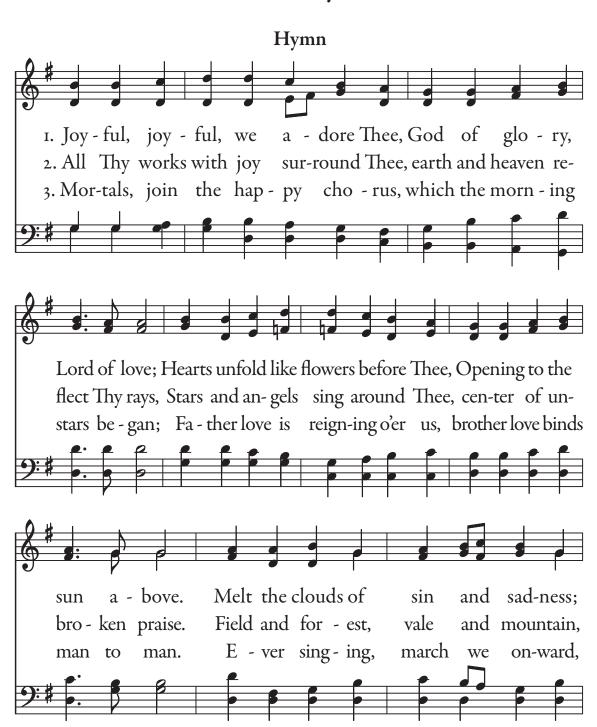
BLESSING of the ORGAN

SATURDAY OCTOBER 2, 2010

Introductory Rites





Sign of the Cross and Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

May the Lord, whose praises are sung by the saints, be with you all.

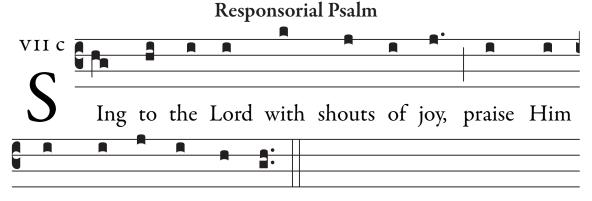
R. And also with you.

My dear brothers and sisters, we have come together to bless this new organ, installed so that the celebration of the liturgy may become more beautiful and solemn. The purpose of music in the liturgy is above all to give glory to God and to lead us to holiness. Thus the music of the organ wonderfully expresses the new song that Scripture tells us to sing to the Lord. To sing this new song is to live rightly, to follow God's will eagerly and gladly, and, by loving one another, to carry out the new commandment that Jesus gave us.

Reading of the Word of God

Ephesians 5, 15-20

Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the will of the Lord. And do not get drunk on wine, in which lies debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another (in) psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father. Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ.



with the blare of trumpets.

PSALM 81

Choir:

O sing joyfully unto God our strength:

Make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

Take the song, bring hither the tabret:

The merry harp with the lute.

Blow up the trumpet in the new moon:

Ev'n in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast day.

For this was made a statute for Israel:

And a law of the God of Jacob.

The antiphon is repeated.

We are all members of the one, holy Church; together, then, in voice and heart, let us call upon God our Father.

Prayer of Blessing

Lord God, your beauty is ancient yet ever new, your wisdom guides the world in right order, and your goodness gives the world its variety and splendor. The choirs of angels join together to offer their praise by obeying your commands. The galaxies sing your praises by the pattern of their movement that follows your laws. The voices of the redeemed join in a chorus of praise to your holiness as they sing to you in mind and heart. We your people, joyously gathered in this church, wish to join our voices to the universal hymn of praise. So that our song may rise more worthily to your majesty, we present this organ for your blessing: grant that its music may lead us to express our prayer and praise in melodies that are pleasing to you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

The celebrant incenses the organ, as the organ is played:
Fugue Op. 7

Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)

Concluding Rite

The Lord is worthy of all praise; may he give you the gift of striving to sing a new song to him with your voices, your hearts, and your lives, so that one day you may sing that song for ever in heaven.

R. Amen.

And may almighty God bless you all, the Father, and the Son, ★ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.





Women:

4. Dear mother earth, who day by day

Unfoldest blessings on your way,

O praise Him! Alleluia!

The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,

Let them His glory also show.

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Men:

5. And all ye men of tender heart,

Forgiving others, take your part,

O sing ye! Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,

Praise God and on Him cast your care!

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All:

6. And thou most kind and gentle Death,

Waiting to hush our final breath,

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou leadest home the child of God,

And Christ our Lord the way hath trod.

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All:

7. Let all things their Creator bless,

And worship Him in humbleness,

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,

And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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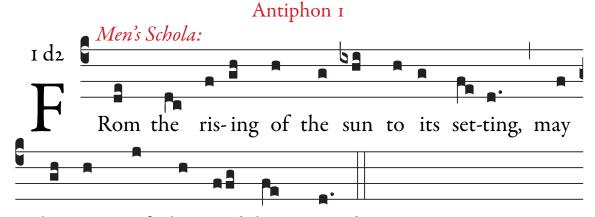
is now, and will be for e-ver. Amen. Alle-lu-ia.

