

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

We praise You, O God:
We acclaim You Lord and Master,
Everlasting Father, all the world bows down before You.

All the angels sing Your praise,
the hosts of heaven and all the angelic powers;
All the cherubim and seraphim call out to You in unending chorus:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God of angel hosts!
The heavens and the earth are filled, Lord, with Your Majesty and glory.

Your praises are sung by the renowned apostles;
By all the prophets, who themselves deserve our praise.
By that mighty white-robed army who shed their blood for Christ.

And to the end of the earth, the holy church proclaims her faith in You:
Father, Whose majesty is boundless;
Your only Son, Who is true God, and Who is to be adored;
The Holy Spirit sent to be our Advocate.

O Christ, the King of Glory!
You, alone are the Father's eternal Son.

When You were to become man so as to save mankind,
You did not shrink back from the chaste Virgin's womb.

When You triumphantly destroyed death's sting,
You opened up to believers the kingdom of heaven.

You are now enthroned at God's right hand, in the Father's glory.
We believe that You will come for judgment.

We therefore implore You to grant your servants grace and aid,
for You shed Your Precious Blood for their redemption,
Admit them all to the ranks of Your saints in everlasting glory.

Be the Saviour of Your faithful people, Lord;
grant them Your blessing for they belong to You.
Be their Shepherd Lord,
uphold and exalt them forever and ever.

Day by day we praise You,
daily we acclaim You.
We will confess and glorify Your holy Name,
now and for all eternity.

In Your great mercy, Lord, throughout this day
keep us free from sin by Your protection.

Have mercy on us, we humbly pray;
Lord, have mercy on us.

May Your mercy, Lord, Your loving kindness, always remain with us;
for we have placed our confidence in You.

In You alone, Lord, I have hoped;
may I not be disappointed.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

(The First Sunday of the Year)

First Week

Monday

- C/Z O Lord, I am Your servant;* to You I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving.
- C/M The time is fulfilled,* and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel.

Tuesday

- C/Z They were astonished at His teaching,* for He taught them as one who had authority.
- C/M They were all amazed!* With authority he commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.

Wednesday

- C/M In the morning,* a great while before day, Jesus arose and went out to a lonely place, and there He prayed.
- C/M Jesus said: * "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also; for that is what I have come to do."

Thursday

- C/Z Jesus sternly charged the leper;* "Show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleaning what Moses commanded."
- C/M Jesus could no longer openly enter a town,* but was out in the country and people came to Him from every quarter.

Friday

- C/Z When Jesus saw their faith,* He said to the paralytic: "My son, your sins are forgiven."
- C/M The paralytic arose * and immediately took up the pallet, and went out; so that they were all amazed and glorified God.

Saturday

C/Z Those who are well * have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I came not to call the righteous but sinners.

Second Sunday

First Vespers

A-C/M The next day * John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said:
"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

B-C/M John said:* "Behold, the Lamb of God!" Two disciples heard him say this and followed Jesus.

C-C/M There was a marriage at Cana in Galilee,* and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the marriage with His disciples.

Vigils

Cycle "A"

1st Noct

Ant The Lord said:* "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

2nd Noct

Ant I am honored * in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength.

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant The Lord called Samuel * who answered, "Here I am."

2nd Noct

Ant The Lord revealed his presence * and Samuel answered, "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening."

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant No more shall you be called "Forsaken";* but you shall be called "My delight."

2nd Noct

Ant As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,* so shall your God rejoice over you.

Lauds

A-C/Z John said:* "I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel."

B-C/Z The two disciples came and saw where Jesus was staying;* and they stayed with Him that day.

C-C/Z The mother of Jesus said to Him,* "They have no wine." Jesus answered, "O woman, how does this concern of yours involve me?"

Second Vespers

A-C/M John bore witness:* I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him.

B-C/M Andrew first found his brother Simon,* and said to him. "We have found the Messiah." and brought him to Jesus.

C-C/M The first of His signs * Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

Monday

C/Z As long as the wedding guests * have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. When he is taken away from them then they will fast.

C/M If anyone puts new wine into old wineskins,* the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost and so are the skins.

Tuesday

C/Z My servant David will say of me:* "You are my father, my God, the Rock, my Savior."

C/M The Sabbath was made for man,* not man for the sabbath; so the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath.

Wednesday

C/Z Jesus said to the pharisees:* "Is it lawful on the sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?"

C/M Jesus said * to the man with the withered hand: "Stretch out your hand. He stretched it out and his hand was restored."

Thursday

C/Z Jesus had healed many,* so that all who had diseases pressed upon Him to touch Him.

C/M Whenever the unclean spirits behold Jesus,* they fell down before Him and cried out, "You are the son of God."

Friday

C/Z Jesus went up the mountain,* and called to him those whom he desired; and they came to him.

C/M Jesus appointed twelve,* to be with Him, and to be sent out to preach, and have authority to cast out demons.

Saturday

C/Z Jesus went home,* and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat.

Third Sunday

First Vespers

A-C/M From that time Jesus began to preach, saying:* "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

B-C/M Jesus came into Galilee, preaching:* "The kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel."

C-C/M Jesus stood up to read;* and He opened the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me."

Vigils

Cycle "A"

1st Noct

Ant The people * who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

2nd Noct

Ant They rejoice before you,* as with the joy at the harvest.

Cycle “B”

1st Noct

Ant The word of the Lord came to Jonah:* “Go to Nineveh, and proclaim to it the message which I tell you.”

2nd Noct

Ant When God saw * how the people of Nineveh turned from their evil way, God repented of his evil threats.

Cycle “C”

1st Noct

Ant Ezra opened the scroll * in the sight of all the people; and he blessed the Lord, the great God.

2nd Noct

Ant All the people wept * when they heard the words of the law.

Lauds

A-C/Z Jesus said to Peter and Andrew his brother,* "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

B-C/Z Jesus saw Simon and Andrew and said to them:* “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”

C-C/Z The Lord has anointed me * to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

Second Vespers

A-C/M Jesus went about all Galilee,* teaching, preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every infirmity among the people.

B-C/M Jesus called James and his brother John;* and they left their father Zebedee in the boat and followed Him.

C-C/M Jesus rolled up the scroll,* and sat down; and he began to say to them “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Monday

- C/Z Jesus said to them in parables: * "If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand."
- C/M All sins will be forgiven the sons of men,* but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness.

Tuesday

- C/Z Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;* I delight to do your will, O my God.
- C/M Jesus looking on those who sat about Him, said;* Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sisters, and mother.

Wednesday

- C/Z Jesus taught them many things in parables, and said to them:* "Listen, He who has ears to hear, let him hear."
- C/M Those seeds * sown upon the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it, and bear fruit.

Thursday

- C/Z There is nothing hidden,* except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light.
- C/M To him who has,* more will be given; and from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

Friday

- C/Z The kingdom of God * is like the man who scatters seed upon the ground; the seed sprouts and grows and he knows not how.
- C/M The kingdom of God * is like a grain of mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on the earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs.

Saturday

- C/Z Jesus awoke * and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" and the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

Fourth Sunday

First Vespers

- A-C/M The Lord taught them, saying:* "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
- B-C/M Jesus entered the synagogue and taught.* And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority.
- C-C/M All spoke well of Jesus,* and wondered at His appealing words; they also said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

Vigils

Cycle "A"

1st Noct

Ant The Lord keeps faith forever;* and executes justice for the oppressed.

2nd Noct

Ant The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;* but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant Moses said:* "The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you."

2nd Noct

Ant The Lord said:* "I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him."

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant Before you were born,* I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.

2nd Noct

Ant Gird up your loins;* arise, and say to them everything that I command you.

Lauds

- A-C/Z Blessed are those who hunger * and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- B-C/Z Jesus rebuked the man with an unclean spirit:* “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit came out of him.
- C-C/Z Jesus said to them,* “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his own country.”

Second Vespers

- A-C/M Blessed are those * who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- B-C/M The questioned among themselves,* “What is this? With authority he commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”
- C-C/M The led Jesus to the brow of the hill,* that they might throw him down headlong. But passing through the midst of them he went away.

Monday

- C/Z The people came to Jesus * and saw the demoniac sitting there clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.
- C/M Jesus said to him,* “Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he had mercy on you.”

Tuesday

- C/Z A woman suffering for twelve years * came up behind Jesus and touched His garment. Immediately she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.
- C/M Jesus said to the wailing group:* “Why do you make a tumult and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him.

Wednesday

- C/Z Jesus came to His own country;* and many who heard Him were astonished, saying: “Where did this man get all this?” And they took offense at Him.

C/M Jesus could do no mighty work there,* and He marveled because of their unbelief.

Thursday

C/Z Jesus called to him the twelve,* and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

C/M The twelve preached * that men should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many there who were sick and healed them.

Friday

C/Z Herod had sent * and seized John and bound him in prison. For John said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

C/M Herod feared John * knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, but he kept John in custody.

Saturday

C/Z The apostles returned to Jesus.* He said to them: "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while.

Fifth Sunday

First Vespers

A-C/M My message * and my speech were in the demonstration of the spirit and power, that your faith might rest in the power of God.

B-C/M That evening,* at sundown, they brought to Jesus all who were sick or possessed with demons.

C-C/M When Jesus had ceased speaking,* he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

Vigils

Cycle "A"

1st Noct

Ant When you see the naked,* cover him, then your righteousness shall go before you.

2nd Noct

Ant When you bring the homeless poor into your house,* then the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant Though free,* I have made myself a slave to all, that I might win the more.

2nd Noct

Ant I have become all things to all men,* I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant One of the seraphim * touched my lips with a burning coal, and said, "Lo, your guilt is taken away, and your sin forgiven."

2nd Noct

Ant I heard the Lord saying,* "Whom shall I send?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

Lauds

A-C/Z You are the salt of the earth,* you are the light of the world.

B-C/Z In the morning,* Jesus rose and went out to a lonely place, and there he prayed.

C-C/Z When Simon Peter saw the catch of fish,* he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man."

Second Vespers

A-C/M Let your light so shine before men,* that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father.

B-C/M Simon found Jesus and said:* "Everyone is searching for you." He said: "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also."

C-C/M Jesus said to Simon,* "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." They left everything and followed him.

Monday

C/Z The people recognized him,* and ran about the whole neighborhood and began to bring sick people to any place where they heard he was.

C/M Wherever Jesus came,* they besought him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment; and as many as touched it were made well.

Tuesday

C/Z Jesus said to the Pharisees:* "You leave the commandments of God, and hold fast the tradition of men."

C/M Jesus said to the Pharisees:* "Moses said: Honor your father and your mother; but you no longer permit a man to do anything for his father or mother."

Wednesday

C/Z Hear me and understand:* "There is nothing outside a man which can defile him; but the things which come out of a man are what defile him."

C/M Jesus told his disciples:* "Whatever goes into a man from outside cannot defile him since it enters not his heart but his stomach; but from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts and they defile a man."

Thursday

C/Z A woman who was a Greek * begged Jesus to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her: "it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

C/Z The woman answered Jesus:* "Yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Jesus said: "For saying this you may go your way, the demon has left your daughter."

Friday

C/Z Jesus charged them to tell no one;* but the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed: "He even makes the deaf hear."

C/M The people were astonished * even beyond measure, saying: "He has done all things well; He even makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."

Saturday

C/Z Jesus called His disciples to Him:* "I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days, and have nothing to eat."

Sixth Sunday First Vespers

A\C/M I have not come to abolish the law * and the prophets, but to fulfill them.

B-C/M A leper beseeched Jesus:* "If you will, you can make me clean." Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, "I will; be clean."

C-C/M Jesus lifted up His eyes on His disciples,* and said, "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Vigils

Cycle "A"

1st Noct

Ant Great is the wisdom of the Lord;* He is mighty in power and sees everything.

2nd Noct

Ant The Lord's eyes * are on those who fear Him, and He knows every deed of man.

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant Blessed is he * whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is forgiven.

2nd Noct

Ant Whatever you do,* do all to the glory of God.

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant If Christ has not been raised,* your faith is futile and you are still in sin.

2nd Noct

Ant If we have hope in Christ * only for this life, we are the most pitiable of men.

Lauds

A-C/Z He who does the commandments * and teaches them, shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

B-C/Z Jesus sternly charged the leper,* "Go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to the people."

C-C/Z Blessed are you that hunger now,* for you shall be satisfied; blessed are you that now weep, for you shall laugh.

Second Vespers

A-C/M Unless your righteousness * exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

B-C/M Jesus could no longer openly enter a town,* but was out in the country; and people came to Him from every quarter.

C-C/M Blessed are you when men hate you,* on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice on that day, for your reward is great in heaven.

Monday

C/Z If any of you lacks wisdom,* let him ask God, who gives to all men generously and without reproaching, and it will be given to Him.

C/M Jesus sighed deeply in His spirit, and said:* "Why does this generation seek a sign? Truly I say to you, no sign shall be given to this generation."

Tuesday

C/Z Jesus cautioned his disciples, saying:* "Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."

C/M When I broke five loaves for the five thousand,* how many baskets of broken pieces did you take up? They answered: "Twelve!" Jesus said to them, "Do you not yet understand?"

Wednesday

- C/Z Receive with meekness the implanted word,* which is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word.
- C/M Jesus again laid His hands upon the eyes of the blind man;* who looked intently and was restored, and saw everything clearly.

Thursday

- C/Z Jesus asked His disciples:* "Who do you say that I am?" Peter answered Him, "You are the Christ!" He charged them to tell no one about Him.
- C/M He began to teach them * that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

Friday

- C/Z Jesus said:* "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."
- C/M Whoever would save his life will lose it;* and whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

Saturday

- C/Z A cloud overshadowed them,* and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to Him."

Seventh Sunday

First Vespers

- A-C/M If anyone strikes you on the right cheek,* turn to him the other also.
- B-C/M When Jesus saw the faith of those bringing the paralytic,* He said: "My sons, your sins are forgiven!"
- C-C/M Jesus said to His disciples:* "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you; pray for those who abuse you."

Vigils

Cycle "A"

1st Noct

Ant You shall be holy;* for I the Lord your God am holy.

2nd Noct

Ant The temple of God is holy,* and you are that temple

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant You have burdened me with your sins,* I am he who blots out your transgressions for my sake!

