

VESPERS

WEDNESDAY OF THE HOLY WEEK

Church of Sts. Peter & Paul, Singapore

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Celebrant:

O God, ✠ come to our aid.

All:

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Celebrant:

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

All:

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

HYMN: MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN

1.

My song is love unknown,
my Savior's love to me;
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake,
the Lord should take frail flesh
and die?

3.

Sometimes they strew His way
and His sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their
breath,
and for His death they thirst and
cry.

2.

He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
but all made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would
know.
But oh, my Friend, my Friend
indeed,
who at my need His life did
spend!

The people are seated.

The Psalms alternate between the Schola Cantorum and the people.

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CONCLUDING RITES

Celebrant:

By your will, Lord God,
your Son underwent the agony of the cross
to break the power of Satan over man.
Give your people grace to rise again with Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

Celebrant:

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil,  and bring us to
everlasting life.

All:

Amen.

La schola:

In God is my safety and glory,
the rock of my strength.
Take refuge in God, all you people.
Trust him | **at all times.**
Pour out your hearts before him
for God | **is our refuge.**

L'assemblea:

Common folk are only a breath,
great men an | **i-llu-sion.**
Placed in the scales, they rise;
they weigh less | **than a breath.**

La schola:

Do not put your trust in oppression
nor vain hopes | **on plun-der.**
Do not set your heart on riches
even when | **they in-crease.**

L'assemblea:

For God has said only one thing:
only two do I know:
that to God alone belongs power
and to | **you, Lord, love;**
and that you repay each man
according | **to his deeds.**

L'assemblea:

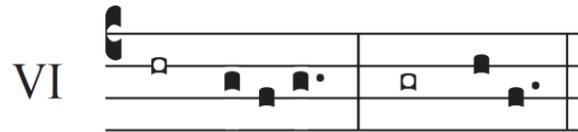
Glory be to the Father and | **to the Son**
and to the | **Ho-ly Spirit,**

La schola:

as it was in the beginning,
is now, and e-**ver shall be,**
world without | **end. A-men.**

R. The wicked men said: 'Let us oppress | **the just man,**
since his ways are contra-**ry to ours.'**

ANTIPHON: *All peoples, praise the Lord*



R. He bore the | **sins** of many
and interceded for | **sin-ners**.

Psalm 66 (67)

La schola:

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light | **up-on us**.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your sa-**ving** help.

L'assemblea:

Let the peoples praise | **you**, O God;
let all the peoples | **praise you**.

La schola:

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the | **world** with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations | **on earth**.

L'assemblea:

Let the peoples praise | **you**, O God;
let all the peoples | **praise you**.

La schola:

The earth has yielded its fruit
for God, our God, | **has blessed us**.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth re-**vere** him.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

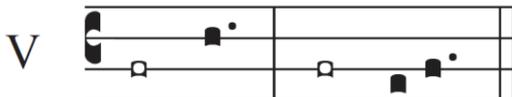
La schola e l'assemblea:

O Ur Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy
name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as
it is in heaven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread,
and forgive us our tres-pass-es, as we forgive those
who tres-pass a-against us: and lead us not in-to temp-ta-
tion, but deliver us from e-vil.

PRAYERS & INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant:

We invoke the Christ, our peace,
that he came to unite in one people
the men of every language and nation:



La schola (if sung):

R. Sanctify the | **people**
you redeemed by | **your blood.**

L'assemblea:

R. Sanctify the | **people**
you redeemed by | **your blood.**

A lector, or the Celebrant recites each intercession, with the people responding thereafter.

1. Let us turn in prayer to the Saviour of all men. By dying he destroyed our death and by rising he restored our life. **R.**
2. Christ, our Redeemer, let us share in your passion by works of penance, let us attain the glory of your resurrection. **R.**
3. Grant us the protection of your Mother, the comforter of the afflicted, help us to extend to others the consolation you have given us. **R.**
4. Unite the faithful to your passion in times of trouble and distress and let the power of your salvation shine forth in their lives. **R.**
5. You humbled yourself even to accepting death, death on a cross; grant to your servants obedience and patience. **R.**
6. Share with the dead your bodily glory; let us rejoice one day with them in the fellowship of the saints. **R.**

L'assemblea:

Let the peoples praise | **you, O God;**
let all the peoples | **praise you.**

La schola:

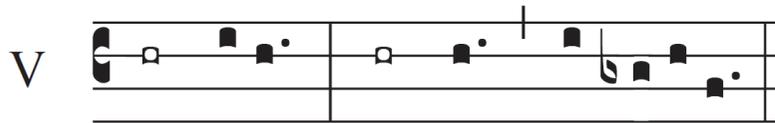
Glory be to the Father, and | **to the Son**
and to the Holy | **Spi-rit,**

L'assemblea:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and e-**ver** shall be,
world without end. | **A-men.**

R. He bore the | **sins of many**
and interceded for | **sin-ners.**

CANTICLE: Christ, firstborn of all creatures and firstborn from the dead



R. In Christ we gain our | **free-dom**,
the forgiveness of our sins,
through the shed-**ding** of his blood.

La schola:

Let us give thanks to the | **Fa-ther**,
who has qualified us to share
in the inheritance of | **the saints in light**.

