



PALM SUNDAY

*Vespers*

SAINT PETER CATHEDRAL

ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

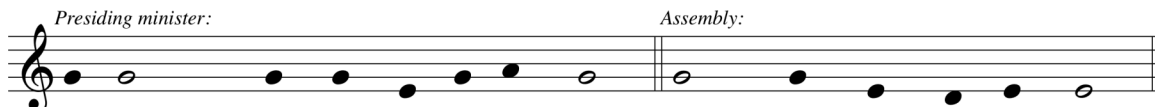
**V**espers, or Evening Prayer, is one of the key prayer times of the Liturgy of the Hours, the official daily prayer of the Church. Vespers consists of hymns, psalms, canticles, a reading from Sacred Scripture, Mary's Magnificat, our intercessions and the Lord's Prayer. The Liturgy of the Hours deepens our appreciation for the rich tradition that is our Catholic faith.

The "hinges" of the Liturgy of the Hours are Morning and Evening Prayer. During Morning Prayer (Lauds), we dedicate the day to the Lord and ask that our work, and the work of the Church, is blessed so that we become leaven for the world. In Evening Prayer (Vespers), we thank God for the gift of light (i.e., Christ our Light) and we make petition for divine protection during the night.

## INVITATORY

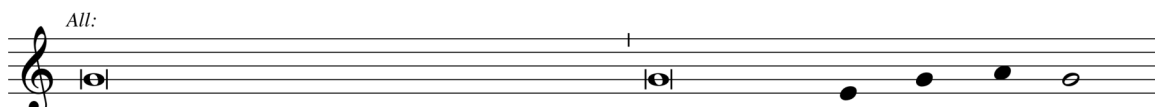
*Stand. All make the sign of the cross.*

*Presiding minister:* *Assembly:*

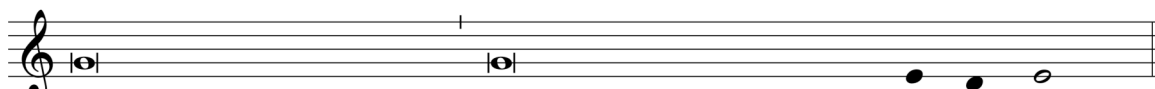


O God, ✠ come to my as-sis-tance. Lord, make haste to help me.

*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.

# HYMN

*Sung by all*

## WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS



1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, The pain and
4. Were ev - 'ry realm of na - ture mine, My gift would



1. Prince of glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
2. death of Christ, my Lord; The vain things that now
3. love flow min - gled down; Did e'er such love and
4. still be far too small: Love so a - maz - ing,



1. count but loss, And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
2. tempt me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
3. sor - row meet, Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
4. so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: LM; Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

# PSALMODY

*Sung antiphonally*

## ANTIPHON I

Psalm 110

*The Messiah, king and priest*



Psalm Tone: Dr. Richard Robert Rossi

**ANTIPHON** (Cantor/All repeat)

**Christ was scourged and treated with contempt,**

**(c) but God's right hand has raised him UP.**

**I** The Lord's revelation to my Master:

"Sit on my RIGHT:

your foes I will put be-neath your FEET."

**II** The Lord will wield from Zion

your scep-ter of POW-er,

rule in the midst of all your FOES.

**I** A prince from the day of your birth

on the ho-ly MOUN-tain;

from the womb before the dawn I be-GOT you.

**II** The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change,

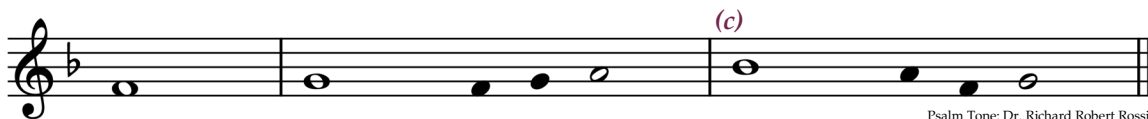
"you are a priest for-EV-er,

a priest like Melchize-dek of OLD."

**I** The Master standing at your right hand

will shat-ter KINGS

All in the day of his great WRATH.



Psalm Tone: Dr. Richard Robert Rossi

All Glory be to the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and *ev-er* SHALL be  
world without *end*. *A*-MEN.

**ANTIPHON (All)**

**Christ was scourged and treated with contempt,  
(c) but God's right hand has *raised him* UP.**

## ANTIPHON II

Psalm 115

*Praise of the true God*



Psalm Tone: Howard Hughes

**ANTIPHON (Cantor/All repeat)**

**The blood of Christ washes away *our* SINS  
(d) and makes us worthy to SERVE the living GOD.**

I Not to us, Lord, not *to* US,  
but to your name give *the* GLO-ry  
for the sake of your love and *your* TRUTH,  
lest the heathen say: "WHERE is their GOD?"

II But our God is in *the* HEAV-ens,  
He does whatever *he* WILLS.  
Their idols are silver *and* GOLD,  
the work of HU-man HANDS.

*(Psalm continues on next page)*



Psalm Tone: Howard Hughes

I They have mouths but they can-not SPEAK;  
they have eyes but they can-not SEE,  
They have ears but they can-not HEAR,  
they have nostrils but they CAN-not SMELL.

II With their hands they can-not FEEL;  
with their feet they can-not WALK,  
No sound comes from their mouths,/

their makers will come to be like THEM.  
and so will all who TRUST in THEM.

I 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.

II 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 IS-rael.  
he will bless the CHILD-ren of AAR-on.