2nd Noct

Ant The Son of God, Jesus Christ,* whom we preached among you, was not Yes and No; but in him it is always yes.

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant David said:* "The Lord rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness."

2nd Noct

Ant The first Adam became a living being;* the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

Lauds

A-C/Z But what I say to you is:* offer no resistance to injury.

B-C/Z Some of the scribes questioned in their hearts.* "Why does this man speak thus? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

C-C/Z Love your enemies,* and do good and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish.

Second Vespers

A-C/M This will prove you are sons of your heavenly Father,* for his sun shines on the bad and the good, he rains on the just and the unjust.

B-C/M "That you may know * that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" He said to the paralytic: "Rise, take up your pallet and go home."

C-C/M Give, and it shall be given to you.* For the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

Monday

C/Z Jesus said to the father of the boy convulsed by the spirit:* "All things are possible to him who believes!" The father cried out: "I believe; help my unbelief."

C/M The disciples asked Jesus:* "Why could we not cast this spirit out?" He answered: "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

Tuesday

C/Z Jesus called the twelve and said:* "If any one would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."

C/M Whoever receives one such child * in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.

Wednesday

C/Z No one who does a mighty work in my name * will be able to speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is for us.

C/M Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink * because you bear the name of Christ, will by no means lose his reward.

Thursday

C/Z If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off;* it is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go to hell.

C/M Salt is good;* but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.

Friday

C/Z From the beginning of creation,* 'God made them male and female.' For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife; and the two shall become one.

C/M What God has joined together,* let no man put asunder.

Saturday

C/Z Truly, I say to you,* whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.

Eighth Week First Vespers

A-C/M No man can serve two masters;* you cannot give yourself to God and money.

B-C/M People objected to Jesus: * “Your disciples do not fast.” Jesus said: “As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.”

C-C/M Jesus used images when speaking to His disciples: * “Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?”

Vigils

Cycle “A”

1st Noct

Ant Even should a mother forget the child of her womb,* I, the Lord, will never forget you, O Zion.

2nd Noct

Ant Trust in the Lord, O my People;* pour out your hearts before Him.

Cycle “B”

1st Noct

Ant I will betroth you to me forever; * I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love, and in mercy.

2nd Noct

Ant I will betroth you to me in faithfulness; * and you shall know the Lord.

Cycle “C”

1st Noct

Ant The fruit of a tree* shows what care it had; so too does a man's speech disclose the bent of his mind.

2nd Noct

Ant Praise no man before he speaks; * for it is then that men are tested.

Lauds

A-C/Z Do not pronounce judgment * before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

B-C/Z The day will come, * when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day.

C-C/Z First, take the log out of your own eye,* and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

Second Vespers

A-C/M Seek first the Lord's Kingdom* and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.

B-C/M No one puts new wine into old wineskins;* if he does the wine is lost; but new wine is for fresh skins.

C-C/M The good man * out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil man out of his evil treasure produces evil.

Monday

C/Z A man asked Jesus: * "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus replied: "You know the commandments."

C/M Go, sell what you have, * and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.

Tuesday

C/Z Jesus replied: * "There is no one who has left mother or father or lands for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundred fold now in this time, and in the age to come eternal life."

C/M Many that are first * will be last, and the last first.

Wednesday

- C/Z The cup that I drink you will drink; * and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized.
- C/M The Son of man has come* not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Thursday

- C/Z Many rebuked Bartimaeus, * telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”
- C/M Jesus said to Bartimaeus: * “Go your way; your faith has made you well!” Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

Friday

- C/Z Whatever you ask in prayer, * believe that you will receive it, and you will.
- C/M Whenever you stand praying,* forgive so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Saturday

- C/Z The ordinances of the Lord * are sweeter than honey; as with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied.

Ninth Sunday

First Vespers

- A-C/M God put forward Christ Jesus * as an expiation by His blood, to be received by faith, and to show God’s righteousness.
- B-C/M The sabbath was made for man,* not man for the sabbath; so the Son of man is the Lord even of the sabbath.
- C-C/M A centurion,* who had a slave who was sick, heard of Jesus and sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to heal his slave.

Vigils

Cycle “A”

1st Noct

Ant The righteousness of God * has been manifest through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

2nd Noct

Ant All have sinned, * but they are justified by God's graces as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant Observe the sabbath day,* to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you.

2nd Noct

Ant Six days you shall labor,* and do all your work; but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God.

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant Solomon prayed: * "When a foreigner prays toward this house, hear him from your dwelling place in heaven.

2nd Noct

Ant May all the people of the earth know your name,* and fear you as do your people Israel.

Lauds

A-C/Z No everyone who says to me,* "Lord, Lord," shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father.

B-C/Z Jesus addressed the Pharisees: * "Is it lawful on the sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?"

C-C/Z The centurion said: * "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but say the word, and let my servant be healed."

Second Vespers

A-C/M Everyone who hears these words of mine * and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock.

- B-C/M The Pharisees were silent. * And Jesus looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart.
- C-C/M When Jesus heard the centurion's words,* he marveled, saying: I have not found such a faith in Israel.

Monday

- C/Z A man planted a vineyard * and leased it to tenant farmers; in due time he sent his son whom he loved to obtain his share of the produce as the last resort.
- C/M The owner of the vineyard will come * and destroy the rebellious servants; and turn his vineyard over to others.

Tuesday

- C/Z Teacher,* it is evident that you do not act out of human respect, but teach God's way of life sincerely.
- C/M Jesus said to them:* "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's.

Wednesday

- C/Z When people rise from the dead,* they live like angels in heaven.
- C/M God told Moses: * I am the God of your fathers; He is the God of the living, not of the dead.

Thursday

- C/Z Jesus replied:* "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God; you shall love your neighbor.
- C/M Excellent, Teacher,* you are right in saying, "He is the One, there is no other than He."

Friday

- C/Z From your infancy* you have know the Sacred Scriptures, the source of wisdom which through faith in Jesus Christ leads to salvation.
- C/M The Messiah is David's son.* David himself said: "The Lord said to my Lord."

Saturday

C/Z Be on guard against the scribes * who like to parade and accept places of honor; it is they who will receive the severest sentence.

Tenth Sunday

First Vespers

A-C/M Jesus saw Matthew sitting at the tax office, and he said to him, "follow me." And he rose and followed him.

B-C/M The Lord God said to the serpent, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed."

C-C/M When Jesus saw the widowed mother, he had compassion on her and said: "Do not weep."

Vigils

Cycle "A"

1st Noct

Ant Let us press on to know the Lord;* he will come to us as the spring rains that water the earth.

2nd Noct

Ant I desire steadfast love* and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant We believe,* knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus.

2nd Noct

Ant We do not lose heart.* Our inner nature is being renewed every day.

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant Elijah cried out to the Lord:* “O Lord my God, let this child’s soul come into him again.”

2nd Noct

Ant The Lord heard the voice of Elijah,* and the soul of the child came into him and he revived.

Lauds

A-C/Z The Pharisees complained,* “Why does he eat with tax collectors?” Jesus answered: “Those who are well have no need of a physician.”

B-C/Z Jesus said to the scribes in parables,* “How can Satan cast out Satan? If Satan is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end.”

C-C/Z Jesus said,* “Young man, I say to you, arise.” And the dead man sat up and began to speak.

Second Vespers

A-C/M Go and learn what this means,* “I desire mercy and not sacrifice.” I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

B-C/M Looking around on those about him, Jesus said:* “Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother.”

C-C/M Jesus gave him to his mother.* Fear seized them all and they glorified God, “God has visited his people!”

Monday

C/Z Jesus began to teach His disciples and the crowds:* “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for the reign of God is theirs.”

C/M “Blessed are you when they insult you* and persecute you because of me. Be glad and rejoice for your reward in heaven is great.”

Tuesday

C/Z Jesus said to his disciples:* “You are the salt of the earth.”

C/M “Your light must shine before men * so that they may see goodness in your acts and give praise to your heavenly Father.”

Wednesday

- C/Z Jesus affirmed:* "I have come, not to abolish the law and the prophets, but to fulfill them."
- C/M "Whoever fulfills * and teaches these commands, shall be great in the kingdom of heaven."

Thursday

- C/Z "Unless your holiness surpasses that of the scribes and the Pharisees,* you shall not enter the kingdom of God."
- C/M When you recall that your brother has anything against you,* leave your gift at the altar, go first to be reconciled with your brother and then offer your gift."

Friday

- C/Z "If your right hand is your trouble,* cut it off and throw it away, for it is better to lose part than all in Gehenna."
- C/M "It is better to lose part of your body * than to have it all cast into Gehenna."

Saturday

- C/Z 'Say "Yes" when you mean "Yes",* and "No" when you mean "No"; anything beyond that is from the evil one.'

Eleventh Sunday

First Vespers

- A-C/M God shows His love for us * in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.
- B-C/M The kingdom of God * is like a man who scatters seed on the ground, and the seed should sprout and grow, he knows not how.
- C-C/M The Pharisee said to himself;* "If this man were a prophet, he would have known what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner."

Vigils

Cycle "A"

1st Noct

Ant If you hearken to my voice,* you shall be my special possession.

2nd Noct

Ant If you keep my covenant,* you shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant The Lord God says:* "I will take a tender shoot and plant it on mountain heights of Israel."

2nd Noct

Ant The righteous flourish like the palm tree,* and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant The Lord has forgiven your sin;* you shall not die.

2nd Noct

Ant It is no longer I who live,* but Christ who lives in me.

Lauds

A-C/Z Jesus had compassion for the crowds.* He said to his disciples, "Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

B-C/Z The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed,* which grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.

C-C/Z "I tell you, Simon,* her sins which are many are forgiven, for she loved much."

Second Vespers

A-C/M Go, preach as you go, saying:* "the kingdom of heaven is at hand." You received without pay, give without pay.

B-C/M We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,* so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body.

C-C/M Jesus went through cities and villages * preaching the good news of the kingdom of God; and the twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities.

Monday

C/Z You have heard:* “An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth”; but what I say to you is: “Offer no resistance to injury.”

C/M Give to the man who begs from you.* Do not turn your back on the borrower.

Tuesday

C/Z My command to you is:* “Love your enemies, pray for your persecutors. This will prove that you are the sons of your heavenly Father.”

C/M In a word,* you must be perfected as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Wednesday

C/Z Keep your deeds of mercy secret * and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

C/M Your Father who is hidden * sees what is hidden and will repay you.

Thursday

C/Z Do not imitate the pagan.* They think they will win a hearing by the sheer multiplicity of words.

C/M Our Father in heaven,* hallowed be your name, your kingdom come and your will be done.

Friday

C/Z Do not lay up for yourselves an earthly treasure.* Make it your practice to store up heavenly treasure.

C/M Remember, where your treasure is,* there your heart is also.

Saturday

C/M Your heavenly Father knows all that you need.* Seek first his kingship over you, his way of holiness, and all these things will be given you besides.

Twelfth Sunday

First Vespers

A-C/M Jesus said to his apostles:* “What I tell you in the dark, utter in the light.”

B-C/M The disciples took Jesus with them in the boat.* And a great storm of wind arose.

C-C/M Jesus asked * “Who do you say that I am? Peter answered, “The Christ of God.”

Vigils

Cycle “A”

1st Noct

Ant Praise the Lord,* for He has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked.

2nd Noct

Ant Sin indeed was in the world;* but the free gift is not like the trespass.

Cycle “B”

1st Noct

Ant Some went down to the sea in ships;* they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep.

2nd Noct

Ant The cried to the Lord in their trouble;* he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

Cycle “C”

1st Noct

Ant I will pour out on the house of David * a spirit of compassion and supplication.

2nd Noct

Ant As many of you * as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Lauds

A-C/Z Not one of the sparrows * will fall to the ground without your Father's will. Fear not, therefore, you are of more value than many sparrows.

B-C/Z The waves beat into the boat;* Jesus was in the stern, asleep; and they woke him and said: "Teacher, don't you care if we perish?"

C-C/Z The Son of man must suffer many things,* and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."

Second Vespers

A-C/M Whoever acknowledges me before men,* I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven.

B-C/M Jesus rebuked the wind;* there was a great calm. They said to one another, "Who is this, that even wind and sea obey him."

C-C/M Jesus said to all,* "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

Monday

C/Z Jesus said to His disciples:* If you want to avoid judgment, stop passing judgment."

C/M Your verdict on others * will be the verdict passed on you. The measure with which you measure will be used to measure you.

Tuesday

C/Z Treat others * the way you would have them treat you; all this sums up the law and the prophets.

C/M How narrow is the gate * that leads to life, how rough the road and how few are those who find it.

Wednesday

- C/Z Be on your guard * against false prophets. You will know them by their deeds.
- C/M Any sound tree bears good fruit,* while a decayed tree bears bad fruit. You can tell a tree by its fruit.

Thursday

- C/Z Anyone who hears my words * and puts them into practice is like the wise man who builds his house on rock.
- C/M Jesus left the crowds spellbound by his teaching;* because he taught with authority and not like their scribes.

Friday

- C/Z Jesus stretched out his hand * and touched the leper and said, “I do will it. Be cured.”
- C/M Jesus said to him:* “See to it that you tell no one. Go and show yourself to the priest and offer the gift prescribed by Moses.”

Saturday

- C/Z “Sir,” the centurion said in reply,* “I am not worthy to have you under my roof. Just give an order and my boy will get better.

Thirteenth Sunday

First Vespers

- A-C/M Jesus taught his disciples:* “He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.”
- B-C/M A woman afflicted with hemorrhage * came up behind Jesus in the crowd and touched his garment. And immediately she felt in her body that she was healed.
- C-C/M As the time approached * when Jesus was to be taken from this world, he set his fact to go to Jerusalem.

Vigils

Cycle "A"

1st Noct

Ant My mouth, O Lord,* will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

2nd Noct

Ant Your steadfast love * was established forever, and your faithfulness is firm as the heavens.

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant God created all things * that they might exist, and the creatures of the world are wholesome.

2nd Noct

Ant God created man for incorruption,* and made him in the image of his own nature.

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant The whole law is fulfilled in one word,* "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

2nd Noct

Ant Walk by the Spirit,* and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Lauds

A-C/Z He who receives you receives me,* and he who receives me receives him who sent me.