L'assemblea:

He has delivered us from the dominion of | **dark-ness**
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption,
the for-**give-ness** of sins.

La schola:

He is the image of the invis-**ible** God,
the firstborn of all creation,
for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth,
visible and | **in-vi-si-ble**.

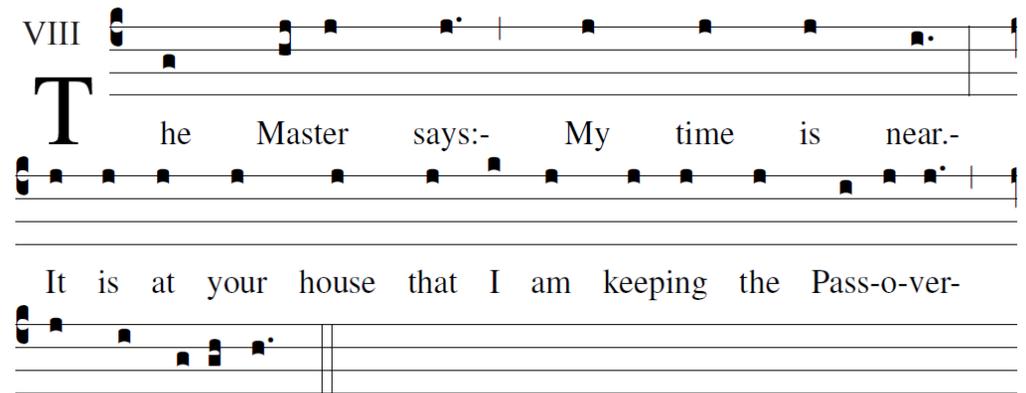
L'assemblea:

All things were cre-**at-ed**
through him and for him.
He is before all things,
and in him all things | **hold to-ge-ther**.

Antiphon: Exsultatio animæ in Domino

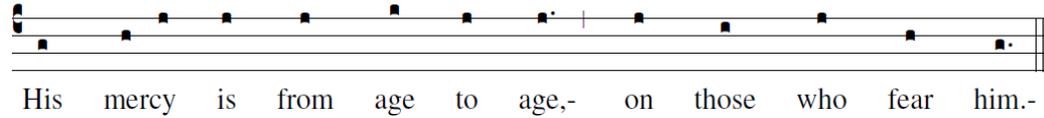
La schola e l'assemblea:

The Master says: My time is near. It is at your house that I am keeping
the Passover with my disciples.

