



V. O Lord, open *our* lips R. And we shall praise *your* name

Office Hymn

Sung by all

1.
Dear maker of the starry skies,
Light of believers evermore!
Jesu, Redeemer of mankind,
be near us who thine aid implore.

2.
When man was sunk in sin and death,
lost in the depth of satan's snare,
love brought thee down to cure our ills,
by taking of those ills a share.

3.
Great judge of all, in that last day,
when friends shall fail and foes combine,
be present, then, with us, we pray,
to guard us with thy arm divine.

4.
To God the Father with the Son,
and Holy Spirit, one and three,
be honour, glory, blessing, praise,
all through the long eternity.
Amen

The Psalms follow. The assembly sings the verses in **BOLD**.

Psalm 62 (63)

Antiphon 1

On that day the moun-tains will run with sweet wine;
The hills will flow with milk and ho-ney.

O God, you are my God, for you I long. **All sit**
for you my *soul* is thirsting.
My body pines for you like a dry, +
weary land without *water*.
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary+
to see your strength *and* your glory.

For your love is better than *life*,
my lips will speak of your praise.
So I will bless you all my life, +
in your name I will lift up my *hands*.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, +
my mouth shall praise *you* with joy.

On my bed I re-*member* you.
On you I muse through the night +
for you have *been* my help;
in the shadow of your wings I re-*joice*.
My soul clings to you; +
your right hand *holds* me fast.

Glory be to the Father and to the *Son*
and to the *Ho-ly* Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, +
is now, and ever *shall* be,
world without *end*.
Amen.

Ant. On that day...

Canticle: Daniel 3: 57-88, 56

Antiphon 2

Plainchant Tone II

The moun - tains and hills will sing praise to God;
and all the trees of the coun-try-side will clap their hands; for the Lord will come,
and he will reign for - e - ver, Al - le - lu - ia.

O all you works of the Lord, O bless the *Lord*.
To him be highest glory and *praise* for ever.

**And you, angels of the Lord, O bless the *Lord*.
To him be highest glory and *praise* for ever.**

And you, the heavens of the Lord, +
O bless the *Lord*.
And you, clouds of the sky, O *bless* the Lord.

**And you, all armies of the Lord, +
O bless the *Lord*.
To him be highest glory and *praise* for ever.**

And you, sun and moon, O bless the *Lord*.
And you, the stars of the heavens, +
O *bless* the Lord.

**And you, showers and rain, O bless the *Lord*.
To him be highest glory and *praise* for ever.**

And you, all you breezes and winds, +
O bless the *Lord*.
And you, fire and heat, O *bless* the Lord.

**And you, cold and heat, O bless the *Lord*.
To him be highest glory and *praise* for ever.**

And you, showers and dew, O bless the *Lord*.
And you, frosts and cold, O *bless* the Lord.

**And you, frost and snow, O bless the *Lord*.
To him be highest glory and *praise* for ever.**

And you, night-time and day, O bless the *Lord*.
And you, darkness and light, O *bless* the Lord.

**And you, lightning and clouds, O bless the *Lord*.
To him be highest glory and *praise* for ever.**

O let the earth bless the *Lord*.
To him be highest glory and *praise* for ever.

**And you, mountains and hills, +
O bless the *Lord*.
And you, all plants of the earth, +
O *bless* the Lord.**

And you, fountains and springs, O bless the *Lord*.
To him be highest glory and *praise* for ever.

**And you, rivers and seas, O bless the *Lord*.
And you, creatures of the sea, O *bless* the Lord.**

And you, every bird in the sky, +
O bless the Lord.+
And you, wild beasts and tame, O bless the *Lord*.
To him be highest glory and *praise* for ever.

**And you, children of men, O bless the *Lord*.
To him be highest glory and *praise* for ever.**

O Israel, bless the Lord, O bless the *Lord*.
And you, priests of the Lord, O *bless* the Lord.

