

VESPERS

alt. The Lord surrounds his people
with his strength.

PSALM 125

Those who put their trust in the Lord
are like Mount Zion, that cannot be shaken,
that stands forever.

Jerusalem! The mountains surround her;
so the Lord surrounds his people,
both now and forever.

For the scepter of the wicked shall not rest
over the land allotted to the upright,
for fear that the hands of the upright
should turn to evil.

Do good, Lord, to those who are good,
to the upright of heart;

but those who turn to crooked ways
the Lord will drive away with the wicked!
On Israel, peace!

Glory...

alt. Unless you acquire the heart
of a child, you cannot enter the
kingdom of God.

PSALM 131

O Lord, my heart is not proud,
nor haughty my eyes.

I have not gone after things too great,
nor marvels beyond me.

Truly, I have set my soul
in tranquility and silence.

Like a weaned child on its mother,
as a weaned child is my soul within me.

O Israel, hope in the Lord,
both now and forever.

Glory...

alt. Lord, you have made us a
kingdom and priests for God our
Father.

REVELATION 4:11; 5:9, 10, 12

Worthy are you, O Lord, our God
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you have created all things
and by your will they came to be and were created.
Worthy are you, O Lord, to receive the scroll
and to break open its seals,
for you were slain
and with your blood you have ransomed for God
those from every tribe and tongue,
and every people and nation:
And made them a kingdom and priests for our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain †
to receive power and riches and wisdom,
strength and honor, and glory and blessing.
Glory...

alt. My spirit rejoices in God my
Savior.

MAGNIFICAT

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked upon his handmaid in her lowliness; †
for behold, from this day forward,
all generations will call me blessed.
For the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is from age to age
for those who fear him.
He has made known the strength of his arm,
and has scattered the proud in their conceit of heart.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
and has exalted those who are lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and has sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
mindful of his mercy,
even as he promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his descendants forever.
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.