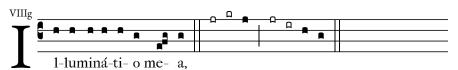
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# **V**ESPERS



PSALM 27 I

The Lord is my light and my *sal*vátion, whom sháll *I* féar?

The Lord is the stronghold of *my* life; whom should *I* dréad?

When those who do évil *draw* néar to devour *my* flésh,

it is they, my énemies and fóes, who stúmble and fáll.

Though an army encámp agáinst me, my héart would *not* féar.

Though war break óut *a*gáinst me, even thén would *I* trúst.

There is one thing I ásk of *the* Lórd, only thís do *I* séek:

to live in the house of *the* Lord all the days of *my* life,

to gaze on the béauty of *the* Lórd, to inquire at *his* témple.

For there he keeps me sáfe in *his* shélter in the dáy *of* évil.

He hides me under cóver of *his* tént; he sets me hígh upon *a* róck.

And now my héad shall be ráised above my fóes who surróund me,

and I shall offer within his *tent* † sacrifices full of éx*ult*átion.

I will sing and make músic for *the* Lórd.

Glory...

tr. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

#### VIIIg



PSALM 27 II

O Lord, hear my vóice when *I* cáll; have mércy *and* ánswer me.

Of you my héart has spóken, "Séek his fáce."

It is your face, O Lórd, that *I* séek; hide not your fáce *from* mé.

Dismiss not your sérvant *in* ánger; you have béen *my* hélp.

Do not abándon or *for*sáke me, O Gód, *my* Sávior!

Though father and móther *for* sáke me, the Lórd will *re*céive me.

Instruct me, Lord, in your *way*, † on an éven *path* léad me becáuse of *my* énemies.

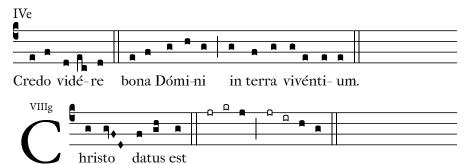
Do not leave me to the will of my *foes*, † for false witnesses rise úp *agáinst* me, and they bréathe *out* víolence.

I believe I shall sée the *Lord's* góodness in the lánd of *the* líving.

Wait for the Lórd; *be* stróng; be stouthearted, and wáit for *the* Lórd! Glory...

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tr. I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.



Colossians 1:12-20

Let us give thanks to the Father who has máde *us* wórthy to share the heritage of the hóly ones *in* líght.

He delivered us from the pówer of dárkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his belóved Són,

in whom we have *re*démption, the forgíveness *of* síns.

He is the image of the invisible Gód, the firstborn of áll *cre*átion,

for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, † things vísible and *in*vísible, whether thrones or dominions, principálities *or* pówers.

All were created through him and for *him*, † and he exists before *all* things, and in him all things hold *tog*éther.

He is the head of the body, the *Church*, † the beginning, the firstborn fróm *the* déad that he may have prímacy in *all* thíngs.

For in him all the fullness was pléased *to* dwéll, and through him, to reconcile all thíngs to *him*sélf,

both those on the earth, and those in *the* héavens, making peace through the blood of *his* cross.

Glory...

tr. Christ was given the primacy and honor of the kingdom; all peoples, tribes and languages will serve him. Alleluia.



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# Office of Readings



PSALM 18:31-51 I

As for God, his wáy is blámeless, the word of the Lórd is púre.

He indéed is *the* shield of all who trúst *in* hím.

For who is Gód but *the* Lólrd? Who is a róck but *our* Gód?

It is God who girds me with strength, and keeps my path free of blame.

My feet he makes swift as *the* déer's; he has made me stand firm on *the* héights.

He has trained my hánds *for* báttle, and my arms to bénd the *bronze* bów. Glory...

PSALM 18:31-51 II

You gave me your saving *shield*; † with your right hand, you gave me *sup*port you bent down to make *me* great.

You lengthened my stéps *be*néath me; and my feet have néver slípped.

I pursued and overtóok *my* fóes, never turning back till théy *were* sláin.

I struck them so they could *not* rise; they fell benéath *my* féet.

You girded me with stréngth for báttle; you made my enemies fáll benéath me.

You made my fóes *take* flíght; those who hated me Í *destróyed*.

They cried out, but there was nó one *to* sáve them, cried to the Lord, but he díd *not* ánswer.

I crushed them fine as dust befóre *the* wind, trod them down like dirt in *the* stréets.

From the feuds of the people you delívered mé, and put me at the héad of *the* nátions.

People unknówn to *me* sérved me; when they heard of me, théy *o*béyed me.

Foreign nations came to me cringing; † foreign nations fáded *a*wáy.

