

SECOND VESPERS
WITH BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
ON THE SOLEMNITY OF
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST


We welcome our visitors to St. James Cathedral and to Sunday Vespers. In keeping with a long tradition in cathedral churches, the Office of Vespers, along with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, is prayed each Sunday in the cathedral, linking St. James with cathedral churches throughout the world. We invite your prayerful participation.

LUCERNARIUM

OFFERING OF LIGHT

please stand

Cantor: 
Light and peace in Je-sus Christ our Lord.

ALL: 
Thanks be to God.

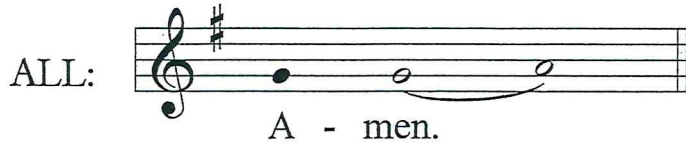
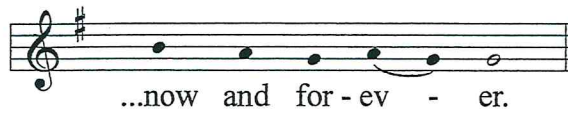
Procession from the Paschal Candle

Cantor: 
Let us give thanks to God the Fa-ther, al-ways and for ev-ery-thing,

ALL: *all make the sign of the cross*


In the name of our Lord Je-sus Christ.

The cantor proclaims the evening thanksgiving, which ends:



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

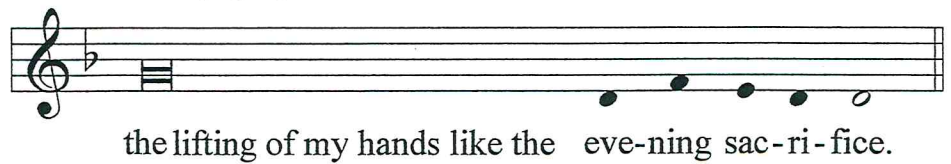
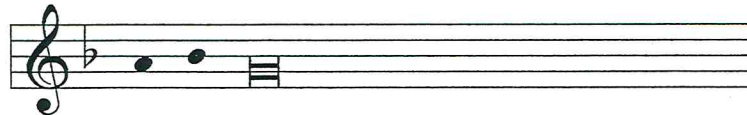
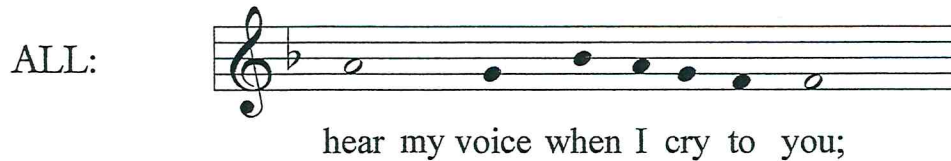
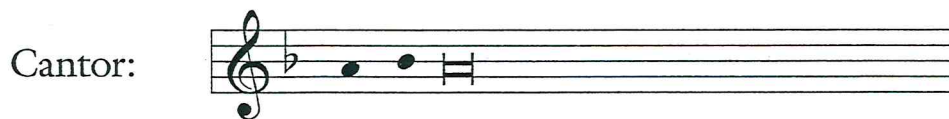
INCENSATION AND SONG

please kneel

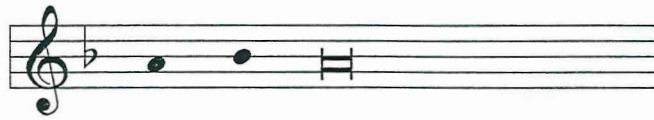
Psalm 141
Domine, clamavi

Refrain

Cantor: ALL:



Refrain



Lord, keep watch over my mouth,



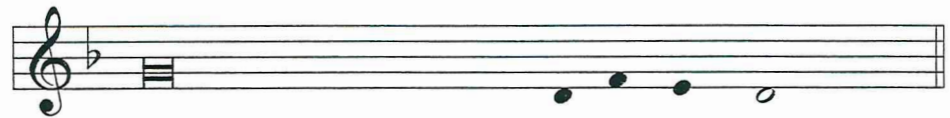
stand guard at the door of my lips.



Keep my heart from straying toward evil,

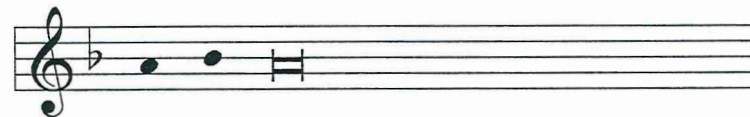


and from sharing in the wicked deeds of sinners;



no, never let me eat of their delicate foods.

