shield.

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Psalm 115 (Continued)

*Antiphon: The blood of Christ washes away our sins,
and makes us worthy to serve the living God.*



(The Congregation chants the verses in bold)

**Sons of Aaron, trust in the Lord,
he is their help and their shield.**

You who fear him, trust in the Lord,
he is their help and their shield.

**He remembers us and he will bless us;
he will bless the sons of Israel and Aaron.**

The Lord will bless those who fear him,
the little no less than the great.

**To you may the Lord grant increase,
to you and all your children.**

May you be blessed by the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

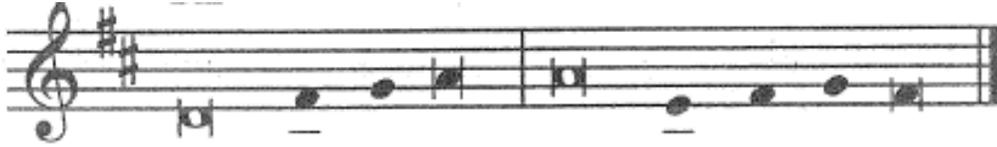
**The heavens belong to the Lord,
but the earth he has given to humankind.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit:

**As it was in the beginning, is now,
And will be for ever. Amen.**

Canticle: 1 Peter 2: 21-24

*Antiphon: God did not spare his own Son,
but gave him up for us all.*



(The Congregation chants the verses in bold)

Christ suffered for you,
and left an example to 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 threaten;
instead he delivered himself up to God who judges justly.

**In his own body he brought your sins to the cross,
So that all of us could live in accordance with God's will.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit,

**As it was in the beginning, is now,
And will be forever, Amen.**

Scripture Reading:

1 Peter 4: 13-14

Beloved: rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

Silent Reflection

Franciscan Reading:

Bonaventure, The Major Legend of Saint Francis

In all things he wished without hesitation to be conformed to Christ crucified, who hung on the cross poor, suffering and naked. Francis strove by perfect imitation to be conformed while living to Christ living, dying to Christ dying, and dead to Christ dead, and deserved to be adorned with an expressed likeness!

Silent Reflection

Homily

Magnificat

*Antiphon: It is written: I will strike the shepherd
and his flock will be scattered;
But when I have risen, I will go before you into Galilee.*

Ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat, Ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma
me - a Do - mi - num. Ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat,
Ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a!

(The verses are sung by the Cantors)

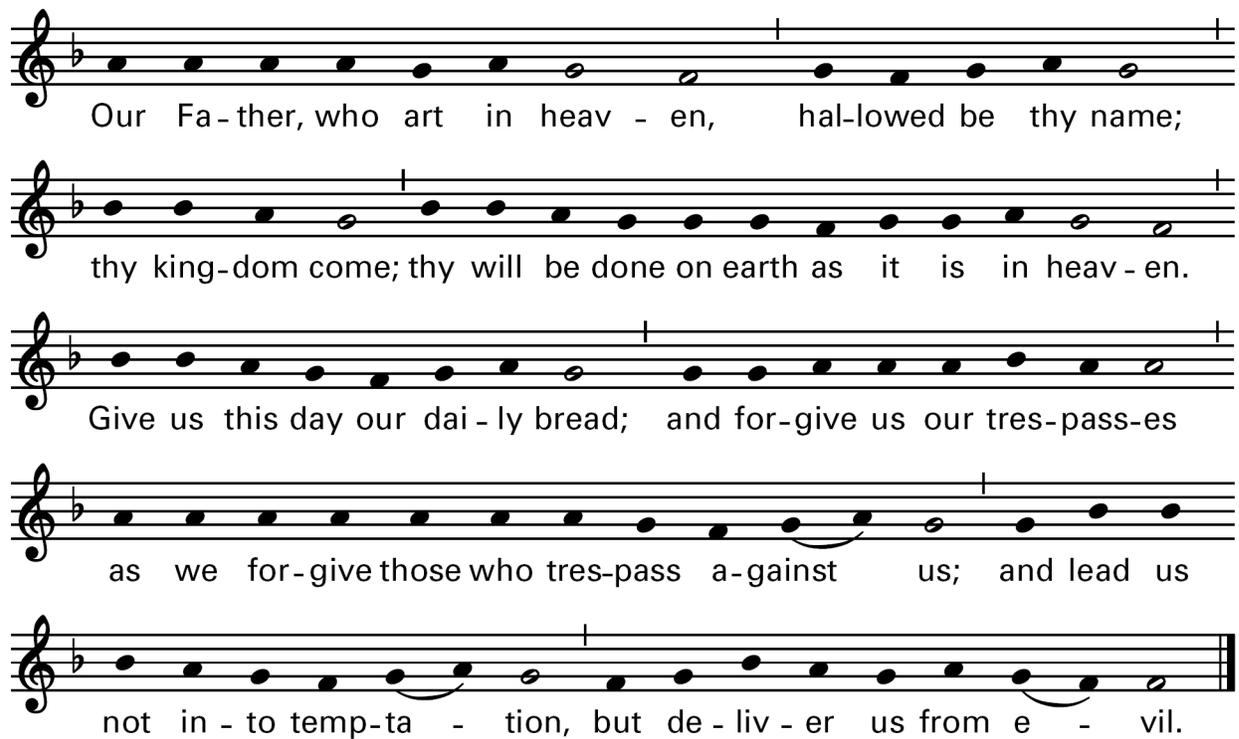


Intercessions

After each intercession, all respond:

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Our Father



Our Fa-ther, who art in heav - en, hal-lowed be thy name;
thy king-dom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread; and for-give us our tres-pass-es
as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us; and lead us
not in - to temp-ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

Concluding Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God,

You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior
as a model of humility.

