

FIRST VESPERS
FOR THE FEAST OF
OUR HOLY FATHER
ST PHILIP



THE ORATORY
OXFORD

D E-US, † in adjutóri-um me-um inténde. R. Dómine
 ad adjuvándum me festina. Glóri-a Patri, et Fí-li-o,
 et Spi-rí-tu-i Sancto. Sicut erat in princípi-o, et nunc,
 et semper, et in sácula sæculó-rum. Amen. Allelú-ia.

O God, come to my aid. R. O Lord, make haste to help me. 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. Amen. Alleluia.

All stand until the cantors have intoned the first line of the psalm.

D E excélsa * mí-sit ígnem in óssibus mé- is et erudívit
 me. T.P. Allelú-ia.

From on high he hath sent fire into my bones, and hath chastised me.

I. Di-xit Dóminus Dómino me-o : * Sede a dextris me- is.

1. The Lord said to my Lord: 'Sit thou at my right hand:

2. Donec ponam inimícos tuos, * scabéllum pedum tuórum.

3. Virgam virtútis tuæ emíttet Dóminus ex Sion : * domináre in médio inimicórum tuórum.

4. Tecum princípium in die virtútis tuæ in splendóribus sanctórum : * ex útero ante lucíferum genui te.

5. Jurávit Dóminus, et non paenitébit eum : * Tu es sacérdos in aetérnum secúndum órđinem Melchisedech.

2. 'Until I make thy enemies thy footstool.'

3. The Lord will send forth the sceptre of thy power out of Sion: rule thou in the midst of thy enemies.

4. With thee is the principality in the day of thy strength: in the brightness of the saints: from the womb before the day star I begot thee.

5. The Lord hath sworn, and he will not repent: Thou art a priest for ever according to the order of Melchisedech.

6. Dóminus a **dextris tuis**, * confrégit in die irae **suae reges**.

7. Judicábit in natióibus, implébit ruínas : * conquassábit cápita in **terra multórum**.

8. De torrén-te in **via bibet** : * proptérea exaltábit **caput**.

9. Glória **Patri**, et **Fílio**, * et **Spirítui Sancto**.

10. Sicut erat in princípío, et **nunc**, et **semper**, * et in saécula saeculórum. **Amen**.

6. The Lord at thy right hand hath broken kings in the day of his wrath.

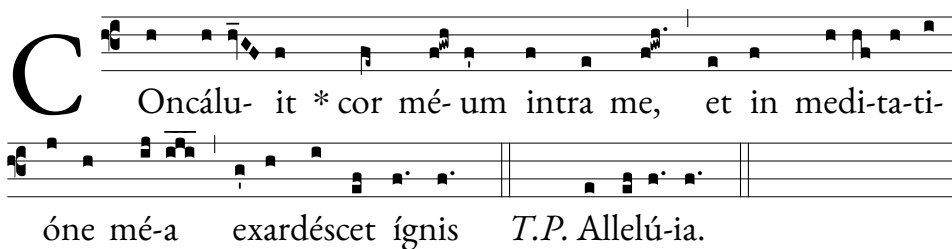
7. He shall judge among nations, he shall fill ruins: he shall crush the heads in the land of the many.

8. He shall drink of the torrent in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

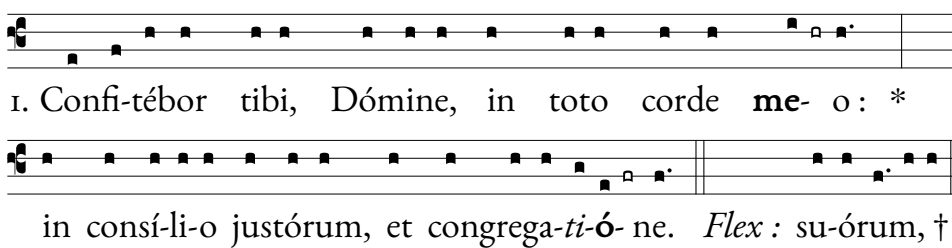
9. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

10. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The antiphon is repeated.

C  Oncálu- it * cor mé-um intra me, et in medi-ta-ti-óne mé-a exardéscet ígnis T.P. Allelú-ia.

My heart grew hot within me: and in my meditation a fire shall flame out.