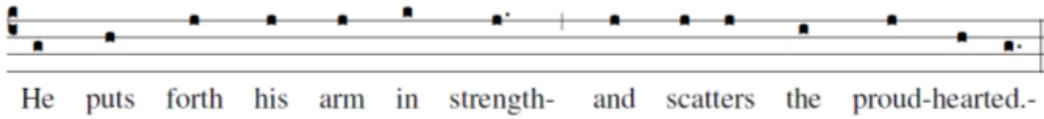


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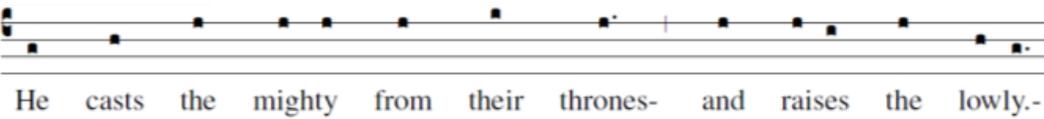
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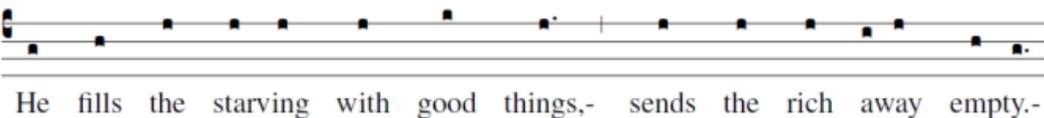
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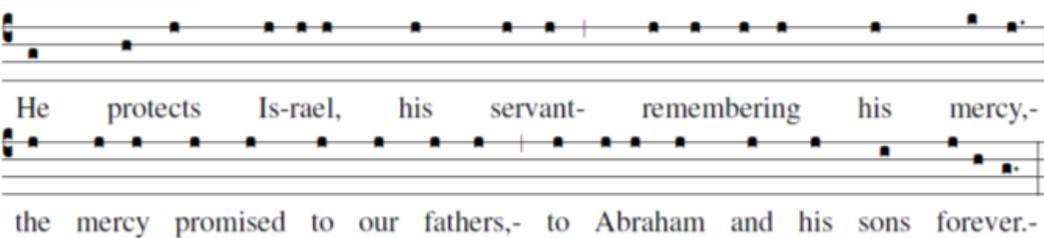
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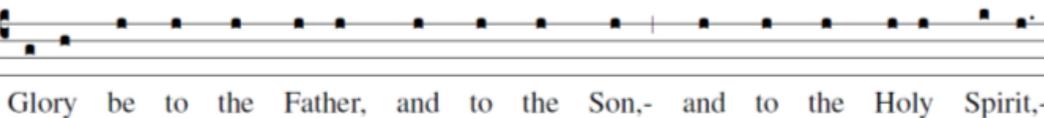
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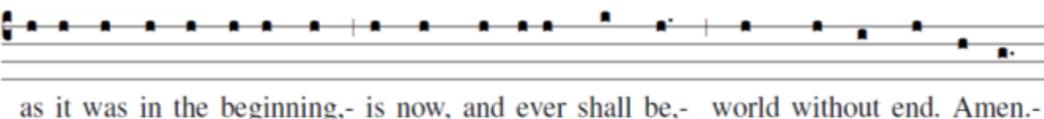
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La schola:

He is the head of the body, | **the Church**;
he is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything he might be | **pre-em-in-ent**.

L'assemblea:

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased | **to dwell**,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the | **blood of his cross**.

La schola:

Glory be to the | **Fa-ther**
and to the Son
and to the | **Ho-ly Spi-rit**,

L'assemblea:

as it was in the be-**gin-ning**,
is now, and ever shall be,
world with-**out end**. *A-men*.

R. In Christ we gain our | **free-dom**,
the forgiveness of our sins,
through the shed-**ding** of *his blood*.

A short moment of silence is observed for reflection.

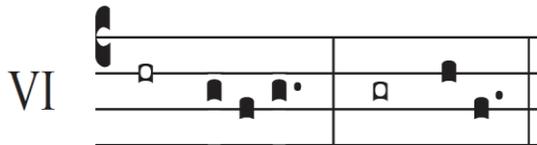
Short Reading
Lectio Brevis

Celebrant: *Ephesians 4:32-5:2*
Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try to imitate God as children of his that he loves and follow Christ loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

Homily

The Celebrant then gives a short Homily reflecting on the Psalms and the Reading. Thereafter, a short silence of reflection is observed.

Short Responsory
Responsorio Brevis



La schola:
We wor-**ship** you, Christ,
and we | **ble**ss you.

L'assemblea:
We wor-**ship** you, Christ,
and we | **ble**ss you.

La schola:
By **yo-ur** cross
you have redeemed | **the** world.

L'assemblea:
We wor-**ship** you, Christ,
and we | **ble**ss you.

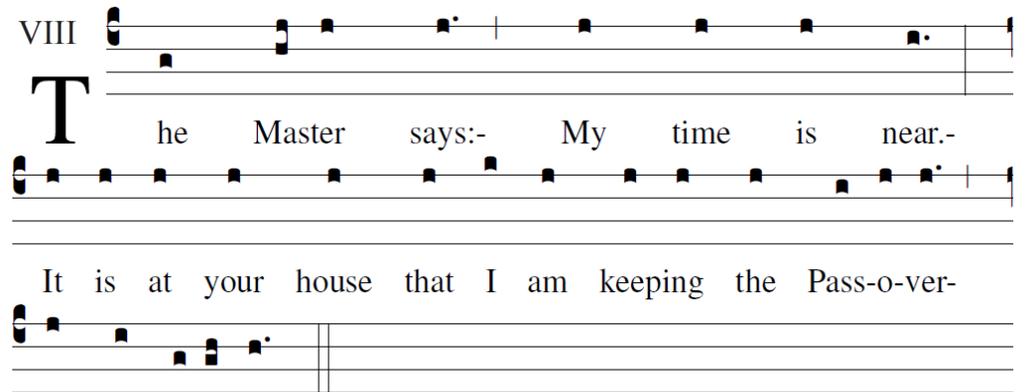
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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)