Trembling, they came fórth from *their* stróngholds.

Glory...

PSALM 18:31-51 III

The Lord lives, and blést be *my* Róck! May the God of my salvátion be *ex*álted,

the God who gives me redréss and subdues the peoples únder mé.

You saved me from my furious *foes*; † you set me abóve my *ass*áilants; you saved me from the vío*lent* mán.

So I will praise you, Lord, amóng *the* nátions to your name will I síng *a* psálm.

The Lord gives great victories to his *king*, † and shows merciful love for his *a*nóinted, for David and his séed *for*éver.

Glory...

tr. The Lord lives, and blessed be the God of my salvation.

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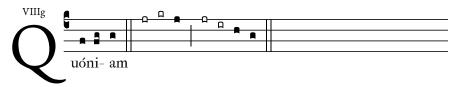
Vi-vit Dóminus et benedí-ctus De- us sa-lú-tis me-æ.

Open my eyes, Lord, that Í may sée.

— The wonders of your law.

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### LAUDS



PSALM 57

Have mercy on me, Gód, *have* mércy, for in you my soul has ták*en* réfuge.

In the shadow of your wings I *take* réfuge, till the storms of destrúction *pass* bý.

I call to you, Gód the *Most* Hígh, to God who provídes *for* mé.

May he send from heaven and save *me*, † and put to shame those who *ass*áil me. May God send his loving mércy *and* fáithfulness.

My soul lies dáwn among líons, who would devour húman préy.

Their teeth are spéars *and* árrows, their tongue a shárpened swórd.

Be exalted, O God, abóve *the* héavens, your glory over áll *the* éarth!

They laid down a nét for *my* stéps; my sóul was *bowed* dówn.

They dug a pit in *my* path, but fell in it *thems*elves.

My heart is réady, *O* Gód; my héart *is* réady.

I will sing, I will sing *your* práise. Awáke, *my* sóul!

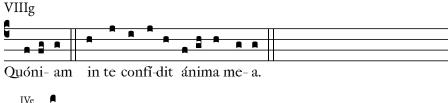
Awake, O lýre *and* hárp! I will awáke *the* dáwn.

I will praise you, Lord, amóng *the* péoples, among the nations sing psálms *to* yóu,

for your mercy réaches to *the* héavens, and your trúth to *the* skíes.

Be exalted, O God, abóve *the* héavens; may your glory shine on áll *the* éarth! Glory...

tr. For in you my soul has taken refuge.





JEREMIAH 31:10-14

Hear the word of the Lórd, *O* nátions; declare it to the distant ísles *and* sáy,

"He who scattered Ísrael will gáther him and guard him as a shépherd his flóck."

For the Lord has ránsomed Jácob, redeemed him from a hand too stróng for hím.

They shall come and sing praise on the héights *of* Zíon, come streaming to the bóunty of *the* Lórd

to the grain and the wine and *the* óil, to the yearlings of the flóck and *the* hérd.

Their soul shall be like a wátered gárden, and they shall lánguish *no* móre.

Then the maiden shall rejóice in *a* dánce, the young men and óld *to*géther.

"I will change their móurning into jóy; I will console them, giving gládness for sórrow

I will fill with rich fare the soul of *my* priests, and my people shall be filled with *my* bounty.

Glory...

THURSDAY 253

#### tr. My people shall be filled with my bounty.



a- it Dóminus, bonis me- is adimplébi-tur. Pó-pu-lus me- us,



PSALM 48

Great is the Lord and highly to be praised in the city of our Gód.

His holy mountain rises in béauty. the joy of all the earth.

Mount Zion, in the héart of the Nórth, the city of the Mighty King!

God, in the mídst of its cítadels, has shown himsélf its strónghold.

Behold! the kings assémbled; together théy advánced.

They saw; at once *they* márveled; dismayed, they fléd in féar.

A trembling séized them thére, anguish, like pangs in giving birth,

As when the éast wind shátters the ships of Társhish.

As we have heard, so wé have séen in the city of our Gód,

in the city of the Lórd of hósts, which God estáblishes foréver.

Your merciful lóve, O Gód, we pónder in your témple.

Your praise, O God, líke your náme, reaches the énds of the éarth.

Your right hand is filled with sáving jústice. Mount Zíon *re*jóices.

The daughters of Júdah *re*jóice at the síght of *your* júdgments.

Walk through Zion, wálk all *a*róund her; count the númber of *her* tówers.

Consider áll *her* rámparts; exámine *her* cástles,

that you may tell the next gén*er*átion that súch is *our* Gód,

our God foréver *and* álways. He will gúide us *for*éver.

Glory...

tr. Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; of his greatness there is no end.