 1. Confi-tébor tibi, Dómine, in toto corde **me- o** : * in consí-li-o justórum, et congrega-ti-ó-ne. Flex : su-órum, †

I. I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; in the council of the just: and in the congregation.

2. Magna ópera **Dómini** : * exquisíta in omnes voluntátes ejus.

3. Conféssio et magnificéntia opus ejus : * et justítia ejus manet in **sáculum** **sáculi**.

4. Memóriam fecit mirabílium suórum, † miséricors et miserátor **Dóminus** : * escam dedit timénti**bus** se.

5. Memor erit in **sáculum** testaménti **sui** : * virtútem óperum suórum annuntiábit **pópulo suo** :

6. Ut det illis hereditátem **géntium** : *

2. Great are the works of the Lord: sought out according to all his wills.

3. His work is praise and magnificence: and his justice continueth for ever and ever.

4. He hath made a remembrance of his wonderful works, being a merciful and gracious Lord: he hath given food to them that fear him.

5. He will be mindful for ever of his covenant: he will shew forth to his people the power of his works.

6. That he may give them the inheritance

ópera mánuum ejus véritas, et *judícium*.

7. Fidélia ómnia mandáta ejus : † confirmáta in sáculum *sæculi*, * facta in veritáte et *æquitáte*.

8. Redemptiónem misit pópulo *suo* : * mandávit in ætérnum testaméntum *suum*.

9. Sanctum, et terríbile nomen *ejus* : * inítium sapiéntiæ *timor Dómini*.

10. Intelléctus bonus ómnibus faciéntibus *eum* : * laudátio ejus manet in sáculum *sæculi*.

11. Glória Pátri, et *Fílio*, * et Spirítui *Sáncto*.

12. Sicut érat in princípío, et núc, et *sémper*, * et in sácula *sæculórum*. Amen.

of the Gentiles: the works of his hands are truth and judgment.

7. All his commandments are faithful: confirmed for ever and ever, made in truth and equity.

8. He hath sent redemption to his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever.

9. Holy and terrible is his name: the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

10. A good understanding to all that do it: his praise continueth for ever and ever.

11. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

12. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The antiphon is repeated.

C Or mé-um * et cáro mé-a exsultavérunt in Dé-um ví-vum. T.P. Allelú-ia.

My heart and my flesh have rejoiced in the living God.

1. Be-átus vir qui ti met *Dóminum* : * in mandá-tis ejus *volet ni mis*. *Flexa* : cómmodat, †

1. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord: he shall delight exceedingly in his commandments.

2. Potens in terra erit *semen ejus* : * generátio rectórum *benedicétur*.

3. Glória et divítiae in *domo ejus* : * et justítia ejus manet in saéculum *saéculi*.

4. Exórtum est in ténebris *lumen rectis* : * miséricors, et miserátor, et *justus*.

5. Jucúndus homo qui miserétur et cómmodat, † dispónet sermónes suos in *judício* : * quia in aetérnum non

2. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the righteous shall be blessed.

3. Glory and wealth shall be in his house: and his justice remaineth for ever and ever.

4. To the righteous a light is risen up in darkness: he is merciful, and compassionate and just.

5. Acceptable is the man that sheweth mercy and lendeth: he shall order his words

commovébitur.

6. In memória aetérna erit **justus** : * ab auditióne mala *non tímébit.*

7. Parátum cor ejus speráre in Dómino, † confirmátum **est** cor ejus : * non commovébitur donec despíciat inimícos suos.

8. Dispérsit, dedit paupéribus : † justítia ejus manet in **saéculum saéculi**, * cornu ejus exaltábitur in **glória.**

9. Peccátor vidébit, et irascétur, † déntibus suis fremet **et tabéscet** : * desidérium peccatórum *períbit.*

10. Glória **Pátri**, et **Fílio**, * et **Spirítui Sáncto.**

11. Sicut érat in princípío, et **núnc**, et **sémper**, * et in saécula saeculórum. **Amen.**

with judgment: because he shall not be moved for ever.

6. The just shall be in everlasting remembrance: he shall not fear the evil hearing.

7. His heart is ready to hope in the Lord: his heart is strengthened, he shall not be moved until he look over his enemies.

8. He hath distributed, he hath given to the poor: his justice remaineth for ever and ever: his horn shall be exalted in glory.

