

## Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul: Evening Prayer

### INTRODUCTION

God, + come to my assistance.  
– Lord, make *haste to help me*.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
– as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **A-men.** Alleluia.

### HYMN TUNE: OLD HUNDREDTH

Now let the heav'ns with joy resound,  
And earth the chant re-echo round;  
Nor heav'n nor earth too high can raise  
The great Apostles' glorious praise.

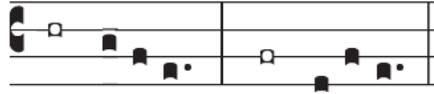
Theirs was the steadfast faith of saints,  
Unconquered hope that never faints,  
The perfect love of Christ to know,  
That lays the praise of this world low.

In them the Father's glory shone,  
In them the Spirit's will was done;  
The Son's glad praise to them is giv'n,  
With joy resound the courts of heav'n.

To thee, Redeemer, now we cry,  
That with this glorious band on high,  
Through endless ages, by thy grace,  
Thy servants also may have place.

### BE SEATED

## Psalm 116 (117): Prasiie of the Merciful Lord



### Antiphon

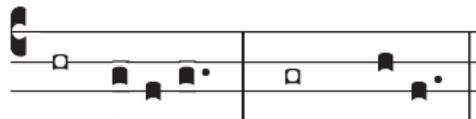
‘You are the Christ, the Son of the *living God.*’\* ‘Blessed are you, *Simon Bar-Jona!*’

- V.1 Praise the *Lord, all nations*;\*  
all *peoples, praise him.*
- V.2 For his mercy is strong *over us*,\*  
and his faithfulness *is for-ever.*
- V.3 Glory be to the Father and *to the Son*\*  
and to the *Holy Spirit*;
- V.4 As it was in the beginning, is now,\*  
and will be forever, world without *end. A-men.*

### Antiphon

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## Psalm 147 (147B) God, the foundation of Jerusalem

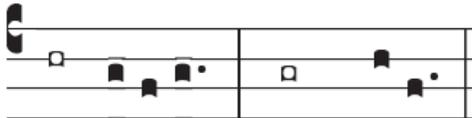


### Antiphon

You are Peter, and up-*on this Rock*\* I will build *my Church.*

- V.1 Praise the Lord, *Jer-usa-lem*\*  
— Zion, praise *your God.*
- V.2 For he has strengthened the bars *of your gates*,\*  
he has blessed *your children.*
- V.3 He keeps your bord-*ers in peace*,\*  
he fills you with the rich-*est wheat.*

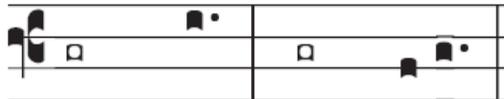
- V.4 He sends out his command o-*ver the earth*,\*  
and swiftly runs *his word*.
- V.5 He sends down snow that *is like wool*,\*  
frost that is *like ashes*.
- V.6 He sends hail-*stones like crumbs*\*  
— who can withstand his cold?
- V.7 He will send out his word, and all *will be melted*;\*  
his spirit will breathe, and the waters *will flow*.
- V.8 He proclaims his *word to Jacob*,\*  
his laws and judgements *to Israel*.
- V.9 He has not done this for *other nations*;\*  
he has not shown them *his judgements*.
- V.10 Glory be to the Father and *to the Son*\*  
and to the Hol-y **Spirit**,
- V.11 As it was in the begin-*ing, is now*,  
and will be for-ever. **A-men**.



**Antiphon**

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**Canticle (Ephesians I): God the Savior**



**Antiphon**

You are the chosen instrument of God, Saint Paul, **apostle**,\* the preacher of truth in all *the world*.

- V.1 Blessed be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us, in **Christ**,\*  
with every spiritual blessing *in heaven*.

- V.2 In love, he chose us before the creation of the **world**,\*  
to be holy and spotless in *his sight*.
- V.3 He predestined us to be his adopted children through Jesus **Christ**,\*  
simply because it pleased him to do so.
- V.4 This he did for the praise of the glory of his **grace**,\*  
of his free gift to us in *his Beloved*,
- V.5 In whose blood we have gained **redemption**,\*  
and the forgiveness of *our sins*.
- V.6 This he did according to the riches of his **grace**,\*  
which he gave us in *a-bundance*,
- V.7 With all wisdom and discernment,  
revealing to us the mysteries of his **will**,\*  
because it pleased him to *do so*.
- V.8 In this action he has planned, in the fulfilment of time,  
to bring all things together in **Christ**,\*  
from the heavens and from *the earth*.
- V.9 Glory be to the Father and to the **Son**\*  
and to the Hol-y **Spirit**,
- V.10 As it was in the beginning, is **now**,  
and ever shall be, world without end. *A-men*.