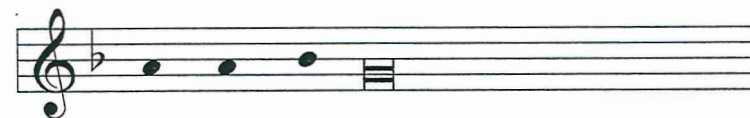
Refrain



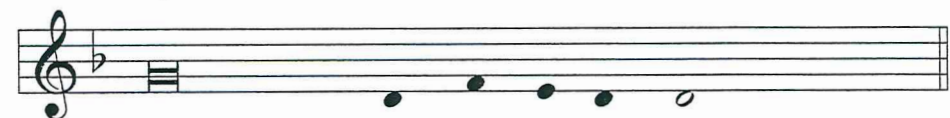
Let the righteous strike me and it is kindness,



rebuke me and it is oil upon my head.

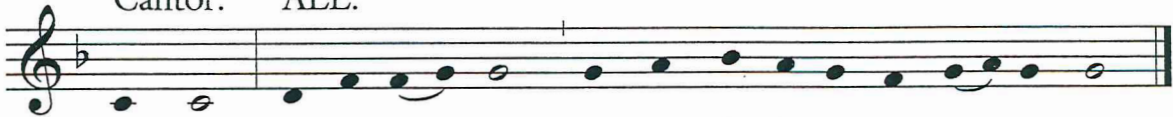


My brow will not refuse such anointing,

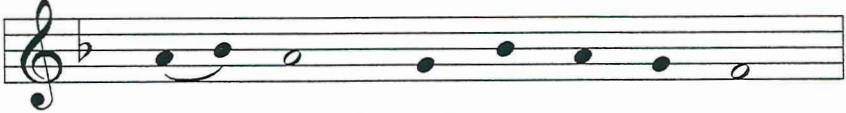


for in such afflictions I still pray.

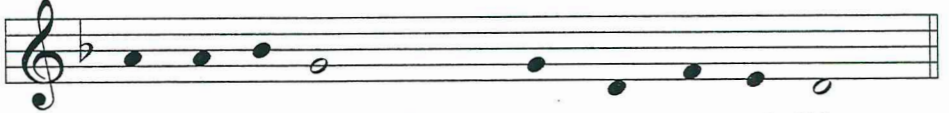
Cantor: ALL:



My prayers rise like in - cense; my hands like the eve-ning sa - cri - fice.

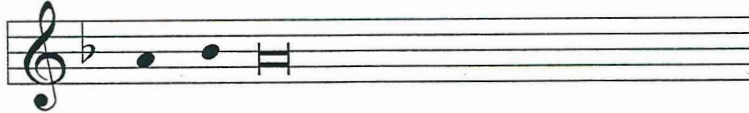


Toward you, O Lord, mine eyes are turned;



in you I take refuge, strip me not of life.

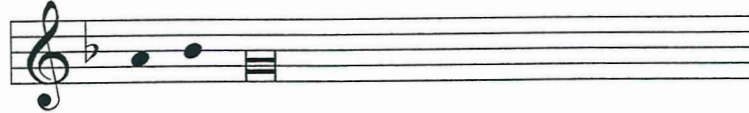
Refrain



Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son,



and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



as it was in the beginning, is now,



and will be for e - ver. A - men.

Refrain

Presider: Let us pray.

Collect to Psalm 141

ALL: Amen.

1. Alleluia! sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, His the victory alone:
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation, Hath redeemed us by his Blood.
2. Alleluia! Bread of angels, Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful Flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.
3. Alleluia! King eternal, Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary, Earth thy footstool, heav'n thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
 Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim In the Eucharistic feast.

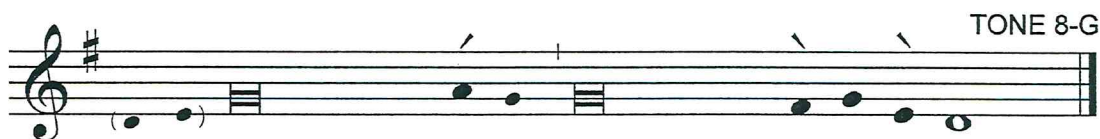
From ancient times it has been the custom to pray the Psalms antiphonally. At St. James Cathedral, this practice is continued by alternating sides. Please join in singing with the group nearest your seat.

PSALMODY

please be seated

Psalm 110
Dixit Dominus

Antiphon sung by the Cantor.