B-C/Z Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue:* "Do not fear, only believe!"

C-C/Z Foxes have holes,* and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head.

Second Vespers

- A-C/M Whoever gives to one of these little ones * even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, shall not lose his reward.
- B-C/M Taking her by the hand Jesus said to her:* “Little girl, arise.” And immediately the girl got up and walked.
- C-C/M Jesus said,* “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Monday

- C/Z Jesus said to the scribes:* “The foxes have lairs, the birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head.”
- C/M Jesus told him:* “Follow me, and let the dead bury their dead.”

Tuesday

- C/Z Jesus was sleeping soundly,* so they woke him: “Lord, save us! We are lost!”
- C/M They said:* “What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him.”

Wednesday

- C/Z The demons kept appealing to him,* “If you expel us, send us into the herd of swine.” He answered: “Out with you!”
- C/M The entire town came out to meet Jesus.* They begged him to leave their neighborhood.

Thursday

- C/Z When Jesus saw their faith,* he said to the paralytic: “Have courage son, your sins are forgiven.
- C/M The paralytic stood up and went.* A feeling of awe came over the crowd and they praised God for giving such authority to man.

Friday

- C/Z Jesus saw Matthew at his post where taxes were collected.* “Follow me.” Matthew got up and followed him.

C/M Learn the meaning of the words:* “It is mercy I desire and not sacrifice! I have come to call sinners not the self-righteous.”

Saturday

C/Z Jesus said to them:* “How can the wedding guests go in mourning so long as the groom is with them?”

Fourteenth Sunday

First Vespers

A-C/M At that time Jesus declared:* I thank you, Father, that you have hidden these things from the learned and clever, and revealed them to babes.

B-C/M Jesus came to his own country;* he began to teach, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get all this?”

C-C/M The Lord appointed seventy others,* and sent them on ahead of him, saying: “Heal the sick, and say to them, ‘the Kingdom of God has come near to you.’”

Vigils

Cycle “A”

1st Noct

Ant Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!* Your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he.

2nd Noct

Ant Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!* Your king comes to you; and he shall command peace to the nations.

Cycle “B”

1st Noct

Ant Your shall say to them,* “Thus says the Lord God!” and they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

2nd Noct

Ant The Lord said to me:* “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

Cycle “C”

1st Noct

Ant Rejoice with Jerusalem,* and be glad for her, All you who love her.

2nd Noct

Ant As a mother comforts her son,* so I will comfort you; you shall find comforted in Jerusalem.

Lauds

A-C/Z No one knows the Son but the Father * and no one knows the Father but the Son, and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

B-C/Z Jesus said to them:* “A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.”

C-C/Z The seventy returned with joy, saying,* “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!”

Second Vespers

A-C/M Take my yoke upon you * and learn from me, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

B-C/M Jesus could do * no mighty work there in his own country. And he marveled because of their unbelief.

C-C/M Nevertheless do not rejoice in this,* that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

Monday

C/Z My daughter has just died.* Please come and lay your hand on her and she will come back to life.

C/M Courage daughter!* Your faith has restored you to health. That very moment the woman got well.

Tuesday

- C/Z Jesus taught in their synagogues.* He proclaimed the good news of God's reign, and he cured every sickness and disease.
- C/M Jesus said to His disciples:* "The harvest is good but laborers are scarce. Beg the harvest master to send out laborers to gather his harvest."

Wednesday

- C/Z Jesus summoned His twelve disciples " and gave them authority to expel unclean spirits and to cure sickness and disease of every sort.
- C/M Go instead after the lost sheep of the house of Israel;* making this announcement: "The reign of God is at hand."

Thursday

- C/Z Make this announcement:* "The reign of God is at hand!" The gift you have received, give as a gift.
- C/M Provide yourselves * with neither gold nor silver nor copper in your belts; The workman, after all, is worth his keep.

Friday

- C/Z You must be clever as snakes * and innocent as doves. Be on your guard with respect to other.
- C/M You will be hated by all on account of me.* But whoever holds out till the end will escape death.

Saturday

- C/Z Do not fear those who deprive the body of life;* rather, fear him who can destroy both body and soul in Gehenna.

Fifteenth Sunday

First Vespers

- A-C/M To him who has, more will be given,* until he grows rich; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away.
- B-C/M Jesus began to send the twelve out two by two,* and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

C-C/M A lawyer put Jesus to the test,* “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus answered, “What is written in the law?”

Vigils

Cycle “A”

1st Noct

Ant My word shall not return to me void* but it shall do my will achieving the end for which I sent it.

2nd Noct

Ant You, O God,* have watered the furrows of the earth abundantly and blessed its growth.

Cycle “B”

1st Noct

Ant The Father chose us in Christ * before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

2nd Noct

Ant In Christ we have redemption through his blood,* according to the riches of his grace which he lavished upon us.

Cycle “C”

1st Noct

Ant Obey the voice of the Lord your God;* keep His Commandments and His statutes.

2nd Noct

Ant In Christ all things were created;* all things were created through Him and for Him.

Lauds

A-C/Z Blessed are your eyes,* for they see, and your ears, for they hear.

B-C/Z Jesus charged the twelve * to take nothing for their journey except a staff.

C-C/Z A Samaritan saw the man who fell in with the robbers,* had compassion and brought him to an inn and took care of him.

Second Vespers

A-C/M For what was sown on good soil,* this is he who hears the word and understands it; he indeed bears fruit.

B-C/M The twelve preached that men should repent.* And they anointed many with oil and worked many cures.

C-C/M Jesus asked,* “Which proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” The lawyer answered “The one who showed mercy on him.”

Monday

C/Z He who welcomes you welcomes me,* and he who welcomes me welcomes him who sent me.

C/M I promise you * that whoever gives a cup of cold water to one of these lowly ones because he is a disciple will not want for his reward.

Tuesday

C/Z Jesus began to reproach the towns * where most of His miracles had been worked with their failure to reform.

C/M If the miracles worked in you Capernaum * had taken place in Sodom, it would be standing here today.

Wednesday

C/Z Father, Lord of heaven and earth,* to You I offer praise; for what You have hidden from the learned and the clever You have revealed to the merest children.

C/M No one knows the Son * but the Father and no one knows the Father but the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

Thursday

C/Z Come to me * all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you.

C/M Take my yoke upon your shoulders * and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart.

Friday

- C/Z Have you not read in the law * how the priests on temple duty can break the sabbath rest without incurring guilt? I assure you there is something greater than the temple here.
- C/M If you understood the meaning of the test:* It is mercy I desire and not sacrifice, your would not have condemned these innocent men.

Saturday

- C/Z When the Pharisees began * to plot against Jesus to find a way to destroy Him. Jesus was aware of this and withdrew from that place.

Sixteenth Sunday

First Vespers

- A-C/M He who searches the hearts of men * knows what is the Spirit means for the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.
- B-C/M The apostles returned to Jesus * and reported all that they had done and what they had taught.
- C-C/M Jesus entered a village,* and a woman named Martha received Him into her house.

Vigils

Cycle "A"

1st Noct.

Ant The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed;* the smallest of all seeds, but when grown it is the greatest of shrubs.

2nd Noct

Ant The kingdom of heaven * is like leaven hidden in three measures of meal, till it was all leavened.

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant I myself will gather the remanent of my flock,* and bring them back to their meadow.

2nd Noct

Ant The Lord is my shepherd;* in verdant pastures He gives me repose.

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant Abraham said,* "My Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant."

2nd Noct

Ant Abraham set the food before the three men;* and stood by them under the tree while they ate.

Lauds

A-C/Z The kingdom of heaven * may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat.

B-C/Z Jesus said to the apostles:* "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while."

C-C/Z Martha had a sister called Mary,* who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching.

Second Vespers

A-C/M He who sows the good seed is the Son of man;* the field is the world, the good seed means the sons of the kingdom; the weeds are the sons of the evil one.

B-C/M Jesus had compassion on the people,* because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.

C-C/M The Lord answered Martha,* "One thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her."

Monday

C/Z No sign will be given this generation * but that of the prophet Jonah. As he spent three days and nights in the whale's belly so will the Son of Man spend three days and nights in the bowels of the earth.

C/M The queen of the South * came from the farthest corner of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon; but you have a greater than Solomon here.

Tuesday

C/Z Jesus was addressing the crowds * when his mother and his brothers appeared outside to speak with him.

C/M Whoever does the will of my heavenly Father * is brother and sister and mother to me.

Wednesday

C/Z Part of the seed which the farmer sowed * landed among thorns which grew up and choked it. Let everyone heed what he hears.

C/M Part of the seed landed on good soil * and yielded grain a hundred or sixty or thirty-fold. Let everyone heed what he hears.

Thursday

C/Z To the man who has,* more will be given until he grows rich; the man who has not, will lose what little he has.

C/M Many a prophet * and many a saint longed to see what you see but did not see it, to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

Friday

C/Z What seed was sown among briars * is the man who hears the message but worldly anxiety and lure of money choke it off. Such a one produces nothing.

C/M What is sown on good soil * is the man who hears the message and takes it in. He it is who bears a hundred, or sixty, or thirty-fold.

Saturday

C/Z Let the weeds * and the wheat grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will order the weeds to be bundled and burnt, then the wheat to be gathered into my barn.

Seventeenth Sunday

First Vespers

- A-C/M For those whom God foreknew * He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the first-born among many brethren.
- B-C/M Seeing that a multitude was coming to Him,* Jesus said to Philip, "How are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?"
- C-C/M The Lord taught His disciples to pray,* "Our Father, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come."

Vigils

Cycle "A"

1st Noct

Ant The unfolding of your words gives light;* it imparts understanding to the simple.

2nd Noct

Ant Let your mercy come to me,* that I may live; for your law is my delight.

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant A man came bringing twenty loaves of barley;* Elisha said: "Give to the men that they may eat."

2nd Noct

Ant Elisha repeated: "Give it to the people to eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left."

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant Abraham drew near the Lord, and asked,* "Will you destroy the righteous with the wicked?"

2nd Noct

Ant The Lord replied,* “If I find fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

Lauds

A-C/Z Those whom God predestined,* He also called; and those whom He called He also justified; and those whom He justified He also glorified.

B-C/Z Jesus then took the loaves,* and when He had given thanks, distributed them and also the fish, as much as they wanted.

C-C/Z Ask and it will be given to you;* seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you.

Second Vespers

A-C/M Every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven * is like a householder, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.

B-C/M When the people saw the sign which Jesus had done,* they said, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world!”

C-C/M If you then,* who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

Monday

C/Z The reign of God is like a mustard seed,* the smallest seed of all, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants.

C/M The reign of God is like yeast * which a woman kneaded into flour. Eventually the whole mass of dough began to rise.

Tuesday

C/Z The farmer sowing good seed is the Son of man;* the field is the world, the good seed the citizens of the kingdom.

C/M The harvest is the end of the world * when the angels will hurl the evildoers into the fiery furnace. Then the saints will shine like the sun in their Father’s kingdom.

Wednesday

- C/Z The reign of God is like a buried treasure * which a man found in a field. He sold all that he had and bought that field.
- C/M The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant's search for fine pearls.* When he found one really valuable pearl, he put up for sale all that he had and bought it.

Thursday

- C/Z At the end of the world * the angels will go out and separate the wicked from the just and hurl the wicked into the fiery furnace where they will wail and grind their teeth.
- C/M Every scribe who is learned in the reign of God * is like the head of a household who can bring from his storeroom both the new and the old.

Friday

- C/Z Where did this man get such wisdom and miraculous powers?* Isn't this the carpenter's son?
- C/M Jesus said to them:* No prophet is without honor except in his native place, indeed in his own house.

Saturday

- C/Z Herod had had John arrested on account of Herodia,* the wife of his brother Philip. That was because John told him, it is not right for you to live with her.

Eighteenth Sunday

First Vespers

- A-C/M As Jesus went ashore He saw a great throng;* and He had compassion on them and healed their sick.
- B-C/M Jesus answered them:* "Labor for the food which endures to eternal life which the Son of man will give to you."
- C-C/M Jesus said to the crowds,* "Avoid greed in all its forms. A man may be wealthy, but his possessions do not guarantee him life."

Vigils

Cycle "A"

1st Noct

Ant Incline your ear,* and come to me; hear, that your soul may live.

2nd Noct

Ant In tribulation,* distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant In the morning * you shall be filled with bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.

2nd Noct

Ant The Lord said to Moses,* "I will rain down bread from heaven for you."

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant Since you have been raised up * in company with Christ, set your heart on what pertains to higher realms.

2nd Noct

Ant After all, you have died!* Your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

Lauds

A-C/Z Jesus said to His disciples:* "They need not go away, you give them something to eat." They said: "We have only five loaves here and two fish."

B-C/Z Jesus continued:* "It was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, my Father gives you the true bread from heaven."

C-C/Z A rich man who had a good harvest said to himself,* "Relax, eat heartily, enjoy yourself." But God said to him, "You fool! This night your life shall be required of you."

Second Vespers

- A-C/M Taking the five loaves and the two fish,* Jesus looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke and gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied.
- B-C/M Jesus said to them,* “I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst.”
- C-C/M That is the way it works with the man * who grows rich for himself instead of growing rich in the sight of God.

Monday

- C/Z When Jesus disembarked * and saw the vast throng, His heart was moved with pity and He cured their sick.
- C/M Jesus took the five loaves and two fish,* looked up to heaven, blessed and broke them and gave the loaves to the disciples.

Tuesday

- C/Z When Jesus had sent them away,* He went upon the mountain by Himself to pray.
- C/M Peter began to sink and cried out * “Lord, save me.” Jesus at once stretched out His hand and caught him.

Wednesday

- C/Z Jesus replied:* “My mission is only to the lost sheep of Israel.” The woman came forward and did Him homage with the pleas, “Help me, Lord!”
- C/M Jesus answered:* “It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.” The woman insisted: “Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their master’s tables.”

Thursday

- C/Z Jesus started to indicate to His disciples * that He must go to Jerusalem to suffer greatly, to be put to death and be raised up on the third day.
- C/M Jesus turned on Peter and said:* “Get out of my sight, you satan! You are not judging by God’s standards but by man’s.”

