

VESPERS

alt. My life is at the service of
the Gospel; God has given me
this gift of his grace.

PSALM 116:10-19

I trusted, even when I said,
“I am sorely afflicted,”

and when I said in my alarm,
“These people are all liars.”

How can I repay the Lord
for all his goodness to me?

The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the name of the Lord.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfill
before all his people.

How precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I,
the son of your handmaid;
you have loosened my bonds.

I will offer you a thanksgiving sacrifice;
I will call on the name of the Lord.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfill
before all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Glory...

alt. I do all this for the sake of
the Gospel, in order to share in
its rewards.

PSALM 126

When the Lord brought back the exiles of Zion,
we thought we were dreaming.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter;
on our tongues, songs of joy.

Then they said among the nations,
“What great deeds the Lord worked for them!”

What great deeds the Lord worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.

Bring back our exiles, O Lord,
as streams in the Negeb.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
bearing seed for the sowing;

they come back, they come back with a song,
bearing their sheaves.

Glory...

alt. This grace has been given to
me: to proclaim to the nations
the infinite riches of Christ.

EPHESIANS 1:3-10

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, †
who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavens,
Just as he has chosen us in him †
before the foundation of the world
to be holy and blameless before him in love.
He destined us for adoption
to himself through Jesus Christ,
in accord with the good pleasure of his will, †
to the praise of his glorious grace,
with which he favored us in the Beloved.
In him we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of transgressions,
in accord with the riches of his grace
lavished on us in all wisdom and insight.
He has made known to us the mystery of his will
in accord with his good pleasure,
which he set forth in Christ as a plan,
a plan for the fullness of times,
to recapitulate all things in him,
things in heaven, and things on earth.
Glory...

alt. The holy evangelist Luke is worthy of praise in the Church, for he has proclaimed the tender compassion of Christ.

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.