Cantor: The word of the Most High to the *Lórd*: *

I "Sit enthroned at my *rìght* hand,

II while I cast your foes down be-*fóre* you, *
a footstool for re-*cèiv*-ing *yòur* feet."

I ↓The Most High is taking your mighty staff ↓
and extending it forth out of *Zí*-on: *
"Rule your foes *àll* a-*ròund* you.

II Yours is might on your *bát*-tle day, *
majestic in your *sà*-cred *vèst*-ure.

I Like dew from the womb of *dáy*-break, *
I beget you fresh *ìn* your *vì*-gor."

II ↓The Most High unchanging is sworn: ↓
"You are a priest for *é*-ver *
In the likeness of *Kìng* *Mel*-*chì*-zedek."

I The Lord enthroned at the *rìght* *
is crushing kings *ìn* his *àn*-ger,

II making justice rule in the *ná*-tions, *
crushing the *hèads* of *mà*-ny lands.

I He drinks from the stream by the *róad*-side *
and so he *lifts* up *hìs* head. *please stand*

—*BOW*—

II Glory to the Father, and to the *Són*, *
and to the *Hò*-ly *Spì*-rit,

—*STAND upright*—

I as it was in the beginning, is *nów*, *
and will be for *è*-ver. *À*-men.

The Cantor repeats the Antiphon.

Presider: Let us pray.

Collect to Psalm 110

ALL: **Amen.**

please be seated

Psalm 116:10-19

Credidi, propter

Antiphon sung by the Cantor.



Cantor: I trust-ed, even when I *sáid*: *

I “I am sore-*ly* af-*flict*-ed,”

II and when I said in my a-*lárm*: *

“There is no *òne* I *càn* trust.”

- I How can I repay the *Lórd* *
for God's *gòod-ness* tò me?
- II The cup of salvation I will *ráise*; *
I will call òn the *Lòrd's* name.
- I My vows to the Lord I will *ful-fill* *
before *àll* the *pèò-ple*.
- II O precious in the eyes of the *Lórd* *
is the death òf the *fàith-ful*.
- I Your servant, Lord, your servant am *Í*; *
you have *lòos-ened* *my* bonds.
- II A thanksgiving sacrifice I *máke*; *
I will call òn the *Lòrd's* name.
- I My vows to the Lord I will *ful-fill* *
before *àll* the *pèò-ple*,
- II in the courts of the house of the *Lórd*, *
in your midst, Ò *Je-rù-salem*. *please stand*
- BOW*—
- I Glory to the Father, and to the *Són*, *
and to the *Hò-ly Spì-rit*,
- STAND upright*—
- II as it was in the beginning, is *nów*, *
and will be for *è-ver*. *À-men*.

The Cantor repeats the Antiphon.

Presider: Let us pray.

Collect to Psalm 116

ALL: **Amen.**

please remain standing

RESPONSORY

Cantor:




He gave them bread from hea - ven, *

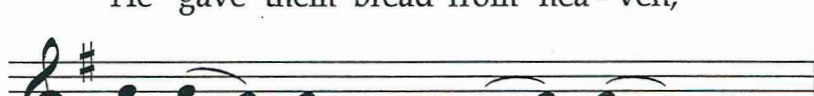


al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

ALL:



He gave them bread from hea - ven, *



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor:




We have eat - en the bread of an - gels, *

ALL:

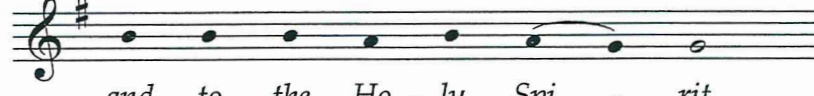


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Cantor:




Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,

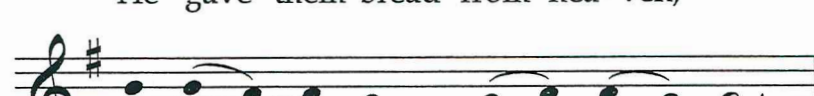


and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit.

ALL:



He gave them bread from hea - ven, *



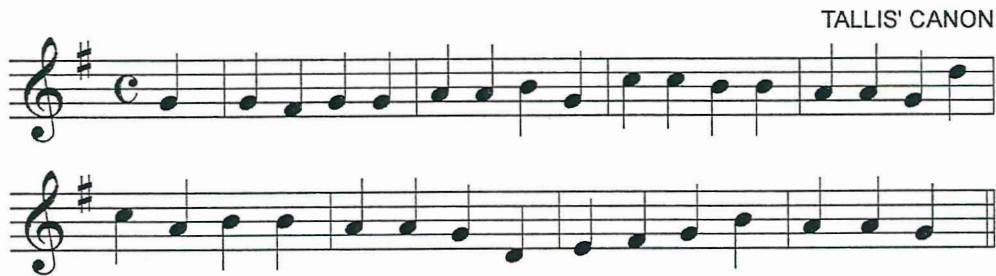
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GOSPEL CANTICLE

please stand

Luke 1:46-55
Magnificat anima mea

Magnificat antiphon sung by the Cantor.