Friday

- C/Z Jesus said:* “If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross and begin to follow in my footsteps.”
- C/M What profit would a man show * if he were to gain the whole world and ruin himself in the process.

Saturday

- C/Z The disciples asked Jesus privately,* “Why could we not expel the demon?” “Because you have so little trust.”

Nineteenth Sunday

First Vespers

- A-C/M When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea,* they were terrified and cried out for fear. But He spoke to them: “Take heart, it is I; have no fear!”
- B-C/M Jesus responded” * “I am the bread of life. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that a man may eat of it and not die.
- C-C/M Jesus said to His disciple,* “Do not live in fear. It has pleased your father to give you the kingdom. Whenever your treasure lies, there your heart will be.

Vigils

Cycle “A”

1st Noct

- Ant The word of the Lord came to Elijah,* “Stand upon the mount before the Lord.”

2nd Noct

- Ant After the earthquake a fire,* but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

Cycle “B”

1st Noct

- Ant An angel touched Elijah,* and said to him, Get up and eat.”

2nd Noct

Ant Elijah looked up,* there was at his head a cake and a jar of water.

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant By faith * Abraham sojourned in the promised land, looking forward to the city whose maker is God.

2nd Noct

Ant By faith, Abraham,* when put to the test, offered up Isaac.

Lauds

A-C/Z Peter walked on the water and toward Jesus;* but when he saw the wind, he was afraid and cried out: "Lord, save me!"

B-C/Z I am the living bread * which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live forever.

C-C/Z Be like men awaiting their master's return from a wedding.* Should he happen to come at midnight or before sunrise and find them prepared, it will go well with the them.

Second Vespers

A-C/M Those in the boat worshipped Jesus saying:* "Truly You are the Son of God!"

B-C/M The bread * which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh.

C-C/M The Lord said,* "When much as been given a man, much will be required of him. More will be asked of a man to whom more has been entrusted.

Monday

C/Z The Son of Man * is going to be delivered into the hands of men who will put Him to death, and He will be raised up on the third day.

C/M For fear of disedifying them,* go to the lake, and in the mouth of the first fish you catch is a coin worth twice the temple tax. Take it and give it to them for you and me.

Tuesday

- C/Z Unless you change * and become like little children, you will not enter the kingdom of God.
- C/M Whoever welcomes one such child for my sake welcomes me.* Their angels in heaven constantly behold my heavenly Father's face.

Wednesday

- C/Z If two of you join your voices on earth * to pray for anything whatever, it shall be granted you by my Father in heaven.
- C/M Where two or three * are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst.

Thursday

- C/Z Peter asked Jesus:* "When my brother wrongs me, how often must I forgive him?" Jesus replied: "Not seven time, but seventy times seven times."
- C/M You worthless wretch!* I canceled your entire debt when you pleaded with me. Should you not have dealt mercifully with your fellow servant, as I dealt with you?

Friday

- C/Z His disciples said:* "If that is the case between man and wife, it is better not to marry." Jesus said: "Not everyone can accept this teaching only those to whom it is given to do so."
- C/M Some there are * who have freely renounced sex for the sake of God's reign. Let him accept this teaching who can.

Saturday

- C/Z Let the children come to me.* Do not hinder them. The kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Twentieth Sunday

First Vespers

- A-C/M A Canaanite woman cried:* "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon."

B-C/M Jesus continue:* “Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, you have no life in you.”

C-C/M Surrounded by a cloud of witnesses,* let us persevere in running the race which lies ahead; let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who inspires and perfects our faith.

Vigils

Cycle “A”

1st Noct

Ant The foreigners * who join themselves to the Lord, I will bring to my holy mountain.

2nd Noct

Ant Their burnt offerings will be accepted on my altar;* for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Cycle “B”

1st Noct

Ant Wisdom has built her house,* she has also set her table.

2nd Noct

Ant Wisdom calls,* “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”

Cycle “C”

1st Noct

Ant Many shall look on in awe,* and trust in the Lord.

2nd Noct

Ant Though I am afflicted and poor,* yet the Lord thinks of me.

Lauds

A-C/Z Jesus answered:* “It is not fair to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” The woman said: “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

- B-C/Z He who eats my flesh * and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.
- C/C/Z Jesus has taken his seat * at the right hand of the throne of God hence do not grow despondent or abandon the struggle.

Second Vespers

- A-C/M “O woman, great is your faith!”* Jesus answered her, “Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.
- B-C/M He who eats my flesh * and drinks my blood, abides in me, and I in him.
- C-C/M Jesus said to his disciples,* “I have come to light a fire on the earth. How I wish the blaze were ignited!”

Monday

- C/Z If you wish to enter into life,* keep the commandments.
- C/M If you seek perfection,* go, sell your possessions, and give to the poor.

Tuesday

- C/Z Jesus said to His disciples:* “In the new age when the Son of Man takes His seat upon a throne befitting His glory, you who have followed me shall sit on thrones to judge the twelve tribes of Israel.”
- C/M Everyone * who has given up home, brothers or sisters, father or mother, wife or children or property for my sake will receive many times as much and inherit everlasting life.

Wednesday

- C/Z The reign of God * is like the case of the owner of an estate who went out at dawn to hire workmen for his vineyard.
- C/M I am free * to do as I please with my money, am I not? Or are you envious because I am generous.

Thursday

- C/Z The he said to his servants:* “The banquet is ready; but those who were invited were unfit to come; go and invite to the wedding anyone you come upon.”

C/M “My friend,” the king said,* “How is it you came in here not properly dressed.” The man had nothing to say.

Friday

C/Z You shall love the Lord your God,* with your whole heart, with your whole soul and with all your mind.

C/M You shall love the Lord your God;* you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments the whole law is based, and the prophets as well.

Saturday

C/Z Only one is your father,* the One in heaven. Only one is your teacher, the Messiah.

Twenty-First Sunday

First Vespers

A-C/M “Who do you say I am?” * Jesus asked His disciples. Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the son of the Living God!”

B-C/M Many of Jesus’ disciples said,* “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” Jesus said to them, “Do you take offense at this?”

C-C/M Jesus replied,* “Try to come in through the narrow gate. Many, I tell you, will try to enter and be unable.”

Vigils

Cycle “A”

1st Noct

Ant I will clothe my servant with your robe * and commit your authority to his hand; and he shall be a father to the house of Juda.

2nd Noct

Ant I will place on his shoulder * the key of the house of David; he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.

Cycle “B”

1st Noct

Ant It is the Lord our God * who brought us out of the house of bondage,
and preserved us in all the way that we went.

2nd Noct

Ant The Lord drove out before us all the people;* therefore we also will
serve the Lord, for He is our God.

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant I come to gather nations of every language;* They shall come and see
my glory.

2nd Noct

Ant They shall bring * all your brethren from the nations as an offering to
the Lord.

Lauds

A-C/Z "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona!"* Jesus answered him, "For flesh
and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in
heaven."

B-C/Z The spirit gives life,* the flesh is of no avail; the words that I have
spoken are spirit and life.

C-C/Z Then you will begin to say,* "We ate and drank in your company."
The master will answer, "I tell you, I do not know where you come
from."

Second Vespers

A-C/M You are Peter,* and on this rock I will build my Church. I will give
you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

B-C/M Jesus said to the twelve,* "Will you also go away?" Simon Peter
answered, "Lord, to whom shall we go" You have the words of
eternal life."

C-C/M Jesus continued,* "People will take their place at the feast in the
kingdom of God. Some who are last will be first and some who are
first will be last.

Monday

C/Z How blind you are! * Which is more important, the offering or the altar which makes the offering sacred?

C/M The man who swears by heaven * is swearing by God's throne and by him who is seated on that throne.

Tuesday

C/Z Pharisees, you frauds! * You cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, and leave the inside filled with loot and lust!

C/M Blind Pharisees! * First cleanse the inside of the cup so that its outside may be clean.

Wednesday

C/Z Scribes and Pharisees, you frauds! * Like whitewashed tombs you are beautiful to look at on the outside but inside full of filth.

C/M Woe to you scribes and Pharisees! * You present to view a holy exterior while hypocrisy and evil fill you therein.

Thursday

C/Z Stay awake! * You cannot know the day your Lord is coming.

C/M Happy that servant * whom his master discovers at work on his return! I assure you, he will put him in charge of all his property.

Friday

C/Z The reign of God * can be likened to ten bridesmaids who took their torches and went out to welcome the groom.

C/M The master answered: * "I tell you foolish virgins, I do not know you." The moral is: keep your eyes open, for you know not the day or the hour.

Saturday

C/Z Since you were dependable in a small matter * I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share your master's joy!

Twenty-Second Sunday

First Vespers

- A-C/M Whoever would save his life will lose it,* and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.
- B-C/M Of his own will * the Father brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.
- C-C/M Jesus addressed the guests,* “When you have been invited go and sit in the lowest place, so that your host will say, ‘My friend, come up higher’.”

Vigils

Cycle “A”

1st Noct

Ant O God,* You are my God, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you.

2nd Noct

Ant Your steadfast love * is better than life, my lips will praise you.

Cycle “B”

1st Noct

Ant Israel,* give heed to the statutes which I teach you, do them that you may live.

2nd Noct

Ant Keep the Lord’s commandments,* for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples.

Cycle “C”

1st Noct

Ant Conduct your affairs with humility,* and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts.

2nd Noct

Ant Humble yourself the more,* the greater you are, and you will find favor with God.

Lauds

A-C/Z What will it profit a man,* if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life?

B-C/Z Jesus answered the Pharisees,* “You leave the commandment of God, and hold fast to the tradition of men.”

C-C/Z For everyone who exalts himself * shall be humbled, and he who humbles himself shall be exalted.

Second Vespers

A-C/M The Son of man * is to come with His angels in the glory of His Father, and then He will repay every man for what he has done.

B-C/M Jesus explained to His disciples,* “Whatever goes into a man from outside cannot defile him, but what comes out of a man is what defiles a man.”

C-C/M When you have a reception,* invite beggars and the crippled. You should be pleased that they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid in the resurrection of the just.

Monday

C/Z The spirit of the Lord is upon me;* He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

C/M “Today * this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Tuesday

C/Z Jesus was teaching them;* and they were struck with admiration at His teaching, for He spoke with authority.

C/M They talked among themselves, saying:* ‘With authority and power he commands the foul spirits and they come out!’

Wednesday

C/Z Standing over her * Jesus commanded the fever and it left her; and she rose at once and waited on them.

C/M Out of many persons came demons * crying out and exclaiming, 'You are the Son of God!'

Thursday

C/Z When Simon Peter saw the catch of fish,* he fell at Jesus' knees, exclaiming, 'Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.'

C/M Amazement had seized him * and his companions at the catch of fish. Jesus said to Simon: 'Fear not henceforth you shall be catching men.'

Friday

C/Z Why do your apostles eat and drink? * Jesus replied, 'Can you compel the groomsmen to fast while the bridegroom is with them.'

C/M Nobody * drinking the old wine at once desires new; for he says, 'The old is better.'

Saturday

C/Z Jesus added:* 'The Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath.'

Twenty-Third Sunday

First Vespers

A-C/M Whatever you bind on earth * shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

B-C/M They brought to Jesus * a man who was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they besought him to lay his hand upon him.

C-C/M Jesus said to the crowd,* "If anyone comes to me without turning his back on his father and mother, his wife and his children, his brothers and sisters, indeed his very self, he cannot be my follower."

Vigils

Cycle "A"

1st Noct

Ant You, son of man,* I have appointed watchman for on house of Israel.

2nd Noct

Ant When you hear Me say anything,* you shall warn them for Me.

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant Behold,* your God will come with vengeance, then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

2nd Noct

Ant God will come and save you,* then shall the lame man leap like a hart.

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant What man knows God's counsel,* or who can conceive what the Lord intends?

2nd Noct

Ant Whoever knew your counsel,* except you had given wisdom?

Lauds

A-C/Z If your brother sins against you,* go and tell him his fault; if he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

B-C/Z Jesus, taking the man aside,* put his fingers into his ears and touched his tongue, and said to him, "Be opened."

C-C/Z Anyone * who does not take up his cross and follow me, cannot be my disciple.

Second Vespers

A-C/M Where two or three * are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

B-C/M Jesus charged them to tell no one;* and they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well."

C-C/M In the same way * none of you can be my disciple if he does not renounce all his possessions.

Monday

C/Z Jesus said to them,* 'I ask you whether it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath day, or to do harm? to save a life, or to destroy it?'

C/M Jesus said * to the man whose right hand was withered, 'Hold out your hand!' He did so and his hand was restored.

Tuesday

C/Z Jesus * went out into the mountain to pray; and he passed that whole night in prayer of God.

C/M All the crowd * were trying to touch Jesus, because power was issuing from Him and curing them all.

Wednesday

C/Z Jesus,* raising His eyes upon His disciples, said: 'Blessed are you poor for yours is the kingdom of God.'

C/M Be glad * when they ban your name as evil for the Son of Man's sake; behold your reward shall be abundant in heaven.

Thursday

C/Z Love your enemies,* and do good; to those who hate you.

C/M Give,* and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap.

Friday

C/Z A disciple is not above his master;* when perfectly trained every one is like his master.

C/M First remove the beam from your own eye,* and then you will clearly see to remove the mote which is in your brother's eye.

Saturday

C/Z The good man * produces good out of the good treasure of his heart; and the bad man produces evil out of his evil treasure.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday

First Vespers

A-C/M For this end * Christ died and came to life again, that he might be the Lord both of the dead and of the living.

B-C/M Jesus began to teach the disciples * that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

C-C/M There will be * more joy in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to repent.

Vigils

Cycle "A"

1st Noct

Ant Forgive your neighbor the wrong he had done,* and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.

2nd Noct

Ant The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins,* nor requites us according to our iniquities.

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant The Lord God has opened my ear,* and I was not rebellious, I turned not backward.

2nd Noct

Ant I know that I shall not be put to shame;* God who vindicates me is near.

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant The Lord relented * in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on His people.

2nd Noct

Ant I have been treated mercifully,* and the grace of our Lord has been granted to me in overflowing measure.

Lauds

A-C/Z Peter asked Jesus:* “Lord, how often shall I forgive my brother?”
Jesus replied: “Seventy times seven!”

