

The Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.

FOREWORD

THE editors are indebted and grateful to our Lord, our Lady, and all of our predecessors in this endeavour. Of the latter, most especially the Anglo-Catholics of the Society of Saints Peter and Paul (SSPP) who, in 1911, published the translation of the *Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary* upon which this work is based. The SSPP had faithfully translated the Latin of the 1888 edition of Our Lady's Little Office into the English of the *Book of Common Prayer*. As this work is based on the 1888 edition, it differs slightly from what many may be familiar with because it predates the twentieth century reforms which reduced or even eliminated many beloved elements from the Little Office such as the Laudate Psalms (that is, Psalms 148, 149, and 150) being recited together at Lauds.

The changes to this work in particular were primarily focused on the instructions and the layout of the content so as to make it easier to use. However, some phrases and the spelling of certain words (such as “shew,” which was changed to “show”) have also been updated to match those found in *Divine Worship: Daily Office* and *Divine Worship: The Missal*, the liturgical standard for the Ordinariates established under the provisions of *Anglicanorum Coetibus*.

It is hoped that this copy of the Little Office of Our Lady will prove to be beneficial to the devotions and prayers of Christians, regardless of where they are in their spiritual life. Our Lady's Little Office has historically proven to be one of the most popular and edifying Christian devotions, especially among Anglos. This is evidenced in divers places, among them is a report made by the Secretary to the Venetian Embassy (c. A.D. 1496) where it was written of the English that “*they all hear Mass every day, and say many Paternosters in public, the women carrying long strings of beads in their hands, and whoever is at all able to read carries with them the [Little] Office of Our Lady; and they recite it in church with some companion in a low voice, verse by verse, after the manner of Religious.*”

Likewise in the *Book of Courtesay* (c. A.D. 1477), little John is admonished:

*“While that ye be abouten honestly
To dress yourself and do on your array
With your fellow well and tretably
Our Lady's Mattins look ye that ye say.”*

Similarly, the statutes of Eton College, founded in 1440, prescribe that the scholars, as soon as they have risen, and while they are making their beds, shall say the Mattins of the Blessed Virgin Mary. And later, during the time of the Protestant Reformation, Catholics and even some of the early Anglicans under Henry VIII continued to print and say various versions of Our Lady's Little Office.

The editors therefore hope that this work might inspire and edify some in today's world to grow in appreciation and love for both Our Lady and our liturgy.

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HOW TO SAY THE LITTLE OFFICE

¶ The following is the recommended manner of saying Our Lady's Little Office. Note that 'say' and 'said' should be understood as being interchangeable with 'sing' and 'sung' respectively, unless otherwise indicated.

¶ The Little Office of Our Lady should not be said during the Triduum.

¶ When the Little Office of Our Lady is said in choir:

- ◆ Mattins and Lauds of Our Lady are said together before Mattins (and Lauds) of the day;
- ◆ Evensong of Our Lady is said before the Evensong (that is, Vespers) of the day;
- ◆ Prime of Our Lady is said just before the Martyrology;
- ◆ Terce, Sext, None, and Compline of Our Lady are said after the same Hours of the day respectively.

However, outside of choir the Little Office of Our Lady may be said at any time.

¶ If the Little Office of Our Lady is said separately from the Divine Office then the Angelic Salutation (that is, the *Hail Mary*) is said inaudibly before each hour except Lauds.

¶ The Little Office of Our Lady has three variations according to the time of the year:

Office 1, which is said 'throughout the year,' whenever the other two offices are not said (that is, from Mattins on the 3rd of February until and including None on the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent).

- In Pre-Lent and Lent (that is, from Mattins on Septuagesima Sunday until and including Compline on Holy Wednesday) *Alleluia* and the *Te Deum Laudamus* are not to be said; except on the solemnities and feasts of Our Lady and/or of St. Joseph.
- In Eastertide (that is, from Compline of Holy Saturday until and including None on the Saturday before Trinity Sunday) *Alleluia* is said wherever it appears in parentheses and the antiphon *Regina cæli* is said upon all three of the Gospel Canticles: the *Benedictus*, the *Magnificat*, and the *Nunc dimittis*.

Office 2, which is said in Advent (that is, from Evensong on the Saturday before the First Sunday in Advent until and including None on Christmas Eve) and on the Annunciation (that is, the 25th of March).

- In Advent the *Te Deum Laudamus* is not to be said; except on the solemnities and feasts of Our Lady and/or of St. Joseph.

Office 3, which is said in Christmastide (that is, from Evensong on Christmas Eve until and including Compline on the 2nd of February).

¶ A brief pause should be made at each asterisk (*) and dagger (†) in the psalms and canticles.

¶ “✠” indicates when to make the sign of the Cross and at Mattins “+” indicates when to trace a cross on the lips, while at Compline “+” indicates when to trace a cross over the heart.

¶ When the Office is said in choir, the Marian Anthem (pp. 31-3) always follows after the last Hour said.

¶ The ceremonial for Mattins and Lauds of Our Lady in choir:

1. Kneeling, all prepare and pray in silence.
2. When the officiant gives the signal (by a tap on the desk), all rise and say the Angelic Salutation in silence.
3. The officiant begins, “*O Lord, open thou my lips,*” and all trace a cross upon the lips. Then, after the response, the officiant continues “*O God, make speed to save me,*” and all make the Sign of the Cross. At the *Glory be* all make a profound bow during “*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;*” but rise at “*As it was in the beginning.*”
4. During “*O God, make speed to save me*” and its response the cantors go to the lectern, where, having genuflected before the altar and saluted their respective choirs, they say the Invitatory (Inv.) in its entirety which is then repeated by the choirs. The psalm (Ps.) is then sung by the cantors who pause between the divisions thereof, at which point the choirs repeat the Invitatory, either in its entirety or in part, the same being repeated in alternate fashion (as indicated on p. 1). The *Glory be* is said by the cantors which is followed by the choirs repeating the latter part of the Invitatory and the cantors close with a repetition of the Invitatory in its entirety.

In the third verse, during the words “*O come, let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the LORD our Maker,*” all kneel.

5. The first cantor begins the Office hymn and their choir continues it. The second strophe is said by the opposite choir; and so on, both choirs uniting and bowing profoundly at the doxology.
6. The first antiphon (Ant. I.) is intoned by the first cantor who also says the first verse of the psalm as far as the asterisk, then all of their choir takes up saying the rest of the verse. The next verse is recited by the opposite choir, the remaining verses being recited alternately by the choirs. At the end the cantor repeats the antiphon (Ant.) in full, and the second cantor takes the second Antiphon (Ant. II.) and begins that antiphon’s respective psalm.

After the first cantor has said the psalm as far as the asterisk of the first verse all sit down and remain seated for the remainder of the psalmody.

7. The psalmody being over, all rise and the first cantor says the versicle to which all respond. The officiant says aloud, “*Our Father*” and all continue the Lord’s Prayer quietly until the words “*And lead us not into temptation*” are said aloud by the officiant and all answer, “*But deliver us from evil.*” The officiant then says the Absolution.
8. The lector then goes to the lectern and after genuflecting before the altar turns toward the officiant if they are a cleric and says, with a profound bow, “*Bid, sir, a blessing,*” remaining inclined while the blessing (BEN.) is given by the officiant. Everyone else replies “*Amen*” and may be seated while the lector remains standing and recites the lesson.

If the officiant is not a cleric then the lector prays, “*Bid, Lord, a blessing,*” and says the blessing.

9. At the end of the lesson the lector says, “*But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,*” and everyone responds, “*Thanks be to God.*” After which the cantors says the responsory up to the first asterisk and the choirs finish the rest of the response. The lector then says the following versicle as far as the asterisk, at which point the choirs continue it.
10. The first lector then retires to their place, while the next in order comes out to read the second lesson, proceeding as described in 8-9.
11. The officiant says the last “*Bid, sir, a blessing*” and the one next in dignity gives the blessing if he is a cleric, otherwise the officiant will pray “*Bid, Lord, a blessing,*” and says the blessing. The officiant from their place reads the final lesson, during which all stand as a mark of respect. At the end of the lesson the officiant says, “*But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,*” and everyone responds, “*Thanks be to God.*”

If the *Te Deum* is to be omitted then the cantors intone responsory (as in 9); the officiant then says the following versicle as far as the asterisk with the choirs continuing from there.

12. The *Te Deum* is started by the cantors, all rising. During the words “*Holy, Holy, Holy;*” “*When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin’s womb;*” and “*And we worship thy Name ever, world without end*” all make a profound bow and all genuflect during the words “*We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.*”
13. At Lauds, which follows immediately after Mattins, the officiant begins with “*O God, make speed to save me*” and all make the Sign of the Cross. At the *Glory be* all make a profound bow during “*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;*” but rise at “*As it was in the beginning.*” N.B. This is true at all of the Hours.
14. If it is found that the reciting note is lowered after several psalms, the cantor will raise the pitch when giving out the antiphon upon the Laudate Psalms (Ant. V.).
15. The officiant says the chapter to which all answer, “*Thanks be to God.*”
16. The Office hymn is said as before; the versicle, antiphon, and Gospel canticle are started by the cantor.
17. At the Gospel canticle, which is to be said more solemnly than the rest of the Office, it is customary for all to make the Sign of the Cross.
18. After the antiphon the first choir says, “*Lord, have mercy upon us*” (or “*Kyrie, eleison*”), to which the second choir responds, “*Christ, have mercy upon us*” (or “*Christe, eleison*”). Then both choirs unite to say, “*Lord, have mercy upon us*” (or “*Kyrie, eleison*”). The officiant says the versicles and then “*Let us pray*” (or “*Oremus*”) followed by the collect.
19. At the Commemoration(s) all say the antiphon (Ant.); the cantor follows with the versicle; and then the officiant says, “*Let us pray*” (or “*Oremus*”) followed by the orison.
20. Unless other Hours are to be recited immediately after Lauds, all say the Lord’s Prayer together quietly while kneeling and then “*May the Lord give us his peace*” is said by the officiant.
21. The other Hours are to be said similarly. Note that all should kneel during the first verse of the hymn *Ave Maris Stella*; the cantors always stand while intoning an antiphon or psalm; and the versicles are recited by the cantors together, except when directed otherwise, and the choirs say the responses.

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OFFICE 1 — THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

At Mattins

Ps. O Lord, + open thou my lips. *R.* And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Ps. O God, ✠ make speed to save me. *R.* O Lord, make haste to help me.

Ps. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost. *R.* As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Alleluia *or, in Pre-Lent and Lent,* Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory.

INVITATORY

Inv. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee (Alleluia).