And you, servants of the Lord, +
 O bless the Lord.
 To him be highest glory and *praise* for ever.

And you, spirits and souls of the just, +
 O bless the Lord.
 And you, holy and humble of heart, +
 O *bless* the Lord.

Ananias, Azarias, Mizael, O bless the Lord.
 To him be highest glory and *praise* for ever.

Let us praise the Father, the Son, +
 and Holy *Spi*-rit:
 To you be highest glory and *praise* for ever.

May you be blessed, O Lord, in the *hea*-vens.
 To you be highest glory and *praise* for ever.

Ant. The mountain and hills...

Psalm 149

Antiphon 3

C. Upchurch

Be - hold, a great pro - phet will come,
 and he will re - new Je - ru - sa - lem, Al - le - lu - ia.

Sing a new song to the *Lord*,
 his praise in the assembly of the *faithful*.
 Let Israel rejoice in its maker, +
 let Sion's sons exult in their *king*.
 Let them praise his name with dancing +
 and make music with timbrel and *harp*.

**For the Lord takes delight in his *people*.
 He crowns the poor with *sal*-vation.
 Let the faithful rejoice in their *glory*,
 shout for joy and take their *rest*.**

Let the praise of God be on their *lips*
 and a two-edged sword in their *hand*,
 to deal out vengeance to the *nations*
 and punishment on all the *peoples*;

Scripture Reading: Romans 13: 11-12

Responsory

R. *Christ, son of the living God, have mercy on us* R.
 V. You are coming into the world R.
 V. Glory be. R.

**to bind their kings in *chains*
 and their nobles in fetters of *iron*;
 to carry out the sentence *preor*-dained:
 this honour is for all his *faithful*.**

Glory be to the Father and to the *Son*
 and to the Holy *Spirit*,
 as it was in the beginning, +
 is now, and ever *shall be*,
 world without end. +
A-men.

Ant. Behold, a great prophet will come...

All stand

Benedictus

The canticle is alternated by schola/cantor and assembly
Plainchant Mode II

Antiphon

The Ho-ly Spi-rit will come up-on you, Ma - ry. Do not be a-fraid,
for you will bear in your womb the Son of God, Al - le - lu - ia.

+ *Be-ne-dictus Dominus Deus Is-rael; *
quia visitavit et fecit redemptionem ple-
bis suae*

*et e-rexit cornu salutis no-bis, *
in domo David pue-ri sui,*

*si-cut locutus est per os sanc-to-rum, *
qui a saeculo sunt, propheta-rum eius,*

*sa-lu-tem ex inimicis nos-tris, *
et de manu omnium, qui o-derunt nos;*

*ad fa-ciendam misericordiam cum
patribus nos -tris, *
et memorari testamenti su-i sancti,*

*ius-iu-randum, quod iuravit ad
Abraham patrem nos-trum, * daturum se
nobis,*

*ut si-ne timore, de manu inimicorum
libe-ra-ti, * servia-mus illi*

*in sanc-titate et iustitia coram ip-so *
omnibus die-bus nostris.*

*Et tu, puer, propheta Altissimi vo-ca-beris:
* praeibis enim ante faciem Domini parare
vi-as eius,*

*ad dan-dam scientiam salutis plebi ei-us *
in remissionem peccatorum e-orum,*

*per vi-scera misericordiae Dei nos-tri, *
in quibus visitabit nos oriens ex alto,*

*il-lu-minare his, qui in tenebris et in
umbra mortis se-dent, * ad dirigendos
pedes nostros in vi-am pacis.*

*Glo-ri-a Patri et Fi-lio * et Spiritu-i Sancto*

*Si-cut erat in principio et nunc et sem-per.
* Et in saecula saeculo-rum.*

Amen.

Ant. The Holy Spirit will come upon you..

Intercessions **R. Send us your loving kindness. Our Father.**

Concluding Prayer and Dismissal

Anthem in honour of Our Lady *Alma redemptoris mater* [see insert]