B-C/Z Peter rebuked Jesus.* Jesus said to him, “Get behind me, Satan!
For you are not on the side of God, but of men.”

C-C/Z The father called to his servants,* “Let us eat and celebrate
because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life. He
was lost and is found.

Second Vespers

A-C/M The Lord said to His servant:8 “Should you not have had mercy on
your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?”

B-C/M Jesus said,8 “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself
and take up his cross and follow me.”

C-C/M Replied the father,* “My son, you are with me always, and
everything I have is yours.”

Monday

C/Z The centurion said:* ‘Lord, do not take the trouble; for I am not worthy
to have you enter my house. Say but the word and my servant will be
healed.

C/M When Jesus heard this * He admired him and turning to the crowd said:
‘I tell you that not even in Israel have I found such faith.

Tuesday

C/Z When the Lord saw the widowed mother * He was moved with
compassion for her, and said to her, “Weep not!

C/M Fear took possession of all * and they glorified God, exclaiming, “God
has visited His people.”

Wednesday

C/Z John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine;* and
you say, “He has a demon!”

C/M The Son of man has come eating and drinking;* and you say, “Behold, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is justified by all her children.

Thursday

C/Z A woman of the city,* who has a sinner, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.

C/M Therefore I tell you,* her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much.

Friday

C/Z Jesus * journeyed through towns and villages, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God.

C/M The Twelve accompanied him * as well as some women cured of evil spirits and sicknesses, as well as others who assisted Him out of their own means.

Saturday

C/Z The seed falling upon the rock * are they who believe but have no root; they believe for a while, and in the hour of trial fall away.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday

First Vespers

A-C/M It is my hope * that I shall not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body.

B-C/M Jesus was teaching his disciples,* “The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and he will rise.”

C-C/M If you can trust a man in little things,* you can also trust him in greater; while anyone unjust in a slight matter is also unjust in greater.

Vigils

Cycle “A”

1st Noct

Ant Seek the Lord * while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

2nd Noct

Ant As the heavens * are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant If the righteous man * is God's son, he will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.

2nd Noct

Ant Wisdom * from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, full of mercy.

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant God * wants all men to be saved, and come to know the truth.

2nd Noct

Ant The truth is this:* God is one.

Lauds

A-C/Z The kingdom of heaven * is like a householder who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

B-C/Z Jesus sat down * and called the twelve, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."

C-C/Z The worldly * take more initiative than the other worldly, when it comes to dealing with their own kind.

Second Vespers

A-C/M Am I not allowed to do * what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?

B-C/M Jesus took a child in his arms,* and said, "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

C-C/M No man can serve two masters.* You cannot give yourself to God and money.

Monday

- C/Z No one * having lighted a lamp covers it with a vessel, but places it upon a lampstand so that those who enter may see the light.
- C/M There is nothing secret * that shall not be manifested nor concealed that shall not be known and come to light.

Tuesday

- C/Z The mother * and brothers of Jesus came to be with him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd.
- C/M My mother and my brothers * are those who listen to the Word of God and practice it.

Wednesday

- C/Z Jesus called the twelve together * and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure disease, and set them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal.
- C/M Take nothing for your journey,* and whatever house you enter, stay there and from there depart.

Thursday

- C/Z Herod heard of all that was being done * and was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead.
- C/M Herod said:* “John I have beheaded but who is this of whom I hear such things?” And he endeavored to see him.

Friday

- C/Z Once, as Jesus was praying in private,* the disciples were with Him; and he asked them: “Who do the people say that I am?”
- C/M Peter said:* You are the Christ of God! Jesus forbade them to tell this to anyone.

Saturday

- C/Z They did not understand what he said.* They were afraid to ask him about it.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday

First Vespers

- A-C/M Have this mind among yourselves,* which you have in Christ Jesus, who emptied himself and humbled himself.
- B-C/M Jesus said,* “Do not forbid him; for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon after to speak evil of me.”
- C-C/M Jesus said to the Pharisees,* “There was a rich man who feasted splendidly every day. At his gate lay a beggar Lazarus who longed to eat the scraps from the rich man’s table.

Vigils

Cycle “A”

1st Noct

Ant If a wicked man * does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life, since he has turned away from all his sins.

2nd Noct

Ant Lord,* you have just cause to judge me as you did; because we have disobeyed you.

Cycle “B”

1st Noct

Ant The Lord * took some of the spirit that was upon Moses, and put it upon the seventy elders.

2nd Noct

Ant When the spirit * rested upon the seventy elders, they prophesied.

Cycle “C”

1st Noct

Ant Woe to the complacent in Zion! * Lying upon beds of ivory, comfortable on their couches.

2nd Noct

Ant Keep God's command * without blame until our Lord Jesus Christ shall appear.

Lauds

A-C/Z Christ Jesus * became obedient unto death, even death on the cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him.

B-C/Z Whoever * gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ, will by no means lose his reward.

C-C/Z Abraham replied,* 'Remember that you were well off in your lifetime, while Lazarus was in misery. Now he has found consolation here, but you have found torment.

Second Vespers

A-C/M At the name of Jesus * every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

B-C/M It is better * for you to enter life maimed, than with two hands to go to Hell, to the unquenchable fire.

C-C/M Abraham said to him,* "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if one should rise from the dead."

Monday

C/Z Whoever * receives this little child in my Name, receives me. For he who is least among you all is the one who is great.

C/M Master,* we saw somebody casting out demons in your name and we forbade him. Jesus said: You should not forbid him; for he who is not against you is for you.

Tuesday

C/Z Jesus * was firmly resolved to proceed to Jerusalem and sent messengers before Him.

C/M The Son of Man * did not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.

Wednesday

C/Z The foxes have burrows * and the birds of the sky have nests; but the Son of Man has no place where He may lay his head.

C/M Jesus told him:* “No one who looks back after putting his hand to the plow is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Thursday

C/Z The Lord appointed seventy others,* and said to them: “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

C/M Whenever you enter a town * and they receive you, eat what is set before you; heal the sick in it and say to them: “The kingdom of God has come near to you.”

Friday

C/Z Jesus said to them:* “He who hears you hears Me.”

C/M Jesus said:* “He who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

Saturday

C/Z Do not rejoice * in the fact that spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday

First Vespers

A-C/M Let your requests be made known to God.* And the peace of God will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

B-C/M Jesus told the Pharisees,* “God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife.”

C-C/M Jesus answered the apostles,* “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this sycamore, ‘Be uprooted and transplanted into the sea,’ and it would obey you.”

Vigils

Cycle “A”

1st Noct

Ant Now inhabitants of Jerusalem * and men of Juda judge between me and my vineyard: what more was there to do for my vineyard?

2nd Noct

Ant The Vineyard of the Lord * is the house of Israel; He looked for judgement, but see bloodshed!

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant The Lord God said:* "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make a helper fit for him."

2nd Noct

Ant The rib * which the Lord God had taken from man, he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant The just man,* because of his faith shall live.

2nd Noct

Ant Take as a model of sound teaching * what you have heard me say, in faith and love in Christ Jesus.

Lauds

A-C/Z The very stone * which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.

B-C/Z A man shall be joined to his wife.* What therefore God has joined together let no man put asunder.

C-C/Z Would he be grateful to the servant * who was only carrying out his orders? It is quite the same with you who hear me.

Second Vespers

A-C/M Jesus continued:* "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it."

B-C/M Whoever divorces his wife * and marries another, commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.

C-C/M When you * have done all you have been commanded to do, say, "We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty."

Monday

C/Z Thou shall love the Lord your God * and your neighbor as yourself; and you shall live.

C/M Who proved neighbor to him * who fell among the robbers? He who performed the work of mercy on him.

Tuesday

C/Z Martha had a sister called Mary,* who, settling herself at the Lord's feet, listened to his words.

C/M Mary * has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

Wednesday

C/Z When you pray, say,* "Father, hallowed by Thy name, Thy kingdom come."

C/M Father,* forgive our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone indebted to us.

Thursday

C/Z For everyone who asks * receives, and he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks it shall be opened.

C/M If then you,* who are sinful, know how to bestow kind gifts on your children, how much more will your heavenly Father impart the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.

Friday

C/Z If it is by the finger of God * that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

C/M He * who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters.

Saturday

C/Z Jesus replied,* Blessed are they who listen to the word of God, and observe it.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday

First Vespers

A-C/M The kingdom of heaven * may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited.

B-C/M A man asked Jesus:* “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him. “You know the commandments.”

C-C/M When Jesus saw the ten lepers,* he said, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” As they went they were cleansed.

Vigils

Cycle “A”

1st Noct

Ant On this mountain * the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of fat things, a feast of wine on the lees.

2nd Noct

Ant The Lord God * will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth.

Cycle “B”

1st Noct

Ant I prayed,* and understanding was given me; and the spirit of wisdom came to me.

2nd Noct

Ant I chose * to have wisdom rather than light, because her radiance never ceases.

Cycle “C”

1st Noct

Ant Your servant * will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the Lord.

2nd Noct

Ant If we have died with Christ,* we shall also live with him.

Lauds

A-C/Z The king said to his servants:* “The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.”

B-C/Z Jesus loved the young man and said,* “Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”

C-C/Z One of the lepers,* when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks.

Second Vespers

A-C/M When the king * saw a man who had no wedding garment; he said to him: “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment.” and he was speechless.

B-C/M The disciples * were astonished and said to Jesus, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “With men it is impossible, but not with Go for all things are possible with God.”

C-C/M Jesus remarked,* “Were not ten cleaned? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner.”

Monday

C/Z As Jonah * became a sign to the Ninevites, so shall the Son of Man also be to this generation.

C/M Then ninevites * shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and condemn it; for they did penance at the preaching of Jonah.

Tuesday

C/Z Foolish men! * Did not he who made the outside make the inside as well?

C/M Give what you can in alms,* and behold, everything will be clean for you.

Wednesday

C/Z Woe to you Pharisees!* You pay tithes but disregard justice and the love of God. These latter you ought to have observed while not neglecting the former.

C/M Woe to you doctors of the Law!* You load men with insupportable burdens, while you yourselves do not touch these burdens with one of your fingers.

Thursday

C/Z Divine Wisdom said:* I will send them prophets and apostles, whose blood will be required of this generation.

C/M The Pharisees * began to provoke him to say a great deal, trying to entrap him and endeavoring to catch up anything from his mouth.

Friday

C/Z Guard against hypocrisy.* There is nothing hidden that shall not be revealed nor secret that shall not become known.

C/M Fear not,* even the hairs of your head are all numbered; and you are of more value than many sparrows.

Saturday

C/Z Everyone * who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man will acknowledge before the angels of God.

Twenty-Ninth Sunday

First Vespers

A-C/M We give thanks to God always,* remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love, and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus.

B-C/M Jesus said to James and John:* “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized.”

C-C/M Jesus told his disciples a parable,* to the effect that they ought to pray always and not lose heart.

Vigils

Cycle "A"

1st Noct

Ant Declare * the Lord's glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

2nd Noct

Ant Great is the Lord,* and greatly to be praised; all the gods of the peoples are idols.

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant By his suffering my servant shall make many righteous; and he shall bear their iniquities.

2nd Noct

Ant We have a high priest,* Jesus, who was tempted as we are, yet he never sinned.

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant You must remain faithful * to what you have learned and believed.

2nd Noct

Ant All scripture * is inspired of God and is useful for teaching - so the man of God may be fully competent.

Lauds

A-C/Z Our gospel came to you * not only in word but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

B-C/Z Calling the apostles together,* Jesus said to them: "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all."

C-C/Z The Lord said,* “Will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily.”

Second Vespers

A-C/M Jesus said to the Pharisees:* “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to god the things that are God’s.”

B-C/M The Son of man * came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

C-C-M Jesus added,* “When the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Monday

C/Z Take care * and guard against all avarice; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of one’s possessions.

C/M God said to him:* “You fool, this night your soul is required of you; then whose shall be the things with which you have provided yourself.

Tuesday

C/Z Be like men * who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks.

C/M Blessed are those servants * whom the master finds awake when he comes; he will have them sit at the table and serve them.

Wednesday

C/Z You also must be ready;* for the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

C/M Everyone to whom much is given,* of him will much be required; and of him to whom men commit much they will demand the more.

Thursday

C/Z I came * to cast fire upon the earth; and what do I desire but that it were kindled already?

C/M I have a baptism to be baptized with;* and in what straits I am until it is accomplished.

Friday

- C/Z You know * how to read the appearance of the earth and the sky; then how is it you do not read the present time.
- C/M While accompanying an opponent to the magistrate * take pains to effect a release from him; lest he take you before the judge and the judge commit you to prison.

Saturday

- C/Z Do you suppose * that those on whom the tower fell were the most guilty?

Thirtieth Sunday

First Vespers

- A-C/M You received the word in much affliction,* with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit so that you became an example to all the believers.
- B-C/M Bartimaeus,* a blind beg, sitting by the roadside, cried out: "Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me!"
- C-C/M Jesus * addressed this parable to some who trusted in themselves: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector."

Vigils

Cycle "A"

1st Noct

Ant If ever * you wrong a widow alien and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry.

2nd Noct

Ant I call upon the Lord,* who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant Give praise and say,* The Lord has saved his people.

2nd Noct

Ant Behold,* I will bring the remnant of Israel here, and among them the lame and the blind.

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant Though not underly partial toward the weak,* the Lord will listen to the prayer of the oppressed.

2nd Noct

Ant He * whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, his prayer will reach to the clouds.

Lauds

A-C/Z You turned to God from idols,* to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven whom He raised from the dead.

B-C/Z They called the blind man,* saying to him, "Take heart; rise, Jesus is calling you."

C-C/Z The tax collector,* standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me a sinner!"

Second Vespers

A-C/M You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,* and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.

B-C/M The blind man said,* "Master, let me receive my sight." Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has mae you well."

C-C/M Jesus admonished the self-righteous,* "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Monday

C/Z Jesus said * to the woman bent double by her infirmity: "You are released from your infirmity" and laid his hands on her.

C/M This woman,* whom Satan bound these eighteen years, ought she not to have been loosed from this bond on the day of rest.

Tuesday

- C/Z The kingdom of God * is like a grain of mustard which a man sowed in his own garden; it grew and became a tree.
- C/M The kingdom of God * is like leaven which a woman hid in three measures of flour, until the whole was leavened.