9. The wicked shall see, and shall be angry, he shall gnash with his teeth and pine away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

10. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

11. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The antiphon is repeated.

F Actus est * in córde mé-o qua-si ígnis exaéstu-ans, et deféci férre non sústinens. T.P. Allelú-ia.

There came in my heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was wearied, not being able to bear it.

1. Laudáte, pú-eri, **Dóminum** : * laudáte **no men Dómini.**

1. Praise the Lord, ye children: praise ye the name of the Lord.

2. Sit nomen Dómini benedíctum, * ex hoc nunc, et **usque in saéculum.**

3. A solis ortu usque ad occásum, * laudábile **nomen Dómini.**

4. Excélsus super omnes gentes **Dóminus**, * et super caelos **glória ejus.**

5. Quis sicut Dóminus, Deus noster,

2. Blessed be the name of the Lord, from henceforth now and for ever.

3. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the name of the Lord is worthy of praise.

4. The Lord is high above all nations; and his glory above the heavens.

qui in altis **há**bitat, * et humília réspicit in caelo **et** in **terra**?

6. Súscitans a terra **ín**opem, * et de stércore **é**rigens **pá**uperem :

7. Ut cóllocet eum cum **prínc**ípibus, * cum **prínc**ípibus **póp**uli **sui**.

8. Qui **hab**itáre facit stérilem in **domo**, * matrem **filió**rum **laetánt**em.

9. Glória **Pá**tri, et **Fí**lio, * et **Spirítu**i **Sán**cto.

10. Sicut érat in **prínc**ípío, et **nú**nc, et **sé**mper, * et in **saé**cula **saeculó**rum. **Amen**.

5. Who is as the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high: and looketh down on the low things in heaven and in earth?

6. Raising up the needy from the earth, and lifting up the poor out of the dunghill:

7. That he may place him with princes, with the princes of his people.

8. Who maketh a barren woman to dwell in a house, the joyful mother of children.

9. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

10. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The antiphon is repeated.

D Efécit * cá-ro mé-a, et cor mé-um, Dé-us córdis
mé-i, et pars mé- a Dé-us in aetérnum. *T.P.* Alle-lú-ia.

For thee my flesh and my heart hath fainted away: thou art the God of my heart, and the God that is my portion for ever.

1. Laudáte Dóminum **om**nes **Gentes** : * laudáte e-um **omnes**
pópu-li :

1. O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

2. Quóniam **confirmá**ta est super nos **misericórd**ia **e**jus : * et **véritas** Dómini **manet** in **aetér**num.

3. Glória **Pá**tri, et **Fí**lio, * et **Spirítu**i **Sán**cto.

4. Sicut érat in **prínc**ípío, et **nú**nc, et **sé**mper, * et in **saé**cula **saeculó**rum. **Amen**

2. For his mercy is confirmed upon us: and the truth of the Lord remaineth for ever.

3. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

4. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The antiphon is repeated.

All stand.

Rom. 5:5

Caritas Dei diffusa est in cordibus nostris, * per inhabitantem Spiritum ejus in nobis. & Deo gratias.

THE love of God has been poured into our hearts, by the dwelling of his Spirit within us. & Thanks be to God.

P Angamus Né-ri-o débi-ta cántica, Quem
 supra ní-tidi sí-de-ra vér-ti-cis, Vírtus, et mé-ritum
 sústu-lit ín-cly-tum Carptúrum pí-a gáudi-a.

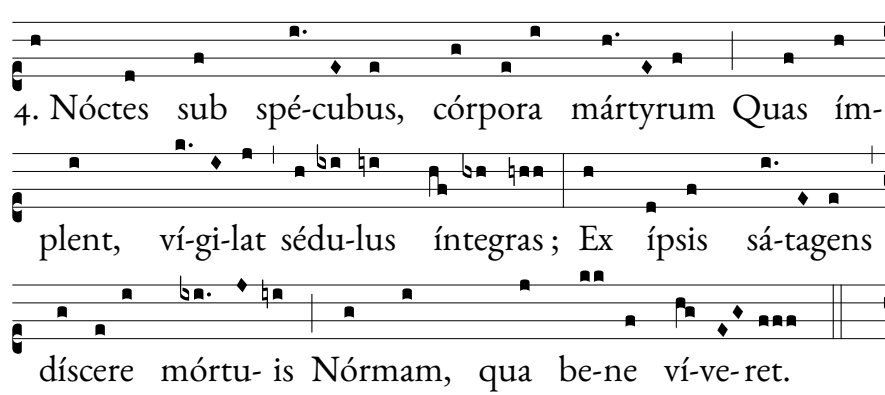
2. Sic úri súbi-tis dum vídet ígnibus Aédes, quas
 há-bi-tat, flé-tibus ábstinet, Flám-mas cum pé-nitus
 quí-verit hórridas Páucis vínce-re lácry mis.

