

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2025 AT SECOND VESPERS

## INTRODUCTION


STAND

*Oh God, come to my assistance. –LORD, make haste to help me.  
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 with out end. Amen. Alleluia.*

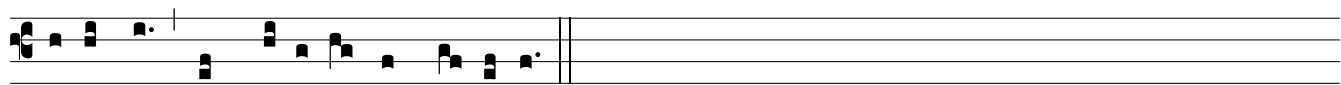
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Lov-ing Mak-er, hear the prayers we raise to you with sighs and tears, as we observe these



forty days with ho-ly fast and absti-nence.

You search all hearts with loving care  
and know the weakness of our pow'rs;  
show mercy, Lord, forgive the sins  
of those who turn to seek your grace.

Grant us through corp'ral abstinence  
to learn and practice self-control,  
that inwardly with sober mind  
we fast from ev'ry stain of sin.

Though we, in truth, have greatly sinned,  
yet spare us who confess our guilt;  
restore and heal our ailing souls  
for praise and honor of your name.

Grant us, O Blessed Trinity,  
O Undivided Unity,  
to see this service of our fast  
bring forth your fruit within our hearts. Amen.

## PSALMODY

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### Psalm 110[109]

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ic-ut ex-altá-tus est \* serpens in é-remo, i-ta ex-altá-ri o-pór-tet Fi-li-um hó-mi-nis.

The Lord's revelation to my Master: †  
"Sit on my right: \*  
your foes I will put beneath your feet."

"You are a priest for ever, \*  
a priest like Melchizedek of old."

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

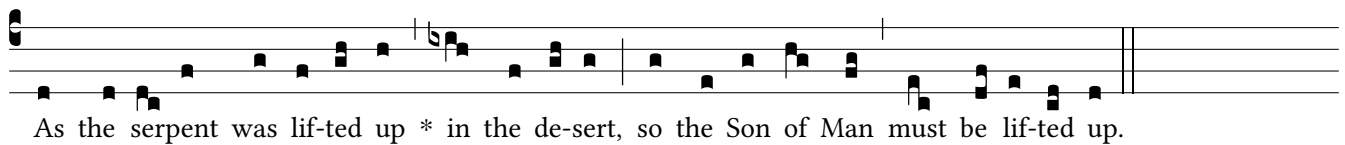
The Master standing at your right hand \*  
will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.

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

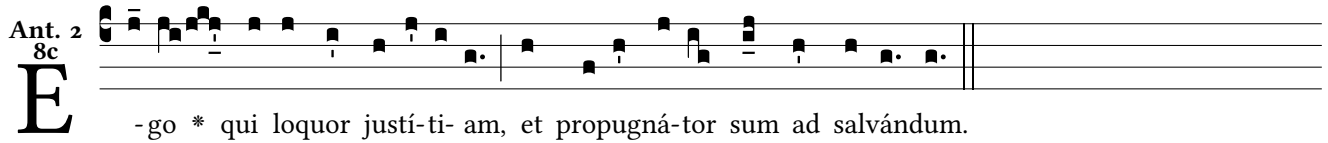
He shall drink from the stream by the wayside \*  
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. †

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 114[113]**



When Israel came forth from Egypt, \*  
Jacob's sons from an alien people,  
Judah became the Lord's temple, \*  
Israel became his kingdom.

Why was it, sea, that you fled, \*  
that you turned back, Jordan, on your course?  
Mountains, that you leapt like rams, \*  
hills, like yearling sheep?

