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| *All stand for the beginning of Vespers.*  Invitatory  *Make the Sign of the Cross (*  ) *with the Officiant as he intones:*  *Officiant: All:*        *(bow)*    *(upright*)      Antiphon 1  *All make the sign of the cross as Officiant begins.*  *Officiant: \* All:*    Psalm 109  *Alternate verses Cantors and All*  *All sit.*  *Cantor: \* Cantors*        2. *(All)* Donec ponam ini**mí**cos **tu**os, \*  scabéllum **pe**dum tu**ó**rum.  3. Vírgam virtútis túæ emíttet Dómi**nus** ex **Si**on: \*  domináre in médio inimi**có**rum tu**ó**rum.  4. Técum principium in díe virtútis túæ in splendóri**bus**  san**ctó**rum: \*  ex útero ante luciférum **gé**nu**i** te.  5. Jurávit Dóminus, et non pæni**té**bit **é**um: \*  Tu es sacérdos in ætérnum secúndum órdi**nem**  Mel**chí**sedech.  6. Dóminus a **déx**tris **tú**is, \*  confrégit in díe íræ **sú**æ **ré**ges.  7. Judicábit in natiónibus, im**plé**bit ru**í**nas: \*  conquassábit cápita in **tér**ra mul**tó**rum.  8. De torrénte in **ví**a **bí**bet: \*  proptérea exal**tá**bit **cá**put.  9. *(bow)* Glória **Pá**tri, et **Fí**lio, \*  et Spi**rí**tui **Sán**cto.  10. *(sit upright)* Sícut érat in princípio, et **nunc**, et **sém**per, \*  et in sæcula sæcu**ló**rum. **A**men.  *All:*    Antiphon 2  *Cantors: \* All:*    Psalm 112  *Alternate verses Cantors and All*  *Cantor: \* Cantors:*        2. *(bow) (All)* Sit nómen Dómini bene**dí**ctum, \*  *(sit upright)* ex hoc nunc, et ús*que in* **saé**culum.    3. A sólis órtu usque ad oc**cá**sum, \*  laudábile *nómen* **Dó**mini.    4. Excélsus super ómnes géntes **Dó**minus, \*  et super cælos gló*ria* **é**jus.  5. Quis sicut Dóminus Déus nóster, qui in áltis **há**bitat, \*  et humília respícit in cælo *et in* **tér**ra?  6. Súscitans a térra **ín**opem. \*  et de stércore é*rigens* **páu**perem:  7. Ut collócet éum cum prin**cí**pibus, \*  cum princípibus pó*puli* **sú**i.  8. Qui habitáre fácit stérilemin **dó**mo, \*  mátrem filió*rum lae***tán**tem.  9. *(bow)* Glória Pátri, et **Fí**lio, \*  et Spirí*tui* **Sán**cto.  10. *(sit upright)* Sícut érat in princípio, et nunc, et **sém**per, \*  et in sæcula sæcu*lórum*. **A**men.  *All:*    Antiphon 3  *Cantors: \* All:*    Psalm 121  *Alternate verses Cantors and All*  *Cantors: \* Cantors:*    2. *(All)* Stántes érrant *pédes* **nó**stri, \*  in átriis *túis Je***rú**salem.   3. Jerúsalem, quæ ædificá*tur ut* **cí**vitas: \*  cújus participátio é*jus* *in id***í**psum.   4. Illuc énim ascendérunt tríbus, *tríbus* **Dó**mini: \*  testimónium Israël ad confiténdum *nómini* **Dó**mini.  5. Quia íllic sedérunt sédes *in* *ju***dí**cio, \*  sédes sú*per dómum* **Dá**vid.  6. Rogáte quæ ad pácem *sunt Je***rú**salem: \*  et abundántia di*ligénti***bus** te.    7. Fíat pax in vir*túte* **tú**a: \*  et abundántia in *túrribus* **tú**is.  8. Própter frátres méos et pró*ximos* **mé**os, \*  loqué*bar* *pácem* **de** te:  9. Própter dómum Dómini *Déi* **nó**stri, \*  quæsi*vi* *bóna* **tí**bi.  10. *(bow)* Glória Pá*tri, et* **Fí**lio, \*  et Spi*rítui* **Sán**cto.  11. *(sit upright)* Sícut érat in princípio, et n*unc, et* **sém**per, \*  et in sæcula sæ*culórum*. **A**men.  *All:*    Antiphon 4  *Cantors: \* All:*    Psalm 126  *Alternate verses Cantors and All*  *Cantor: \* Cantors:*    2. *(All)* Nisi Dóminus custodíerit **ci**vi**tá**tem, \*  frústra vígilat qui cus**tó**dit**é**am.  3. Vánum est vóbis ante **lú**cem **súr**gere: \*  súrgite postquam sedéritis, qui manducátis **pá**nem do**ló**ris.  4. Cum déderit diléctis **sú**is **só**mnum: \*  ecce hæréditas Dómini, fílii: mérces, **frú**ctus**vén**tris.   5. Sícut sagíttæ in **má**nu po**tén**tis: \*  ita fílii **ex**cus**só**rum.  6. Beátus vir qui implévit desidérium **sú**um ex **í**psis: \*  non confundétur cum loquétur inimícis **sú**is in**pór**ta.  7. *(bow)* Glória **Pá**tri, et **Fí**lio, \*  et Spi**rí**tui**Sán**cto.  8. *(sit upright)* Sícut érat in princípio, et **nunc**, et **sém**per, \*  et in sæcula sæcu**ló**rum. **A**men.  *All:*      Antiphon 5  *Cantors: \* All:*    Psalm 147  *Alternate verses Cantors and All*  *Cantor: \* Cantors:*      2. *(All)* Quóniam confortávit séras por**tá**rum tu**á**rum: \*  benedíxit fíliis *túis* **in** te.  3. Qui pósuit fines **tú**os **pá**cem: \*  et ádipe fruménti *sáti***at** te.  4. Qui emíttit elóquium **sú**um **tér**ræ: \*  velóciter cúrrit *sérmo* **é**jus.  5. Qui dat nívem **sí**cut **lá**nam: \*  nébulam sícut cí*nerem* **spár**git.  6. Míttit crystállum súam **sí**cut buc**cél**las: \*  ante fáciem frígoris éjus quis *susti***né**bit?  7. Emíttit vérbum súum, et lique**fá**ciet **é**a: \*  flábit spirítus éjus, et *flúent* **á**quæ.  8. Qui annúntiat vérbum **sú**um **Já**cob: \*  justítias et judícia *súa* **Is**ráel.  9. Non fécit táliter ómni **na**ti**ó**ni: \*  et judícia súa non manife*stávit* **é**is.  10. *(bow)* Glória **Pá**tri, et **Fí**lio, \*  et Spirí*tui* **Sán**cto.  11. *(sit upright)* Sícut érat in princípio, et **nunc**, et **sém**per, \*  et in sæcula sæcu*lórum*. **A**men.  *All:*    *All Stand*  Litte chapter  *Judith 13:22*  *Officiant:*  Benedíxit te Dóminus in virtúte sua, quia per te ad nihílum  redégit inimícos nostros. † Benedícta es tu, fília, a Dómino Deo excélso, \* præ ómnibus muliéribus super terram.  *All:* **Deo grátias.**  Hymn, Magnificat Antiphon and Tone  ***Turn to the applicable Vespers:***  **First Vespers: pages 9 - 12**  **Second Vespers: pages 13 - 16**  Hymn (First Vespers)  *O Prima, Virgo*  *Alternate verses Cantors and All*  *Verse 7: All*  *Cantors:*              *(Cantors):*                *(All:)*              *(Cantors):*              *(All:)*              *(All:)*          *(Stand upright:)*          *(All sing; bow)*    *Cantors:*    *All:*    *Remain standing.*  Magnificat antiphon and Tone (First Vespers)  antiphon  *Cantors: \* All:*    Magnificat  *Canticle of the Blessed Virgin - Luc. 1:46-55*  *Alternate verses Cantors and All*    *Make the sign of the cross.*  *All:*        3. *(Cantors)* Quia respéxit humilitátem *ancíllæ* **sú**æ: \*  ecce enim ex hoc beátam me dícent ómnes gene*rati***ó**nes.  4. Quia fécit míhi *mágna qui* **pó**tens est: \*  *(bow)* et sánctum *nómen* **é**jus.  5. *(rise)* Et misericórdia éjus a progéni*e in pro***gé**nies \*  timén*tibus* **é**um.  6. Fécit poténtiam in *bráchio* **sú**o: \*  dispérsit supérbos ménte *córdis* **sú**i.  7. Depósuit po*téntes de* **sé**de, \*  et exal*távit* **hú**miles.  8. Esuriéntes *implévit* **bó**nis: \*  et dívites dimí*sit in***á**nes.  9. Suscépit Israel *púerum* **sú**um, \*  recordátus misericór*diæ* **sú**æ.  10. Sicut locútus est *ad pátres* **nó**stros, \*  Abraham et sémini é*jus in* **sæ**cula.  11. *(bow)* Glória *Pátri*, *et* **Fí**lio, \*  et Spirí*tui* **Sán**cto.  12. *(rise)* Sícut érat in princípio, *et nunc*, *et* **sém**per, \*  et in sæcula sæcu*lórum*. **A**men.  *All:*    Collect *(Remain standing)*  *Officiant:*  Dóminus vobíscum.  *All:* **Et cum spíritu túo.**  *Officiant:*  Orémus.  Omnípotens sempitérne Deus, qui Immaculátam Vírginem  Maríam, Fílii tui Genetrícem, córpore et ánima ad cæléstem glóriam assumpsísti: † concéde quæsumus; ut ad supérna semper inténti, \* ipsíus glóriæ mereámur esse consórtes. Per eúmdem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum: † Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus: \* per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.  *All:* **Amen.**  *(Follow to Vespers conclusion pg 17)*  Hymn (Second Vespers)  *Ave Maris Stella*  *Alternate verses Cantors and All*  *Verse 7: All*  *All kneel/genuflect for the First Verse of the Hymn*  *Cantors:*                    *(All:)*                *(All:)*              *(Cantors:)*            *(Cantors:)*              *(All:)*      *(Stand upright:)*          *(All sing; bow)*  *Cantors:*    *All:*    *Remain standing.*  Magnificat antiphon and Tone (Second Vespers)  antiphon  *Cantors: \* All:*    Magnificat  *Canticle of the Blessed Virgin - Luc. 1:46-55*  *Alternate verses Cantors and All*    *Cantor: \* Cantors:*  *Make the*  *sign of the cross.