St David and St Patrick's Catholic Church,

with the Church of the Immaculate Conception.



Vespers of Lent Sunday, Week 5



This celebration of Evening Prayer is taken from:

The Divine Office

The Liturgy of the Hours According to the Roman Rite

Priest: O God come to our | aid.

All: O Lord, make haste to | help us.

Priest: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy

Spirit.

All: As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world

without end. A|men.

HYMN

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure!
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders. Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.

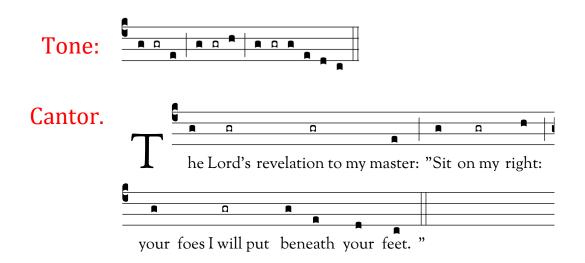
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished, his dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom. But I will boast in Jesus Christ his death and resurrection!

Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
his wounds have paid my ransom.

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1: Cantor: As Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, All: so the Son of Man must be lifted up.



All. The Lord will wield from | Sion your sceptre of | power: rule in the midst of | all your foes.

Cantor. A prince from the day of your | birth on the holy | mountains; from the womb before the dawn | I begot you.

All. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not | change.
"You are a priest for|ever,
a priest like Melchize|dek of old."

first bar) Cantor. The Master standing at your right | hand last bar) will shatter kings in the day | of his wrath.

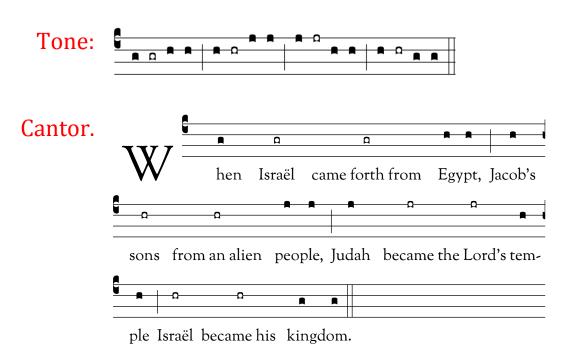
first bar) All. He shall drink from the stream by the | wayside last bar) and therefore he shall lift | up his head.

first bar) Cantor. Glory be to the Father and to the | Son last bar) and to the | Holy Spirit.

first bar) All. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall be, last bar) world without | end. Amen.

Antiphon 1: All: As Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up.

Antiphon 2: Cantor: The Lord of hosts protects and rescues; All: he spares and he saves.



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

Cantor. 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?

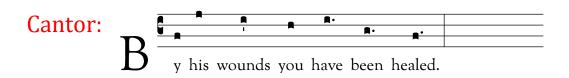
All. Tremble, O earth, before the | Lord, in the presence of the God of | Jacob, who turns the rock into a | pool and flint into a spring of | water.



Cantor. 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 without end. A|men.

Antiphon 2: All: The Lord of hosts protects and rescues; he spares and he saves.

Antiphon 3: Cantor: He was wounded for our faults, All: he was bruised for our sins. Through his wounds we are healed.



R. By his wounds you have been healed.

Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his steps.

R. By his wounds you have been healed.

He committed no sin;
no guile was found on his lips.
When he was reviled,
he did not revile in return.
R. By his wounds you have been healed.

When he suffered, he did not threaten; but he trusted to him who judges justly.

R. By his wounds you have been healed.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

By his wounds you have been healed.

R. By his wounds you have been healed.

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 without end. Amen.

Antiphon 3: All: He was wounded for our faults, he was bruised for our sins. Through his wounds we are healed.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 13:26-30a My brothers, it is to us that the message of salvation has been sent! For the people who live in Jerusalem and their leaders did not know that he is the Saviour, nor did they understand the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath day. Yet they made the prophets' words come true by condemning Jesus. And even though they could find no reason to pass the death sentence on him, they asked Pilate to have him put to death. And after they had done everything the Scriptures say about him, they took him down from the cross and placed him in a grave. But God raised him from the dead.

SHORT RESPONSE

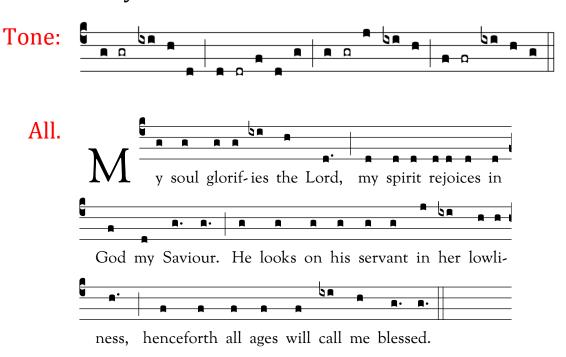
Cantor: Hear us Lord and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.

All: Hear us Lord and have mercy, for we have sinned against you. Cantor: Listen, Christ, to the prayers of those who cry to you.

All: Hear us Lord and have mercy, for we have sinned against you. Cantor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. All: Hear us Lord and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.

MAGNIFICAT

Antiphon: Cantor: When I am lifted up from the earth, All: I shall draw all men to myself.



The Almighty works mar|vels for me.

Ho|ly his name!

His mercy is from | age to age,

on | those who fear him.

He puts forth his | arm in strength and scatters | the proud hearted. He casts the mighty | from their thrones and rai|ses the lowly.

first bar) He fills the starving | with good things, last bar) sends the rich | away empty.



He protects Isra|ël, his servant, remember|ing his mercy, the mercy promised | to our fathers, to Abraham and his | sons for ever.

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 without | end. Amen.

Antiphon: All: When I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.

INTERCESSIONS

Response: All: Lord, have mercy on your people.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Sung on one note) All: Our Father, who art in heaven...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Priest: Lord our God,

your Son so loved the world

that he gave himself up to death for our sake.

Strengthen us by your grace,

and give us a heart willing to live by that same love.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ₩ and

the Holy Spirit.

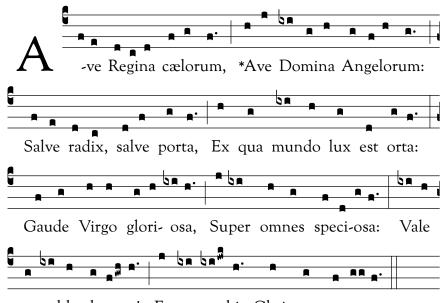
All: Amen.

Priest: Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

MARIAN ANTHEM

The final anthem is always addressed to Our Lady.



o valde deco-ra! Et prono-bis Christum ex-o-ra.-

All: Ave, Regína cælorum!
Ave, Dómina angelórum;
Salve radix, salve porta
Ex qua mundo lux est orta.
Gaude, Virgo gloriósa,
Super omnes speciósa,
Vale, O valde decóra!
Et pro nobis Christum exóra

Translation: Hail, Queen of Heaven, beyond compare, to whom the angels homage pay; Hail, Root of Jesse, Gate of Light, that opened for the world's new day. Rejoice, O Virgin unsurpassed, in whom our ransom was begun, for all your loving children pray to Christ, our Saviour, and your Son.

We depart in silence – until our lips are opened in prayer tomorrow.

