

St David and St Patrick's Catholic Church,
with the Church of the Immaculate Conception.



Vespers of Lent: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



This celebration of Evening Prayer is taken from:
The Divine Office
The Liturgy of the Hours According to the Roman Rite

The 6th Sunday of Lent – Palm Sunday

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

Abroad the regal banners fly,
now shines the cross's mystery;
upon it Life did death endure,
and yet by death did life procure.

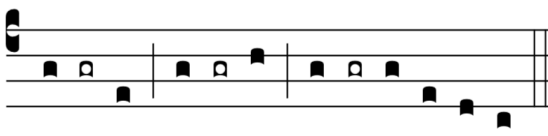
That which the Prophet-King of old
hath in mysterious verse foretold,
is now accomplished, whilst we see
God ruling nations from a tree.

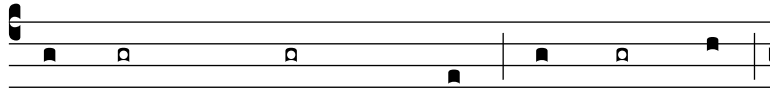
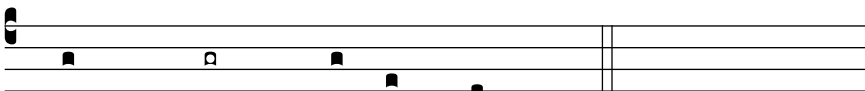
Blest tree, whose happy branches bore
the wealth that did the world restore;
the beam that did that body weigh
which raised up hell's expected prey.

Hail Cross, our hope; on thee we call,
who keep this mournful festival;
grant to the just increase of grace,
and every sinner's crimes efface.

Blest Trinity, we praises sing,
to thee, from whom all graces spring;
celestial crowns on those bestow
who conquer by the Cross below.

Antiphon 1: **Cantor:** He was wounded and humbled, **All:** but God has raised him up with his own right hand.

Tone: 

Cantor. 
T he Lord's revelation to my master: "Sit on my right:

your foes I will put beneath your feet. "

All. The Lord will wield from | Sion
your scepter 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:** He was wounded and humbled, but God has raised him up with his own right hand.

Antiphon 2: **Cantor:** The blood of Christ purifies us **All:** to serve the living God.

Tone:



Cantor.

Not to us, Lord, not to us, but to your name give the
glory, for the sake of your love and your truth, lest the
heathen say: "where is their God?"

All. But our God is in the | heavens;
he does whatever he | wills.
Their idols are silver and | gold,
the work of human | hands.

Cantor. They have mouths but they cannot | speak;
they have eyes but they cannot | see;
they have ears but they cannot | hear;
they have nostrils but they cannot | smell.

All. With their hands they cannot feel; –
– with their feet they cannot | walk.
No sound comes from their | throats.
Their makers will come to be | like them,
and so will all who | trust in them.



Cantor. Sons of Israë!l, trust in the | Lord;
he is their help and their | shield.
Sons of Aaron, trust in the | Lord;
he is their help and their | shield.

All. You who fear him, trust in the | Lord;
he is their help and their | shield.
He remembers us, and he will bless us; –
– he will bless the sons of | Israë!l.
He will bless the sons of | Aaron.

Cantor. The Lord will bless those who | fear him,
the little no less than the | great:
to you may the Lord grant | increase,
to you and all your | children.

All. May you be blessed by the | Lord,
the maker of heaven and | earth.
The heavens belong to the | Lord
but the earth he has given to | men.

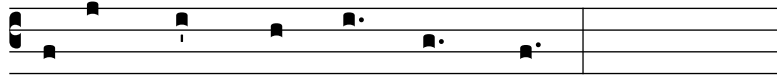
Cantor. The dead shall not praise the | Lord,
nor those who go down into the | silence.
But we who live bless the | Lord
now and forever. A|men.

All. 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 blood of Christ purifies us to serve the living God.

Antiphon 3: **Cantor:** He carried our sins in his own body on the cross, **All:** so that we might die to sin and live to holiness.

Cantor:

B 
y his wounds you have been 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 carried our sins in his own body on the cross,
so that we might die to sin and live to holiness.

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 that 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: We worship you, Christ, and we bless you.

All: We worship you, Christ, and we bless you.

Cantor: By your cross you have redeemed the world.

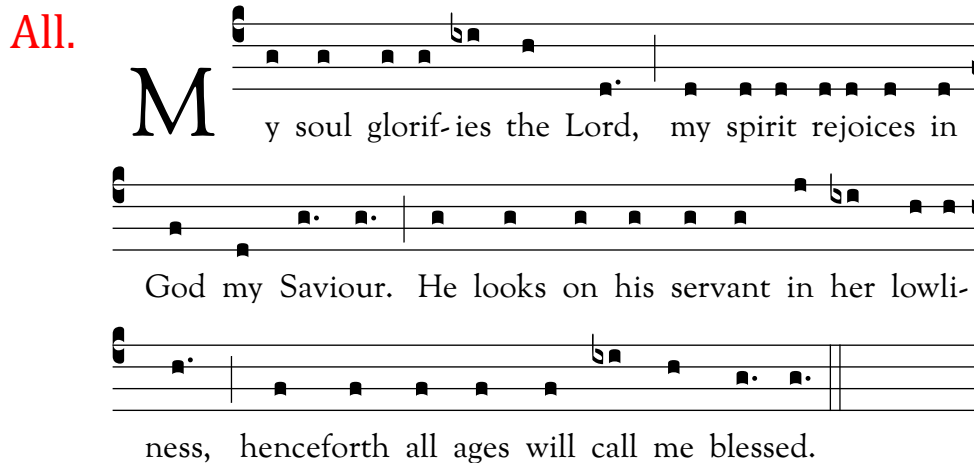
All: We worship you, Christ, and we bless you.

Cantor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All: We worship you, Christ, and we bless you.

MAGNIFICAT

Antiphon: Cantor: It is written: 'I will strike the shepherd down and the sheep of his flock will be scattered.' **All:** But after my resurrection I will go before you into Galilee; there you will see me, said the Lord.



The Almighty works mar|vels for me.

Ho|ly his name!

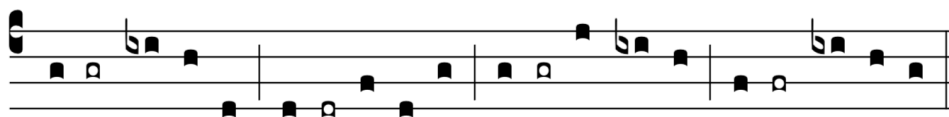
His mercy is from | age to age,
on | those who fear him.

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:** It is written: 'I will strike the shepherd down and the sheep of his flock will be scattered.' But after my resurrection I will go before you into Galilee; there you will see me, said the Lord.

INTERCESSIONS

Response: **All:** Sanctify the people you redeemed by your blood.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Priest: Almighty, ever-living God,
You gave our Saviour the command
to become man and undergo the cross,
as an example of humility for all men to follow.
We have the lessons of his sufferings:
Give us also the fellowship of his resurrection.
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.



A -ve Regina cælorum, *Ave Domina Angelorum:
Salve radix, salve porta, Ex qua mundo lux est orata:
Gaude Virgo glori-osa, Super omnes speci-osa: Vale
o valde deco-ra! Et pro no-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.

