

HOLY SATURDAY

VESPERS

At the Prior's signal all stand, face the high altar and silently make the Sign of the Cross.

HYMN

VIII

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ole Author of redeeming grace, ex- alt-ed Savior of the

world, O Christ, our King, grant us this day the glory of your fruit-

ful Cross. 2. Destroying death for us by death, be- stowing life on us

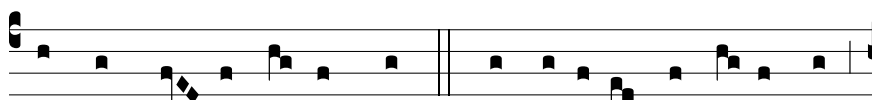
by life, you crushed our foe, the prince of lies and cunning min- is-

ter of death. 3. Consigned to sleep within the tomb by ho-ly rites

and acts of love, you opened wide the underworld, declaring right-

eous forbears free. 4. O sacred Victim clothed in light, now at the

Father's right enthroned, receive our humble prayers and hear those,



ransomed by your liv-ing blood, 5. That by it we may follow you



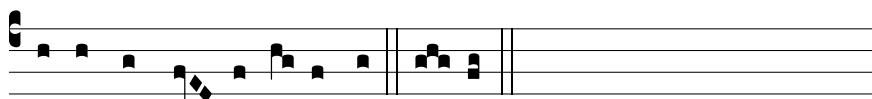
with righteous deeds through all our days and raise the standard of



the Cross against attack from ev'-ry foe. 6. May equal glo-ry be to



you, O Father, Je-sus, Par-aclete, who give the vict'ry of the Cross



to be our joy for ev-ermore. A-men.

Text: *Auctor salutis unice*, c. 10th c., tr. ICEL 2023.

Melody: *Hymnarium O.P.*, Melody 18.

ANTIPHON 1

Death, you shall die in me; hell, you shall be destroyed by me.

PSALM 116:10–19

THANKSGIVING IN THE TEMPLE

Through Christ let us offer God a continual sacrifice of praise (Hebrews 13:15).

I trusted, even when I said: *
 “I am sorely afflicted,”
and when I said in my alarm: *
 “No man can be trusted.”
How can I repay the Lord *
 for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise; *
 I will call on the Lord’s name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfill *
 before all his people.
O precious in the eyes of the Lord *
 is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; *
 you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make; *
 I will call on the Lord’s name.
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 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 2

As Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

PSALM 143:1-11

PRAYER IN DISTRESS

A man is not justified by observance of the law but only through faith in Jesus Christ (Galatians 2:16).

Lord, listen to my prayer: †

turn your ear to my appeal. *

You are faithful, you are just; give answer.

Do not call your servant to judgment *

for no one is just in your sight.

The enemy pursues my soul; *

he has crushed my life to the ground;

he has made me dwell in darkness *

like the dead, long forgotten.

Therefore my spirit fails; *

my heart is numb within me.

I remember the days that are past: *

I ponder all your works.

I muse on what your hand has wrought †

and to you I stretch out my hands. *

Like a parched land my soul thirsts for you.

Lord, make haste and answer; *

for my spirit fails within me.

Do not hide your face *

lest I become like those in the grave.

In the morning let me know your love *

for I put my trust in you.

Make me know the way I should walk: *

to you I lift up my soul.

Rescue me, Lord, from my enemies; *

I have fled to you for refuge.

Teach me to do your will *

for you, O Lord, are my God.

Let your good spirit guide me *

in ways that are level and smooth.

For your name's sake, Lord, save my life; *
in your justice save my soul from distress.
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 3

Destroy this temple, says the Lord, and in three days I will rebuild it. He was speaking of the temple of his body.

PHILIPPIANS 2:6–11

CHRIST, GOD'S HOLY SERVANT

Though he was in the form of God, †
Jesus did not deem equality with God *
something to be grasped at.
Rather, he emptied himself †
and took the form of a slave, *
being born in the likeness of men.
He was known to be of human estate, *
and it was thus that he humbled himself,
obediently accepting even death, *
death on a cross!
Because of this, *
God highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name *
above every other name,
So that at Jesus' name *
every knee must bend
in the heavens, on the earth, *
and under the earth,
and every tongue proclaim †
to the glory of God the Father: *
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!
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

1 Peter 1:18–21

REALIZE that you were delivered from your futile way of life your fathers handed on to you, not by any diminishable sum of silver or gold, but by Christ's blood beyond all price: the blood of a spotless, unblemished lamb chosen before the world's foundation and revealed for your sake in these last days. It is through him that you are believers in God, the God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory. Your faith and hope, then, are in God.

RESPONSORY

Phil 2:8; V. 9

VI

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hri- stus * factus est pro no- bis o-bé- di-

ens us- que ad mor- tem, mor- tem au- tem cru- cis.