I The Lord will bless those who FEAR him,  
the little no less than the GREAT:  
to you may the lord grant IN-crease,  
to you and ALL your CHILD-ren.



II May you be blessed by the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and EARTH.  
The heavens belong to the LORD  
but to us he has GIV-en the EARTH.

I The dead shall not praise the LORD,  
nor those who go down into the SI-lence.  
But we who live bless the LORD  
All now and for-EV-er, a-MEN.

All Glory be to the Father, the Son and Ho-ly SPIR-it,  
as it was in the be-GIN-ning,  
is now, and ever shall BE,  
world without END, a-MEN.

ANTIPHON (All)

**The blood of Christ washes away our SINS  
(d) and makes us worthy to SERVE the living GOD.**



# ANTIPHON III (CANTICLE)

1 Peter 2

*The willing acceptance of his passion  
by Christ, the servant of God*



Psalm Tone: Dr. Richard Robert Rossi

## ANTIPHON (Cantor/All repeat)

**Christ bore our sins  
in his own body on the CROSS  
so that we might die to SIN  
and be alive to all that is GOOD.**

- I** Christ suffered for you,  
and left you an ex-AM-ple.  
to have you FOL-low  
in his FOOT-steps.
- II** He did no wrong;  
no deceit was found in his MOUTH.  
When he was in-SULT-ed  
he re-turned no IN-sult.
- I** When he was made to suffer,  
he did not count-er with THREATS.  
instead he delivered him-self UP  
to the One who judg-es JUST-ly.
- II** 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.  
By his wounds you were HEALED.





All Glory be to the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit,  
 as it was in *the be-GIN-ning*,  
 is now, and ev-er *shall BE*,  
 world without *end, a-MEN*.

**ANTIPHON (All)**

**Christ bore our sins  
 in his own body *on the* CROSS  
 so that we might *die to* SIN  
 and be alive to all *that is* GOOD.**



## READING


ACTS 13: 26-30

My brothers, it was to us that the 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 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.

## HOMILY


## RESPONSORY

(Cantor/all repeat)




We wor - ship you, O Christ, and we \_\_\_\_\_ praise you.

(Cantor)




Be - cause by your cross you have re - deemed the world

(All)




and we \_\_\_\_\_ praise you.

(Cantor)



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

(All)



We wor - ship you, O Christ, and we \_\_\_\_\_ praise you.

# MAGNIFICAT (Please stand)

*My Soul Rejoices in the Lord*



## ANTIPHON (Cantor/All repeat)

**It is written: / I will strike the shepherd and  
his flock shall be SCAT-tered.**

**But when I have RIS-en,  
I will go before you into GAL-ilee  
There you shall see me, says the LORD.**

- I** My soul + proclaims the greatness of the LORD;  
my spirit rejoices in God, my SAV-ior,  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly SER-vant.  
From this day all generations will call me BLESSED.
- II** The Almighty has done great THINGS for me,  
and holy is his NAME.  
He has mercy on those who FEAR him  
in every gen-er-A-tion.
- I** He has shown the strength of his ARM;  
He has scattered the proud in their con-CEIT.  
He has cast down the mighty from their THRONES,  
and has lifted up the LOW-ly.
- All** he has filled the hungry with good THINGS,  
**(d)** and the rich he has sent a-way EMP-ty.

*(Magnificat continues on next page)*



Psalm Tone: Dr. Richard Robert Rossi

II He has come to the help of his *ser-vant* IS-rael,  
For he has remembered his promise of MER-cy,  
the promise he made to our FA-thers,  
to Abraham and his child-*ren* *for* EV-er.

All Glory be to the Father, the Son and *Ho-ly* SPIR-it,  
as it was in the be-GIN-ning,  
is now, and ev-er SHALL be,  
world without *end*, a-MEN.

ANTIPHON (All)

**It is written: / I will strike the shepherd and  
his flock *shall be* SCAT-tered.**

**But when I have RIS-en,**

**I will go before you into GAL-ilee**

**There you shall see me, *says the* LORD.**



## INTERCESSIONS

The Savior of the world, by dying destroyed death and by rising again restored life. Let us humbly ask him:

(All respond)

**Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.**

Redeemer of the world, give us a greater share of your passion through a deeper spirit of repentance, so that we may share the glory of your resurrection.

(All respond)

**Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.**

May your Mother, comfort of the afflicted, protect us, may we console others as you console us.

(All respond)

**Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.**

Look with love on those who suffer because of our indifference, come to their aid, and turn our uncaring hearts to works of justice and charity.

(All respond)

**Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.**

You humbled yourself by being obedient even to accepting death, death on a cross, give all who serve you the gifts of obedience and patient endurance.

(All respond)

**Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.**

Transform the bodies of the dead to be like your own in glory, and bring us at last into their fellowship.

*(All respond)*

**Sanctify your people, redeemed by your blood.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

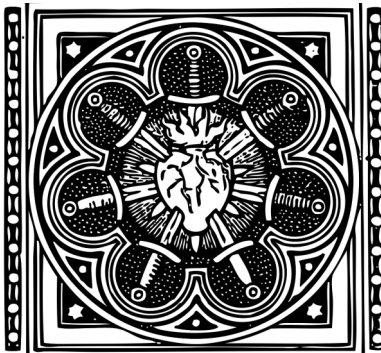
### **FINAL PRAYER**

Almighty, ever-living God, you have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility. He fulfilled your will by becoming man and giving his life on the cross. Help us to bear witness to you by following his example of suffering and make us worthy to share his resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

*(All respond)*

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING & DISMISSAL**





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