Organ intonation:

Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux

Nicolas de Grigny (1671–1703)



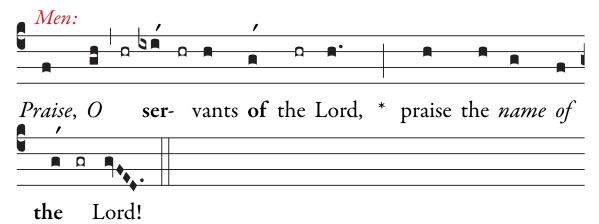


the name of the Lord be praised.

PSALM II3

Praise the name of the Lord

He has cast down the mighty and has lifted up the lowly (Luke 1, 52).



Women: May the name of the Lord be blessed *

both now and for evermore!

Men: From the rising of the sun to its setting *

praised be the name of the Lord!

Women: High above all nations is the Lord, *

above the *heavens* his glory.

Men: Who is **like** the **Lord**, our God, *

who has risen on *high to* his throne.

Women: Yet stoops from the heights to look down *

to look down upon heaven and earth?

Men: From the dust he **lifts** up the **low**ly, *

from his misery he raises the poor.

Women: To set him in the **company** of **princes**, *

yes, with the *princes* of his people.

Men: To the childless wife he gives a home *

and gladdens her heart with children.

Women: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *

and to the Holy Spirit,

Men: As it was in the beginning, is now, *

and will be forever. Amen.

The antiphon is repeated.

Psalm-prayer

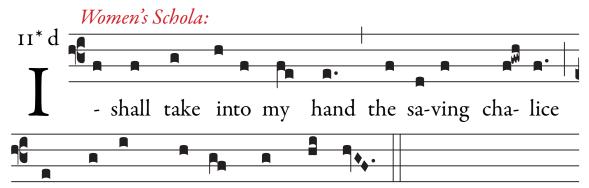
Lord Jesus, Word of God, surrendering the brightness of your glory you became man so that we may be raised from the dust to share your very being. May there be innumerable children of the Church to offer homage to your name from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Organ intonation:

Tres Glosas sobre el Canto Llano "Todo el Mundo"

Correa de Arauxo (1584–1654)

Antiphon 2

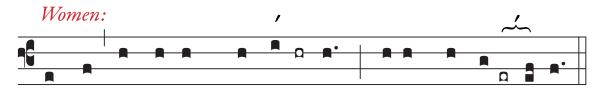


and invoke the name of the Lord.

PSALM 116

Thanksgiving in the Temple

Through Christ let us offer God a continual sacrifice of praise (Hebrews 13, 15).



I trus- ted, e-ven when I said: * 'I am sorely afflicted,'

Men: and when I said in my alarm: *

'No man can be trusted.'

Women: How can I repay the Lord *

for his goodness to me?

Men: The cup of salvation I will raise; *

I will call *on* the Lord's name.

Women: My vows to the Lord I will **ful**fill *

before all his people,

Men: O precious in the eyes of the Lord *

is the death of his faithful.

Women: Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; *

you have loosened my bonds.

Men: A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: *

I will call on the Lord's name.

Women: My vows to the Lord I will **ful**fill *

before all his people,

Men: in the courts of the house of the Lord, *

in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Women: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *

and to the Holy Spirit,

Men: As it was in the beginning, **is** now, *

and will be forever. Amen.

The antiphon is repeated.

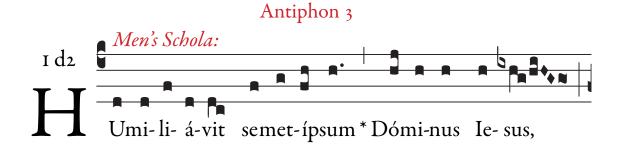
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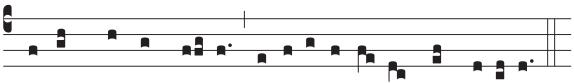
Father, precious in your sight is the death of the saints, but precious above all is the love with which Christ suffered to redeem us. In this life we fill up in our own flesh what is still lacking in the sufferings of Christ; accept this as our sacrifice of praise, and we shall even now taste the joy of the new Jerusalem.

