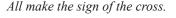
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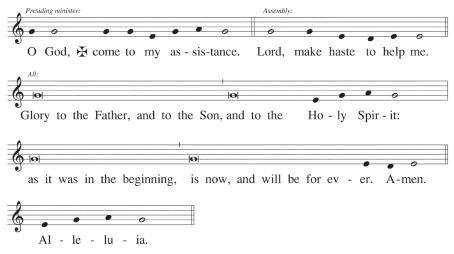


solemn vespers of pentecost Throughout this celebration of Vespers, we will observe several prolonged periods of sacred silence, during which we are not simply waiting for the next thing to happen; we are, rather, waiting upon the LORD. Sacred silence is active and attentive — an invitation to deeper 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 remain standing for the singing of the office hymn.



#### COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE



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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: <i>Schola</i>	The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world, alleluia.
	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:	The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world,

All alleluia.



Antiphon:	Send us your strength, O God, from your holy temple in
Schola	Jerusalem, and perfect your work in us, alleluia.

#### 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: <i>All</i>	Send us your strength, O God, from your holy temple i Jerusalem, and perfect your work in us, alleluia.



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Antiphon: <i>Schola</i>	All were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak, alleluia.
	Revelation Canticle
Schola	Alleluia. Salvation, glory, and power to our God: Alleluia. His judgments are honest and true. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People	Alleluia. Sing praise to our God, all you his servants; Alleluia. all who worship him reverently, great and small. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Schola	Alleluia. The Lord our all-powerful God is King, Alleluia. let us rejoice, sing praise, and give him glory. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People	Alleluia. The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun, Alleluia. and his bride is prepared to welcome him. Alleluia. Alleluia.
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:	All were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak,

All alleluia.



## READING

Ephesians 4.3-6

Make every effort to preserve the unity which has the Spirit as its origin and peace as its binding force. There is but one body and one Spirit, just as there is but one hope given all of you by your call. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all, and works through all, and is in all.

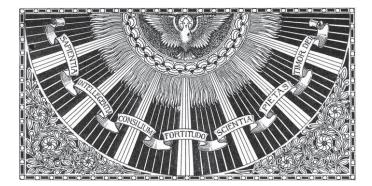


ANTHEM

Confirma hoc, Deus

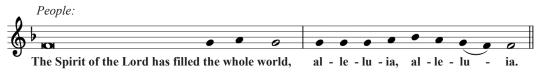
Confirma hoc, Deus, quod operatus es in nobis. Tibi offerent reges munera. A templo sancto tuo quod est in Jerusalem. Alleluia. William Byrd

Confirm, O God, that which you have accomplished in our midst; from your holy temple which is in Jerusalem, kings shall offer presents to you, alleluia.



## RESPONSORY

Schola: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world, alleluia, alleluia.



Schola: He sustains all creation and knows every word that is spoken.



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







#### Magnificat

Service in A; Herbert Sumsion

Antiphon: Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, alleluia; on this day the Holy Spirit appeared before the apostles in tongues of fire and gave them his spiritual gifts. He sent them out to preach to the whole world, and to proclaim that all who believe and are baptized shall be saved, alleluia.

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, 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.

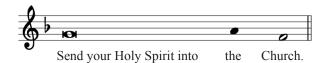
He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

As he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity forever. (Luke 1.46-55)

Antiphon: Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, alleluia; on this day the Holy Spirit appeared before the apostles in tongues of fire and gave them his spiritual gifts. He sent them out to preach to the whole world, and to proclaim that all who believe and are baptized shall be saved, alleluia.



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



- Celebrant God the Father has gathered his Church in unity through Christ. With joy in our hearts let us ask him:
- All Send your Holy Spirit into the Church.
- *Celebrant* You desire the unity of all Christians through one baptism in the Spirit, make all who believe one in heart and soul.
- All Send your Holy Spirit into the Church.
- *Celebrant* You desire the whole world to be filled with the Spirit, help all mankind to build a world of justice and peace.
- All Send your Holy Spirit into the Church.
- *Celebrant* Lord God, Father of all mankind, you desire to gather together your scattered children in unity of faith, enlighten the world by the grace of the Holy Spirit.
- All Send your Holy Spirit into the Church.
- Celebrant Through the Spirit you make all things new, heal the sick, comfort the distressed, give salvation to all.
- All Send your Holy Spirit into the Church.
- *Celebrant* Through the Spirit you raised your Son from the dead, raise up the bodies of the dead into everlasting life.
- All Send your Holy Spirit into the Church.

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



**Concluding Prayer** 

Blessing and Dismissal



Page eight: Duccio di Buoninsegna. Pentecost. (c. 1308).