*    *All:*    3. *(Cantors)* Quia respéxit humilitátem *ancíllæ* **sú**æ: \*  ecce enim ex hoc beátam me dícent ómnes gene*rati***ó**nes.  4. Quia fécit míhi *mágna qui* **pó**tens est: \*  *(bow)* et sánctum *nómen* **é**jus.  5. *(rise)* Et misericórdia éjus a progéni*e in**pro***gé**nies \*  timén*tibus* **é**um.  6. Fécit poténtiam in *bráchio* **sú**o: \*  dispérsit supérbos ménte *córdis* **sú**i.  7. Depósuit po*téntes de* **sé**de, \*  et exal*távit* **hú**miles.   8. Esuriéntes *implévit* **bó**nis: \*  et dívites dimí*sit* *in***á**nes.  9. Suscépit Israel *púerum* **sú**um, \*  recordátus misericór*diæ* **sú**æ.  10. Sicut locútus est *ad pátres* **nó**stros, \*  Abraham et sémini é*jus in* **saé**cula.  11. *(bow)* Glória *Pátri, et* **Fí**lio, \*  et Spirí*tui* **Sán**cto.  12. *(rise)* Sícut érat in princípio, *et nunc, et* **sém**per, \*  et in sæcula sæcu*lórum.* **A**men.  *All:*    *(Remain standing)*  Collect  *Officiant:*  Dóminus vobíscum.  *All:* **Et cum spíritu túo.**  *Officiant:*  Orémus.  Omnípotens sempitérne Deus, qui Immaculátam Vírginem  Maríam, Fílii tui Genetrícem, córpore et ánima ad cæléstem glóriam assumpsísti: † concéde quæsumus; ut ad supérna semper inténti, \* ipsíus glóriæ mereámur esse consórtes. Per eúmdem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum: † Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus: \* per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.  *All:* **Amen.**  *(Follow to Vespers conclusion pg 17)*  Conclusion  *Officiant:* Dóminus vobíscum.  *All:* **Et cum spíritu tuo.**  *Cantors:*    *All:*    *Officiant (in recto tono):* Fidélium ánimæ per misericórdiam Dei requiéscant in pace.  *All:* **Amen.**  Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament  *(Continue next page)*  Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament  *All kneel.*  *The Blessed Sacrament is taken out of the tabernacle and placed in the monstrance and exposed to the view of the people (Exposition).*  *All:*    *After a period of meditation and reflection the* Tantum ergo *is sung:*  *(upright)*))  *(bow)*    1    2.  *Officiant:* Panem de cælo præstitísti eis.  *All:* **Omne delectaméntum in se habéntem.**  *Officiant:* Orémus: Deus, qui nobis sub Sacraménto mirábili passiónis tuæ memóriam reliquísti: *†* tríbue, quaésumus, ita nos córporis et sánguinis tui sacra mystéria venerári; ut redemptiónis tuæ fructum in nobis júgiter sentiámus. Qui vivis et regnas in saécula sæculórum.  *All:* **Amen.**  *The celebrant will then bless all present with the Blessed Sacrament.*  *The celebrant descends the steps and while kneeling all recite* The Divine Praises.  The Divine Praises  Blessed be God.  Blessed be his Holy Name.  Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.  Blessed be the Name of Jesus.  Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.  Blessed be his most Precious Blood.  Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar.  Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.  Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.  Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.  Blessed be her glorious Assumption.  Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.  Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.  Blessed be God in his Angels and in his Saints.  Reposition  *Cantors: \* All:*    \*    *All stand and sing the Marian Antiphon –* Salve Regina  Salve Regina  *Cantor: \* All:*          *Officiant:* Ora pro nobis Sancta Dei Gé-netrix.  *All:* Ut digni efficiámur promissiónibus Chri- sti.  Collect  *Officiant:* Oremus.  Omnípotens sempitérne Deus, qui gloriósae Vírginis Matris Maríae corpus et ánimam, ut dignum Fílii tui habitáculum éffici mererétur, Spíritu Sancto cooperánte, praeparásti: da, ut cuius commemoratióne laetámur; eius pia intercessióne, ab instántibus malis, et a morte perpétua liberémur. Per eundem Christum Dóminum nostrum.  *All:* **Amen.**  *Officiant (recto tono):* Divínum auxílium máneat semper nobíscum.  *All:* **Amen***.* |  |  | *O God, come to my assistance. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As is was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, Amen. Alleluia*  ***Ant.