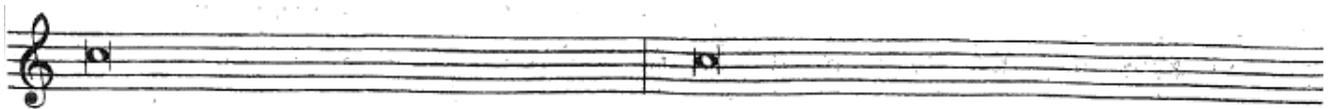
He fulfilled your will by becoming man and giving his life on the cross.

Help us to bear witness to you by following his example of suffering
and make us worthy to share in his resurrection.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Blessing



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



V. May Al - might - y God bless you, the Fa - ther,



and the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it. R. A - men.

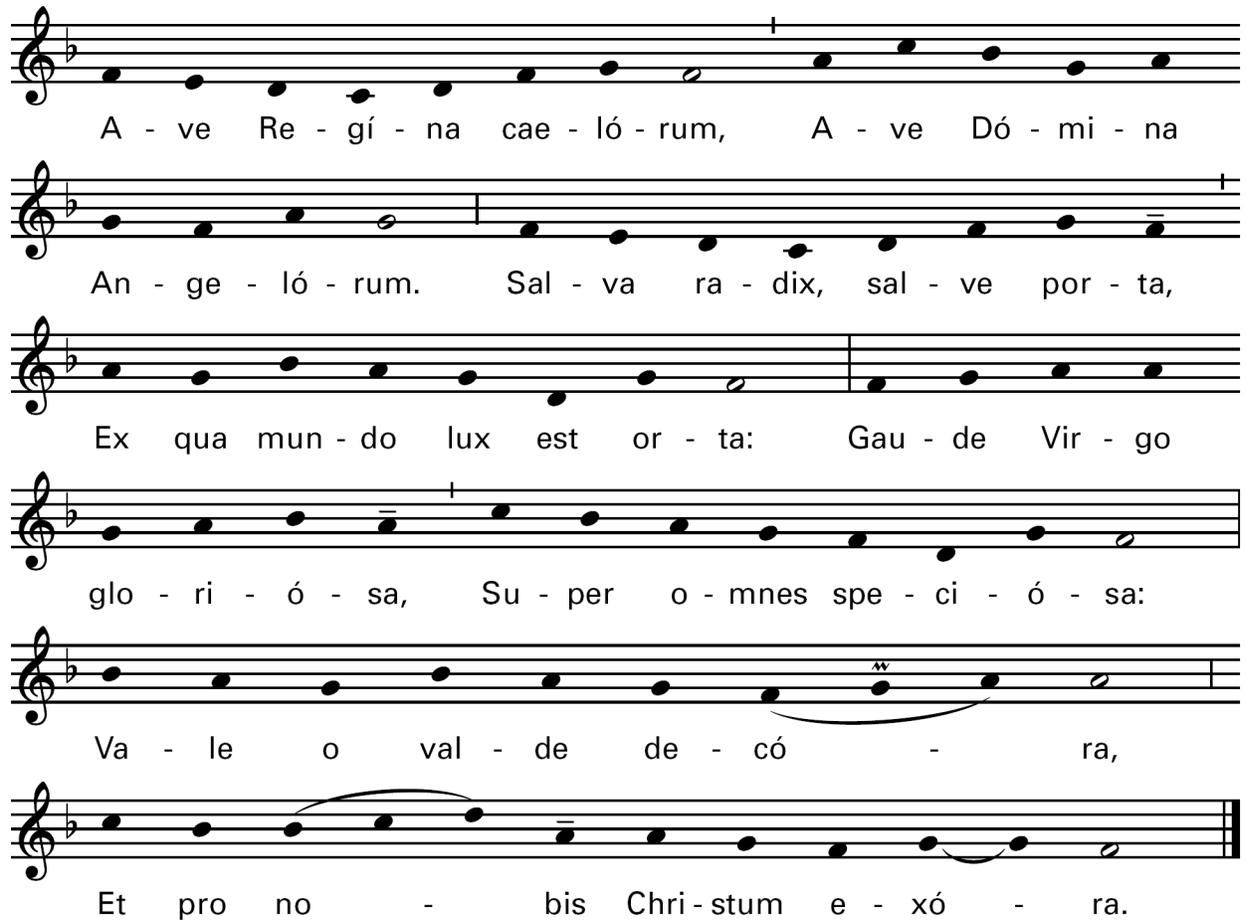
Dismissal



Go in the peace of Christ. R. Thanks be to God.

Antiphon to Our Lady

AVE REGINA CAELORUM



A - ve Re - gí - na cae - ló - rum, A - ve Dó - mi - na
An - ge - ló - rum. Sal - va ra - dix, sal - ve por - ta,
Ex qua mun - do lux est or - ta: Gau - de Vir - go
glo - ri - ó - sa, Su - per o - mnes spe - ci - ó - sa:
Va - le o val - de de - có - ra,
Et pro no - bis Chri - stum e - xó - ra.

Text and music: Chant, Mode VI; *Liber Cantualis*, 1983.

Hail, O Queen of Heaven.
Hail, O Lady of Angels.
Hail! thou root, hail! thou gate
From whom unto the world, a light has arisen:
Rejoice, O glorious Virgin,
Lovely beyond all others,
Farewell, most beautiful maiden,
And pray for us to Christ.