V. Propter quod et De- us ex-al-tá-vit il-lum,

et de- dit il-li

no- men, * quod est su-per o-mne no- men.

Christ became obedient for us unto death, even death on a Cross. V. Therefore God has exalted him and bestowed on the name that is above every name.

ANTIPHONA AD MAGNIFICAT

Io 17:5

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la-rí-fi-ca me * Pa-ter a-pud temet-ípsum, cla-ri-tá-te,



quam há-bu-i pri-us quam mundus fi-e-ret.

Glorify me, Father, with yourself, with the glory that I had before the world was made.

CANTICUM EVANGELICUM

THE MESSIAH AND HIS FORERUNNER

Lc 1:46-55

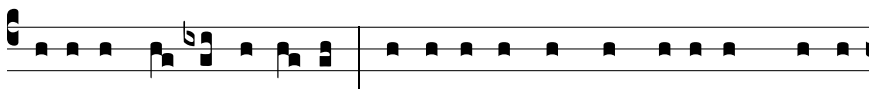
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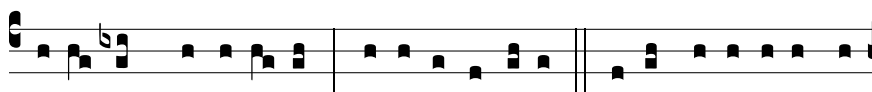
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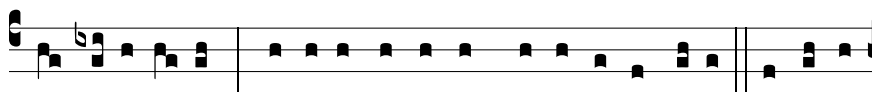
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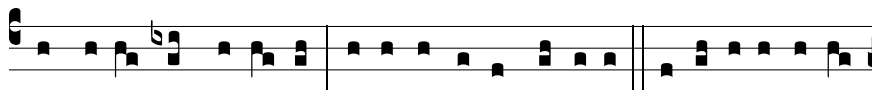
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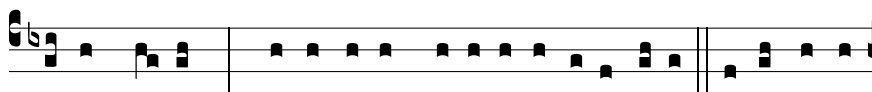
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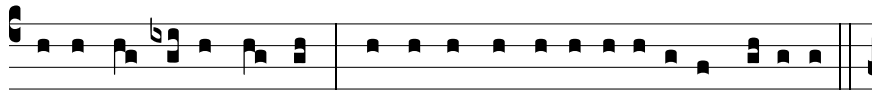
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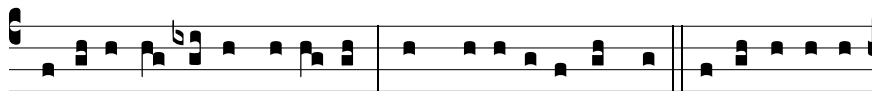
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e-rum su- um, * re-cordá-tus mi-se-ri-córdi-æ su-æ, si-cut lo-cú-



tus est ad patres nostros, * Abra-ham et sémi-ni e-ius in sæcu-la.



Gló-ri- a Pa-tri, et Fí-li- o, * et Spi-rí-tu- i Sancto. Si-cut e-rat in



prínci-pi- o, et nunc, et semper, * et in sæcu-la sæcu-ló-rum. Amen.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Now the Son of Man has been glorified and God has been glorified in him.

CANTICLE OF MARY (LUKE 1:46–55)

THE SOUL REJOICES IN THE LORD

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.
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.

PRECES

FOR our sake our Redeemer suffered death and was buried, and rose again. With heartfelt love, let us adore him, and pray:

℟. Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, when your side was pierced, there flowed out blood and water,
the marvelous symbol of the whole Church,

— through your death, burial and resurrection, bring life to your bride, the Church.

Lord Jesus, you remembered those who did not remember your promise of resurrection,

— remember those without hope, who do not know that you have risen.

Lamb of God, you were offered for all as our paschal sacrifice,

— draw all mankind to yourself.

God of all the world, you encompass the universe but were pleased to be laid in a tomb,

— free the human race from the powers of darkness, and grant it the gift of immortal glory.

Christ, Son of the living God, you opened the gates of paradise to the repentant thief,

— gather all who have shared your death and burial into the glory of your resurrection.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

The choir kneels for the concluding collect.

ALL-POWERFUL and ever-living God,
your only Son went down among the dead
and rose again in glory.
In your goodness
raise up your faithful people,
buried with him in baptism,
to be one with him
in the everlasting life of heaven,
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
℟. Amen.

All depart in silence.