

Vespers at St. Gregory's

Welcome to St. Gregory's! We are a Western Rite congregation of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese, under the authority of His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH (and hence part of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and all the East).

The Order for Vespers begins on p. 16 of "The English Office Noted" (EON). The Hymns are found in "The St. Ambrose Hymnal" (SAH). Please stand for Vespers; you may be seated for the lessons. The Cantor will sing the odd-numbered verses of the Psalms, the congregation will sing the even-numbered verses. If you wish to make your confession, please speak with Fr. Nicholas or Fr. Raphael after Vespers.

Saturday, April 3

First Vespers of Lent III

Commemoration of St. Isidore of Seville, BCD

The Lenten Prose

Psalms for the 3rd day at Evening Prayer, p. 45

(After the 1st Lesson) Office Hymn: 84

(After the Hymn) R. To keep thee in all thy ways.

Magnificat, p. 28; Nunc dimittis, p. 28

Hymn after the collects: O Gracious Light

The Reading from the Martyrology for April 4

R. Thanks be to God.

Marian Anthem: 185

Saturday, April 10

First Vespers of Lent IV

Commemoration of St. Leo the Great, BCD

The Lenten Prose

Psalms for the 10th day at Evening Prayer, p. 91

(After the 1st Lesson) Office Hymn: 84

(After the Hymn) R. To keep thee in all thy ways.

Magnificat, p. 28; Nunc dimittis, p. 28

Hymn after the collects: O Gracious Light

The Reading from the Martyrology for April 11

R. Thanks be to God.

Marian Anthem: 185

Saturday, April 17

First Vespers of Passion Sunday

The Lenten Prose

Psalms for the 17th day at Evening Prayer, p. 137

(After the 1st Lesson) Office Hymn: 96

(After the Hymn) R. And preserve me from the wicked man.

Magnificat, p. 28; Nunc dimittis, p. 28

Hymn after the collects: O Gracious Light

The Reading from the Martyrology for April 18

R. Thanks be to God.

Marian Anthem: 185

Saturday, April 24

First Vespers of Palm Sunday

The Lenten Prose

Psalms for the 24th day at Evening Prayer, p. 177

(After the 1st Lesson) Office Hymn: 96

(After the Hymn) R. And preserve me from the wicked man.

Magnificat, p. 28; Nunc dimittis, p. 28

Hymn after the collects: O Gracious Light

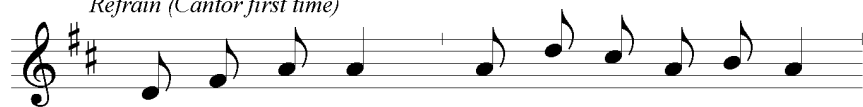
The Reading from the Martyrology for April 25

R. Thanks be to God.

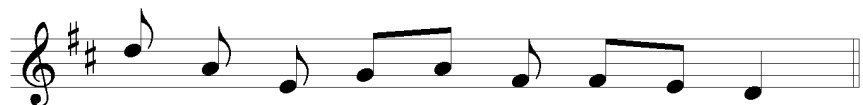
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The Lenten Prose

Refrain (Cantor first time)



Hear us, O Lord, have mer - cy up - on us:



for we have sinn'd a - gainst thee.

Cantor



1. To thee, Re - deem - er, on thy throne of glo - ry:
2. O thou chief Cor - ner stone, Right Hand of the Fa - ther:
3. God, we im - plore thee, in thy glo - ry seat - ed:
4. Sins oft com - mit - ted now we lay be - fore thee:
5. In - no - cent cap - tive, ta - ken un - re - sist - ing:



lift we our weep - ing eyes in ho - ly plead - ings:
Way of Sal - va - tion, Gate of life cel - es - tial:
bow down and hear - ken to thy weep - ing child - ren:
with true con - tri - tion now no more we veil them:
false - ly ac - cused, for us sin - ners sen - tenc'd,



lis - ten O Je - su, to our sup - pli - ca - tions.
cleanse thou our sin - ful souls from all de - file - ment.
pi - ty and par - don all our grie - vus tres - pas - es.
grant us, Re - deem - er, lov - ing ab - so - lu - tion.
save us we pray thee, Je - su our Re - deem - er.

The Refrain is repeated after every verse

O Gracious Light



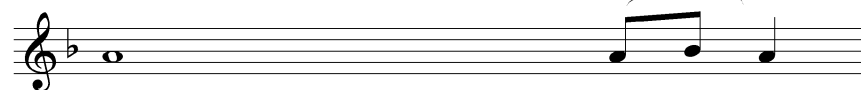
O gra - cious Light, pure brightness of the



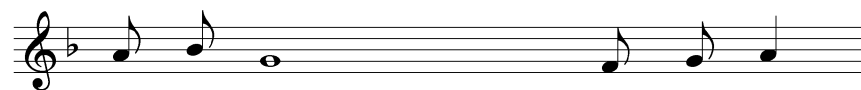
everliving Father in hea - ven, O Jesus Christ,



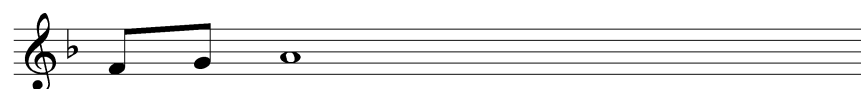
ho - ly and bless - ed! Now as we come



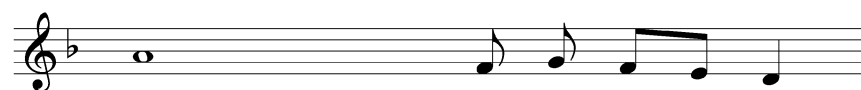
to the setting of the sun,



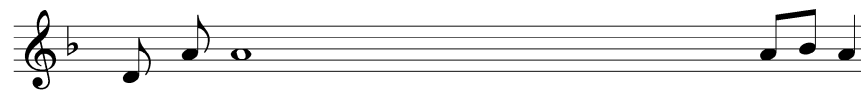
and our eyes behold the ves - per light,



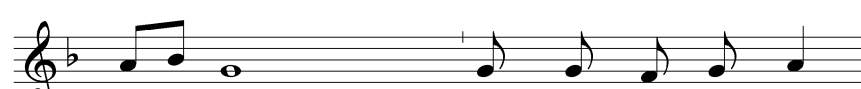
we sing thy praises, O God:



Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.



Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by holy voic - es,



O Son of God, O Giv - er of life,



and to be glo - ri - fied through all the worlds.