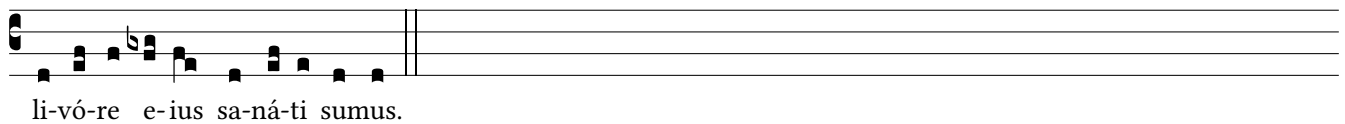
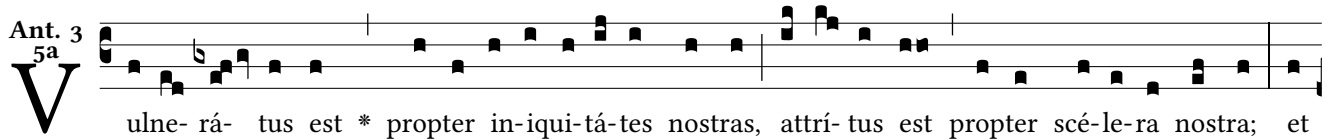
The sea fled at the sight: \*  
the Jordan turned back on its course,  
the mountains leapt like rams \*  
and the hills like yearling sheep.

Tremble, O earth, before the Lord, \*  
in the presence of the God of Jacob,  
who turns the rock into a pool \*  
and flint into a spring of water.



The Lord of hosts \* pro-TECTS us and sets us free; he guides and saves his people.

**Canticle: 1 Peter 2:21-24**



Christ suffered for you, †  
and left you an example \*  
to have you follow in his footsteps.

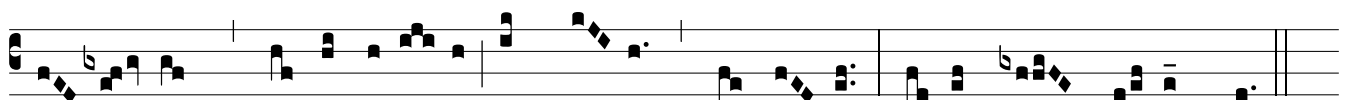
he did not counter with threats.  
Instead he delivered himself up \*  
to the One who judges justly.

He did no wrong; \*  
no deceit was found in his mouth.  
When he was insulted, \*  
he returned no insult.

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.

When he was made to suffer, \*

By his wounds you were healed.



He was pierced \* for our offen-ses, and bur-dened with our sins. By his wounds we are healed.

# READING: ACTS 13:26-30

My brothers, it was to us that this message of salvation was sent forth. The inhabitants of Jerusalem and their rulers failed to recognize him, and in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets which we read sabbath after sabbath. Even though they found no charge against him which deserved death, they begged Pilate to have him executed. Once they had brought about all that had been written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. Yet God raised him from the dead.

## RESPONSORY

Resp. <sup>2</sup>  
**E** -go di-xi, Dómi- ne, Mi-se-ré- re me- i. Ego. V. Sa-na á-nimam me- am,  
 qui- a peccá-vi ti- bi. Mi-se-ré- re. V. Gló-ri- a Patri, et Fí-li- o, et Spi-rí-tu- i San-  
 cto. Ego.

## GOSPEL CANTICLE

STAND

Ant. <sup>3a</sup>  
**N** emo \* te condemná-vit, mú- li- er? Nemo, Dómi-ne. Nec e-go te condemná- bo: iam ámpli-  
 us no-li peccá-re.

My + soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, †  
 my spirit rejoices in God my Savior \*  
 for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: †  
 the Almighty has done great things for me, \*  
 and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
 in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
 and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
 and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel \*  
 for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
 the promise he made to our fathers, \*  
 to Abraham and his children for ever.

Has no-one \* condemned you, wo- man? No-one, my lord. And neither do I condemn you: now do  
 not sin any more.

## INTERCESSIONS

All praise to God the Father who brought his chosen people to rebirth from imperishable seed through his eternal Word.  
— Let us ask him as his children:

**Lord, be gracious to your people.**

God of mercy, hear the prayers we offer for all your people,  
— may they hunger for your word more than for bodily food.

**Lord, be gracious to your people.**

Give us a sincere and active love for our own nation and for all mankind, — may we work always to build a world of peace and goodness.