3. Oblátum pá-tru-i múnus, et áure-os Númmos
 magnánimus cálc-at, et ím-pi-ger Rómam dí-gré-ditur,
 quam magis ómnibus Illústrem fá-cit úrbi-bus.

Due canticles of praise to Neri we now sing, Whose fame is lifted by his virtue and merit Above the lofty heights of the night's starry skies, That he be seized by holy joy.

Thus when he saw the fire that sprung upon his home, Though he was raised therein, he held back from weeping. Yet with a few of his tears he could utterly Overcome the flames of the fire.

With noble heart he spurned the gift of his uncle And, trampling golden coins, he made his way to Rome, Which he would cause to shine with a holy splendour Brighter than all other cities.



4. Nóc-tes sub spé-cubus, córpora márt-yrum Quas ím-
plent, ví-gi-lat sé-du-lus ín-te-gras; Ex íp-sis sá-ta-gens
dí-scere mórtu-is Nórmam, qua be-ne ví-ve-ret.

*Spending his nights in
the caves of the martyrs,
Eagerly watching with
the relics that filled them,
Trying to learn from the
bodies that rested there
A rule for leading a good
life.*



5. Almae sit Trí-adi glóri-a pér-pe-tim, Quam caélum,
bá-rathrum, térraque sú-sci-pit; Quae nó-bis Né-ri-i det
pré-ce jú-gi-a Dúl-cis gáudi-a pá-tri-ae. A-men.

*To the great Trinity's ev-
erlasting glory Let earth
and heaven and world be-
low bear witness. May
God hear the prayer of
Neri and grant to us The
joy of our sweet Father-
land. Amen.*

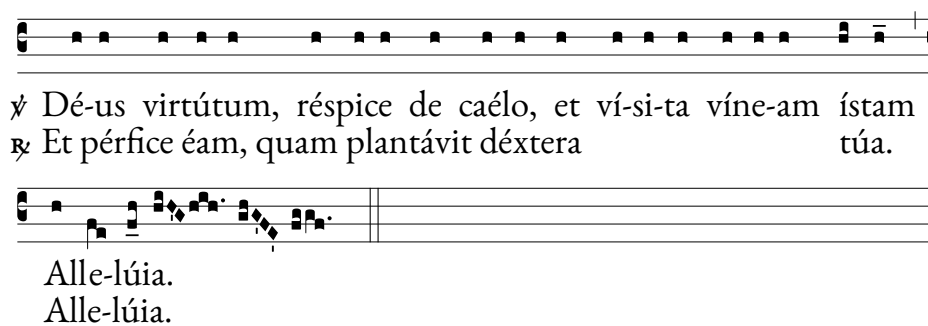


✠ Dé-us virtú-tum, ré-spi-ce de caé-lo, et ví-si-ta
✠ Et pér-fice é-am, quam plan-tá-vit
vín-e-am í-stam.
dék-tera tú-a.

*✠ God of strength,
look down from
heaven, and visit this
vineyard.*

*✠ And perfect that,
which thy right hand
hast planted.*

In Paschaltide:



✠ Dé-us virtú-tum, ré-spi-ce de caé-lo, et ví-si-ta ví-ne-am í-stam
✠ Et pér-fice é-am, quam plantá-vit dék-tera tú-a.
Alle-lúia.
Alle-lúia.

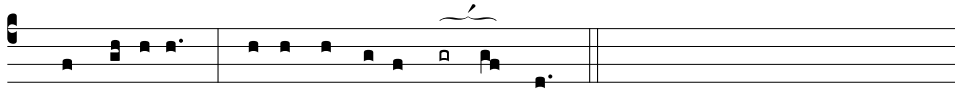
*✠ God of strength,
look down from
heaven, and visit this
vineyard, alleluia.*

*✠ And perfect that,
which thy right
hand hast planted,
alleluia.*



D Ōmus mé-a * dó- mus ora-ti-ónis vocábitur: dí-cit
Dóminus. T.P. Alle-lú-ia.