**Antiphon**

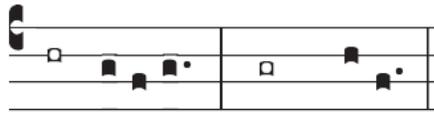
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**READING**

**ROMANS 1: 1–3, 7**

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News of his Son that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. To you all, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

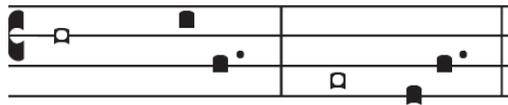
**RESPONSORY**



- Cantor:** The apostles proclaimed the *word of God\** and feared *no one*.
- Choir** – The apostles proclaimed the *word of God\** and feared *no one*.
- Cantor** They gave *testi-mony\** to the resurrection of Jesus **Christ**.
- Choir** – The apostles proclaimed the *word of God\** and feared *no one*.
- Cantor** Glory be to the Father and *to the Son* and to the Hol-y **Spirit**.
- Choir** – The apostles proclaimed the *word of God\** and feared *no one*.

**STAND UP**

**CANTICLE: MAGNIFICAT**



**Antiphon**

Glorious are the apostles *of Christ\**; they loved each other in this life; they are not separated *in death*.

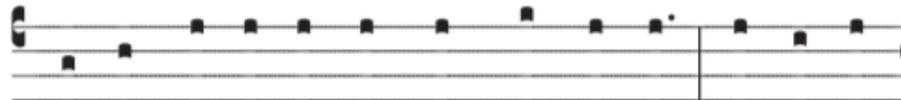
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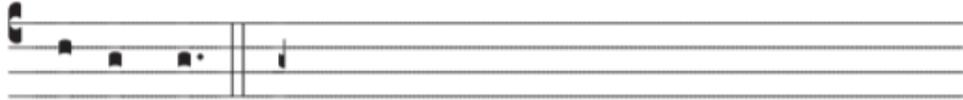
my spir- it re-joic- es in God my Sav- ior.

2. for he has looked with fav- or on his low-ly servant. \* From

this day all gen- er- a- tions will call me bless- ed :



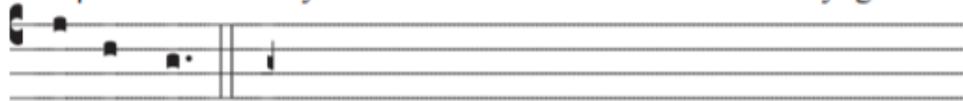
3. the Al-might-y has done great things for me, \* and ho- ly



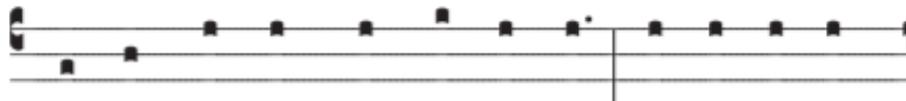
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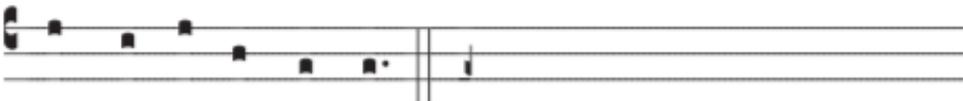
4. He has mer- cy on those who fear him \* in ev- 'ry gen-



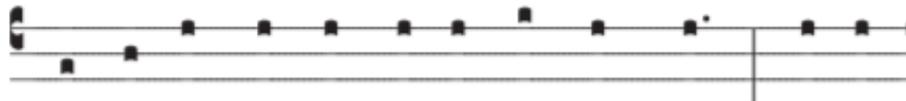
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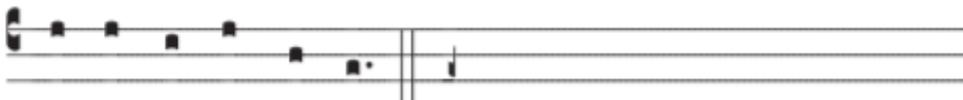
5. He has shown the strength of his arm, \* he has scattered



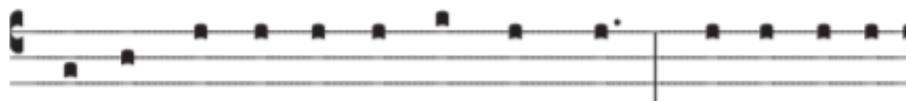
the proud in their con- ceit.