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O COME, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. * Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

Inv. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee (Alleluia).

Ps. For the LORD is a great God; and a great King above all gods. * In his hand are all the corners of the earth; and the strength of the hills is his also.

Inv. The Lord is with thee (Alleluia).

Ps. The sea is his, and he made it; and his hands prepared the dry land. * *Here all genuflect.* O come, let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the LORD our Maker. *Here all rise.* For he is the Lord our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Inv. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee (Alleluia).

Ps. Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, * as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness; when your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works.

Inv. The Lord is with thee (Alleluia).

Ps. Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways: * unto whom I sware in my wrath, that they should not enter into my rest.

Inv. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee (Alleluia).

Dox. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. * As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Inv. The Lord is with thee (Alleluia).

Inv. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee (Alleluia).

OFFICE HYMN

Quem terra, pontus, æthera.

THE God whom earth, and sea, and sky
¶ adore, and laud, and magnify, ¶ who
o'er their threefold fabric reigns ¶ the Virgin's
spotless womb contains.

2. The God whose will by moon and sun,
¶ and all things in due course, is done, ¶ is
borne upon a Maiden's breast, ¶ by fullest
heav'nly grace possess'd.

3. How blest that Mother, in whose shrine
¶ The great Artificer divine, ¶ Whose hand
contains the earth and sky, ¶ Vouchsafed, as in
his ark, to lie.

4. Blest in the message Gabriel brought;
¶ Blest by the work the Spirit wrought; ¶ From
whom the great Desire of earth ¶ Took human
flesh and human birth.

Dox. All honour, laud, and glory be, ¶ O Jesu,
virgin-born to thee; ¶ All glory, as is ever meet,
¶ To Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

NOCTURN I

¶ *The following three Psalms (8, 19, and 24) are said
on Sundays, Mondays, and Thursdays.*

Ant. I. Blessed art thou.

PSALM VIII. Domine, Dominus noster.

OLORD our Governor, how excellent is thy
Name in all the world! * thou that hast set
thy glory above the heavens!

2. Out of the mouth of very babes and suck-
lings hast thou ordained strength, † because of
thine enemies, * that thou mightest still the
enemy and the avenger.

3. For I will consider thy heavens, even the
works of thy fingers, * the moon and the stars
which thou hast ordained.

4. What is man, that thou art mindful of him?
* and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5. Thou madest him lower than the angels, *
to crown him with glory and worship.

6. Thou makest him to have dominion of the
works of thy hands; * and thou hast put all
things in subjection under his feet;

7. All sheep and oxen, * yea, and the beasts of
the field;

8. The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the
sea, * and whatsoever walketh through the
paths of the seas.

9. O LORD our Governor, * how excellent is thy
Name in all the world!

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. Blessed art thou among women, and
blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

Ant. II. Like the choicest myrrh.

PSALM XIX. Cæli enarrant.

THE heavens declare the glory of God; * and
the firmament showeth his handy-work.

2. One day telleth another, * and one night
certifieth another.

3. There is neither speech nor language, * but their voices are heard among them.

4. Their sound is gone out into all lands, * and their words into the ends of the world.

5. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, * which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

6. It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, † and runneth about unto the end of it again: * and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

7. The law of the LORD is an undefiled law, converting the soul: * the testimony of the LORD is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

8. The statutes of the LORD are right, and rejoice the heart: * the commandment of the LORD is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

9. The fear of the LORD is clean, and endureth for ever: * the judgements of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

10. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: * sweeter also than honey, and the honeycomb.

11. Moreover, by them is thy servant taught; * and in keeping of them there is great reward.

12. Who can tell how oft he offendeth? * O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

13. Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me: * so

shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

14. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, * be always acceptable in thy sight,

15. O LORD, * my strength and my redeemer.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. Like the choicest myrrh, thou hast yielded an odour of sweetness, O holy Mother of God.

Ant. III. Sing for us again and again.

PSALM XXIV. *Domini est terra.*

THE earth is the LORD'S, and all that therein is; * the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein!

2. For he hath founded it upon the seas, * and prepared it upon the floods.

3. Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? * or who shall rise up in his holy place?

4. Even he that hath clean hands and a pure heart; * and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

5. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, * and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6. This is the generation of them that seek him, * even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

7. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

8. Who is the King of glory? * It is the LORD strong and mighty, even the LORD mighty in battle.

9. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

10. Who is the King of glory? * Even the LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. Sing for us again and again the sweet praises of this glorious maiden.

¶ Then follows the versicle with its response, the Lord's Prayer, the absolution, and the three lessons with their benedictions and brief responsories (p. 8).

NOCTURN II

¶ The following three Psalms (45, 46, and 87) are said on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Ant. I. In thy splendour.

PSALM XLV. *Eructavit cor meum.*

MY heart is inditing of a good matter: * I speak the things which I have made concerning the King.

2. My tongue is the pen * of a ready writer.

3. Thou art fairer than the children of men: * full of grace are thy lips, because God hath blessed thee for ever.

4. Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh, O thou Most Mighty, * according to thy worship and renown.

5. Good luck have thou with thine honour: * ride on, because of the word of truth, of meekness, and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

6. Thy arrows are very sharp, and the people shall be subdued unto thee; * even in the midst among the King's enemies.

7. Thy seat, O God, endureth for ever: * the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

8. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity: * wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

9. All thy garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia; * out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

10. Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women: * upon thy right hand did stand the queen in a vesture of gold, wrought about with divers colours.

11. Hearken, O daughter, and consider; incline thine ear; * forget also thine own people, and thy father's house.

12. So shall the King have pleasure in thy beauty: * for he is thy Lord, and worship thou him.

13. And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; * like as the rich also among the people shall make their supplication before thee.

14. The King's daughter is all glorious within:
* her clothing is of wrought gold.

15. She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needlework: * the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company, and shall be brought unto thee.

16. With joy and gladness shall they be brought: * and shall enter into the King's palace.

17. Instead of thy fathers, thou shalt have children, * whom thou mayest make princes in all lands.

18. I will make thy Name to be remembered from one generation to another: * therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee, world without end.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. In thy splendour and thy beauty, go forth victoriously, and reign.

Ant. II. God shall help her.

PSALM XLVI. *Deus noster refugium.*

GOD is our hope and strength, * a very present help in trouble.

2. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved, * and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

3. Though the waters thereof rage and swell, * and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

4. The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God, * the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.

5. God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed: * God shall help her, and that right early.

6. The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved: * but God hath showed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

7. The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our refuge.

8. O come hither, and behold the works of the LORD, * what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

9. He maketh wars to cease in all the world; * he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

10. Be still then, and know that I am God: * I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

11. The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our refuge.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. God shall help her with his countenance: God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed.

Ant. III. O Holy Mother of God.

PSALM LXXXVII. *Fundamenta ejus.*

HER foundations are upon the holy hills. *
The LORD loveth the gates of Sion more
than all the dwellings of Jacob.

2. Very excellent things are spoken of thee, *
thou city of God.

3. I will think upon Rahab and Babylon * with
them that know me.

4. Behold ye the Philistines also, * and they of
Tyre, with the Morians; lo, there was he born.

5. And of Sion it shall be reported that he was
born in her: * and the most High shall stablish
her.

6. The LORD shall rehearse it when he writeth
up the people, * that he was born there.

7. The singers also and trumpeters shall he
rehearse: * All my fresh springs shall be in thee.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. O Holy Mother of God: all we who dwell
in thee are in gladness.

¶ *Then follows the versicle with its response, the
Lord's Prayer, the absolution, and the three lessons
with their benedictions and brief responsories (p. 8).*

NOCTURN III

¶ *The following three Psalms (96, 97, and 98) are said
on Wednesdays and Saturdays.*

Ant. I. Rejoice, O Virgin Mary.

PSALM XCVI. *Cantate Domino.*

OSING unto the LORD a new song: * sing
unto the LORD, all the whole earth.

2. Sing unto the LORD, and praise his Name; *
be telling of his salvation from day to day.

3. Declare his honour unto the heathen, * and
his wonders unto all people.

4. For the LORD is great, and cannot worthily
be praised: * he is more to be feared than all
gods.

5. As for all the gods of the heathen, they are
but idols: * but it is the LORD that made the
heavens.

6. Glory and worship are before him: * power
and honour are in his sanctuary.

7. Ascribe unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the
people, * ascribe unto the LORD worship and
power.

8. Ascribe unto the LORD the honour due unto
his Name: * bring presents, and come into his
courts.

9. O worship the LORD in the beauty of
holiness: * let the whole earth stand in awe of
him.

10. Tell it out among the heathen that the
LORD is King: † and that it is he who hath made
the round world so fast that it cannot be moved;
* and how that he shall judge the people
righteously.

11. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; * let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.

12. Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it: * then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the LORD.

13. For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: * and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. Rejoice, O Virgin Mary, thou alone hast destroyed all heresies throughout the whole world.

Ant. II. Vouchsafe that I may praise thee.

PSALM XCVII. Dominus regnavit.

THE LORD is King, the earth may be glad thereof; * yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.

2. Clouds and darkness are round about him: * righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his seat.

3. There shall go a fire before him, * and burn up his enemies on every side.

4. His lightnings gave shine unto the world: * the earth saw it, and was afraid.

5. The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, * at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6. The heavens have declared his righteousness, * and all the people have seen his glory.

7. Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods: * worship him, all ye gods.

8. Sion heard of it, and rejoiced; † and the daughters of Judah were glad, * because of thy judgements, O LORD.

9. For thou, LORD, art higher than all that are in the earth: * thou art exalted far above all gods.

10. O ye that love the LORD, see that ye hate the thing which is evil: * the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.

11. There is sprung up a light for the righteous, * and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.

12. Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; * and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O hallowed Maiden: give me strength against thine enemies.

Ant. III. After child-bearing.

PSALM XCVIII. Cantate Domino.

O sing unto the LORD a new song; * for he hath done marvellous things.

2. With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, * hath he gotten himself the victory.

3. The LORD declared his salvation: * his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

4. He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel: * and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

5. Show yourselves joyful unto the LORD, all ye lands: * sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

6. Praise the LORD upon the harp, * sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

7. With trumpets also and shawms, * O show yourselves joyful before the LORD the King.

8. Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is; * the round world, and they that dwell therein.

9. Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the LORD; * for he is come to judge the earth.

10. With righteousness shall he judge the world, * and the people with equity.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. After child-bearing thou remainedst a spotless virgin: Mother of God, intercede for us.

LESSONS

℣. Full of grace are thy lips. ℞. Because God hath blessed thee for ever.