**Lord, be gracious to your people.**

Look with love on all to be reborn in baptism,  
— that they may be living stones in your temple of the Spirit.  
**Lord, be gracious to your people.**

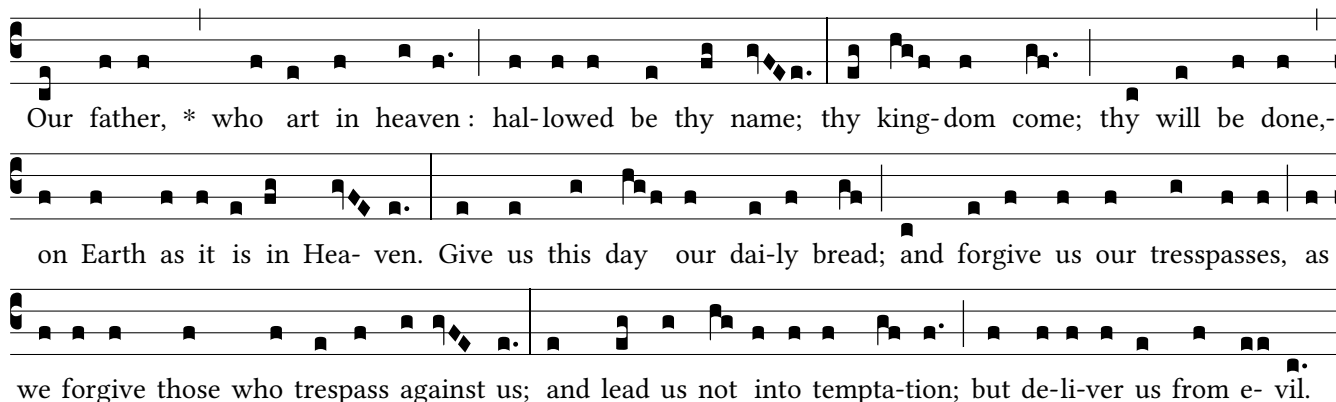
You moved Nineveh to repentance by the preaching of Jonah,  
— in your mercy touch the hearts of sinners by the preaching of your word.

**Lord, be gracious to your people.**

May the dying go in hope to meet Christ their judge,  
— may they rejoice for ever in the vision of your glory.

**Lord, be gracious to your people.**

## OUR FATHER



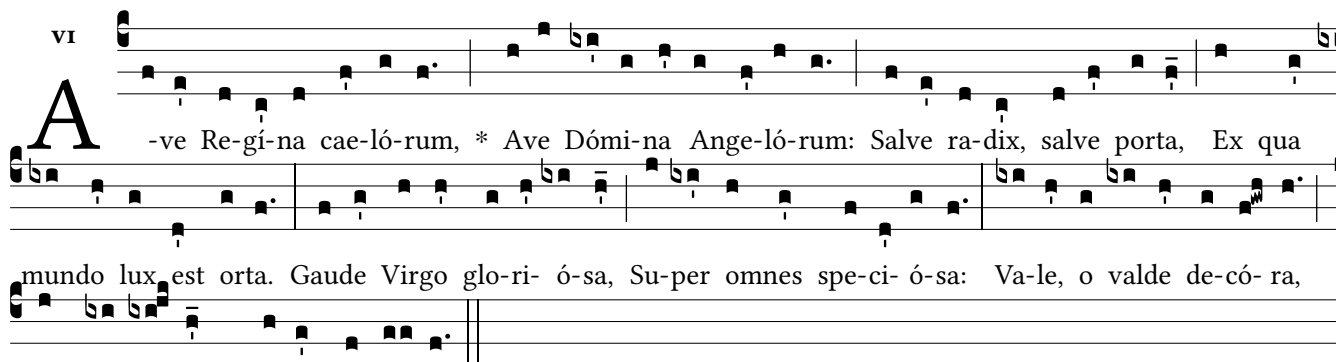
Our father, \* who art in heaven: hal-lowed be thy name; thy king-dom come; thy will be done,-  
on Earth as it is in Hea- ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread; and forgive us our tresspasses, as  
we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into tempta-tion; but de-li-ver us from e- vil.

## PRAYER & DISMISSAL

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. — **Amen.**

May the Lord + bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. — **Amen.**

*The Antiphon Ave Regina Caelorum to the Blessed Virgin Mary is traditionlly sung at Night Prayer (Compline) from February 2nd until the beginning of the Easter Season.*



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**A**-ve Re-gí-na cae-ló-rum, \* Ave 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.