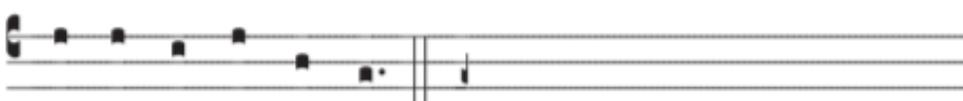
6. He has cast down the might-y from their thrones, \* and has



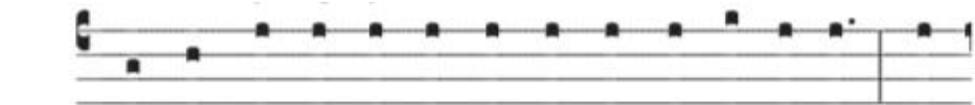
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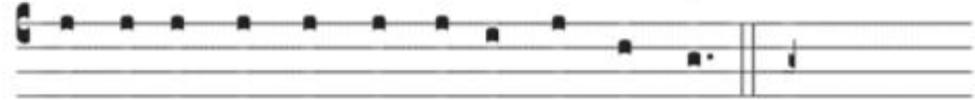
7. He has filled the hun- gry with good things, \* and the rich he



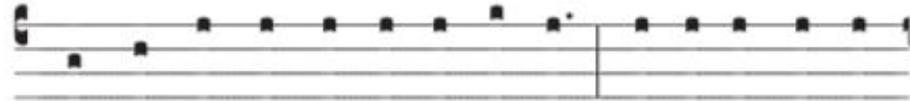
has sent a- way emp- ty.



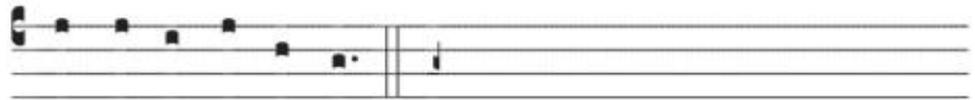
8. He has come to the help of his ser-vant, Is- ra- el \* for



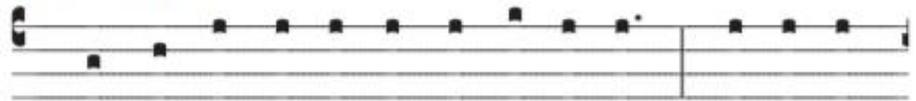
he has re-mem-bered his promise of mer- cy,



9. the prom-ise he made to our fa-thers, \* to A-bra-ham and



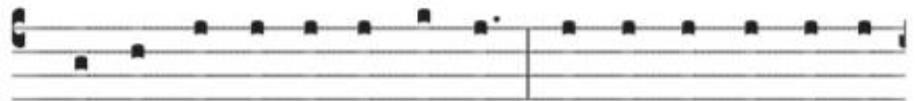
his children for ev- er.



10. Glo- ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, \* and to the



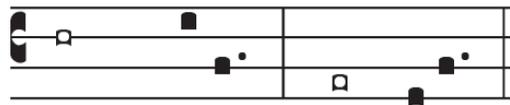
Ho- ly Spir- it :



11. as it was in the be- gin-ning, \* is now and will be for



ev- er. A- men.



**Antiphon**

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## **Prayers and intercessions**

We pray to Christ who built his Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets.

– *Lord, be with your people.*

Simon the fisherman was called by you to be a fisher of men: call others today to share in his task.

– *Lord, be with your people.*

When the disciples feared that the ship was sinking, you commanded the sea and there was calm:  
protect your Church in the midst of trouble, and give her the peace that the world cannot give.

– *Lord, be with your people.*

After your resurrection you gathered your Church around Peter:

gather all your people now into the unity for which you prayed.

– *Lord, be with your people.*

You sent Paul as an apostle to all men: let your good news be preached today through all creation.

– *Lord, be with your people.*

You entrusted the keys of your kingdom to your Church:

open the gates of life to the dead who put their trust in you.

– *Lord, be with your people.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

## **Benediction**

Lord our God, may the blessed apostles Peter and Paul support us by their prayers. Through them you first taught your Church the Christian faith. Provide us now, by their intercession, with help for our eternal salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**