OUR Father, &c. *quietly.*

℣. And lead us not into temptation. ℞. But deliver us from evil.

The Absolution.

BY the prayers and merits of the blessed Mary, Ever-Virgin, and of all the Saints, may the Lord bring us to the kingdom of heaven.

¶ *The following three lessons are said from Christmas till Advent.*

LESSON I.

℣. Bid, Lord (*or Sir*), a blessing. BEN. Mary with thy gracious Child, bless us, Maiden undefiled.

℞. Amen.

WITH all these I sought rest: and in whose inheritance shall I abide? So the Creator of all things gave me a commandment, and he that made me caused my tabernacle to rest, and said, Let thy dwelling be in Jacob, and thine inheritance in Israel (*Ecclus. xxiv. 7-8*).

℣. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. ℞. Thanks be to God.

℞. Holy and spotless Maiden, I know not how to praise thee. * For him whom the heavens could not contain, thou hast borne in thy bosom. ℣. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. * For him whom the heavens could not contain, thou hast borne in thy bosom.

LESSON II.

Ps. Bid, Lord (or Sir), a blessing. *BEN.* With the Lord who sprang from thee, Maid of maidens, plead for me. *R.* Amen.

AND SO was I established in Sion. Likewise in the beloved city he gave me rest, and in Jerusalem was my power. And I took root in an honourable people, even in the portion of the Lord's inheritance (*Ecclus. xxiv. 11-12*).

Ps. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. *R.* Thanks be to God.

R. Blessed art thou, O Mary, who didst bear the Lord, the Creator of the world. * Thou didst bring forth him who made thee, and remainest evermore a virgin. *Ps.* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. * Thou didst bring forth him who made thee, and remainest evermore a virgin.

LESSON III.

Ps. Bid, Lord (or Sir), a blessing. *BEN.* Through the Virgin Mother may the Lord grant us peace and salvation. *R.* Amen.

I WAS exalted like a cedar in Libanus, and as a cypress tree upon the mountains of Hermon. I was exalted like a palm tree in En-gaddi, and as a rose plant in Jericho, as a fair olive tree in a pleasant field, and grew up as a plane tree by the water. I gave a sweet smell like cinnamon

and aspalathus, and I yielded a pleasant odour like the best myrrh (*Ecclus. xxiv. 13-15*).

Ps. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. *R.* Thanks be to God.

¶ The following brief responsory is omitted when the *Te Deum Laudamus* is said.

R. Blessed indeed art thou, O holy Virgin Mary, and most worthy of all praise. * For from thee the Sun of Righteousness hath arisen, * Christ our God. *Ps.* Pray for the people, plead for the clergy intercede for the faithful women; let all who celebrate thy blessed memory feel the might of thine assistance. * For from thee the Sun of Righteousness hath arisen, * Christ our God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. * Christ our God.

Te Deum Laudamus.

WE praise thee, O God; * we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, * the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud, * the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubin and Seraphin * continually do cry,

(During the following Tersanctus all make a profound bow:)

Holy, †

Holy, †

LITTLE OFFICE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy, * Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty *
of thy Glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles *
praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets *
praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs * praise thee.

The Holy Church throughout all the world *
doth acknowledge thee;

The Father, * of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true, * and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost * the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, * O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son * of the Father.

(During the following verse all make a profound bow:)

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
* thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of
death, * thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven
to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, * in the
Glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come * to be our
Judge.

(Here all genuflect.)

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, *
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious
blood.

(Here all rise.)

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, *
in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people * and bless thine
heritage.

Govern them * and lift them up for ever.

Day by day * we magnify thee;

(During the following verse all make a profound bow:)

And we worship thy Name * ever, world
without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, * to keep us this day
without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, * have mercy
upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, * as
our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted; * let me never
be confounded.

At Lauds

℣. O God, ✠ make speed to save me.
℞. O Lord, make haste to help me.

℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost. ℞. As it was in the
beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world
without end. Amen.

Alleluia *or, in Pre-Lent and Lent*, Praise be to
thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory.

PSALMODY

Ant. I. Mary is taken up.

PSALM XCIII. Dominus regnavit.

THE LORD is King, and hath put on glorious
apparel; * the LORD hath put on his
apparel, and girded himself with strength.

2. He hath made the round world so sure, *
that it cannot be moved.

3. Ever since the world began hath thy seat
been prepared: * thou art from everlasting.

4. The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods
have lift up their voice; * the floods lift up their
waves.

5. The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage
horribly, * but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on
high, is mightier.

6. Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure: *
holiness becometh thine house for ever.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. Mary is taken up into heaven: the angels
triumph, exalting and blessing the Lord.

Ant. II. The Virgin Mary.

PSALM C. Jubilate Deo.

OBE joyful in the LORD, all ye lands: * serve
the LORD with gladness, and come before
his presence with a song.

2. Be ye sure that the LORD he is God; * it is he
that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are
his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

3. O go your way into his gates with
thanksgiving, † and into his courts with praise:
* be thankful unto him, and speak good of his
Name.

4. For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is
everlasting; * and his truth endureth from
generation to generation.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. The Virgin Mary is taken up to the
heavenly chamber, where the King of kings is
seated on his starry throne.

Ant. III. Drawn by the fragrance.

PSALMS LXIII & LXVII. Deus, Deus meus.

O GOD, thou art my God; * early will I seek
thee.

2. My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also
longeth after thee; * in a barren and dry land
where no water is.

3. Thus have I looked for thee in holiness, *
that I might behold thy power and glory.

4. For thy loving-kindness is better than the
life itself, * my lips shall praise thee.

5. As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner: * and lift up my hands in thy Name.

6. My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness; * when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips.

7. Have I not remembered thee in my bed, * and thought upon thee when I was waking?

8. Because thou hast been my helper, * therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

9. My soul hangeth upon thee: * thy right hand hath upholden me.

10. These also that seek the hurt of my soul, * they shall go under the earth.

11. Let them fall upon the edge of the sword: * that they may be a portion for foxes.

12. But the King shall rejoice in God; all they also that swear by him shall be commended: * for the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us; * and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us:

2. That thy way may be known upon earth, * thy saving health among all nations.

3. Let the people praise thee, O God; * yea, let all the people praise thee.

4. O let the nations rejoice and be glad: * for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

5. Let the people praise thee, O God; * let all the people praise thee.

6. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase; * and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

7. God shall bless us; * and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. Drawn by the fragrance of thine ointments, we run after thee: therefore do the virgins love thee exceedingly.

Ant. IV. Thou art blessed.

Benedicite, omnia opera.

O ALL ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; * praise him, and magnify him for ever.

2. O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; * O ye Heavens, bless ye the Lord.

3. O ye Waters that be above the Firmament, bless ye the Lord; * O all ye Powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord.

4. O ye Sun and Moon, bless ye the Lord; * O ye Stars of Heaven, bless ye the Lord.

5. O ye Showers and Dew, bless ye the Lord; * O ye Winds of God, bless ye the Lord.

6. O ye Fire and Heat, bless ye the Lord; * O ye Winter and Summer, bless ye the Lord.

7. O ye Dews and Frosts, bless ye the Lord; * O ye Frost and Cold, bless ye the Lord.

8. O ye Ice and Snow, bless ye the Lord; * O ye Nights and Days, bless ye the Lord.

9. O ye Light and Darkness, bless ye the Lord; * O ye Lightnings and Clouds, bless ye the Lord.

10. O let the Earth bless the Lord; * yea, let it praise him, and magnify him for ever.

11. O ye Mountains and Hills, bless ye the Lord; * O all ye Green Things upon the Earth, bless ye the Lord.

12. O ye Wells, bless ye the Lord; * O ye Seas and Floods, bless ye the Lord.

13. O ye Whales, and all that move in the Waters, bless ye the Lord; * O all ye Fowls of the Air, bless ye the Lord.

14. O all ye Beasts and Cattle, bless ye the Lord; * O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord.

15. O let Israel bless the Lord; * praise him, and magnify him for ever.

16. O ye Priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; * O ye Servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord.

17. O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous, bless ye the Lord; * O ye holy and humble Men of heart, bless ye the Lord.

18. O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord; * praise him, and magnify him for ever.

19. Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; * let us praise him and magnify him for ever.

20. Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven; * and to be praised and exalted above all for ever.

N.B. The Glory be is not said here.

Ant. Thou art blessed of the Lord, O daughter, for through thee we have received the fruit of life.

Ant. V. Thou art beauteous.

PSALMS CXLVIII - CL. *Laudate Dominum.*

O PRAISE the LORD of heaven: * praise him in the height.

2. Praise him, all ye angels of his: * praise him, all his host.

3. Praise him, sun and moon: * praise him, all ye stars and light.

4. Praise him, all ye heavens, * and ye waters that are above the heavens.

5. Let them praise the Name of the LORD: * for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.

6. He hath made them fast for ever and ever: * he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

7. Praise the LORD upon earth, * ye dragons, and all deeps;

8. Fire and hail, snow and vapours; * wind and storm, fulfilling his word;

9. Mountains and all hills; * fruitful trees and all cedars;

10. Beasts and all cattle; * worms and feathered fowls;

11. Kings of the earth and all people; * princes and all judges of the world;

12. Young men and maidens, old men and children, † praise the Name of the LORD: * for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.

13. He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him; * even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

OSING unto the LORD a new song, * let the congregation of saints praise him.

2. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: * and let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3. Let them praise his Name in the dance: * let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.

4. For the LORD hath pleasure in his people: * and helpeth the meek-hearted.

5. Let the saints be joyful with glory: * let them rejoice in their beds.

6. Let the praises of God be in their mouth, * and a two-edged sword in their hands;

7. To be avenged of the heathen, * and to rebuke the people;

8. To bind their kings in chains, * and their nobles with links of iron.

9. That they may be avenged of them, as it is written: * Such honour have all his saints.

OPRAISE God in his holiness: * praise him in the firmament of his power.

2. Praise him in his noble acts: * praise him according to his excellent greatness.

3. Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: * praise him upon the lute and harp.

4. Praise him in the cymbals and dances: * praise him upon the strings and pipe.

5. Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: * praise him upon the loud cymbals.

6. Let every thing that hath breath * praise the LORD.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. Thou art beauteous and comely, O daughter of Jerusalem, and terrible as an army set in array for battle.

CHAPTER

THE daughters saw her and blessed her; yea, and the queens praised her (*Sg. vi. 9*).

R̄. Thanks be to God.

OFFICE HYMN

O Gloriosa Virginium.

