

## 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: (Cantor/Choir)



My son, you have been with me *all* the time \* and everything I have is *yours*.

But we had to feast and rejoice † because your brother was dead  
and has come to *life* again: \* he was lost and now has been *found*.

Magnificat

Tone VIII

ALL MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS, † at “*Magnificat anima mea...*”

*Translation:*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the LORD;  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed.  
The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
For he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

ALL BOW from “*Gloria Patri*” to “*Spiritus Sancto*.”

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. Amen.

Antiphon is repeated.

## INTERCESSIONS

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



*R. Come, Lord, to visit your family.*

Our Father... (sung)

## PRAYER

Father of peace,  
we are joyful in your Word,  
your Son Jesus Christ,  
who reconciles us to you.  
Let us hasten toward Easter  
with the eagerness of faith and 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.

## SOLEMN BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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

All: Amen.

## THE 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.



## St. Rita Catholic Community

### VESPERS · EVENING PRAYER II THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

ALL STAND

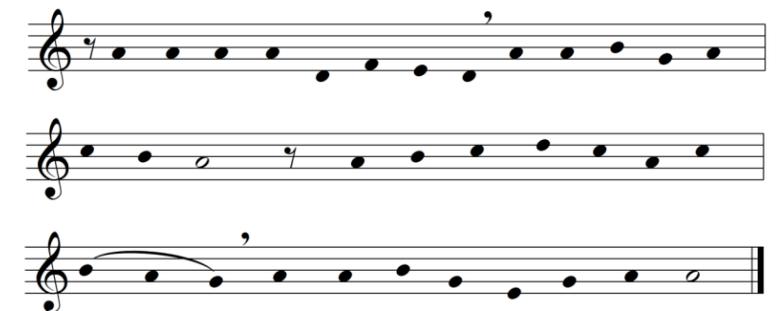
## THE INVITATORY

Officiant: O God ☩ come to my as - sis - tance. All: O Lord, make haste  
to help me. All bow at the mention of the Holy Trinity  
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 Trinity of blessed light,  
O Unity of princely might,  
The fiery sun now goes his way;  
Shed thou within our hearts thy ray.
2. To thee our morning song of praise,  
To thee our evening prayer we raise;  
Thy glory suppliant we adore  
For ever and for evermore.
3. All laud to God the Father be;  
All praise eternal Son, to thee  
All glory, as is ever meet,  
To God the Holy Paraclete.

## PSALMODY

The cantor will introduce the antiphons. ALL sing each verse after the asterisk. At the Doxology (“Glory to the Father”) stand and bow profoundly at the mention of the names of the Persons of the Holy Trinity. ALL repeat the antiphon.

### Antiphon I (Cantor/Choir)



God has appointed Christ; \* to be the judge of the living and the dead.

PLEASE BE SEATED following the antiphon.

### Psalm 110:1-5, 7

The Lord’s revelation to my Master: “Sit on *my* right; \*  
your foes I will put *beneath* 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 *mountains*; \*  
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 Melchizedek 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 *wayside* \*  
and therefore he shall *lift* up his head.

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

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*. Amen.

All repeat Antiphon I.

REMAIN STANDING.

### Antiphon II (Cantor/Choir)



Happy the man who shows mercy for *the* Lord’s sake; \*  
he will stand firm *for* ever.

PLEASE BE SEATED following the antiphon.

### Psalm 112

Happy the man who *fears* the Lord, \*  
who takes delight in all his *commands*.

His sons will be *powerful* on earth; \*  
the children of the upright *are* blessed.

Riches and wealth are *in* his house; \*  
his justice stands firm *for* ever.

He is a light in the darkness for *the* upright; \*  
he is generous, merciful *and* just.

The good man takes *pity* and lends \*  
he conducts his affairs *with* honor.

The just man will *never* waver; \*  
he will be remembered *for* ever.

He has no fear of *evil* news; \*  
with a firm heart he trusts in *the* Lord.

With a steadfast heart he *will* not fear, \*  
he will see the downfall of *his* foes.

Open-handed, he gives to the poor; † his justice stands *firm* for ever. \*  
His head will be raised *in* glory.

The wicked man sees and is angry, † grinds his teeth and *fades* away; \*  
the desire of the wicked leads *to* doom.

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

Glory to the Father, and *to* the Son, \*  
and to the *Holy* Spirit:  
as it was in the begin*ning*, is now \*  
and will be for ever. Amen.

All repeat Antiphon II.

REMAIN STANDING.

### Antiphon III (Cantor/Choir)



Those things, which God foretold through his prophets †  
concerning the sufferings that Christ would *endure*, \*  
have been *fulfilled*.

PLEASE BE SEATED following the antiphon.

### Canticle: I Peter 2:21-24

Christ suffered for you, and left you an *example* \*

to have you follow in *his* footsteps.

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

When he was *insulted*, \* he returned *no* insult.

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

Instead he delivered *himself* up \* to the One who *judges* justly.

In his *own* body \* he brought our 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 STAND. BOW FROM “*Glory to the Father*” to “*Holy Spirit*.”

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 repeat Antiphon III.

ALL SIT.

## READING

I Corinthians 9:24-25

A reading from the First Letter of 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.