Wednesday

- C/Z Someone asked:* “Lord are they few who are saved?” He answered: “Strive to enter by the narrow door.”
- C/M They shall come from east and west,* and from north and south, and shall recline in the kingdom of God.

Thursday

- C/Z Jesus answered:* “I must go on today and tomorrow and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside Jerusalem.”
- C/M Jerusalem!* How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you would not have it so.

Friday

- C/Z Jesus spoke to the lawyers and pharisees,* “Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath or not?” But they were silent.
- C/M Jesus healed the man who had the dropsy,* and said to the Pharisees, “Which of you, having an ox fallen into a well, will not immediately pull it out on the sabbath day?”

Saturday

- C/Z When invited to a wedding feast,* do not recline in the place of honor, go to the last place so that your host may say to you: Friend, go up higher.

Thirtieth-First Sunday

First Vespers

- A-C/M When you received the word of God,* you accepted it not as the word of men but as it really is, the word of God within you who believe.

B-C/M Jesus is able for all time * to save those who draw near to God, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

C-C/M Jesus looked up and said to him,* “Zaccheus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today.

Vigils

Cycle “A”

1st Noct

Ant Have we not all one Father? * Has not one God created us.

2nd Noct

Ant O Lord,* my heart is not proud, I have calmed and quieted my soul.

Cycle “B”

1st Noct

Ant Fear the Lord your God;* that by keeping his commandments, your days may be prolonged.

2nd Noct

Ant Hear, O Israel,* and be careful to do the Lord’s statutes; that it may go well with you.

Cycle “C”

1st Noct

Ant You are merciful to all,* for you can do all things.

2nd Noct

Ant You overlook men’s sins,* that they may repent. For you love all things that exist.

Lauds

A-C/Z You have one teacher,* and you are all brethren. You have one Father who is in heaven. You have one master, Christ.

B-C/Z You are right, Teacher:* you have truly said that God is one, and there is no other but he.

C-C/Z Zacchaeus said to the Lord,* “Lord, half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.”

Second Vespers

A-C/M He who is the greatest among you * shall be your servant; whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

B-C/M To love the Lord * and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

C-C/M Jesus said to Zaccheus,* “Today salvation has come to this house, since he is also a son of Abraham. For the son of man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Monday

C/Z When you give a dinner,* do not invite your friends or relatives, lest they invite you in return and thus repay you.

C/M When you give an entertainment,* invite the poor and the crippled because they have nothing with which to repay you; and you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.

Tuesday

C/Z When one of those who sat at table heard Jesus,* he said: Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!”

C/M The master said to the servant:* “Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, for I tell you, none of those who were invited shall taste my banquet.”

Wednesday

C/Z If anyone comes to me * and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

C/M Whoever does not take up his cross,* and comes after me, cannot be my disciple.

Thursday

C/Z All the publicans and sinners* were drawing near to Him to listen to Him; the Pharisees murmured: “This man receives sinners and eats with them.

C/M So I tell you * that there will be more gladness in heaven over one sinner who repents, then over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Friday

C/Z A rich man * called his steward who was wasting his goods, and said to him: “Turn in the account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.”

C/M The master * commended the dishonest steward for his prudence; for the sons this world are wiser in their own generation than the sons of lights.

Saturday

C/Z He who is faithful in very little * is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in very little is dishonest also in much.

Thirty-Second Sunday

First Vespers

A-C/M The kingdom of heaven * shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

B-C/M Christ will appear a second time,* not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

C-C/M Jesus said to the Sadducees,* “Those who are accounted worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead do not marry, for they are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

Vigils

Cycle “A”

1st Noct

Ant Wisdom is radiant and unfading,* she is easily discerned by those who lover her.

2nd Noct

Ant Wisdom hastens to make herself known,* and she is found by those who seek her.

Cycle "B"

1st Noct

Ant Elijah said to the widow * "Go and do as you intend. But first make me a little cake."

2nd Noct

Ant As the Lord foretold through Elijah,* the jar of flour did not go empty nor the jug run dry of oil.

Cycle "C"

1st Noct

Ant We are ready to die,* rather than transgress the laws of our fathers.

2nd Noct

Ant The King of the universe will raise us up * to an everlasting renewal of life, because we have died for his laws.

Lauds

A-C/Z At midnight there was a cry:* "Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him. Then all the maidens rose and trimmed their lamps.

B-C/Z Jesus said in his teaching,* "Beware of the scribes, who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They receive greater condemnation."

C-C/Z Jesus continued,* "That the dead are raised even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.

Second Vespers

A-C/M While the foolish maidens went to buy oil,* the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.

B-C/M Jesus said to his disciples,* "This poor widow has put in more than all those who contributed to the treasury, for she has put in her whole living."

C-C/M The Lord * is not God of the dead, but of the living; for all live to him.

Monday

- C/Z If your bother * offends you seven times a day and comes back to you seven times, saying "I am sorry," forgive him.
- C/M If you had faith * like a grain of mustard, you might say to this mulberry tree be uprooted and transplanted in the sea and it would obey you.

Tuesday

- C/Z Will anyone of you * say to your servant when in from the field: "Come at once and sit down at table?" Will you not rather say to the servant: "Serve me, and afterward you shall eat."
- C/M So you also,* when you have done all that is commanded you, say: "We are unworthy servants, we have only done what was our duty."

Wednesday

- C/Z Ten lepers raised their voices:* "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" He said to them: "Go show yourselves to the priests."
- C/M One of them,* when he saw that he was cured, fell upon his face at his feet thanking him.

Thursday

- C/Z The kingdom of God * is not coming in a way to attract attention; for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.
- C/M The Son of man * must first suffer much, and be rejected by this generation.

Friday

- C/Z The day that Lot departed from Sodom * it rained fire and brimstone from the sky; Even thus shall it be on the day that the Son of man is revealed.
- C/M Remember Lot's wife!* Whoever attempts to save his life shall lose it, and whoever loses it shall save it alive.

Saturday

- C/Z Will not God avenge his elect,* will He delay long over their case? I tell you, he will avenge them speedily.

Thirty-Third Sunday

First Vespers

- A-C/M Going on a journey,* a man called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to each according to his ability.
- B-C/M In those days,* the powers in the heavens will be shaken; then they will see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.
- C-C/M Jesus warned his followers,* “Take heed that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name, saying ‘I am he!’”

Vigils

Cycle “A”

1st Noct

Ant You know very well * that the day of the Lord is coming like a thief in the night.

2nd Noct

Ant We belong neither to darkness nor to light;* therefore let us not be asleep like the rest, but awake and sober.

Cycle “B”

1st Noct

Ant Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,* some to everlasting life; and some to everlasting contempt.

2nd Noct

Ant Those who are wise * shall shine like the brightness of the firmament.

Cycle “C”

1st Noct

Ant For those who fear my name,* there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.

2nd Noct

Ant Let the hills sing for joy before the Lord,* for he comes to judge the earth.

Lauds

- A-C/Z The servant * who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more. His master said to him: "Well done, good and faithful servant."
- B-C/Z The Son of man will send out the angels * and gather his elect from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
- C-C/Z Jesus continued,* "They will persecute you, and you will be brought before kings for my name's sake. This will be a time for you to bear testimony."

Second Vespers

- A-C/M To everyone who has * more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away.
- B-C/M Heaven and earth will pass away,* but my words will not pass away.
- C-C/M You will be hated by all for my names's sake.* But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.

Monday

- C/Z A blind man * sitting by the roadside cried out all the more: "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."
- C/M He received his sight instantly * and followed him, glorifying God.

Tuesday

- C/Z Zacheaus,* the wealthy publican was endeavoring to see what sort of person Jesus was, so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree.
- C/M Today * salvation has come to this house, since he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save what was lost.

Wednesday

- C/Z The first appeared, saying:* My Lord, the gold piece has made ten gold pieces more. "Well done, good servant," he said to him.

C/M So, I tell you,* that to everyone who possesses shall be given; but from him who possesses not, even what he has shall be taken away from him.

Thursday

C/Z When Jesus drew near * and saw the City of Jerusalem, He wept over it.

C/M The day is coming * when your enemies shall not leave in you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.

Friday

C/Z Jesus,* entering the temple began to drive out those who were selling, saying: “My house is a house of prayer.”

C/M While Jesus was teaching in the temple daily,* the chief priests sought his destruction; but could not devise any action for all the people hung upon his words, listening to him.

Saturday

C/Z Jesus said:* “Now He is not God of the dead, but of the living for all live to him.” “Master, exclaimed some of the scribes, “You have spoken admirably.”

Thirty-Fourth Sunday

The Universal Kingship of our Lord Jesus Christ

Solemnity

First Vespers

(Psalms from second Vespers of Sunday I)

Ant I He shall be called “Peaceable”,* and his throne shall be most faithful forever.

Ant II His kingdom * is an everlasting kingdom, and all kings shall serve him and obey him.

Ant III He will sit * on the throne of David and rule over his house for ever, Alleluia.

Ant IV The Lord has given him dominion * and glory and a kingdom; and all peoples of every tribe and tongue shall serve him through everlasting ages.

Reading

Eph 1:20-23

God has raised Christ from the dead and made him sit at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come, and has made Him the head over all things for the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

**R/. Your is splendor and power, * Yours is the kingdom, O Lord.
Yours...**

V/. You rule over all, *Yours is the kingdom O Lord. Glory... Yours...

A-C/M The Lord * God will give him the throne of David his father, and he shall be king over the house of Jacob forever; and be of his kingdom there shall be no end. Alleluia.

B-C/M Pilate said to Jesus,* “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world.”

C-C/M The rulers scoffed at Him, saying,* “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, his chosen one!”

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant I have been made king by him upon Sion,* his holy mountain, proclaiming his decrees.

Psalm 2

The Messiah: King and Conqueror

*The rulers of the earth are gathered together against
your anointed servant Jesus (Acts 4:27).*

Why this tumult among the nations,
among peoples this useless murmuring?
They arise, the kings of the earth,
princes plot against the Lord and his Anointed.
“Come, let us break their fetters,
come, let us cast off their yoke.”

He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord is laughing them to scorn.
Then he will speak in his anger,
his rage will strike them with terror.
“It is I who have set up my king
on Sion, my holy mountain.”

(I will announce the decree of the Lord:)

The Lord said to me: "You are my Son.
It is I who have begotten you this day.
Ask and I shall bequeath you the nations,
put the ends of the earth in your possession.
With a rod of iron you will break them,
shatter them like a potter's jar."

Now, O Kings, understand,
take warning, rulers of the earth;
serve the Lord with awe
and trembling, pay him your homage
lest he be angry and you perish;
for suddenly his anger will blaze.

Blessed are they who put their trust in God.

Psalm 8

God's majesty and man's dignity

How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

Your majesty is praised above the heavens;
on the lips of children and of babes
you have found praise to foil your enemy,
to silence the foe and the rebel.

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honor you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand
put all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters.

How great is your name, O Lord our God,
through all the earth!

Psalm 23

The Lord's coming into the temple

Christ for us the gates of heaven in his assumption of the flesh (St Iraeneus).

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things,
(who has not sworn so as to deceive his neighbor.)

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory.

1st Noct

Ant I have been made king by him upon Sion, his holy mountain, proclaiming
his degrees.

**V/. All authority has been given to me,
R/. In heaven and on earth.**

2nd Noct

Ant Announce to all peoples:* the Lord is king; He himself will judge the
whole world in equity, and the peoples in his truth.

Psalm 46

The Lord, King of all

*He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and his kingdom will have not end.*

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

He subdues people under us
and nations under our feet.
Our inheritance, our glory, is from him,
given to Jacob out of love.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on His love throne.

The princes of the peoples are assembled
with the people of Abraham's God.
The rulers of the earth belong to God,
to God who reigns over all.

Psalm 47

Thanksgiving for the people's salvation

*He carried me to the top of a very high mountain and showed
me the holy city Jerusalem (Rv 21:10).*

The Lord is great and worthy to be praised
in the city of our God.
His holy mountain rises in beauty,
the joy of all the earth.

Mount Sion, True pole of the earth,
the great King's city!
God, in the midst of it citadel,
has shown Himself its stronghold.

For the kings assembled together,
together they advanced.
They saw; at once they were astounded;
dismayed, they fled in fear.

A trembling seized them there,
like the pangs of birth,
or as the East Wind destroys
the ships of Tarshish.

As we have heard, so we have seen
in the city of our God,
in the city of the Lord of hosts
which God upholds for ever.

O God, we ponder Your love
within Your temple.
Your praise, O God, like Your name
reaches to the ends of the earth.

With justice Your right hand is filled.
Mount Zion rejoices;
The people of Judah rejoice
at the sight of Your judgments.

Walk through Sion, walk all round it;
count the number of its towers.
Review all its ramparts,
examine its castles,

That you may tell the next generation
that such is our god,
Our God for ever and always,
It is He who leads us.

Psalm 95

The Lord, King and Judge of the whole world
*They were singing something like a new hymn in presence
of the Lamb (cf Rev 14:3).*

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.

It was the Lord who made the heavens,
his are majesty and state and power
and splendor in his holy place.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.

Bring an offering and enter his courts,
worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: "God is king."
The world he made firm in its place;
he will judge the people in fairness.

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,
let the land and all it bears rejoice,
all the trees of the wood shout for joy

at the presence of the Lord for he comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
With justice he will rule the world,
he will judge the peoples with his truth.

2nd Noct

Ant Announce to all peoples: the Lord is king; He himself will judge the whole world in equity, and the peoples in His truth.

V/. All the kings of the earth shall adore him.

R/. All nations shall serve him.

Lauds

Invitatory: Come to adore Jesus Christ, who is the king of kings.

Ant I The God of heaven * will raise up a kingdom which shall break all kingdoms into pieces and finish them off, while it shall endure forever.

Ant II The Lord * has given him dominion and glory and kingship; peoples of every tribe and tongue shall serve him.

Ant III Living waters * shall flow out of Jerusalem; and the Lord shall be king over the whole earth.

Ant IV His greatness * shall reach to the ends of the earth; he will be Peace itself.

Reading

Eph 4:15-16

Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint with which it is supplied, when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love.

R/. Your holy ones, O Lord, * will speak of your kingdom. Your...

