

*st mary's catholic church
greenville, south carolina*



*solemn vespers
of the
second sunday of lent*

Throughout this celebration of Vespers, we will observe several prolonged periods of sacred silence, during which we are not simply waiting for the next thing to happen; we are, rather, waiting upon the LORD. Sacred silence is active and attentive — an invitation to deeper prayer and interior stillness.

✠ OPENING VERSE AND RESPONSE ✠

At the ringing of the bells, all stand as the procession enters the church. Upon reaching the chair the celebrant intones the opening verse, and all join in singing the response and doxology:

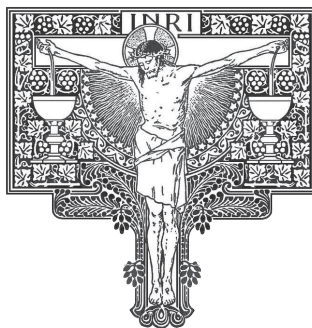
All make the sign of the cross.

Presiding minister: O God, ✠ come to my as - sis - tance. *Assembly:* Lord, make haste to help me.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.

All remain standing for the singing of the office hymn.



LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS

Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898

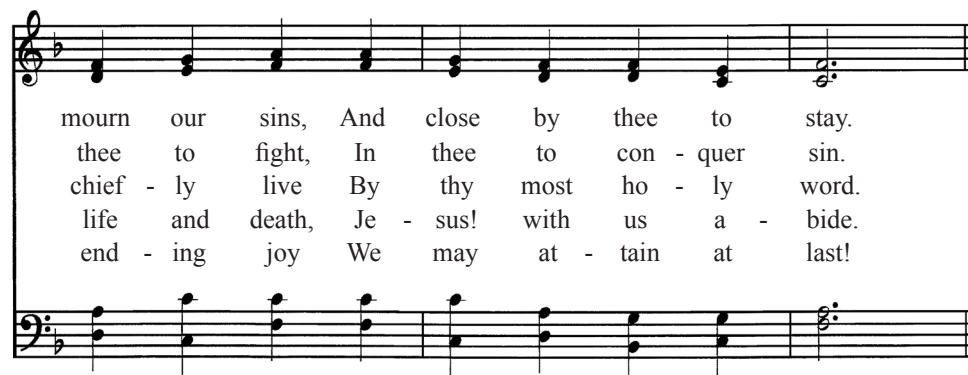
ST. FLAVIAN C. M.
John Day's Psalter, 1562



1. Lord, who through - out these for - ty days, For
2. As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, And
3. As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, So
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And
5. A - bide with us that when this life Of



us didst fast and pray, Teach us with thee to
didst the vic - t'ry win, O give us strength in
teach us, gra - cious Lord, To die to self, and
through thy Pass - ion - tide, Yea, ev - er - more, in
suf - f'ring o - ver - past, An East - er of un -



mourn our sins, And close by thee to stay.
thee to fight, In thee to con - quer sin.
chief - ly live By thy most ho - ly word.
life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!



✻ PSALMODY ✻



Antiphon: In holy splendor the Lord will send forth / your mighty
Schola scepter from Zion.

Psalm 110.1-5, 7

Schola The Lord's revelation to my Master:
 "Sit on my right:
 your foes I will put beneath your feet."

People The Lord will wield from Zion
 your scepter of power:
 rule in the midst of all your foes.

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

People The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
 "You are a priest for ever,
 a priest like Melchizedek of old."

Schola The Master standing at your right hand
 will shatter kings in the day of his great wrath.

People He shall drink from the stream by the wayside
 and therefore he shall lift up his head.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Spirit:
 as it was in the beginning, is now,
 and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon: In holy splendor the Lord will send forth / your mighty
All scepter from Zion.



Antiphon: We worship the one true God / who made heaven and earth.
Schola

Psalm 115

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

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

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

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

Schola Sons of Israel, trust in the Lord;
he is their help and their shield.
Sons of Aaron, trust in the Lord;
he is their help and their shield.

People You who fear him, trust in the Lord;
he is their help and their shield.
He remembers us, and he will bless us;
He will bless the sons of Israel.
He will bless the sons of Aaron.

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

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

Schola The dead shall not praise the Lord,
nor those who go down into the silence.
But we who live bless the Lord
now and forever. Amen.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon: We worship the one true God / who made heaven and earth.
All





Antiphon: God did not spare his own Son / but gave him up for us all.
Schola

1 Peter 2.21-24

Schola Christ suffered for you,
and left you an example
to have you follow in his footsteps.

People He did no wrong;
no deceit was found in his mouth.
When he was insulted,
he returned no insult.

Schola When he was made to suffer,
he did not counter with threats.
Instead he delivered himself up
to the One who judges justly.

People In his own body
He brought your sins to the cross,
so that all of us, dead to sin,
could live in accord with God's will.

Schola By his wounds you were healed.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon: God did not spare his own Son / but gave him up for us all.
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✠ READING ✠

1 Corinthians 9.24-25

While all the runners in the stadium take part in the race, the award goes to one man. In that case, run so as to win! Athletes deny themselves all sorts of things. They do this to win a crown of leaves that withers, but we a crown that is imperishable.

✠ ANTHEM ✠

Let My Complaint Come Before Thee

Adrian Batten

Let my complaint come before thee, O Lord: give me understanding, according to thy word. Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me, according to thy word. My lips shall speak of thy praise: when thou hast taught me thy statutes. Yea, my tongue shall sing of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteous. Let thine hand help me: for I have chosen thy commandments. O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee: and thy judgements shall help me.



RESPONSORY

Schola: Listen to us, O Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.

People:

Listen to us, O Lord, and have mercy,
for we have sinned a - gainst_ you.

Schola: Christ Jesus, hear our humble petitions,

People:

For we have sinned a - gainst_ you.

Schola: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

People:

Listen to us, O Lord, and have mercy,
for we have sinned a - gainst_ you.



✠ CANTICLE OF MARY ✠

Magnificat

Thomas Morley

Antiphon: Tell no one about the vision you have seen until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.

When Mary visited Elizabeth before their sons were born, Elizabeth proclaimed her faith in the Word made flesh, who then lived inside of His mother. Elizabeth cried out “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” In response, Mary sang of her confidence in God’s love and providential plan for each of us, and this hymn of praise is known as the “Magnificat” from its first word in the Latin text. As the schola sings this canticle all make the Sign of the Cross at the beginning of the text (Luke 1.46-55) which in the Revised Standard Version is rendered:

✠ My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.
For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed;
for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm,
He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts,
he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree.
He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away.
He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
As he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity forever.

Antiphon: Tell no one about the vision you have seen until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.



Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us offer the prayer Christ himself taught us:

✠ OUR FATHER ✠

Pa - ter no - ster, qui es in cae - lis: san - cti - fi - cé - tur
no - men tu - um; ad - vé - ni - at re - gnum tu - um;
fi - at vo - lún - tas tu - a, si - cut in cae - lo, et in ter - ra.
Pa - nem no - strum co - ti - di - á - num da no - bis hó - di - e;
et di - mít - te no - bis dé - bi - ta no - stra, si - cut et nos di -
mít - ti - mus de - bi - tó - ri - bus no - stris; et ne nos in -
dú - cas in ten - ta - ti - ó - nem; sed lí - be - ra nos a ma - lo.

Concluding Prayer

Blessing and Dismissal



Page six: Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist, Spokane, Washington. (20th century.)

Page nine: Tiziano Vecelli (Titian). *Christ Carrying the Cross*. (1565).