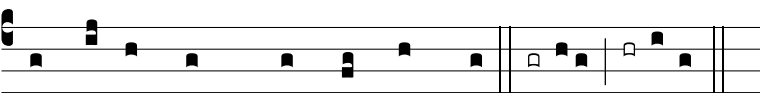


## SUNDAY OR SOLEMNITY AFTER FIRST VESPERS

## ANTIPHON

VIII



**H**ave mercy, Lord, ★ and hear my prayer.

## PSALM 4

## THANKSGIVING

*The resurrection of Christ was God's supreme and wholly marvelous work (Saint Augustine).*

When I call, answer me, O God of justice; ★  
 from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!  
 O men, how long will your hearts be closed, ★  
 will you love what is futile and seek what is false?  
 It is the Lord who grants favors to those whom he loves; ★  
 the Lord hears me whenever I call him.  
 Fear him; do not sin: ponder on your bed and be still. ★  
 Make justice your sacrifice, and trust in the Lord.  
 "What can bring us happiness?" many say. ★  
 Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord.  
 You have put into my heart a greater joy ★  
 than they have from abundance of corn and new wine.  
 I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once ★  
 for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.  
 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.

## ANTIPHON

VI



**I**n the si-lent hours of night ★ bless the Lord.

PSALM 134  
EVENING PRAYER IN THE TEMPLE

*Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great*  
(Revelation 19:5).

O come, bless the Lord, ★  
all you who serve the Lord,  
who stand in the house of the Lord, ★  
in the courts of the house of our God.  
Lift up your hands to the holy place ★  
and bless the Lord through the night.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion, ★  
he who made both heaven and earth.  
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.

READING

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

**H**ear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today. Drill them into your children. Speak of them at home and abroad, whether you are busy or at rest.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

**L**ord, be with us throughout this night. When day comes may we rise from sleep to rejoice in the resurrection of your Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
℟. Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

*On solemnities that do not occur on Sunday:*

**L**ord, we beg you to visit this house and banish from it all the deadly power of the enemy. May your holy angels dwell here to keep us in peace, and may your blessing be upon us always. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
℟. Amen.

BLESSING

**M**ay the all-powerful Lord grant us a restful night and a peaceful death.  
R. Amen.