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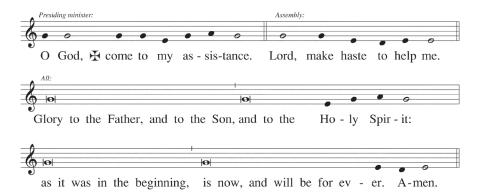


solemn vespers of the third sanday of lent Throughout this celebration of Vespers, we will observe several prolonged periods of sacred silence, during which we are not simply waiting for the next thing to happen; we are, rather, waiting upon the LORD. Sacred silence is active and attentive — an invitation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



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.



All remain standing for the singing of the office hymn.



#### THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS



Text: Clarum decus jejunii; Gregory the Great, c.540-604; Tr. by Maurice F. Bell, 1862-1947 Tune: ERHALT UNS HERR, LM; Klug's Geistliche Lieder, 1543; Harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685-1750



All sit. Before each psalm the organist will introduce the psalm tone, and the schola will intone the antiphon. The people and the schola will sing the psalms in alternation, and each line of the psalms should be sung without pause for punctuation. Immediately following the doxology, the people and the schola sing the antiphon together.

#### PSALMODY



Antiphon:Lord, all-powerful King, / free us for the sake of your name. /ScholaGive us time to turn from our sins.

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:	Lord, all-powerful King, / free us for the sake of your name. / Give us time to turn from our sins

All Give us time to turn from our sins.



Antiphon: <i>Schola</i>	We have been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, / the lamb without blemish.
	Psalm 111
Schola	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.
People	Majestic and glorious his word, his justice stands firm forever. He makes us remember his wonders. The Lord is compassion and love.
Schola	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.
People	His works are justice and truth; his precepts are all of them sure, standing firm forever and ever; they are made in uprightness and truth.
Schola	He has sent deliverance to his people and established his covenant forever. Holy is his name, to be feared.
People	To fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who do so prove themselves wise. His praise shall last forever!
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: <i>All</i>	We have been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, / the lamb without blemish.



Antiphon:	Ours were the sufferings he bore; / ours the torments
Schola	he endured.

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: <i>All</i>	Ours were the sufferings he bore; / ours the torments he endured.

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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.



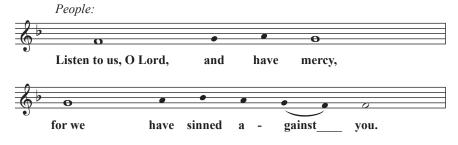
Lord, Let Me Know Mine End Psalm 39 Maurice Greene

Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days: that I may be certified how long I have to live. Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long: and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity. For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain: he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them. And now, Lord, what is my hope: truly my hope is even in thee. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling: hold not thy peace at my tears. O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength: before I go hence and be no more seen.

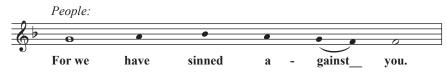




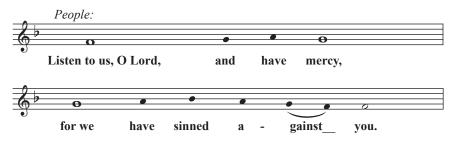
Schola: Listen to us, O Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.



Schola: Christ Jesus, hear our humble petitions,



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





## CANTICLE OF MARY

#### Magnificat

Falso Bardone, Tonus Peregrinus, William Byrd

Antiphon: Whoever drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again, says the Lord.

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:

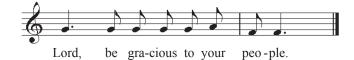
My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.
For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
And his mercy is on those who fear him from 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: Whoever drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again, says the Lord.



#### Intercessions

The celebrant introduces the intercessions, and after each petition all respond:



- *Celebrant* All praise to God the Father who brought his chosen people to rebirth from imperishable seed through his eternal Word. Let us ask him as his children:
- All Lord, be gracious to your people.
- *Celebrant* God of mercy, hear the prayers we offer for all your people, may they hunger for your word more than for bodily food.
- All Lord, be gracious to your people.
- *Celebrant* Give us a sincere and active love for our own nation and for all mankind, may we work always to build a world of peace and goodness.
- All Lord, be gracious to your people.
- *Celebrant* Look with love on all to be reborn in baptism, that they may be living stones in your temple of the Spirit.
- All Lord, be gracious to your people.
- *Celebrant* You moved Nineveh to repentance by the preaching of Jonah, in your mercy touch the hearts of sinners by the preaching of your word.
- All Lord, be gracious to your people.
- *Celebrant* May the dying go in hope to meet Christ their judge, may they rejoice for ever in the vision of your glory.
- *All Lord, be gracious to your people.*

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



**Concluding Prayer** 

Blessing and Dismissal

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Page seven: Titian. Christ on the Way to Calvary. (c. 1560).