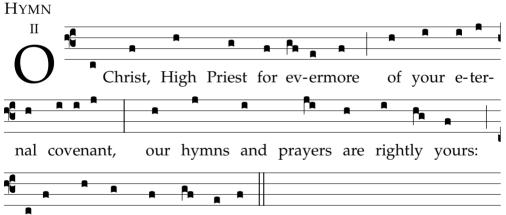


## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

Thursday after Pentecost

## VESPERS

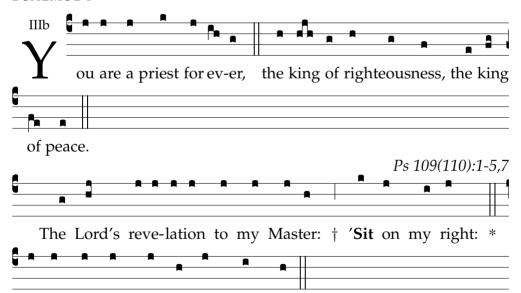


we sing you songs of thankful love.

- 2. Proceeding from the Father's throne, and moved with pity for our sin, you came, obedient, weak, and poor, incarnate in the Virgin's womb.
- 3. You came destroying ancient sin, preparing all for light and grace; the Father and the Paraclete anointed you as Priest and King.

- 4. Unique, unblemished sacrifice, you shed your blood for love of us; in love you grant your children now to glory in the Father's peace.
- 5. You give yourself eternally, our altars' saving sacrifice, the perfect One enthroned on high, obtaining mercy for us all.
- 6. All praise to you, O Christ, High Priest who live and reign and sacrifice, and glory to the Father be for endless ages still to come. Amen.





I will put your foes **be**neath your feet.'

The Lord will wield from Sion your **scep**tre of power: \* rule in the midst **of** all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth on the **ho**ly mountains; \* from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.  $\dagger$ 

'You are a **priest** for ever, \*

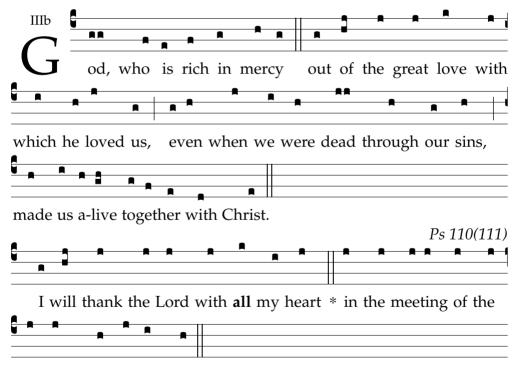
a priest like Melchizedek of old.'

The Master standing at **your** right hand \* will shatter kings in the **day** of his wrath.

He shall drink from the **stream** by the wayside \* and therefore he shall **lift** up his head.

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

as it was in the beginning, is now, and **ev**er shall be, \* world without **ënd**. Amen.



just and their assembly.

Great are the **works** of the Lord, \* to be pondered by **all** who love them.

Majestic and **glo**rious his work, \* his justice stands **firm** for ever.

He makes us remember his wonders. \*

The Lord is compassion and love.

He gives food to **those** who fear him; \*

keeps his covenant ever in mind.

He has shown his **might** to his people \* by giving them the lands **of** the nations.

His works are **jus**tice and truth, \*

his precepts are all of them sure,

standing firm for **ev**er and ever; \*

they are made in uprightness and truth.

He has sent deliverance to his people † and established his **cov**enant for ever. \*

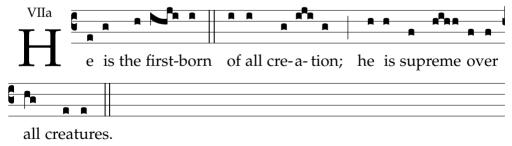
Holy his name, to be feared.

To fear the Lord is the first stage of wisdom; † all who do so **prove** themselves wise. \*

His praise shall last for ever!

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Colossians 1:12-20



Let us give thanks to the Father, † who has qual-ified **us** to share \*

Vespers



in the inhe-rit-ance of the saints in light.

He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness \* and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, \*

the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, \* the firstborn of all creation,

for in him all things were created, in **heaven** and on earth, \* visible **and** invisible,

whether **thrones** or dominions \* or principalities **or** authorities.

All things were created through him and for him. † He is before all things, \* and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the Church; † he is the beginning, the **first**born from the dead, \* that in everything he might **be** pre-eminent.

For in him all the fulness 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.

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

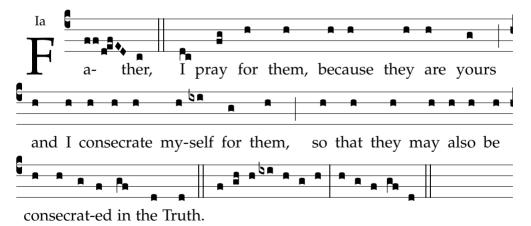
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6 Christ the Priest

## RESPONSORY

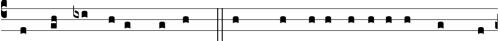


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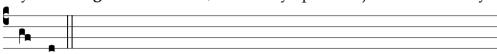


Vespers

Luke 1:46-55



My söul magnifies the Lord, \* and my spir-it re-joices in God my



saviour.

For hë has regarded the **low**liness of his handmaid: \* for behold henceforth all generations will **call** me blessed; for hë who is mighty has done **great** things for me \* and **ho**ly is his name,

and his mercy is on **those** who fear him \* from generation to **gen**eration.

He häs shown **strength** with his arm; \*

he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He has put down the **might**y from their thrones \* and exalt**ed** the lowly.

He has filled the **hun**gry with good things \* and the rich he has sent **a**way empty.

He häs helped his **ser**vant Israel \* in remembrance **of** his mercy,

as hë **spoke** to our fathers, \*

to Abraham and to his children for ever.

Glorÿ be to the Father **and** to the Son \* and to the **Ho**ly Spirit,

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