O GLORIOUS Lady! Throned on high ¶ Above the star-illumined sky; ¶ Thereto ordain'd, thy bosom lent ¶ To thy Creator nourishment.

2. Through thy sweet Offspring we receive
¶ The bliss once lost through hapless Eve; ¶ And
heav'n to mortals open lies, ¶ Now thou art
Portal of the skies.

3. Thou art the Door of heav'n's high King,
¶ Light's Gateway fair and glistening; ¶ Life
through a Virgin is restored; ¶ Ye ransom'd
nations, praise the Lord!

Dox. All honour, laud, and glory be, ¶ O Jesu,
virgin-born to thee; ¶ All glory, as is ever meet,
¶ To Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

ψ. Blessed art thou among women. ℞. And
blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Ant. on Ben. O ever blessed Mother of God.

Benedictus Dominus, Deus Israel.

BLESSED be ✠ the Lord God of Israel; * for he
hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us,
* in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy
Prophets, * which have been since the world
began;

That we should be saved from our enemies, *
and from the hand of all that hate us.

To perform the mercy promised to our
forefathers, * and to remember his holy
Covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our
forefather Abraham, * that he would give us;

That we being delivered out of the hand of
our enemies * might serve him without fear;

In holiness and righteousness before him, *
all the days of our life.

And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet
of the Highest: * for thou shalt go before the
face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his
people * for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God; *
whereby the day-spring from on high hath
visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, †
and in the shadow of death, * and to guide our
feet into the way of peace.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. O ever blessed Mother of God, Mary
Ever-Virgin, temple of the Godhead, hallowed
shrine of the Holy Spirit: thou only, above all
others, wast acceptable to our Lord Jesus Christ:
plead for the people, intercede for the clergy,
entreat for all devout and pious women-folk.

PRAYERS

LORD, have mercy upon us. ℞. Christ, have
mercy upon us. ψ. Lord, have mercy upon
us.

ψ. O Lord, hear my prayer. ℞. And let my cry
come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who didst grant thy Word to take flesh from the womb of blessed Mary, Ever-Virgin, at the message of an angel; mercifully grant to us thy servants, that we who truly believe her to be the Mother of God, may ever be assisted by her prayers. Through the same Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Commemoration of All Saints.

Ant. O all ye Saints of God, vouchsafe to intercede for our salvation, and for that of all men.

V. Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord. *R.* And be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

Let us pray.

BE thou, O Lord, the Shield of thy people, and protect with thine everlasting Arm those who trust in the help of thine Apostles Peter and Paul, and the others thine Apostles.

We pray thee, O Lord, that all thy blessed Saints may everywhere succour us, and that as we call to mind their worthy acts, so we may feel the comfort of their friendship.

Grant thou also peace in our days, and keep thy Church unblemished, and purged from all iniquity.

Order thou likewise the footsteps, the deeds, and the wills of us, and of all thy servants, in the straight path that leadeth unto salvation in thee.

Reward with eternal life all those who do us good.

And grant eternal rest unto all ☩ the faithful departed.

Through thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee. *V.* Let us bless the Lord. *R.* Thanks be to God. *V.* May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, ☩ rest in peace. *R.* Amen.

¶ If any of the other hours are to be recited immediately after Lauds, that which follows is not said, but at the end of the last hour.

OUR Father, &c. quietly.

V. May the Lord give us his peace. *R.* And ☩ life everlasting. Amen.

¶ Then is said one of the Marian Anthems (p. 31).

At Prime

℣. O God, ✠ make speed to save me.

℞. O Lord, make haste to help me.

℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost. ℞. As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Alleluia *or, in Pre-Lent and Lent*, Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory.

OFFICE HYMN

Memento rerum Conditor.

SALVATION'S Author, call to mind ¶ How, taking form of human kind, ¶ Born of a Virgin undefiled, ¶ Thou in man's flesh becam'st a Child.

2. Mother of grace, O blissful Maid, ¶ Sweet fount of love, be thou our aid, ¶ Our shield to foil the tempter's power, ¶ Our refuge in death's awesome hour.

Dox. All honour, laud, and glory be, ¶ O Jesu, virgin-born to thee; ¶ All glory, as is ever meet, ¶ To Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

PSALMODY

Ant. Mary is taken up.

PSALM LIV. Deus, in Nomine.

SAVE me, O God, for thy Name's sake, * and avenge me in thy strength.

2. Hear my prayer, O God; * and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

3. For strangers are risen up against me, * and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.

4. Behold, God is my helper: * the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

5. He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: * destroy thou them in thy truth.

6. An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy Name, O LORD: * because it is so comfortable.

7. For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble: * and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

GLORY be, &c.

PSALM LXXXV. Benedixisti, Domine.

LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land: * thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

2. Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people, * and covered all their sins.

3. Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure: * and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.

4. Turn us then, O God our Saviour, * and let thine anger cease from us.

5. Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever? * and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?

6. Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us: * that thy people may rejoice in thee?

7. Show us thy mercy, O LORD, * and grant us thy salvation.

8. I will hearken what the LORD God will say concerning me: * for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again.

9. For his salvation is nigh them that fear him; * that glory may dwell in our land.

10. Mercy and truth are met together; * righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11. Truth shall flourish out of the earth; * and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

12. Yea, the LORD shall show loving-kindness; * and our land shall give her increase.

13. Righteousness shall go before him; * and he shall direct his going in the way.

GLORY be, &c.

PSALM CXVII. *Laudate Dominum.*

OPRAISE the LORD, all ye heathen: * praise him, all ye nations.

2. For his merciful kindness is ever more and more toward us: * and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise the LORD.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. Mary is taken up into heaven: the Angels triumph, exalting and blessing the Lord.

CHAPTER

WHO is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army set in array for battle? (*Sg. vi. 10*).

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O hallowed Maiden. *R.* Give me strength against thine enemies.

PRAYERS

LORD, have mercy upon us. *R.* Christ, have mercy upon us. *V.* Lord, have mercy upon us. *V.* O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who didst vouchsafe to choose the virgin womb of Blessed Mary as a shrine wherein thou mightest dwell: grant, we beseech thee, that we being protected by her guardianship may joyfully take part in her commemoration, who livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee.

V. Let us bless the Lord. *R.* Thanks be to God.

V. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, ☩ rest in peace. *R.* Amen.

At Terce

℣. O God, ✠ make speed to save me.

℞. O Lord, make haste to help me.

℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost. ℞. As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

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2. Mother of grace, O blissful Maid, ¶ Sweet fount of love, be thou our aid, ¶ Our shield to foil the tempter's power, ¶ Our refuge in death's awesome hour.

Dox. All honour, laud, and glory be, ¶ O Jesu, virgin-born to thee; ¶ All glory, as is ever meet, ¶ To Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

PSALMODY

Ant. The Virgin Mary.

PSALM CXX. Ad Dominum.

WHEN I was in trouble I called upon the LORD, * and he heard me.

2. Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, * and from a deceitful tongue.

3. What reward shall be given or done unto thee, thou false tongue? * even mighty and sharp arrows, with hot burning coals.

4. Woe is me, that I am constrained to dwell with Mesech, * and to have my habitation among the tents of Kedar.

5. My soul hath long dwelt among them * that are enemies unto peace.

6. I labour for peace, but when I speak unto them thereof, * they make them ready to battle.

GLORY be, &c.

PSALM CXXI. Levavi oculos.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, * from whence cometh my help.

2. My help cometh even from the LORD, * who hath made heaven and earth.

3. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: * and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

4. Behold, he that keepeth Israel * shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5. The LORD himself is thy keeper: * the LORD is thy defence upon thy right hand;

6. So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, * neither the moon by night.

7. The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: * yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

8. The LORD shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in * from this time forth for evermore.

GLORY be, &c.

PSALM CXXII. *Lætatus sum.*

I WAS glad when they said unto me, * We will go into the house of the LORD.

2. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, * O Jerusalem.

3. Jerusalem is built as a city * that is at unity in itself.

4. For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the LORD, * to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the LORD.

5. For there is the seat of judgement, * even the seat of the house of David.

6. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: * they shall prosper that love thee.

7. Peace be within thy walls, * and plenteousness within thy palaces.

8. For my brethren and companions' sakes, * I will wish thee prosperity.

9. Yea, because of the house of the LORD our God * I will seek to do thee good.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. The Virgin Mary is taken up to the heavenly chamber, where the King of kings is seated on his starry throne.

CHAPTER

LIKEWISE in the beloved city he gave me rest, and in Jerusalem was my power (*Ecclus. xxiv. 11*).

R. Thanks be to God.

Ps. Full of grace are thy lips. *R.* Because God hath blessed thee for ever.

PRAYERS

LORD, have mercy upon us. *R.* Christ, have mercy upon us. *Ps.* Lord, have mercy upon us. *Ps.* O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the fruitful virginity of blessed Mary, hast bestowed upon mankind the gifts of eternal salvation; grant, we beseech thee, that we may perceive that she intercedes for us, through whom we have been found worthy to obtain the Author of life, thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Ps. O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee.

Ps. Let us bless the Lord. *R.* Thanks be to God.

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At Sext

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PSALMODY

Ant. Drawn by the fragrance.

PSALM CXXIII. *Ad te levavi oculos meos.*

UNTO thee lift I up mine eyes, * O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

2. Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, † and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress;

* even so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, until he have mercy upon us.

3. Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us: * for we are utterly despised.

4. Our soul is filled with the scornful reproof of the wealthy, * and with the despitefulness of the proud.

GLORY be, &c.

PSALM CXXIV. *Nisi quia Dominus.*

IF the LORD himself had not been on our side, now may Israel say, * If the LORD himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us;

2. They had swallowed us up quick, * when they were so wrathfully displeased at us.

3. Yea, the waters had drowned us, * and the stream had gone over our soul.

4. The deep waters of the proud * had gone even over our soul.

5. But praised be the LORD, * who hath not given us over for a prey unto their teeth.

6. Our soul is escaped even as a bird out of the snare of the fowler: * the snare is broken, and we are delivered.

7. Our help standeth in the Name of the LORD, * who hath made heaven and earth.

GLORY be, &c.

PSALM CXXV. *Qui confidunt.*

THEY that put their trust in the LORD shall be even as the Mount Sion, * which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever.

2. The hills stand about Jerusalem, * even so standeth the LORD round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

3. For the rod of the ungodly cometh not into the lot of the righteous; * lest the righteous put their hand unto wickedness.

4. Do well, O LORD: * unto those that are good and true of heart.

5. As for such as turn back unto their own wickedness, * the LORD shall lead them forth with the evil-doers; but peace shall be upon Israel.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. Drawn by the fragrance of thine ointments, we run after thee: therefore do the virgins love thee exceedingly.

