

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



*solemn vespers
of the
fifth 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 ✠

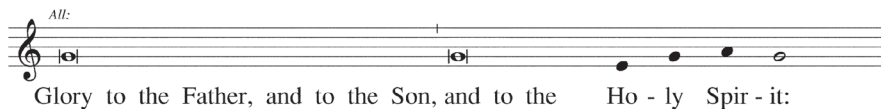
At the ringing of the bells, all stand as the procession enters the church. Upon reaching the chair the celebrant intones the opening verse, and all join in singing the response and doxology:

All make the sign of the cross.

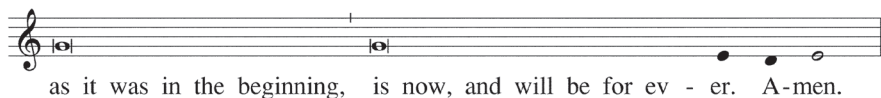
Presiding minister: O God, ✠ come to my as - sis - tance. *Assembly:* Lord, make haste to help me.



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.



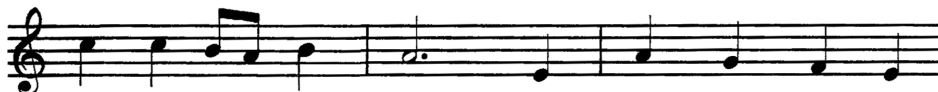
O SACRED HEAD SURROUNDED

Paulus Gerhardt, 1607-1676
Translation Composite

PASSION CHORALE 76. 76. D.
Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612
Harm. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750



1. O Sa - cred Head sur - round - ed By
2. I see thy strength and vig - or All
3. In this, thy bit - ter pas - sion, Good



crown of pierc - ing thorn! O bleed - ing Head, so
fad - ing in the strife, And death with cru - el
Shep - herd, think of me With thy most sweet com -



wound - ed, Re - viled and put to scorn!
rig - or, Be - reav - ing thee of life;
pas - sion, Un - worth - y though I be:



Death's pal - lid hue comes o'er thee, The
O ag - o - ny and dy - ing! O
Be - neath thy cross a - bid - ing For -



glow of life de - cays, Yet an - gel hosts a -
love to sin - ners free! Je - sus, all grace sup -
ev - er would I rest, In thy dear love con -



dore thee, And trem - ble as they gaze.
ply - ing, O turn thy face on me.
fid - ing, And with thy pres - ence blest.

PSALMODY



Antiphon: As the serpent was lifted up in the desert, / so the Son
Schola of Man must be lifted up.

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: As the serpent was lifted up in the desert, / so the Son
All of Man must be lifted up.



Antiphon: The Lord of hosts protects us and sets us free; / he guides
Schola and saves his people.

Psalm 114

Schola When Israel came forth from Egypt,
Jacob's sons from an alien people,
Judah became the Lord's temple,
Israel became his kingdom.

People The sea fled at the sight:
the Jordan turned back on its course,
the mountains leapt like rams
and the hills like yearling sheep.

Schola Why was it, sea, that you fled,
that you turned back, Jordan, on your course?
Mountains, that you leapt like rams,
hills, like yearling sheep?

People Tremble, O earth, before the Lord,
in the presence of the God of Jacob,
who turns the rock into a pool
and flint into a spring of water.

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: The Lord of hosts protects us and sets us free; / he guides
All and saves his people.



✠ READING ✠

Acts 13.26-30

My brothers, it was to us that this message of salvation was sent forth. The inhabitants of Jerusalem and their rulers failed to recognize him, and in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets which we read sabbath after sabbath. Even though they found no charge against him which deserved death, they begged Pilate to have him executed. Once they had thus brought about all that had been written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. Yet God raised him from the dead.

✠ ANTHEM ✠

Remember Not, Lord, Our Offences

Henry Purcell

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever. Spare us, good Lord.



✻ 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,

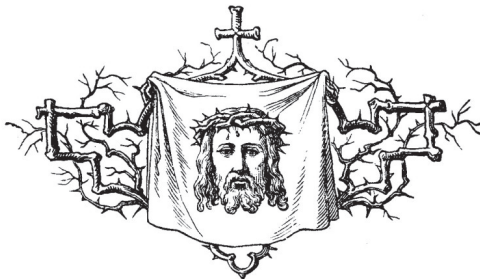
People:

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

Robert Lee

Antiphon: When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself.

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: When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself.



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