My house shall be called a house of prayer: says the Lord.



1. Magní-ficat * ánima méa Dóminum.

1. My soul doth magnify the Lord.



2. Et exultávit spí-ritus méus * in Dé-o salu-tári méo.

2. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

3. Quia respéxit humilitátem *ancillae súae* : * ecce enim ex hoc beátam me dícent ómnes generatiónes.

3. Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid; for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

4. Quia fécit míhi *magna qui pótens est* : * et sánctum *nómen éjus*.

4. Because he that is mighty hath done great things to me; and holy is his name.

5. Et misericórdia éjus a progénie *in progénies* * timéntibus éum.

5. And his mercy is from generation unto generations, to them that fear him.

6. Fécit poténtiam in *bráchio súo* : * dispérsit supérbos mente *córdis súi*.

6. He hath shewed might in his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

7. Depósuit poténtes *de séde*, * et exaltávit *húmiles*.

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

8. Esuriéntes *implévit bónis* : * et dívites *dimísit inánes*.

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

9. Suscépit Israel *púerum súum*, * recordátus *misericórdiae súae*.

9. He hath received Israel his servant, being mindful of his mercy:

10. Sicut locútus est *ad pátres nóstros*, * Abraham et sémini éjus *in saécula*.

10. As he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for ever.

11. Glória *Pátri, et Fílio*, * et Spiritui *Sáncto*.

11. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

12. Sicut érat in princípío, *et nunc, et sémpér*, * et in saécula *saeculórum*. Amen.

12. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The antiphon is repeated.

✠ Dóminus vobíscum.

✠ Et cum spírítu tuo.

Orémus.

DEUS, qui Beátum Philíppum Confessórem tuum Sanctórum tuórum glória sublimásti : † concéde propítius, ut cujus solemnitate laetámur, * ejus virtutum proficiámus exémplo. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum : * qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spírítus Sancti Deus, † per ómnia saécula saeculórum. ✠ Amen.

✠ Dóminus vobíscum.

✠ Et cum spírítu tuo.

✠ The Lord be with you.

✠ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

GOD, who hast exalted blessed Philip, thy Confessor, in the glory of thy saints, grant that, as we rejoice in his commemoration, so we may profit by the example of his virtues. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. ✠ Amen.

✠ The Lord be with you.

✠ And with thy spirit.

Benedicámus Dó-mi-no.
De-o grá-ti-as.

✠ *Let us bless the Lord.*

✠ *Thanks be to God.*

✠ Fidélium ✠ ánimæ per misericórdiam Dei requiéscant in pace.

✠ Amen.

✠ May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

✠ Amen.

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

All kneel while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. The following hymn is sung:

O SALUTÁRIS hóstia,
Quæ cæli pandis óstium,
Bella præmunt hostília;
Da robur, fer auxiliúm.

Uni trinóque Dómino
Sit sempitérna glória:
Qui vitam sine término
Nobis donet in pátria. Amen.

O SAVING victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below,
Our foes press on from every side;
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

To thy great name be endless praise,
Immortal Godhead, one in three.
O grant us endless length of days
In our true native land with thee. Amen.

There follows a reading, some prayers, and a period of silent adoration. Then is sung:

TANTUM ergo sacraméntum
Venerémur cernui:
Et antíquum documéntum
Novo cedat rítui:
Præstet fides suppleméntum
Sénsuum deféctui.

Genitóri, genitóque
Laus et iubilátio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedíctio:
Procedénti ab utróque
Compar sit laudátio. Amen.

✠ Panem de cælo præstitísti eis. (Alleluia.)
✠ Omne delectaméntum in se habéntem. (Alleluia.)

Orémus.

DEUS qui nobis sub sacraménto mirábili passiónis tuæ memóriam reliquísti: tríbue, quæsumus, ita nos córporis et sánguinis tui sacra mystéria venerári; ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis iúgiter sentiámus. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculórum. ✠ Amen.

DOWN in adoration falling,
Lo! the sacred Host we hail;
Lo! All ancient forms excelling,
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying,
Where the feeble senses fail.