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AND I took root in an honourable people, even in the portion of the Lord's inheritance (*Ecclus. xxiv. 12*).

℞. Thanks be to God.

℣. Blessed art thou among women. ℞. And blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

PRAYERS

LORD, have mercy upon us. ℞. Christ, have mercy upon us. ℣. Lord, have mercy upon us. ℣. O Lord, hear my prayer. ℞. And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech thee, O merciful God, thy protection to our frailty: that we who commemorate Mary the Virgin and Mother of God, may rise from our iniquities by the help of her intercession. Through the same thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. ℞. Amen.

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer. ℞. And let my cry come unto thee.

℣. Let us bless the Lord. ℞. Thanks be to God.

℣. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, ☩ rest in peace. ℞. Amen.

At None

℣. O God, ✠ make speed to save me.

℞. O Lord, make haste to help me.

℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost. ℞. As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Alleluia *or, in Pre-Lent and Lent*, Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory.

OFFICE HYMN

Memento rerum Conditor.

SALVATION'S Author, call to mind ¶ How, taking form of human kind, ¶ Born of a Virgin undefiled, ¶ Thou in man's flesh becam'st a Child.

2. Mother of grace, O blissful Maid, ¶ Sweet fount of love, be thou our aid, ¶ Our shield to foil the tempter's power, ¶ Our refuge in death's awesome hour.

Dox. All honour, laud, and glory be, ¶ O Jesu, virgin-born to thee; ¶ All glory, as is ever meet, ¶ To Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

PSALMODY

Ant. Thou art beauteous.

PSALM CXXVI. In convertendo.

WHEN the LORD turned again the captivity of Sion, * then were we like unto them that dream.

2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with joy.

3. Then said they among the heathen, * The LORD hath done great things for them.

4. Yea, the LORD hath done great things for us already; * whereof we rejoice.

5. Turn our captivity, O LORD, * as the rivers in the south.

6. They that sow in tears * shall reap in joy.

7. He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed, * shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

GLORY be, &c.

PSALM CXXVII. Nisi Dominus.

EXCEPT the LORD build the house, * their labour is but lost that build it.

2. Except the LORD keep the city, * the watchman waketh but in vain.

3. It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, † and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness: * for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

4. Lo, children and the fruit of the womb * are an heritage and gift that cometh of the LORD.

5. Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant; * even so are the young children.

6. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: * they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

GLORY be, &c.

PSALM CXXVIII. *Beati omnes.*

BLESSED are all they that fear the LORD; * and walk in his ways.

2. For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands: * O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.

3. Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine * upon the walls of thine house.

4. Thy children like the olive-branches * round about thy table.

5. Lo, thus shall the man be blessed * that feareth the LORD.

6. The LORD from out of Sion shall so bless thee: * that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long;

7. Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children, * and peace upon Israel.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. Thou art beauteous and comely, O daughter of Jerusalem, and terrible as an army set in array for battle.

CHAPTER

IGAVE a sweet smell like cinnamon and aspalathus, and I yielded a pleasant odour like the best myrrh (*Ecclus. xxiv. 15*).

℞. Thanks be to God.

℣. The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary. ℞. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

PRAYERS

LORD, have mercy upon us. ℞. Christ, have mercy upon us. ℣. Lord, have mercy upon us. ℣. O Lord, hear my prayer. ℞. And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

OLORD, we beseech thee, absolve thy servants from their offences: that we who are not able to please thee by anything that we do, may be assisted in the way of salvation by the intercession of the Mother of thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. ℞. Amen.

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer. ℞. And let my cry come unto thee.

℣. Let us bless the Lord. ℞. Thanks be to God.

℣. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, ☩ rest in peace. ℞. Amen.

At Evensong

℣. O God, ✠ make speed to save me.

℞. O Lord, make haste to help me.

℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost. ℞. As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Alleluia *or, in Pre-Lent and Lent*, Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory.

PSALMODY

Ant. I. While the King.

PSALM CX. Dixit Dominus.

THE LORD said unto my Lord, * Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2. The LORD shall send the rod of thy power out of Sion: * be thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies.

3. In the day of thy power shall the people offer thee free-will offerings with an holy worship: * the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning.

4. The LORD sware, and will not repent, * Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedech.

5. The Lord upon thy right hand * shall wound even kings in the day of his wrath.

6. He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; * and smite in sunder the heads over divers countries.

7. He shall drink of the brook in the way: * therefore shall he lift up his head.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. While the King sitteth at his table, my spikenard sendeth forth the smell thereof.

Ant. II. His left hand.

PSALM CXIII. Laudate, pueri.

PRAISE the LORD, ye servants, * O praise the Name of the LORD.

2. Blessed be the Name of the LORD * from this time forth for evermore.

3. The LORD's Name is praised * from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

4. The LORD is high above all heathen, * and his glory above the heavens.

5. Who is like unto the LORD our God, that hath his dwelling so high, * and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth?

6. He taketh up the simple out of the dust, * and lifteth the poor out of the mire;

7. That he may set him with the princes, * even with the princes of his people.

8. He maketh the barren woman to keep house, * and to be a joyful mother of children.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. His left hand is under my head, and his right hand shall embrace me.

Ant. III. I am black.

PSALM CXXII. *Lætatus sum.*

I WAS glad when they said unto me, * We will go into the house of the LORD.

2. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, * O Jerusalem.

3. Jerusalem is built as a city * that is at unity in itself.

4. For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the LORD, * to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the LORD.

5. For there is the seat of judgement, * even the seat of the house of David.

6. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: * they shall prosper that love thee.

7. Peace be within thy walls, * and plenteousness within thy palaces.

8. For my brethren and companions' sakes, * I will wish thee prosperity.

9. Yea, because of the house of the LORD our God * I will seek to do thee good.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. I am black but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem: therefore hath the King loved me, and brought me into his chamber.

Ant. IV. For, lo, the winter is past.

PSALM CXXVII. *Nisi Dominus.*

EXCEPT the LORD build the house, * their labour is but lost that build it.

2. Except the LORD keep the city, * the watchman waketh but in vain.

3. It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, † and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness: * for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

4. Lo, children and the fruit of the womb * are an heritage and gift that cometh of the LORD.

5. Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant; * even so are the young children.

6. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: * they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone: rise up, my love, and come away.

Ant. V. How fair.

PSALM CXLVII:12-20. *Lauda Jerusalem.*

PRAISE the LORD, O Jerusalem; * praise thy God, O Sion.

13. For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates; * and hath blessed thy children within thee.

14. He maketh peace in thy borders, * and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.

15. He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: * and his word runneth very swiftly.

16. He giveth snow like wool: * and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.

17. He casteth forth his ice like morsels: * who is able to abide his frost?

18. He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: * he bloweth with his wind, and the waters flow.

19. He showeth his word unto Jacob, * his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.

20. He hath not dealt so with any nation: * neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. How fair and how pleasant art thou for delights, O holy Mother of God.

CHAPTER

HE created me from the beginning before the world, and I shall never fail. In the holy tabernacle I served before him (*Ecclus. xxiv. 9*).

℞. Thanks be to God.

OFFICE HYMN

Ave, Maris Stella.

STAR of ocean fairest, ¶ Mother, God who barest, ¶ Virgin thou immortal, ¶ Heaven's blissful portal.

2. Ave thou receivest, ¶ Gabriel's word believest; ¶ Change to peace and gladness, ¶ Eva's name of sadness.

3. Loose the bonds of terror, ¶ Lighten blinded error; ¶ All our ills repressing, ¶ Pray for every blessing.

4. Mother's care displaying, ¶ Offer him thy praying, ¶ Who, when born our Brother, ¶ Chose thee for his Mother.

5. Virgin, all excelling, ¶ Gentle past our telling; ¶ Pardon'd sinners render ¶ Gentle, chaste, and tender.

6. In pure paths direct us, ¶ On our way protect us; ¶ Till, on Jesus gazing, ¶ We shall join thy praising.

Dox. Father, Son eternal, ¶ Holy Ghost supernal, ¶ With one praise we bless thee, ¶ Three in One confess thee. Amen.

℣. Full of grace are thy lips. ℞. Because God hath blessed the for ever.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Ant. on Mag. O Blessed Mother.

Magnificat.

MY soul ✠ doth magnify the Lord, * and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded * the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth * all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me; * (*Here all make a profound reverence*) and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him * throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; * he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, * and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; *
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy † hath holpen his
servant Israel; * as he promised to our fore-
fathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. O Blessed Mother, and inviolate Virgin,
glorious Queen of the world, intercede for us
with the Lord.

PRAYERS

LORD, have mercy upon us. *R.* Christ, have
mercy upon us. *V.* Lord, have mercy upon
us. *V.* O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry
come unto thee.

Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech thee, O Lord, that we thy
servants may rejoice evermore in health
of soul and body; and, at the glorious
intercession of blessed Mary, Ever-Virgin,
deliver us from present heaviness, and grant us
the fruition of eternal happiness; through
Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Commemoration of All Saints.

Ant. O all ye Saints of God, vouchsafe to
intercede for our salvation, and for that of all
men.

V. Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the
Lord. *R.* And be joyful, all ye that are true of
heart.

Let us pray.

BE thou, O Lord, the Shield of thy people,
and protect with thine everlasting Arm
those who trust in the help of thine Apostles
Peter and Paul, and the others thine Apostles.

We pray thee, O Lord, that all thy blessed
Saints may everywhere succour us, and that as
we call to mind their worthy acts, so we may
feel the comfort of their friendship.

Grant thou also peace in our days, and keep
thy Church unblemished, and purged from all
iniquity.

Order thou likewise the footsteps, the deeds,
and the wills of us, and of all thy servants, in
the straight path that leadeth unto salvation in
thee.

Reward with eternal life all those who do us
good.

And grant eternal rest unto all ✠ the faithful
departed.

Through thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who
liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the
Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.
R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry
come unto thee. *V.* Let us bless the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God. *V.* May the souls of the
faithful departed, through the mercy of God, ✠
rest in peace. *R.* Amen.

At Compline

℣. Turn us, + O God, our Saviour. ℞. And let thine anger cease from us.

℣. O God, ✠ make speed to save me. ℞. O Lord, make haste to help me.

℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost. ℞. As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Alleluia *or, in Pre-Lent and Lent*, Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory.

PSALMODY

PSALM CXXIX. Sæpe expugnauerunt.
MANY a time have thy fought against me from my youth up, * may Israel now say.