*** *Mary hath been taken to heaven; \* the Angels rejoice; they praise and bless the Lord.*  *Psalm 109*  *1. The Lord said to my Lord: Sit thou at my right hand:*    *2. Until I make thy enemies \* thy footstool.*  *3. The Lord will send forth the sceptre of thy power out of Sion: \* rule thou in the midst of thy enemies.*  *4. With thee is the principality in the day of thy strength: in the brightness of the saints: \* from the womb before the day star I begot thee.*  *5. The Lord hath sworn, and he will not repent: \* Thou art a priest for ever according to the order of Melchisedech.*  *6. The Lord at thy right hand \* hath broken kings in the day of his wrath.*  *7. He shall judge among nations, he shall fill ruins: \* he shall crush the heads in the land of many.*  *8. He shall drink of the torrent in the way: \* therefore shall he lift up the head.*  *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As is was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.*  ***Ant.*** *Mary hath been taken to heaven; \* the Angels rejoice; they praise and bless the Lord.*  ***Ant****. The Virgin Mary hath been taken into the chamber on high, \* where the King of kings sitteth on a throne amid the stars.*  *Psalm 112*  *1. Praise the Lord, ye children: \* praise ye the name of the Lord.*  *2. Blessed be the name of the Lord, \* from henceforth now and for ever.*  *3. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, \* the name of the Lord is worthy of praise.*  *4. The Lord is high above all nations; \* and his glory above the heavens.*  *5. Who is as the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high: \* and looketh down on the low things in heaven and in earth?*  *6. Raising up the needy from the earth, \* and lifting up the poor out of the dunghill:*  *7. That he may place him with princes, \* with the princes of his people.*  *8. Who maketh a barren woman to dwell in a house, \* the joyful mother of children.*  *Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.*  ***Ant****. The Virgin Mary hath been taken into the chamber on high, \* where the King of kings sitteth on a throne amid the stars.*  ***Ant****. We run after thee, on the scent of thy perfumes \* the virgins love thee heartily.*  *Psalm 121*  *1. I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: \* We shall go into the house of the Lord.*  *2. Our feet were standing \* in thy courts, O Jerusalem.*  *3. Jerusalem, which is built as a city, \* which is compact together.*  *4. For thither did the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord: \* the testimony of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.*  *5. Because their seats have sat in judgment, \* seats upon the house of David.*  *6. Pray ye for the things that are for the peace of Jerusalem: \* and abundance for them that love thee.*  *7. Let peace be in thy strength: \* and abundance in thy towers.*  *8. For the sake of my brethren, and of my neighbours, \* I spoke peace of thee.*  *9. Because of the house of the Lord our God, \* I have sought good things for thee.*  *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.*  ***Ant****. We run after thee, on the scent of thy perfumes \* the virgins love thee heartily.*  ***Ant****. Blessed of the Lord art thou, O daughter, \* for by thee we have been given to eat of the fruit (of the tree) of Life.*  *Psalm 126*  *1. Unless the Lord build the house, \* they labour in vain that build it.*  *2. Unless the Lord keep the city, \* he watcheth in vain that keepeth it.*  *3. It is vain for you to rise before light, \* rise ye after you have sitten, you that eat the bread of sorrow.*  *4. When he shall give sleep to his beloved, \* behold the inheritance of the Lord are children: the reward, the fruit of the womb.*  *5. As arrows in the hand of the mighty, \* so the children of them that have been shaken.*  *6. Blessed is the man that hath filled the desire with them; \* he shall not be confounded when he shall speak to his enemies in the gate.*  *Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.