V/. And while proclaiming your power, * will speak of your kingdom. Glory... Your...

A-C/Z Come,* blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

B-C/Z The Firstborn of the dead,* the Head of all kings of the earth, has fashioned us into a kingdom for God his Father, Alleluia.

C-C/Z Remember me,* Lord God, when you come into your kingdom.

Midday

Ant I The Lord is our judge,* our lawgiver, our king; he himself will save us.

Ant II Be lifted up,* you ancient portals, that the King of glory may enter.

Ant III His power keeps increasing,* and there is no end to his peace.

Ant IV The king of all the earth * is God; sing hymn of praise.

Reading

Col 1:16-17

For in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

V/. Sing hymns to our king, let us sing,

R/. For he is the king of all the earth.

Second Vespers

Ant I He will sit * on the throne of David and rule over his house forever, alleluia.

Ant II Your kingdom, O Lord,* is an everlasting kingdom.

Ant III Here is a man whose name is Dayspring;* he will reign from his throne and speak peace to the nations.

Ant IV All authority * has been given to me in heaven and on earth. alleluia.

Reading

1 Cor 15:25-28

Reading must reign until God has put all enemies under His feet, and the last enemy to be destroyed is death. Scripture reads that God “has placed all things under His feet”. But when it says that everything has been made subject, it is clear that he who has made everything subject to Christ is excluded. When, finally, all has been subjected to the Son, he will then subject himself to the One who made all things subject to Him, so that God may be all in all.

R/. Your throne, O God, * continues forever and ever. Your...

V/. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of justice, * continues forever and ever. Glory.. Your...

A-C/M He has written on his garment * and on his thigh a Name: King of kings and Lord of Lords. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

B-C/M Pilate said to Jesus,* "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. I have come into the world to bear witness to the truth."

C-C/M The soldiers also mocked him, saying,* “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself.” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the king of the Jews.”

Monday

C/Z Jesus * saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury; then he saw a certain poor widow putting into it two mites.

C/M Jesus observed:* “The poor widow put in more than all; for the rich contributed a portion of their superfluity, while she gave all she had.”

Tuesday

C/Z When you hear of wars and insurrections,* do not be terrified; these events must occur, but the end will not come immediately.

C/M Jesus told them:* “Nation shall rise against nation; and terrific portents and great signs in heaven shall appear.”

Wednesday

C/Z They will lay their hands upon you * and persecute you. It will happen to you in order that you may give your testimony.

C/M You shall be hated by all for My Name’s sake,* yet not a hair of your heads shall perish. by your patience you shall win your souls.

Thursday

C/Z When you see Jerusalem,* encircled by soldiers, know that its devastation is near.

C/M There indeed will be days of retribution,* when all that is written must be fulfilled.

Friday

C/Z Likewise * when you see these events coming to pass, know that the kingdom of God is near.

C/M Heaven and earth * shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Saturday

C/Z Watch at all times,* praying that you may be strengthened to escape all the coming evils, and to stand before the Son of man.

SPECIAL FEASTS OF THE LORD MOST HOLY TRINITY

Solemnity

On the Sunday following Pentecost

First Vespers

Psalms from Second Vespers of Sunday I

Ant I Glory to you,* three equal persons, one God, before all time, now and forever.

Ant II Praise and eternal glory to God the Father,* to the Son, together with the Holy Spirit, for unending ages.

Ant III Let every voice resound* with glorious praise to the Father, and to his only begotten Son, and let everlasting praise be likewise given to the Holy Spirit.

Ant IV From Him,* and through Him, and unto Him are all things; to Him be glory for ever.

Reading

Rm 11:33-36

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” Or “who has given a gift to Him that he might be repaid?” For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

Responsory **Let us adore the Father and the Son with the Holy Spirit, * Let us praise him forever. Let...
To God alone be honor and glory,
* Let us praise him forever. Glory... Let...**

C/M We thank you, O God;* indeed, we thank you: Trinity, one and true; Divinity, one and most high; Unity, one and holy.

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant We profess* that God is one in substance and three in persons.

Psalm 8

God's majesty and man's dignity
*He has put all things under his feet and has made him
the head over all things*

How great is your name, O Lord our God,
through all the earth!

Your majesty is praised above the heavens;
on the lips of children and of babes
you have found praise to foil your enemy,
to silence the foe and the rebel.

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honor you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand
put all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters.

How great is your name, O Lord our God,
through all the earth!

Psalm 23

The Lord's coming into the temple
*Christ opened for us the gates of heaven in his
assumption of the flesh (St. Iraeneus).*

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things,
(who has not sworn so as to deceive his neighbor.)

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory.

Psalm 28

Commendation of the word of God

A voice from heaven said: "This is my beloved Son" (Mt 3:17)

O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court.

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendor.

The Lord's voice shattering the cedars,
the Lord shatters the cedars of Lebanon;
he makes Lebanon leap like a calf
and Sirion like a young wild-ox.

(The Lord's voice flashes flames of fire.)

The Lord's voice shaking the wilderness,
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh;
the Lord's voice rending the oak tree
and stripping the forest bare.

The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: "Glory!"
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king forever.

The Lord will give strength to his people,
the Lord will bless his people with peace.

1st Noct

Ant We profess that God is one in substance and three in persons.

V/. Let us adore the Father and the Son with the Holy Spirit.
R/. Let us praise and exalt him above all for ever.

2nd Noct

Ant The Father is love,* the Son is gift, and the Holy Spirit is their communion, O, One and Blessed Trinity.

Psalm 46

The Lord, King of all

*He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and his kingdom will have not end.*

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

He subdues people under us
and nations under our feet.
Our inheritance, our glory, is from him,
given to Jacob out of love.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on His love throne.

The princes of the peoples are assembled
with the people of Abraham's God.
The rulers of the earth belong to God,
to God who reigns over all.

Psalm 47

Thanksgiving for the people's salvation
*He carried me to the top of a very high mountain
and showed me the holy city Jerusalem (Rv21:10).*

The Lord is great and worthy to be praised
in the city of our God.
His holy mountain rises in beauty,
the joy of all the earth.

Mount Sion, True pole of the earth,
the great King's city!
God, in the midst of it citadel,
has shown Himself its stronghold.

For the kings assembled together,
together they advanced.
They saw; at once they were astounded;
dismayed, they fled in fear.

A trembling seized them there,
like the pangs of birth,
or as the East Wind destroys
the ships of Tarshish.

As we have heard, so we have seen
in the city of our God,
in the city of the Lord of hosts
which God upholds for ever.

O God, we ponder Your love
within Your temple.
Your praise, O God, like Your name
reaches to the ends of the earth.

With justice Your right hand is filled.
Mount Sion rejoices;
The people of Judah rejoice
at the sight of Your judgments.

Walk through Sion, walk all round it;
count the number of its towers.
Review all its ramparts,
examine its castles,

That you may tell the next generation
that such is our god,
Our God for ever and always,
It is He who leads us.

Psalm 95

The Lord, King and Judge of the whole world
*They were singing something like a new hymn in presence of
the Lamb (Rv 14:3).*

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.

It was the Lord who made the heavens,
his are majesty and state and power
and splendor in his holy place.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.

Bring an offering and enter his courts,
worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: "God is king."
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Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,
let the land and all it bears rejoice,
all the trees of the wood shout for joy.

At the presence of the Lord for he comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
With justice he will rule the world,
he will judge the peoples with his truth.

2nd Noct

Ant The Father is love, the Son is gift, and the Holy Spirit is their communion,
O, One and Blessed Trinity.

V/. Yours is beauty and majesty, O Blessed Trinity;

R/. Your is glory and everlasting power.

Lauds

(Psalms from Lauds Sunday I)

Invitatory Come to adore the true God, one in three and three in one.

- Ant I Glory to you,* three equal Persons, one God, before all time, now and forever.
- Ant II Praise and eternal glory* to God the Father, to the Son, together with the Holy spirit, for unending ages.
- Ant III Let every voice resound* with glorious praise to the Father, and to His only begotten Son, and let everlasting praise be likewise given to the Holy Spirit.
- Ant IV From Him,* and through Him, and unto Him are all things; to Him be glory for ever.

Reading

1 Cor 12:4-6

There are different gifts but the same spirit; there are different ministries but the same Lord; there are different works but the same God who accomplishes all of them in everyone.

Responsory **All praise, all glory be to you, "O Most Holy Trinity.
All...
All thanks be to you forever, "O Most Holy Trinity.
Glory ... All...**

- A-C/Z God so loved the world* that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life, alleluia.
- B-C/Z Go into the world,* teaching all peoples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, alleluia.
- C-C/Z I have yet many things to say to you,* but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will teach you the whole truth, alleluia.

Midday

- Ant I We adore you,* we praise you, we call upon you, O Blessed Trinity.
- Ant II O Blessed Trinity,* you are our hope, our salvation, and our honor.
- Ant III We profess,* O Blessed Trinity, that for you to exist, to live and to understand are one and the same.
- Ant IV The Father is true,* the Son is truth, and the Holy Spirit is truth, O Blessed Trinity.

Reading

Gal 4:4-6

God sent forth His Son, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying "Abba! Father!"

**V/. O blessed and praiseworthy and glorious Trinity,
R/. Father and Son and Holy Spirit**

Second Vespers

(Everything as in First Vespers, except the following)

- Ant I Glory to you,* three equal persons, one God, before all time, now and forever.
- Ant II Praise and eternal glory to God the Father,* to the Son, together with the Holy Spirit, for unending ages.
- Ant III Let every voice resound* with glorious praise to the Father, and to his only begotten Son, and let everlasting praise be likewise given to the Holy Spirit.
- Ant IV From Him,* and through Him, and unto Him are all things; to Him be glory for ever.

Reading

Eph 4:33

Be always eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in us all.

Responsory **Let us adore the Father and the Son with the Holy Spirit, * Let us praise him forever. Let...
To God alone be honor and glory,
* Let us praise him forever. Glory... Let...**

- A-C/M O holy and undivided Trinity,* Creator and Ruler of all existing things, may all praise be yours now, for ever, and for unending ages.
- B-C/M We confess,* we adore, and we praise you, O God, the unbegotten Father, the only-begotten Son, the consoling Holy Spirit, most holy and undivided Trinity, with our whole heart and voice: To you be glory always for all ages.
- C-C/M The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,* and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Solemnity

On the Sunday after the Solemnity of the Trinity

First Vespers

Ant I The Lord Christ,* a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek, offered bread and wine.

Psalm 109

The Messiah, King and Priest

Christ's reign will last until all his enemies are made subject to him (1 Cor 15:25)

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

The Lord will send from Sion
your scepter of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes.

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

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
"You are a priest for ever,
A priest like Melchizedek of old."

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

He, the Judge of the nations,
will heap high the bodies;
heads shall be shattered far and wide.

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

Ant I The Lord Christ, a priest forever according to the order of Melchisedech, offered bread and wine.

Ant II The compassionate Lord* gave food to those who fear him as a memorial of his marvelous deeds.

Psalm 110

God's marvelous works

Mighty and wonderful are your works, Lord God Almighty (Rv 15:3).

Alleluia!

I will thank the Lord with all my heart
in the meeting of the just and their assembly.
Great are the works of the Lord;
to be pondered by all who love them.

Majestic and glorious his work,
his justice stands firm for ever.
He makes us remember his wonders.
The Lord is compassion and love.

He gives food to those who fear him;
keeps his covenant ever in mind.
He has shown his might to his people
by giving them the lands of the nations.

His works are justice and truth;
his precepts are all of them sure,
standing firm for ever and ever;
they are made in uprightness and truth.

He has sent deliverance to his people
and established his covenant for ever.
Holy his name to be feared.

To fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all who do so prove themselves wise.
His praise shall last for ever!

Ant II The compassionate Lord gave food to those who fear him as a
memorial of his marvelous deeds.

Ant III I will take up the cup of salvation;* I will offer the sacrifice of praise.

Psalm 115

Thanksgiving in the temple

Through Christ let us offer God a continual sacrifice of praise (Heb 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.

Ant III I will take up the cup of salvation; I will offer the sacrifice of praise.

Ant IV The Lord,* who grants peace to His Church, fills us with the finest wheat.

Psalm 147

The restoration of Jerusalem

Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the lamb (Rv 21:9).

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Sion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
He has blessed the children within you.
He established peace on your borders,
He feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth
And swiftly runs his command.
He showers down snow white as wool,
He scatters hoar-frost like ashes.

He hurls down hailstones like crumbs.
The waters are frozen at his touch;
He sends forth his word and it melts them
At the breath of his mouth the waters flow.

He makes his word known to Jacob,
To Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
He has not taught them his decrees.

Alleluia!

Ant IV The Lord, who grants peace to His Church, fills us with the finest wheat.

Reading

1 Cor 10:16-17

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Responsory ***He has given them bread from heaven,
*alleluia, alleluia. He...
Man has eaten the bread of angels,
*alleluia, alleluia. Glory... He...***

C/M How loving is your spirit, O Lord!* To show sweet tenderness to your children, you have given them the delicious bread of heaven. You fill the hungry with good things, and send the haughty rich away empty.

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant Tell those who are invited:* Behold I have made ready my dinner, come to the wedding feast, alleluia.

Psalm 1

On the two ways of men

*Blessed are they who, hoping in the cross, plunge into
the waters of life (An author from the second century.*

Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is in the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night.

He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper.
Not so are the wicked, not so!

For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
When the wicked are judged they shall not stand,
nor find room among those who are just;
for the Lord guides the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

Psalm 15

The Lord is all that I inherit
*God freed him from death's bitter pangs, however, and
raised him up again (Acts 2:24)*

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: "You are my God.
My happiness lies in you alone."

He has put into my heart a marvelous love
for the faithful ones who dwell in his land.
Those who choose other gods increase their sorrows.
Never will I offer their offerings of blood.
Newer will I take their name upon my lips.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup
it is you yourself who are my prize.
The lot marked out for me is my delight:
welcome indeed the heritage that falls to me!

I will bless the Lord who give me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

you will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Psalm 22

The good shepherd

The Lamb will shepherd them and he will lead them to springs of life-giving waters (Rv 7:17).

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
forever and ever.

1st Noct

Ant Tell those who are invited: Behold I have made ready my dinner, come to the wedding feast, alleluia.