2. Yea, many a time have they vexed me from my youth up: * but they have not prevailed against me.

3. The plowers plowed upon my back: * and made long furrows.

4. But the righteous LORD * hath hewn the snares of the ungodly in pieces.

5. Let them be confounded and turned backward, * as many as have evil will at Sion.

6. Let them be even as the grass growing upon the house-tops, * which withereth afore it be plucked up;

7. Whereof the mower filleth not his hand; * neither he that bindeth up the sheaves his bosom.

8. So that they who go by say not so much as, The LORD prosper you: * we wish you good luck in the Name of the LORD.

GLORY be, &c.

PSALM CXXX. De profundis.

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O LORD: * Lord, hear my voice.

2. O let thine ears consider well * the voice of my complaint.

3. If thou, LORD, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, * O Lord, who may abide it?

4. For there is mercy with thee, * therefore shalt thou be feared.

5. I look for the LORD; my soul doth wait for him, * in his word is my trust.

6. My soul fleeth unto the Lord: * before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

7. O Israel, trust in the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy, * and with him is plenteous redemption.

8. And he shall redeem Israel * from all his sins.

GLORY be, &c.

PSALM CXXXI. Domine, non est.

LORD, I am not high-minded: * I have no proud looks.

2. I do not exercise myself in great matters, * which are too high for me.

3. But I refrain my soul, and keep it low, † like as a child that is weaned from his mother: * yea, my soul is even as a weaned child.

4. O Israel, trust in the LORD * from this time forth for evermore.

GLORY be, &c.

OFFICE HYMN

Memento rerum Conditor.

SALVATION'S Author, call to mind ¶ How, taking form of human kind, ¶ Born of a Virgin undefiled, ¶ Thou in man's flesh becam'st a Child.

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Dox. All honour, laud, and glory be, ¶ O Jesu, virgin-born to thee; ¶ All glory, as is ever meet, ¶ To Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

CHAPTER

IAM the mother of fair love, and fear, and knowledge, and holy hope (*Ecclus. xxiv. 18*).

℞. Thanks be to God.

℣. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. ℞. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Ant. We take refuge.

Nunc dimittis.

LORD, ✠ now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, * according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen * thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared * before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, * and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. We take refuge under thy protection, O holy Mother of God! Despise not our supplications in our need, but deliver us always from all dangers, O Virgin, glorious and blessed.

PRAYERS

LORD, have mercy upon us. ℞. Christ, have mercy upon us. ℣. Lord, have mercy upon us. ℣. O Lord, hear my prayer. ℞. And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, that the glorious intercession of the blessed and glorious Virgin Mary may protect us, and bring us to life eternal. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. ℞. Amen.

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer. ℞. And let my cry come unto thee. ℣. Let us bless the Lord. ℞. Thanks be to God. ℣. May the almighty and merciful Lord, ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, bless us and keep us. ℞. Amen.

¶ Then is said one of the Marian Anthems on p. 31.

LITTLE OFFICE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

¶ *In Advent and Christmastide this Marian Anthem is to be said:*

Alma Redemptoris Mater.

ALMA * Remptoris Mater, quæ pervia cæli ¶ Porta
manes, et stella maris, ¶ Surgere qui curat populo:
tu quæ genuisti ¶ Natura mirante, tuum sanctum
Genitorem ¶ Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore
¶ Sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.

MAIDEN! * Mother of him who redeemed us, thou
that abidest ¶ Heaven's open gate, and Star of
the sea, come, succour the fallen! ¶ Fallen indeed we are,
but fain would rise by thy succour: ¶ Thou that beyond
nature's course hast borne in time the Eternal; ¶ Thou
that a Virgin before and after childbirth remainest,
¶ From the Archangel's lips the quickening message
receiving; ¶ Mother of Jesus and us, turn thine eyes of
mercy on sinners.

¶ *In Advent this versicle with its response and this collect are to be said after Alma Redemptoris Mater:*

¶. Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariæ. R. Et concepit de
Spiritu Sancto.

¶. The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary. R. And
she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Oremus

GRATIAM tuam, quæsumus, Domine, mentibus nostris
infunde; ut qui, Angelo nuntiante, Christi Filii tui
incarnationem cognovimus, per ✠ passionem eius et
cruce[m], ad resurrectionis gloriam perducamur. Per
eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. R. Amen.

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our
hearts: that, as we have known the Incarnation
of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel; so by
his ✠ Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the
glory of his Resurrection; through the same Christ our
Lord. R. Amen.

¶ *In Christmastide this versicle with its response and this collect are said to be said after Alma Redemptoris Mater:*

¶. Post partum, Virgo, inviolata permanisti: R. Dei
Genetrix, intercede pro nobis.

¶. After child-bearing thou remainedst a spotless
Virgin. R. Mother of God, intercede for us.

Oremus

DEUS, qui salutis æternæ, beatæ Mariæ virginitate
fecunda, humano generi præmia præstitisti: tribue,
quæsumus; ut ipsam pro nobis intercedere sentiamus, per
quam meruimus auctorem vitæ suscipere, Dominum
nostrum Iesum Christum, Filium tuum. R. Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who, by the fruitful virginity of blessed Mary,
hast bestowed upon mankind the reward of eternal
salvation: grant, we beseech thee, that we may perceive
that she intercedes for us, through whom we have been
found worthy to obtain the Author of life; thy Son our
Lord Jesus Christ. R. Amen.

LITTLE OFFICE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

¶ From Mattins on the 3rd of February until and including Compline on Holy Wednesday this Marian Anthem is to be said:

Ave Regina cælorum.

AVE * Regina cælorum, ¶ Ave, Domina Angelorum: Salve, radix, salve, porta, ¶ Ex qua mundo lux est orta:

Gaude, Virgo gloriosa, ¶ Super omnes speciosa, ¶ Vale, o valde decora, ¶ Et pro nobis Christum exora.

℣. Dignare et laudare te, Virgo sacrata. ℞. Da mihi virtutem contra hostes tuos.

Oremus

CONCEDE, misericors Deus, fragilitati nostræ præsidium; ut, qui sanctæ Dei Genetricis memoriam agimus; intercessionis eius auxilio, a nostris iniquitatibus resurgamus. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. ℞. Amen.

¶ In Eastertide this Marian Anthem is to be said:

REGINA cæli * lætare, alleluia. ¶ Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia. ¶ Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia. ¶ Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

℣. Gaude et lætare, Virgo Maria, alleluia. ℞. Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.

Oremus

DEUS, qui per resurrectionem Filii tui, Domini nostri Iesu Christi, mundum lætificare dignatus es: præsta, quæsumus; ut, per eius Genetricem Virginem Mariam, perpetuæ capiamus gaudia vitæ. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. ℞. Amen.

HAIL, * O Mary, Queen of Heaven, ¶ Queen of Angel worlds on high, ¶ Hail O Rod to Jesse given, ¶ Blessed Portal of the sky.

Hail, O Lady, bright and glorious, ¶ Clad in beauty, pure and true, ¶ Virgin o'er sin's stain victorious, ¶ Sinners for thy succour sue.

℣. Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O hallowed Maiden: ℞. Give me strength against thine enemies.

Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech thee, O merciful God, thy protection to our frailty; that we who commemorate Mary the Virgin and Mother of God, may rise from our iniquities by the help of her intercession; through the same Christ our Lord. ℞. Amen.

Regina cæli.

JOY to thee, * O Queen of heaven! Alleluia! ¶ He whom thou wast meet to bear: Alleluia. ¶ As he promis'd hath arisen: Alleluia. ¶ Pour for us to God thy prayer: Alleluia.

℣. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary: Alleluia. ℞. For the Lord hath risen indeed: Alleluia.

Let us pray.

OGOD, who, by the Resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ hast given joy unto the world; Grant, we beseech thee, that through his Mother the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of life eternal; through the same Christ our Lord. ℞. Amen.

LITTLE OFFICE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

¶ From Evensong on the Saturday before Trinity Sunday until and including None on the Saturday before Advent this Marian Anthem is to be said:

Salve Regina.

SALVE, Regina, * mater misericordiæ, ¶ vita, dulcedo, ¶ et spes nostra, salve. ¶ Ad te clamamus ¶ exsules filii Hevæ. ¶ Ad te suspiramus, ¶ gementes et flentes ¶ in hac lacrimarum valle. ¶ Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, ¶ illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte. ¶ Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exilium ostende. ¶ O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

℣. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Genetrix. ℞. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

Oremus

OMNIPOTENS sempiternus Deus, qui gloriosæ Virginis Matris Mariæ corpus et animam, ut dignum Filii tui habitaculum effici mereretur, Spiritu Sancto cooperante, præparasti: da, ut cuius commemoratione lætamur; eius pia intercessione, ab instantibus malis, et a morte perpetua liberemur. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. ℞. Amen.

¶ After the Marian Anthem, regardless of season, the following versicle with its response is always said:

℣. Divinum ✠ auxilium maneat semper nobiscum. ℞. Amen.

MOTHER of mercy, * Holy Queen, we hail thee! ¶ Life's sweet refreshment, ¶ hope of souls despairing. ¶ Here now behold us, ¶ hapless children of Eva; ¶ sighing we implore thee, ¶ as weeping and tearful ¶ we pass through this vale of sorrow. ¶ Prithee, therefore, gentle intercessor, ¶ turn thine eyes of pity in loving tenderness on us poor exiles. ¶ And show us Jesus, thy pure womb's most blessed offspring, ¶ when this life's weary pilgrimage is ended. ¶ O gentlest, O kindest, O sweetest Maiden Mary.

℣. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. ℞. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God, who by the co-operation of the Holy Spirit didst prepare the body and soul of the Glorious Virgin-Mother Mary to become a dwelling place meet for thy Son; grant that as we rejoice in her commemoration, so we may, by her fervent intercession, be delivered from present evils and from everlasting death; through the same Christ our Lord. ℞. Amen.

℣. May the ✠ divine assistance remain with us always. ℞. Amen.

LITTLE OFFICE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

¶ This is short Marian devotion may be said at about 6 AM in the morning, at noon, and at about 6 PM in the evening; except in Eastertide at which time the *Regina cæli* may be said in its place:

Angelus.

℣. Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariæ. ℞. Et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.

AVE Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum; benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. ℞. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostræ. Amen.

℣. Ecce ancilla Domini. ℞. Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

Ave Maria, &c.

℣. (*Genuflectitur.*) Et Verbum caro factum est. ℞. (*Levate.*) Et habitavit in nobis.

Ave Maria, &c.