*  ***Ant****. Blessed of the Lord art thou, O daughter, \* for by thee we have been given to eat of the fruit (of the tree) of Life.*  ***Ant.***  *Fair and comely art thou, O daughter of Jerusalem, \* terrible as a fenced camp set in battle array.*  *Psalm 147*  *1. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem: \* praise thy God, O Sion.*  *2. Because he hath strengthened the bolts of thy gates \* he hath blessed thy children within thee.*  *3. Who hath placed peace in thy borders: \* and filleth thee with the fat of corn.*  *4. Who sendeth forth his speech to the earth: \* his word runneth swiftly.*  *5. Who giveth snow like wool: \* scattereth mists like ashes.*  *6. He sendeth his crystal like morsels: \* who shall stand before the face of his cold?*  *7. He shall send out his word, and shall melt them: \* his wind shall blow, and the waters shall run.*  *8. Who declareth his word to Jacob: \* his justices and his judgments to Israel.*  *9. He hath not done in like manner to every nation: \* and his judgments he hath not made manifest to them.*  *Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen*  ***Ant.***  *Fair and comely art thou, O daughter of Jerusalem, \* terrible as a fenced camp set in battle array.*  *Chapter*  *Judith 13:22*  *The Lord has blessed thee in His strength, for through thee He drove back our enemies. O daughter, Thou art blessed by the Lord God on high, before all women upon the earth.*  *Thanks be to God.*  *Hymn:*  *1. O Virgin who was first to receive The Creator’s grace by the spirit,*  *Who was predestined by the Most High To bear in her womb the Son.*  *2. O woman, who was foretold to be The perpetual enemy of the demon;*  *Who alone was filled with grace, Undefiled from conception.*  *3. Thou who conceives Life itself in thy womb, Life that was lost by Adam;*  *Furnishing the divine Victim,A body for his sacrifice.*  *4. Death, the recompense for sin, Had no victory over thee, and now departs;*  *And then thou hastened bodily to heaven To be thy loving Son’s companion.*  *5. Illuminated by so great a Glory, All nature is raised up;*  *And in thee is called to reach The pinnacle of all glory and splendour.*  *6. In thy triumph, O our Queen, Turn thine eyes to us exiles;*  *That through thy patronage, We may come to heaven, our blessed homeland.*  *7. Praise to the Father! praise to Him, The Virgin’s holy Son!*  *Praise to the Spirit Paraclete,*  *While endless ages run!*  *Amen.*  *V. The holy Mother of God hath been exalted.*  *R. Over choirs of Angels, into the heavenly kingdom.*  *Prayer {from the Proper of the season} for the Magnificat Antiphon, the Magnificat, and the Collect.*  ***Ant.*** *Maiden most wise, whither goest thou up, like the dawn gloriously rising? \* O daughter of Zion, thou art all beautiful and pleasant, fair as the moon, clear as the sun.*  *(Canticle of the Blessed Virgin Luke 1:46-55)*  *1. My soul (*) *\* doth magnify the Lord.*  *2. And my spirit hath rejoiced \* in God my Saviour.*  *3. Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid; \* for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.*  *4. Because he that is mighty, hath done great things to me; \* and holy is his name.*  *5. And his mercy is from generation unto generations, \* to them that fear him.*  *6. He hath shewed might in his arm: \* he hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.*  *7. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, \* and hath exalted the humble.*  *8. He hath filled the hungry with good things; \* and the rich he hath sent empty away.*  *9. He hath received Israel his servant, \* being mindful of his mercy:*  *10. As he spoke to our fathers, \* to Abraham and to his seed for ever.*  *11. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*  *12. As is was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.*  ***Ant.*** *Maiden most wise, whither goest thou up, like the dawn gloriously rising? \* O daughter of Zion, thou art all beautiful and pleasant, fair as the moon, clear as the sun.*  *Prayer (the Proper of the season)*  *R. The Lord be with you.*  *V. And with thy spirit.