—*ALL MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS*—

✠ My soul proclaims the Lord is great,
my spirit celebrates his name,
for God, my Savior, has looked down
to favor me, his servant maid.

Thus from this day each age to come
shall call me blessed, for the Lord,
Almighty God, the Holy One,
great things for me has surely done.

God's tender mercies rest with those
in every age who fear his name,
While God, with mighty arm upraised,
dispels the proud in their conceit.

God casts the mighty from their thrones,
God lifts the lowly of the earth;
God fills the hungry with good food,
and sends the rich in want away.

God's servant Israel to aid,
God comes in keeping of his word,
once giv'n ancestors long ago
to Abraham and all his seed.

—*BOW*—

High praise to God the Father be,
to Son and Spirit equally,

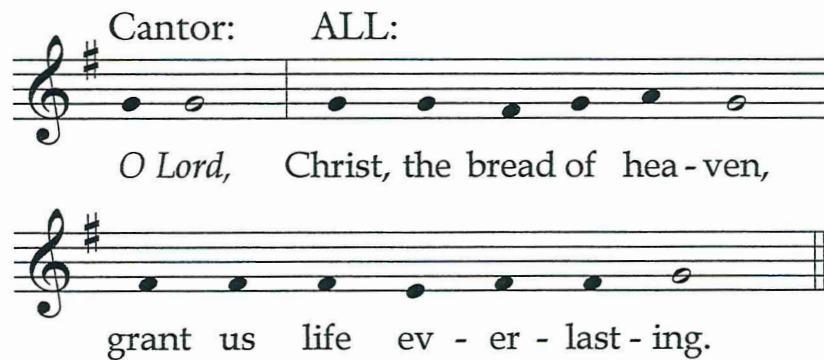
—*STAND upright*—

as from the first, so now and still
through every age to come. Amen.

The Cantor repeats the antiphon.

INTERCESSIONS

Cantor: ALL:



O Lord, Christ, the bread of heaven,
grant us life ever-lasting.

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: Let us pray.

ALL: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

please kneel

1. Tan-tum er - go Sa - cra - mén - tum
 2. Ge - ni - tó - ri, Ge - ni - tó - que
 1. Come a - dore this won-drous pres - ence,
 2. To the e - ver - last - ing Fa - ther,

Ve - ne - ré - mur cér - nu - i: Et an - tí - quum
 Laus et ju - bi - lá - ti - o, Sa - lus, ho - nor,
Bow to Christ the source of grace. Here is kept the
and the Son who reigns on high, with the Spi - rit

do - cu - mén - tum No - vo ce - dat rí - tu - i;
 vir - tus quo - que Sit et be - ne - díc - ti - o:
an - cient pro - mise Of God's earth - ly dwell - ing place.
blest pro - ceed - ing forth from each e - ter - nal - ly,

Præ - stet fi - des sup - ple - mén - tum
 Pro - ce - dén - ti ab u - tró - que
Sight is blind be - fore God's glo - ry,
be sal - va - tion, ho - nor, bless - ing,

Sén - su - um de - féc - tu - i. A - men.
 Com - par sit lau - dá - ti - o. A - men.
Faith a - lone may see his face.
might and end - less ma - jes - ty. A - men.

Presider: You have given them bread from heaven,
 ALL: **Having all sweetness within it.**

EUCCHARISTIC COLLECT

ALL: Amen.

DIVINE PRAISES

REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

After the Sacrament has been reposed, all stand, turn towards the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the north transept and sing the Marian hymn.

Salve, Regina

Sal-ve, Re-gí-na, ma-ter mi-se-ri-cór-di-æ; Vi-ta, dul-cé-do
et spes no-stra sal-ve. Ad te cla-má-mus, éx-su-les fí-li-i E-væ.
Ad te sus-pi-rá-mus, ge-mén-tes et flen-tes in hac la-cri-ma-rum val-le.
Ei-a er-go, ad-vo-cá-ta no-stra, il-los tu-os mi-se-ri-cór-des ó-cu-los
ad nos con-vér-te. Et Je-sum, be-ne-dí-ctum fruc-tum ven-tris tu-i,
no-bis post hoc ex-sí-li-um o-sten-de. O cle-mens,
o pi-a, o dul-cis Vir-go Ma-rí-a.