℣. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Genitrix. ℞. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

Oremus

GRATIAM tuam, quæsumus, Domine, mentibus nostris infunde; ut qui, Angelo nuntiante, Christi Filii tui incarnationem cognovimus, per ✠ passionem eius et crucem, ad resurrectionis gloriam perducamur. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. ℞. Amen.

℣. The Angel of the Lord announced. ℞. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

HAIL, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. ℞. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

℣. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. ℞. Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail, Mary, &c.

℣. (*Here all genuflect.*) And the Word was made flesh; ℞. (*Here all rise.*) And dwelt among us.

Hail, Mary, &c.

℣. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. ℞. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts: that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel; so by his ✠ Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. ℞. Amen.

OFFICE 2 — ADVENT

At Mattins

¶ *All as in Office 1 (p. 1), unless otherwise stated.*

In Nocturn III, recited upon Wednesdays and Saturdays and on the Annunciation, the antiphon upon Psalm XCVIII (98) is replaced as follows:

Ant. III. The Angel of the Lord.

PSALM XCVIII. *Cantate Domino.*

O sing unto the LORD a new song; * for he hath done marvellous things.

2. With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, * hath he gotten himself the victory.

3. The LORD declared his salvation: * his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

4. He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel: * and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

5. Show yourselves joyful unto the LORD, all ye lands: * sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

6. Praise the LORD upon the harp, * sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

7. With trumpets also and shawms, * O show yourselves joyful before the LORD the King.

8. Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is; * the round world, and they that dwell therein.

9. Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the LORD; * for he is come to judge the earth.

10. With righteousness shall he judge the world, * and the people with equity.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary, and she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

LESSON I.

℣. Bid, *Lord (or Sir)*, a blessing. BEN. Mary with thy gracious Child, bless us, Maiden undefiled. ℞. Amen.

AND in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a Virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the Virgin's name was Mary. And the Angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women (*S. Luke, i. 26*). ℣. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. ℞. Thanks be to God.

℞. The angel Gabriel was sent to Mary, a Virgin espoused to Joseph, to bring unto her the word of the Lord: and the Virgin was troubled at the radiance: fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with the Lord. * Behold, thou shalt conceive and bear a Son, and he shall be called the Son of the Highest. ℣. The Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever. * Behold, thou shalt conceive and bear a Son, and he shall be called the Son of the Highest.

LESSON II.

℣. Bid, *Lord (or Sir)*, a blessing. BEN. With the Lord who sprang from thee, Maid of maidens, plead for me. ℞. Amen.

AND when she saw him she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son, and shalt call his Name JESUS. He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever: and of his kingdom there shall be no end (*S. Luke, i. 29-33*). ℣. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. ℞. Thanks be to God.

℞. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. * The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. ℣. How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her: * The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

LESSON III.

℣. Bid, *Lord (or Sir)*, a blessing. BEN. Through the Virgin Mother may the Lord grant us peace and salvation. ℞. Amen.

THEN said Mary unto the Angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the Angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And behold thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it unto me according to thy word (*S. Luke, i. 34-38*). ℣. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. ℞. Thanks be to God.

℞. Receive the word of the Lord, O Virgin Mary, which hath been sent thee by the Angel: thou shalt conceive and shalt bear God and man. * That thou mayest be called blessed among women. ℣. Thou shalt bear a Son indeed, but shalt not suffer the loss of thy virginity: thou shalt be with child and become a mother undefiled. * That thou mayest be called blessed among women.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. * That thou mayest be called blessed among women.

At Lauds

¶ All as in Office 1 (p. 11), unless otherwise stated.

PSALMODY

The antiphons upon the psalms are as follows.

Ant. I. The Angel Gabriel.

PSALM XCIII. *Dominus regnavit.*

THE LORD is King, and hath put on glorious apparel; &c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. The Angel Gabriel was sent to Mary the Virgin, espoused to Joseph.

Ant. II. Hail Mary.

PSALM C. *Jubilate Deo.*

OBE joyful in the LORD, all ye lands: &c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. Alleluia.

Ant. III. Fear not, Mary.

PSALMS LXIII & LXVII. *Deus, Deus meus.*

OGOD, thou art my God; &c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. Fear not, Mary, thou hast found favour with God: behold, thou shalt conceive and shalt bear a Son. Alleluia.

Ant. IV. The Lord shall give unto him.

Benedicite, omnia opera.

OALL ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; &c.

N.B. The Glory be is not said here.

Ant. The Lord shall give unto him the throne of his father David, and he shall reign for ever.

Ant. V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

PSALMS CXLVIII - CL. *Laudate Dominum.*

OPRAISE the LORD of heaven: &c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it unto me according to thy word.

CHAPTER

AND there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: and the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him (*Is. xi. 1*).

R̄. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

The antiphon upon the Benedictus is as follows.

Ant. on Ben. The Holy Ghost.

Benedictus Dominus, Deus Israel.

BLESSED be ☩ the Lord God of Israel; &c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, O Mary: fear not, thou shalt bear in thy womb the Son of God. Alleluia.

PRAYERS

LORD, have mercy upon us. **R̄.** Christ, have mercy upon us. **Ψ.** Lord, have mercy upon us.

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer. ℞. And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who didst grant thy Word to take flesh from the womb of blessed Mary, Ever-Virgin, at the message of an angel; mercifully grant to us thy servants, that we who truly believe her to be the Mother of God, may ever be assisted by her prayers. *Through the same Christ our Lord. ℞. Amen.*

¶ *The aforesaid collect replaces the collects at Prime, Terce, Sext, None, and Compline; but with the long ending, namely: Through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord: who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. ℞. Amen.*

Commemoration of All Saints.

Ant. Behold the Lord shall come, and all his Saints with him; and in that day there shall be a great light. Alleluia.

℣. Behold the Lord shall appear upon a cloud of light. ℞. And with him thousands of saints.

Let us pray.

PURIFY our consciences, we beseech thee, O Lord, by thy visitation: that thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, when he cometh with all his saints, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself. Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. ℞. Amen.

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer. ℞. And let my cry come unto thee. ℣. Let us bless the Lord. ℞. Thanks be to God. ℣. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, ☩ rest in peace. ℞. Amen.

¶ *If any of the other hours are to be recited immediately after Lauds, that which follows is not said, but at the end of the last hour.*

OUR Father, &c. *quietly.*

℣. May the Lord give us his peace. ℞. And ☩ life everlasting. Amen.

¶ *Then is said one of the Marian Anthems on p. 31.*

At Prime

¶ All as in Office 1 (p. 17), unless otherwise stated.

PSALMODY

The antiphon upon the psalms is said as follows.

Ant. The Angel Gabriel.

PSALM LIV. Deus, in Nomine.

SAVE me, O God, for thy Name's sake,
&c.

GLORY be, &c.

PSALM LXXXV. Benedixisti, Domine.

LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy
land: &c.

GLORY be, &c.

PSALM CXVII. Laudate Dominum.

OPRAISE the LORD, all ye heathen:
&c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. The Angel Gabriel was sent to Mary the
Virgin, espoused to Joseph.

CHAPTER

BEHOLD, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a
Son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may
know to refuse the evil, and choose the good
(*Is. vii. 14*).

℞. Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS

See the Prayers at Lauds (p. 38) for the collect.

At Terce

¶ All as in Office 1 (p. 19), unless otherwise stated.

PSALMODY

The antiphon upon the psalms is said as follows.

Ant. Hail Mary.

PSALM CXX. Ad Dominum.

WHEN I was in trouble I called upon the
LORD, &c.

GLORY be, &c.

PSALM CXXI. Levavi oculos.

IWILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
&c.

GLORY be, &c.

PSALM CXXII. Lætatus sum.

IWAS glad when they said unto me,
&c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with
thee: blessed art thou among women. Alleluia.

CHAPTER

AND there shall come forth a rod out of the
stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out
of his roots; and the Spirit of the Lord shall rest
upon him (*Is. xi. 1*).

℞. Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS

See the Prayers at Lauds (p. 38) for the collect.

At Sext

¶ All as in Office 1 (p. 21), unless otherwise stated.

PSALMODY

The antiphon upon the psalms is said as follows.

Ant. Fear not, Mary.

PSALM CXXIII. Ad te levavi oculos meos.

UNTO thee lift I up mine eyes,
&c.

GLORY be, &c.

PSALM CXXIV. Nisi quia Dominus.

IF the LORD himself had not been on our
side, now may Israel say, &c.

GLORY be, &c.

PSALM CXXV. Qui confidunt.

THEY that put their trust in the LORD shall
be even as the Mount Sion, &c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. Fear not, Mary, thou hast found favour
with God; behold, thou shalt conceive and
shalt bear a Son. Alleluia.

CHAPTER

AND the Lord God shall give unto him the
throne of his father David: and he shall
reign over the house of Jacob for ever (*S. Luke, 1.*
32).

℞. Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS

See the Prayers at Lauds (p. 38) for the collect.

At None

¶ All as in Office 1 (p. 23), unless otherwise stated.

PSALMODY

The antiphon upon the psalms is said as follows.

Ant. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

PSALM CXXVI. In convertendo.

WHEN the LORD turned again the
captivity of Sion, &c.

GLORY be, &c.

PSALM CXXVII. Nisi Dominus.

EXCEPT the LORD build the house,
&c.

GLORY be, &c.

PSALM CXXVIII. Beati omnes.

BLESSED are all they that fear the Lord;
&c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it
unto me according to thy word.

CHAPTER

BEHOLD, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a
Son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may
know to refuse the evil, and choose the good
(*Is. vii. 14*).

℞. Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS

See the Prayers at Lauds (p. 38) for the collect.

At Evensong

¶ *All as in Office 1 (p. 25), unless otherwise stated.*

PSALMODY

The antiphons upon the psalms are as follows.

Ant. I. The Angel Gabriel.

PSALM CX. *Dixit Dominus.*

THE LORD said unto my Lord,
&c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. The Angel Gabriel was sent to Mary the Virgin, espoused to Joseph.

Ant. II. Hail Mary.

PSALM CXIII. *Laudate, pueri.*

PRAISE the LORD, ye servants,
&c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. Alleluia.

Ant. III. Fear not, Mary.

PSALM CXXII. *Lætatus sum.*

I WAS glad when they said unto me,
&c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. Fear not, Mary, thou hast found favour with God: behold, thou shalt conceive and shalt bear a Son. Alleluia.

Ant. IV. The Lord shall give unto him.

PSALM CXXVII. *Nisi Dominus.*

EXCEPT the LORD build the house,
&c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. The Lord shall give unto him the throne of his father David, and he shall reign for ever.