*  *R. Let us pray*  *Almighty everlasting God, who hast taken body and soul into heaven the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of thy Son: grant, we beseech thee, that by steadfastly keeping heaven as our goal we may be counted worthy to join her in glory. Through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, Our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.*  *V. Amen.*  *Hymn:*  *1. Ave, star of ocean, Child divine who barest,*  *Mother, ever-virgin, Heaven's portal fairest.*  *2. Taking that sweet Ave Erst by Gabriel spoken,*  *Eva's name reversed, Be of peace the token.*  *3. Break the sinners' fetters, Light to blind restoring,*  *All our ills dispelling, Every boon imploring.*  *4. Show thyself a mother In thy supplication;*  *He will hear who chose thee At his incarnation.*  *5. Maid all maids excelling, Passing meek and lowly,*  *Win for sinners pardon, Make us chaste and holy.*  *6. As we onward journey Aid our weak endeavour,*  *Till we gaze on Jesus And rejoice forever.*  *7. Father, Son, and Spirit, Three in One confessing,*  *Give we equal glory Equal praise and blessing.*  *Amen.*  *V. The holy Mother of God hath been exalted.*  *R. Over choirs of Angels, into the heavenly kingdom.*  ***Ant.*** *Today the Blessed Virgin Mary \* ascended to heaven, rejoice; she reigns with Christ forever.*  *(Canticle of the Blessed Virgin Luke 1:46-55)*  *1. My soul (*) *\* doth magnify the Lord.*  *2. And my spirit hath rejoiced \* in God my Saviour.*  *3. Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid; \* for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.*  *4. Because he that is mighty, hath done great things to me; \* and holy is his name.*  *5. And his mercy is from generation unto generations, \* to them that fear him.*  *6. He hath shewed might in his arm: \* he hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.*  *7. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, \* and hath exalted the humble.*  *8. He hath filled the hungry with good things; \* and the rich he hath sent empty away.*  *9. He hath received Israel his servant, \* being mindful of his mercy:*  *10. 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O Saving Victim, opening wide The gate of heav’n to man below; Our foes press on from every side; Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.*  *2. To thy great name be endless praise, Immortal Godhead, One in Three; O grant us endless length of days In our true native land with Thee. Amen.*  *Hymn: Tantum ergo*  *1. Therefore we, before him bending, This great Sacrament revere; Types and shadows have their ending, For the new rite is here; Faith, our outward sense befriending, Makes the inward vision clear.*  *2. Glory let us give, and blessing To the Father and the Son; Honor, might, and praise addressing, While eternal ages run; Ever too his love confessing, Who from both, with both is one. Amen.*  *V. You gavest them Bread from heaven.*  *R. Containing within itself all sweetness.*  *V. Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood, help us to experience the salvation won for us and the peace of the kingdom, where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*  R. Amen.  *Hymn:*  *Let us worship forever the most holy Sacrament. Ps. O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise Him, all ye people. For His mercy is confirmed upon us: and the truth of the Lord remaineth for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*  *Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, O most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!*  *V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.*  *R. That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.*  *V. Let us pray.*  *Almighty, everlasting God, who by the cooperation of the Holy Spirit, didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin-Mother Mary to become a worthy dwelling for Thy Son; grant that we who rejoice in her commemoration may, by her loving intercession, be delivered from present evils and from the everlasting death.*  *R. Amen.*  *V. May the divine assistance remain always with us.*  *R. Amen.* |