To the everlasting Father,
And the Son, who reigns on high,
With the Holy Ghost proceeding
Forth from each eternally,
Be salvation, honour, blessing,
Might and endless majesty. Amen.

✠ You gave them bread from heaven.
✠ Having all sweetness in itself.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who left us a memorial of thy passion in this wonderful sacrament, grant, we pray, that as we venerate the holy mystery of thy body and blood, we may feel the fruits of thy redemption within us. Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. ✠ Amen.

The celebrant gives benediction. The Divine Praises are recited by the celebrant, and repeated by the people:

BLESSED be God.
 Blessed be his Holy Name.
 Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
 Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
 Blessed be his Most Sacred Heart.
 Blessed be his Most Precious Blood.
 Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
 Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
 Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.
 Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.
 Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.
 Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
 Blessed be St Joseph, her spouse most chaste.
 Blessed be God in his Angels and in His Saints.

Then the Blessed Sacrament is reposed in the tabernacle, while the following is sung:

ADORÉMUS in ætérnum sanctíssimum
 Sacraméntum.

Laudáte Dóminum, omnes Gentes: *
 laudáte eum, omnes pópuli:

Quóniam confirmáta est super nos miseri-
 córdia eius: * et véritas Dómini manet in
 ætérnum.

Glória Pátri, et Fílio, * et Spirítui Sáncto.
 Sicut érat in princípío, et núnc, et sémpér,
 * et in sácula sæculórum. Amen.

Adorémus in ætérnum sanctíssimum
 Sacraméntum.

LET US adore for ever the most holy
 Sacrament.

O praise the Lord, all you nations: praise
 him, all you peoples:

Because his mercifulness is confirmed upon
 us: and the truth of the Lord remaineth for
 ever.

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. Amen.

Let us adore for ever the most holy Sacrament.

VENERATION OF THE RELIC OF ST PHILIP

The relic of St Philip is brought to the altar. Then the Prayer of Baronius is recited:

LOOK down from heaven, Holy Father, from the loftiness of that mountain to the lowliness of this valley; from that harbour of quietness and tranquillity to this calamitous sea. And now that the darkness of this world hinders no more those benignant eyes of thine from looking clearly into all things, look down and visit, O most diligent keeper, this vineyard which thy right hand planted with so much labour, anxiety and peril. To thee then we fly; from thee we seek for aid; to thee we give our whole selves unreservedly. Thee we adopt for our patron and defender; undertake the cause of our salvation, protect thy clients. To thee we appeal as our leader; rule thine army fighting against the assaults of the devil. To thee, kindest of pilots, we give up the rudder of our lives; steer this little ship of thine, and, placed as thou art on high, keep us off all the rocks of evil desires, that with thee for our pilot and our guide, we may safely come to the port of eternal bliss. Amen.

All are invited to venerate the relic of St Philip at the altar rail, during which the choir sings the motet Respice de caelo by William Sewell:

RESPICE de caelo Sancte Pater
Ex illius montis celsitudine
In huius vallis humilitatem,
Et visita vineam istam
Quam plantavit dextera tua.

LOOK down from heaven holy father
From the loftiness of that mountain
To the lowliness of this valley,
And visit this vineyard
Which thy right hand has planted.



Day set on Rome! its golden morn
Had seen the world's Creator borne
 Around St Peter's square;
Trembling and weeping all the way,
God's Vicar with his God that day
 Made pageant brave and rare!

Oh, come to Father Philip's cell,
Rome's rank and youth, they know it well,
 Come ere the moment flies!
The feast hath been too much for him;
His heart is full, his eye is dim,
 And Rome's Apostle dies!

Come, O Creator Spirit! come,
Take thine elect unto his home,
 Thy chosen one, sweet dove!
'Come to thy rest,' he hears thee say;
He waits not—he hath passed away
 In mortal trance of love.

When Rome in deepest slumber slept,
Our father's children knelt and wept
 Around his little bed;
He raised his eyes, then let them fall
With marked expression upon all;
 He blessed them, and was dead.

One half from earth, one half from heaven,
Was that mysterious blessing given;
 Just as his life had been.
One half in heaven, one half on earth,
Of earthly toil and heavenly mirth
 A wondrous woven scene!

O Jesus, Mary, Joseph, bide,
With kind Saint Raphael, by my side
 When death shall come for me;
And, Philip leave me not that day;
But let my spirit pass away,
 Leaning, dear Sire, on thee!

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