V/. Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, alleluia.

R/. All of us partake of the one bread and the one cup, alleluia.

2nd Noct

Ant The Lord has fed us* with the best of wheat; He has filled us with honey from the rock.

Psalm 42

Longing for the temple

I have come as light into the world (Jn 12:46)

Defend me, O God, and plead my cause
against a godless nation.
From deceitful and cunning men
rescue me, O God.

Since you, O God, are my stronghold,
why have you rejected me?
Why do I go mourning
oppressed by the foe?

O send forth your light and your truth;
let these be my guide.
Let them bring me to your holy mountain
to the place where you dwell.

And I will come to the altar of God,
the God of my joy.
My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp,
O God, my God.

Why are you cast down, my soul,
why groan within me?
Hope in God; I will praise him still,
my saviour and my God.

Psalm 80

Solemn renewal of the covenant
*Take care, lest there be in any of you an evil,
unbelieving heart (Heb 3:12).*

Ring out your joy to God our strength,
shout in triumph to the God of Jacob.

Raise a song and sound the timbrel,
the sweet-sounding harp and the lute,
blow the trumpet at the new moon.
when the moon is full, on our feast.

For this is Israel's law,
a command of the God of Jacob.
He imposed it as a rule on Joseph,
when he went out against the land of Egypt.

A voice I did not know said to me:
"I freed your shoulder from the burden;
your hands were freed from the load.
You called in distress and I saved you.

I answered, concealed in the storm cloud,
at the waters of Meribah I tested you.
Listen, my people, to my warning,
O Israel, if only you would heed!

Let there be no foreign god among you,
no worship of an alien God.
I am the Lord you God,
who brought you from the land of Egypt.
Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.

But my people did not heed my voice
and Israel would not obey,
so I left them in their stubbornness of heart
to follow their own designs.

O that my people would heed me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!
At once I would subdue their foes,
turn my hand against their enemies.

The Lord's enemies would cringe at their feet
and their subjection would last for ever.
But Israel I would feed with finest wheat
and fill them with honey from the rock."

Psalm 83

Longing for God's temple

*Here we have no lasting city, but seek the city
which is to come (Heb 13:14)*

How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God.

The sparrow herself finds a home
and the swallow a nest for her brood;
she lays her young by your altars,
Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.
They are happy, whose strength is in you,
in whose hearts are the roads to Sion.

As they go through the Bitter Valley
they make it a place of springs,
the autumn rain covers it with blessings.
They walk with ever growing strength,
they will see the God of gods in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer,
give ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
look on the face of your anointed.

One day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.
The threshold of the house of God
I prefer to the dwellings of the wicked.

For the Lord God is a rampart, a shield;
He will give us his favour and glory.
The Lord will not refuse any good
to those who walk without blame.

Lord, God of hosts,
happy the man who trusts in you!

2nd Noct

Ant The Lord has fed us with the best of wheat He has filled us with honey
from the rock.

V/. If anyone thirsts, let him come to me, alleluia.

R/. And let him drink the living water, alleluia.

Lauds

(Psalms of Lauds for Sunday I)

Invitatory Come to adore the Lord Christ, the Bread of Life

Ant I Wisdom built herself a house;* she mixed her wine and set her table,
alleluia.

Ant II You have fed your people* with the food of angels; you have given them
bread from heaven, alleluia.

Ant III Nourishing is the bread of Christ,* a delicacy served to kings, alleluia.

Ant IV Holy priests* offer incense and bread to God, alleluia.

Reading

Mal 1:11

From the rising of the sun to its setting my name is great among the nations, and in every place incense is offered to my name, and a pure offering; for my name is great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.

Responsory ***You bring forth bread from the earth,
*alleluia, alleluia. You...
And wine gladdens men's hearts,
*alleluia, alleluia. Glory... You...***

Midday

- Ant I I have earnestly desired* to eat this passover with you before I suffer, alleluia.
- Ant II While at supper,* Jesus took bread, He blessed, broke and gave it to His disciples, alleluia.
- Ant III When He was at table with them,* He took the bread, blessed and broke it, and it to them, alleluia.
- Ant IV I will give* the hidden manna and a new name to the one who overcomes, alleluia.

Reading

Pro 9:1-2

Wisdom has built her house, she has set up her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her beasts, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table.

V/. *You have given them bread from heaven, alleluia,*
R/. *The bread containing all delights in itself, alleluia.*

Second Vespers

(Everything from First Vespers, except the following)

- Ant I The Lord Christ,* a priest forever according to the order of Melchisedech, offered bread and wine.
- Ant II The compassionate Lord* gave food to those who fear him as a memorial of his marvelous deeds.
- Ant III I will take up the cup of salvation;* I will offer the sacrifice of praise.
- Ant IV The Lord,* who grants peace to His Church, fills us with the finest wheat.

I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Responsory **He has given them bread from heaven,**
***alleluia, alleluia. He...**
Man has eaten the bread of angels,
***alleluia, alleluia. Glory... He...**

C/M O holy banquet!* In which Christ is received, the memory of his passion recalled, the soul is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given us, alleluia.

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Solemnity

Friday after the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

First Vespers

Ant I May you, O Lord,* rule with your sweet yoke in the midst of your enemies.

Psalm 109

The Messiah, King and Priest
*Christ's return will last until all his enemies
are made subject to him (1 Cor 15:25).*

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

The Lord will send from Zion
your scepter of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes.

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

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
"You are a priest for ever,
A priest like Melchizedeck of old."

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

He, the Judge of the nations,
will heap high the bodies;
heads shall be shattered far and wide.

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

Ant I May you, O Lord, rule with your sweet yoke in the midst of your
enemies.

Ant II The gracious and merciful Lord* gives food to those who reverence him.

Psalm 110

God's marvelous works

Mighty and wonderful are your works, Lord God Almighty (Rv 15:3).

Alleluia!

I will thank the Lord with all my heart
in the meeting of the just and their assembly.
Great are the works of the Lord;
to be pondered by all who love them.

Majestic and glorious his work,
his justice stands firm for ever.
He makes us remember his wonders.
The Lord is compassion and love.

He gives food to those who fear him;
keeps his covenant ever in mind.
He has shown his might to his people
by giving them the lands of the nations.

His works are justice and truth;
his precepts are all of them sure,
standing firm for ever and ever;
they are made in uprightness and truth.

He has sent deliverance to his people
and established his covenant for ever.
Holy his name to be feared.

To fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all who do so prove themselves wise.
His praise shall last for ever!

- Ant II The gracious and merciful Lord gives food to those who reverence him.
- Ant III A light has risen in the darkness* for the upright of heart: the gracious and merciful Lord.

Psalm 111

The happiness of a just man

Live as children born of the light. Light produces every kind of goodness and justice and truth (Eph 5:8-9).

Alleluia!

Happy the man who fears the Lord,
who takes delight in his commands.
His sons will be powerful on earth;
the children of the upright are blessed.

Riches and wealth are in his house;
his justice stands firm for ever.
He is a light in the darkness for the upright;
He is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honor.
The just man will never waver;
he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.
With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
he will see the downfall of his foes

Open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory.

The wicked man sees and is angry,
gnashes his teeth and pines away;
The desire of the wicked leads to doom.

- Ant III A light has risen in the darkness for the upright of heart: the gracious and merciful Lord.

- Ant IV There is kindness* with the Lord and an abundant redemption.

Psalm 129

A cry from the depths

He himself will save his people from their sins (Mt 1:21).

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than the watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity.

Ant IV There is kindness with the Lord and abundant redemption.

Reading

Eph 5:25b-27

Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her, that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present the Church to Himself in splendor without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

Responsory

***Christ loved us and has washed us,
*in His blood. Christ...***

***And has made us a kingdom and priests for God our
Father, *in His blood. Glory... Christ...***

C/M I have come* to cast fire upon the earth, and how I long to see the flames leap up.

Vigils

1st Noct

Ant The springs of life are in you, O Lord;* You let us drink from streams of your delights.

Psalm 35

The malice of sinners and God's goodness
*No follower of mine wanders in the darkness; he shall have
the light of life (Jn 8:12).*

Sin speaks to the sinner
in the depths of his heart.
that he knows not his guilt.
In his mouth are mischief and deceit.
All wisdom is gone.

He so flatters himself in his mind
that he knows not his guilt.
In his mouth are mischief and deceit
All wisdom is gone.

He plots the defeat of goodness
as he lies on his bed.
He has set his foot on evil ways,
he clings to what is evil.
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Your love, Lord, reaches to heaven;
your truth to the skies.
Your justice is like God's mountain,
your judgements like the deep.

To both man and beast you give protection.
O Lord, how precious is your love.
My God, the sons of men
find refuge in the shelter of your wings.

They feast on the riches of your house;
they drink from the stream of your delight.
In you is the source of life
and in your light we see light.

Keep on loving those who know you,
doing justice for upright hearts.
Let the foot of the proud not crush me
nor the hand of the wicked cast me out.

See how the evil-doers have fallen!
Flung down, they shall never arise.

Psalm 40

Prayer of a sick person

*One of you will betray me, one who
is eating with me (Mk 14:18).*

Happy the man who considers the poor and the weak.
The Lord will save him in the day of evil,
will guard him, give him life, make him happy in the land
and will not give him up to the will of his foes.
The Lord will help him on his bed of pain,
He will bring him back from sickness to health.

As for me, I said: "Lord, have mercy on me,
heal my soul for I have sinned against You."
My foes are speaking evil against me.
"How long before he dies and his name be forgotten?"
They come to visit me and speak empty words,
their hearts full of malice, they spread it abroad.

My enemies whisper together against me.
They all weigh up the evil which is on me:
"Some deadly thing has fastened upon him,
he will not rise again from where he lies."
Thus even my friend, in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, has turned against me.

But you, O Lord, have mercy on me.
Let me rise once more and I will repay them.
By this I shall know that You are my friend.
If my foes do not shout in triumph over me.
If You uphold me I shall be unharmed
and set in Your presence for evermore.

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Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel
from age to age. Amen. Amen.

Psalm 46

The Lord, King of all

*He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and his kingdom will have not end.*

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

He subdues people under us
and nations under our feet.
Our inheritance, our glory, is from him,
given to Jacob out of love.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on His love throne.

The princes of the peoples are assembled
with the people of Abraham's God.
The rulers of the earth belong to God,
to God who reigns over all.

1st Noct

Ant The springs of life is in you, O Lord; you let us drink from streams of
your delights.

V/. I will take delight in them,

R/. While I will much good for them with all my heart.

2nd Noct

Ant When my heart was anxious,* you set me high upon the rock.

Psalm 60

Prayer of an exile

The prayer of a just man hoping for heavenly things (St. Hilary).

O God, hear my cry!
Listen to my prayer!
From the end of the earth I call:
my heart is faint.

On the rock too high for me to reach
set me on high,
O you who have been my refuge,
my tower against the foe.

Let me dwell in your tent for ever
and hide in the shelter of your wings.
For you, O God, hear my prayer
and grant me the heritage of those who fear you.

May you lengthen the life of the king:
may his years cover many generations.
May he ever sit enthroned before God:
bid love and truth be his protection.

So I will always praise your name
and day after day fulfil my vows.

Psalm 97

The Lord, victorious in judgement

*This psalm tells of the Lord's first coming and the faith
of all the peoples (St. Athanasius).*

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation'
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord.

Let the sea and all within it, thunder;
the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy.

At the presence of the Lord: for he comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with fairness.

Psalm 107

Praise of God and a plea for help

*Since the Son of God has been exalted above the heavens,
his glory is proclaimed through all the earth (Arnobius).*

My heart is ready, O God;
I will sing, sing your praise.
Awake, my soul;
awake, lyre and harp.
I will awake the dawn.

I will thank you, Lord, among the peoples,
praise you among the nations;
for your love reaches to the heavens
and your truth to the skies.
O God, arise above the heavens;
may your glory shine on earth!

O come and deliver your friends;
help with your right hand and reply.

From His holy place God has made this promise:
"I will triumph and divide the land of Shechem;
I will measure out the valley of Succoth.

Gilead is mine and Manasseh.
Ephraim I take for my helmet,
Judah for my commander's staff.
Moab I will use for my washbowl,
on Edom I will plant my shoe.
Over the Philistines I will shout in triumph."

But who will lead me to conquer the fortress?
Who will bring me face to face with Edom?
Will you utterly reject us, O God,
and no longer march with our armies?

Give us help against the foe:
for the help of man is vain.
With God we shall do bravely
and He will trample down our foes.

2nd Noct

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V/. Let him who thirsts come to me.

R/. Let him who desires receive freely the water of life.

Lauds

(Psalms from Sunday I)

Invitatory Come to adore the Heart of Jesus, wounded out of love for us.

Ant I One of the soldiers* pierced his side with a lance, and at once there came out blood and water.

Ant II Jesus stood* and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink".

Ant III God has loved us* with an everlasting love. Therefore, when lifted up from the earth He drew us to His heart, having pity on us.

Ant IV Come to me,* all you who labor and are burden, and I will refresh you.

Reading

Jer 31:33

This is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord. I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Responsory

Take my yoke upon yourself,

**** and learn from me. Take...***

For I am gentle and humble of heart,

**** and learn from me. Glory... Take...***

A-C/Z God is love,* and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

B-C/Z For these things* took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled, which says: "They shall look on him whom they have pierced".

C-C/Z By the tender mercy* of his heart God has visited us and redeemed his people.

Midday

Ant I God's love* has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Ant II My son,* give me your heart; note carefully the way I point out to you.

Ant III My heart* is broken within me; all my bones tremble with fear.

Ant IV The design* of his heart stands through all generations.

Reading

Jer 32:40

I will make with them an eternal covenant, never to cease doing good to them; into their hearts I will put the fear of me, that they may never depart from me.

V/. I looked for sympathy, but there was none.

R/. For comforters, but I found none.

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Reading

Eph 2:4-7

God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Responsory **Christ loved us and has washed us,
*in His blood. Christ...
And has made us a kingdom and priests for God our
Father, * in His blood. Glory... Christ...**

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- B-C/M When they came to Jesus* and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs; but one of the soldiers pierced His side with a lance, and at once there came out blood and water.
- C-C/M Remembering His loving mercy,* the Lord has received us into the inner recesses of His heart.