Ant. V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

PSALM CXLVII:12-20. *Lauda Jerusalem.*

PRAISE the LORD, O Jerusalem;
&c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it unto me according to thy word.

CHAPTER

AND there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots; and the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him (*Is. xi. 1*).

℞. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

The antiphon upon the Magnificat is as follows.

Ant. on Mag. The Holy Ghost.

Magnificat.

MY soul ✠ doth magnify the Lord,
&c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, O Mary: fear not, thou shalt bear in thy womb the Son of God. Alleluia.

PRAYERS

LORD, have mercy upon us. *R.* Christ, have mercy upon us. *Ps.* Lord, have mercy upon us.

Ps. O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who didst grant thy Word to take flesh from the womb of blessed Mary, Ever-Virgin, at the message of an angel; mercifully grant to us thy servants, that we who truly believe her to be the Mother of God, may ever be assisted by her prayers. Through the same Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Commemoration of All Saints.

Ant. Behold the Lord shall come, and all his Saints with him; and in that day there shall be a great light. Alleluia.

Ps. Behold the Lord shall appear upon a cloud of light. *R.* And with him thousands of saints.

Let us pray.

PURIFY our consciences, we beseech thee, O Lord, by thy visitation: that thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, when he cometh with all his saints, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself. Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Ps. O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee. *Ps.* Let us bless the Lord. *R.* Thanks be to God. *Ps.* May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, *✠* rest in peace. *R.* Amen.



At Compline

¶ *All as in Office 1 (p. 29), unless otherwise stated.*

CHAPTER

BEHOLD, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good (*Is. vii. 14*).

℞. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Ant. The Holy Ghost.

Nunc dimittis.

LORD, ✠ now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, &c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, O Mary: fear not, thou shalt bear in thy womb the Son of God. Alleluia.

PRAYERS

See the Prayers at Lauds (p. 38) for the collect.



OFFICE 3 — CHRISTMASTIDE

¶ *All as in Office 1 (p. 11), unless otherwise stated.*

PSALMODY

The antiphons upon the psalms are as follows.

Ant. I. O wondrous interchange!

PSALM XCIII. *Dominus regnavit.*

THE LORD is King, and hath put on glorious apparel; &c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. O wondrous interchange! The Creator of mankind, taking upon him a living body, vouchsafed to be born of a Virgin: and begotten in no carnal wise, hath made us partakers of his Divinity.

Ant. II. When thou wast born.

PSALM C. *Jubilate Deo.*

OBE joyful in the LORD, all ye lands: &c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. When thou wast born all ineffably of a Virgin, then were the scriptures fulfilled: thou didst come down as showers on the mown grass, to bring salvation unto all mankind: we praise thee, O our God.

Ant. III. In the bush

PSALMS LXIII & LXVII. *Deus, Deus meus.*

O GOD, thou art my God; &c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. In the bush which Moses saw unconsumed, we acknowledge the preservation of thy glorious virginity: holy Mother of God, intercede for thy children.

Ant. IV. The root of Jesse.

Benedicite, omnia opera.

O ALL ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; &c.

N.B. *The Glory be is not said here.*

Ant. The root of Jesse hath budded; the Star hath come out of Jacob; a Virgin hath borne the Saviour: we praise thee, O our God.

Ant. V. Lo, Mary.

PSALMS CXLVIII - CL. *Laudate Dominum.*

O PRAISE the LORD of heaven: &c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. Lo, Mary hath borne to us a Saviour, of whom when John beheld him, he cried, saying: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that beareth the sins of the world. Alleluia.

CHAPTER

AND there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: and the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him (*Is. xi. 1*).

℟. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

The antiphon upon the Benedictus is as follows.

Ant. on Ben. A mystery ineffable.

Benedictus Dominus, Deus Israel.

BLESSED be ✠ the Lord God of Israel;
&c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. A mystery ineffable is today made manifest; the course of nature is changed: God is become Incarnate; that which he was he remained, and that which he was not he assumed, suffering no confusion, nor division.

PRAYERS

LORD, have mercy upon us. *℟.* Christ, have mercy upon us. *℣.* Lord, have mercy upon us.

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer. *℟.* And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the fruitful virginity of blessed Mary hast bestowed upon mankind the gifts of eternal salvation: grant, we beseech thee, that we may perceive that she intercedes for us, through whom we have been found worthy to obtain the Author life, thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ. *℟.* Amen.

¶ The aforesaid collect replaces the collects at Prime, Terce, Sext, None, and Compline; but with the long ending, namely: Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. ℟. Amen.

Then the Commemoration of All Saints and the concluding versicles and prayers are to be said as in Office 1 (p. 16).

At Prime

¶ All as in Office 1 (p. 17), unless otherwise stated.

PSALMODY

The antiphon upon the psalms is said as follows.

Ant. O wondrous interchange!

PSALM LIV. Deus, in Nomine.

SAVE me, O God, for thy Name's sake,
&c.

GLORY be, &c.

PSALM LXXXV. Benedixisti, Domine.

LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy
land: &c.

GLORY be, &c.

PSALM CXVII. Laudate Dominum.

OPRAISE the LORD, all ye heathen:
&c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. O wondrous interchange! The Creator of mankind, taking upon him a living body, vouchsafed to be born of a Virgin: and begotten in no carnal wise, hath made us partakers of his Divinity.

PRAYERS

See the Prayers at Lauds (p. 45) for the collect.

At Terce

¶ All as in Office 1 (p. 19), unless otherwise stated.

PSALMODY

The antiphon upon the psalms is said as follows.

Ant. When thou wast born.

PSALM CXX. Ad Dominum.

WHEN I was in trouble I called upon the
LORD, &c.

GLORY be, &c.

PSALM CXXI. Levavi oculos.

IWILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
&c.

GLORY be, &c.

PSALM CXXII. Lætatus sum.

IWAS glad when they said unto me,
&c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. When thou wast born all ineffably of a Virgin, then were the scriptures fulfilled: thou didst come down as showers on the mown grass, to bring salvation unto all mankind: we praise thee, O our God.

PRAYERS

See the Prayers at Lauds (p. 45) for the collect.

At Sext

¶ All as in Office 1 (p. 21), unless otherwise stated.

PSALMODY

The antiphon upon the psalms is said as follows.

Ant. In the bush

PSALM CXXIII. Ad te levavi oculos meos.

UNTO thee lift I up mine eyes,
&c.

GLORY be, &c.

PSALM CXXIV. Nisi quia Dominus.

IF the LORD himself had not been on our
side, now may Israel say, &c.

GLORY be, &c.

PSALM CXXV. Qui confidunt.

THEY that put their trust in the LORD shall
be even as the Mount Sion, &c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. In the bush which Moses saw
unconsumed, we acknowledge the
preservation of thy glorious virginity: holy
Mother of God, intercede for thy children.

PRAYERS

See the Prayers at Lauds (p. 45) for the collect.

At None

¶ All as in Office 1 (p. 23), unless otherwise stated.

PSALMODY

The antiphon upon the psalms is said as follows.

Ant. Lo, Mary.

PSALM CXXVI. In convertendo.

WHEN the LORD turned again the
captivity of Sion, &c.

GLORY be, &c.

PSALM CXXVII. Nisi Dominus.

EXCEPT the LORD build the house,
&c.

GLORY be, &c.

PSALM CXXVIII. Beati omnes.

BLESSED are all they that fear the Lord;
&c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. Lo, Mary hath borne to us a Saviour, of
whom when John beheld him, he cried, saying:
Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that
beareth the sins of the world. Alleluia.

PRAYERS

See the Prayers at Lauds (p. 45) for the collect.

At Evensong

¶ *All as in Office 1 (p. 25), unless otherwise stated.*

PSALMODY

The antiphons upon the psalms are as follows.

Ant. I. O wondrous interchange!

PSALM CX. *Dixit Dominus.*

THE LORD said unto my Lord,
&c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. O wondrous interchange! The Creator of mankind, taking upon him a living body, vouchsafed to be born of a Virgin: and begotten in no carnal wise, hath made us partakers of his Divinity.

Ant. II. When thou wast born.

PSALM CXIII. *Laudate, pueri.*

PRAISE the LORD, ye servants,
&c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. When thou wast born all ineffably of a Virgin, then were the scriptures fulfilled: thou didst come down as showers on the mown grass, to bring salvation unto all mankind: we praise thee, O our God.

Ant. III. In the bush

PSALM CXXII. *Lætatus sum.*

I WAS glad when they said unto me,
&c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. In the bush which Moses saw unconsumed, we acknowledge the preservation of thy glorious virginity: holy Mother of God, intercede for thy children.

Ant. IV. The root of Jesse.

PSALM CXXVII. *Nisi Dominus.*

EXCEPT the LORD build the house,
&c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. The root of Jesse hath budded; the Star hath come out of Jacob; a Virgin hath borne the Saviour: we praise thee, O our God.

Ant. V. Lo, Mary.

PSALM CXLVII:12-20. *Lauda Jerusalem.*

PRAISE the LORD, O Jerusalem;
&c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. Lo, Mary hath borne to us a Saviour, of whom when John beheld him, he cried, saying: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that beareth the sins of the world. Alleluia.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

The antiphon upon the Magnificat is as follows.

Ant. on Mag. Heirs are we of a great mystery.

Magnificat.

MY soul ✠ doth magnify the Lord,
&c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. Heirs are we of a great mystery: the womb of her that knew not man is become the temple of the Godhead: He, of a Virgin

Incarnate, suffereth no defilement: all the nations shall gather, saying, Glory be to thee, O Lord.

PRAYERS

LORD, have mercy upon us. *R.* Christ, have mercy upon us. *Ps.* Lord, have mercy upon us.

Ps. O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the fruitful virginity of blessed Mary hast bestowed upon mankind the gifts of eternal salvation: grant, we beseech thee, that we may perceive that she intercedes for us, through whom we have been found worthy to obtain the Author life, thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ. *R.* Amen.

Then the Commemoration of All Saints and the concluding versicles and prayers are to be said as in Office 1 (p. 28).

At Compline

¶ *All as in Office 1 (p. 29), unless otherwise stated.*

GOSPEL CANTICLE

The antiphon on the Nunc dimittis is as follows.

Ant. Heirs are we of a great mystery.

Nunc dimittis.

LORD, ✠ now lettest thou thy servant depart
in peace, &c.

GLORY be, &c.

Ant. Heirs are we of a great mystery: the womb of her that knew not man is become the temple of the Godhead: He, of a Virgin Incarnate, suffereth no defilement: all the nations shall gather, saying, Glory be to thee, O Lord.

PRAYERS

See the Prayers at Lauds (p. 45) for the collect.

