RESPONSORY

Listen to us, O Lord, and have mercy, * for we have sinned against you.
*R. Listen to us, O Lord, and have mercy, * for we have sinned against you.*

Christ Jesus, hear our humble petitions,
R. for we have sinned against you.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
*R. Listen to us, O Lord, and have mercy, * for we have sinned against you.*

ALL STAND.

CANTICLE OF MARY

Antiphon (*Choir*)

Whoever drinks the water that *I* shall give *
will never by thirsty again, says *the* Lord.

MAGNIFICAT   Magnificat, Mode VIII, arr. Jeffrey Ostrowski

All make the Sign of the Cross, ✠ at "*Magnificat anima mea*"

Translation:
My soul ✠ glorifies the Lord, My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is His name!
His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things, send the rich empty away.
He protects Israel his servant, remembering his mercy;
The mercy promised to our ancestors for Abraham and his children for ever.

ALL BOW FROM "*Gloria Patri*" to "*Spiritui Sancto*"

Praise the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit;
both now and for ages unending. Amen.

THE ANTIPHON IS REPEATED.

Whoever drinks the water that *I* shall give *
will never by thirsty again, says *the* Lord.

INTERCESSIONS

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

Lord, be gracious to **your** people.

And now we pray as Jesus taught us:
Our Father...

PRAYER

Father,
you have taught us to overcome our sins
by prayer, fasting, and works of mercy.
When we are discouraged by our weakness,
give us confidence in your love.
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: Amen.

DISMISSAL

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.
All: Amen.

MARIAN ANTIPHON

A - ve Re - gí - na cæ - ló - rum, A - ve Dó - mi - na An - ge - ló - rum:
Sal - ve ra - dix, sal - ve por - ta, Ex qua mun - do lux est or - ta:
Gau - de Vir - go glo - ri - ó - sa, Su - per o - mnes spe - ci - ó - sa:
Va - le, o val - de de - có - ra, Et pro no - bis Chri - stum ex - ó - ra.

Translation:
Hail, Queen of Heaven, Hail, Mistress of Angels,
Hail, root, hail, portal, From which the Light of the world has risen.
Rejoice, glorious Virgin, Beautiful above all others.
Farewell, most gracious, And pray for us to Christ.

St. Rita Catholic Community
VESPERS · EVENING PRAYER II
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

ALL STAND

THE INVITATORY

Officiant: *All:*

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

All bow at the mention of the Holy Trinity

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 forever. Amen.

ALL REMAIN STANDING and join in singing the Office Hymn.

THE OFFICE HYMN   JESU DULCIS MEMORIA

1. O Sun of jus - tice Je - sus Christ, Dis - pel the dark - ness
2. In this our "time ac - cept - a - ble" Touch ev - 'ry heart with
3. The day, your day, in beau - ty dawns When in your light earth
4. O lov - ing Trin - i - ty, our God, To you we bow through

of our hearts, Till your blest light makes night - time
sor - row, Lord, That, turned from sin, re - newed by
blooms a - new; Led back a - gain to life's true
end - less days, And in your grace new - born we

flee And brings the joys your day im - parts.
grace, We may press on toward love's re - ward.
way, May we, for - giv'n, re - joice in you.
sing New hymns of grat - i - tude and praise.

PSALMODY

The choir will introduce the antiphons. The people will sing at each verse after the * *asterisk.* **All sing the doxology** *("Glory to the Father"), standing and bowing profoundly at the mention of the names of the Persons of the Holy Trinity.* **All** *repeat the antiphon.*

Antiphon I (*Choir*)

Lord, all powerful King, † free us for the sake of **your** name. *
Give us time to **turn** from our sins.

PLEASE BE SEATED FOLLOWING THE ANTIPHON.

Psalm 110:1-5, 7

The Lord's revelation to my **Mas**ter: "Sit on my right: *
your foes I will put **be**neath your feet."

The Lord will wield from Zion your scepter **of** power: *
rule in the midst **of** all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth on the holy **moun**tains; *
from the womb before the dawn **I** begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will **not** change, *
"You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchi**ze**dek of old.

The Master standing at your **right** hand *
will shatter kings in the day **of** his great wrath.

He shall drink from the stream by the **way**side *
and therefore he shall **lift** up his head.

ALL STAND. BOW FROM *"Glory to the Father" to "Holy Spirit."*

Glo-ry to the Father, and to **the** Son, *
and to the **Ho**ly Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, **is** now, *
and will be for **ev**er. Amen.

Repeat Antiphon I:

Lord, all powerful King, † free us for the sake of **your** name. *
Give us time to **turn** from our sins.

REMAIN STANDING

Antiphon II (*Choir*)

We have been redeemed by the precious **blood** of Christ, *
the lamb with**out** blemish.

PLEASE BE SEATED FOLLOWING THE ANTIPHON.

Psalm 111

I will thank the Lord with **all** my heart *
in the meeting of the just and their **as**sembly.

Great are the works **of** the Lord; *
to be pondered by all **who** love them.

Majestic and glori**ous** his work, *
his justice stands firm **for** ever.

He makes us remem**ber** his wonders. *
The Lord is compassion **and** love.

He gives food to **those** who fear him; *
keeps his covenant ever **in** mind.

He has shown his might **to** his people *
by giving them the lands of **the** nations.

His works are jus**tice** and truth: *
his precepts are all of **them** sure,

standing firm for ev**er** and ever: *
they are made in uprightness **and** truth.

He has sent deliverance to his people † and established
his cove**nant** for ever. * Holy his name, to **be** feared.

To fear the Lord is the first stage of wisdom; † all who do so
prove **them**selves wise. * His praise shall last **for** ever!

ALL STAND. BOW FROM *"Glory to the Father" to "Holy Spirit."*

Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son, *
and to the Ho**ly** Spirit:

as it was in the begin**ning**, is now *
and will be forever. **A**men.

Repeat Antiphon II:

We have been redeemed by the precious **blood** of Christ, *
the lamb with**out** blemish.

REMAIN STANDING

Antiphon III (*Choir*)

Ours were the sufferings **he** bore; * ours the torments he **en**dured.

PLEASE BE SEATED FOLLOWING THE ANTIPHON.

Canticle: I Peter 2:21-24

I.   Christ suffered for you, and left you an **ex**ample *
            to have you follow in **his** footsteps.

II.   He did **no** wrong; * no deceit was found in **his** mouth.

III.   When he was **in**sulted, * he returned **no** insult.

IV.   When he was made **to** suffer, * he did not counter **with** threats.

V.   Instead he delivered him**self** up * to the One who jud**ges** justly.

VI.   In his **own** body * he brought our sins to **the** cross,

VII.   so that all of us, dead **to** sin, * could live in accord with **God's** will.

VIII.   By **his** wounds * you **were** healed.

ALL STAND. BOW FROM *"Glory to the Father" to "Holy Spirit."*

IX.   Glory to the Father, and to **the** Son, *
            and to the Ho**ly** Spirit:

X.   as it was in the beginning, **is** now, *
            and will be forever. **A**men.

Repeat Antiphon III:

Ours were the sufferings **he** bore; * ours the torments he **en**dured.

ALL SIT

READING   *1 Corinthians 9:24-25*

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS.

    While all the runners in the stadium take part in the race, the award goes to one man. In that case, run so as to win! Athletes deny themselves all sorts of things. They do this to win a crown of leaves that withers, but we a crown that is imperishable.

"The Word of the Lord" and "Thanks be to God" are not said.

                                        BRIEF SILENCE