Organ intonation:

Fugue Primi Toni No. 14

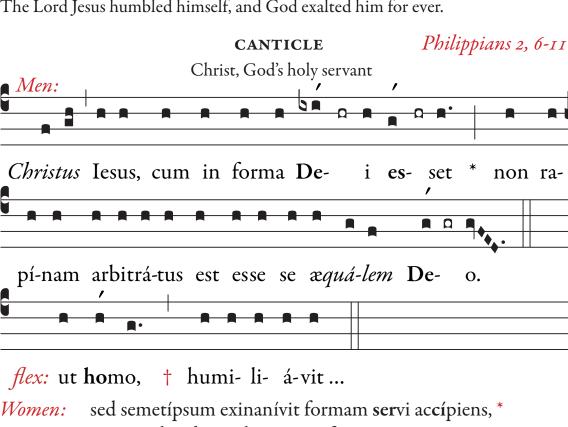
Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)





propter quod et De- us ex-altá-vit il-lum in sécu-la.

The Lord Jesus humbled himself, and God exalted him for ever.



Women:

in similitudinem hóminum factus;

et hábitu invéntus ut homo, † Men:

humiliávit semetípsum factus obœdiens usque ad

mortem, *

mortem autem crucis.

Propter quod et Deus illum exaltávit † Women:

et donávit illi nomen, *

quod est super omne nomen,

Choir Jacob Handl (1550–1591) In Nomine Jesu

ut in nómine Iesu omne genu flectátur * cæléstium et terréstrium et infernórum

et omnis lingua confiteátur: *

«Dóminus Iesus Christus!», in glóriam Dei Patris.

Glória Patri et Fílio, * et Spirítui Sancto.

Sicut erat in princípio, et nunc et semper, * et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

The antiphon is repeated.

Translation of the Canticle:

Though he was in the form of God,

Jesus did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at.

Rather, he emptied himself and took the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of men.

He was known to be of human estate, and it was thus that he humbled himself, obediently accepting even death, death on a cross!

Because of this, God highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name above every other name,

So that at Jesus' name every knee must bend in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth,

and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God the Father: Jesus Christ is Lord!

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

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Reading

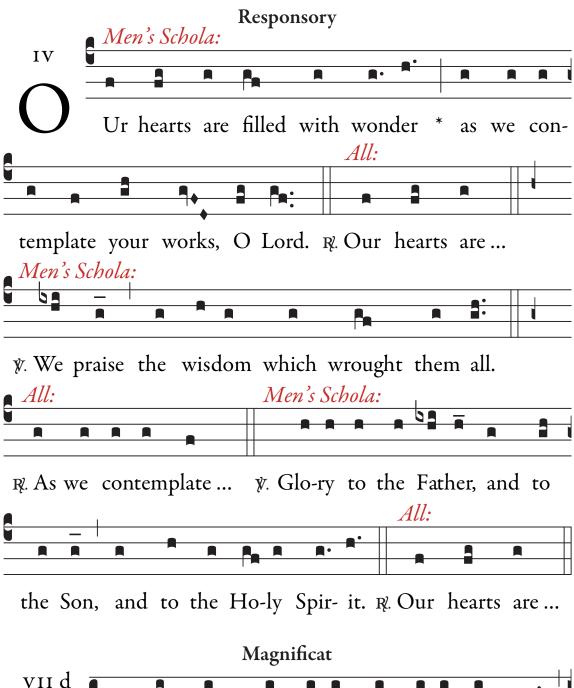
Hebrews 13, 20-21

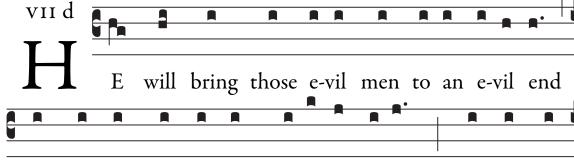
May the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep by the blood of the eternal covenant, Jesus our Lord, furnish you with all that is good, that you may do his will. Through Jesus Christ may he carry out in you all that is pleasing to him. To Christ be glory forever! Amen.

Organ intonation:

Fiori Musicali: Canzona dopa l'Epistola Girolomo Frescobaldi (1583–1643)

Homily





and entrust his vineyard to other tenants who will give



him the harvest at the proper season.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Luke 1, 46-55

The soul rejoices in the Lord

Choir:

My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For He hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath magnified me and holy is His Name.

And His mercy is on them that fear Him throughout all generations.

He hath shown strength with His arm
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

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

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

He remembering His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The antiphon is repeated.

Intercessions

In exultation, brothers and sisters, let us glorify the all-powerful God for his countless favors and, as St. Paul counsels, let us give him thanks, singing his praises with hearts and voices.

Blessed be God for ever.

Father, all holy, king of heaven and earth, source of all perfection, inspirer of all sacred music, we praise you for your great glory. Let us bless the Lord:

Blessed be God for ever.

One God, beginning and end of all things, the heavens and the earth sing a new song to you; we adore you for your unsearchable blessedness. Let us bless the Lord:

Blessed be God for ever.

Lord, we recognize that all the favors we have received today come through your generosity, do not let them return to you empty, but let them bear fruit: Let us bless the Lord:

Blessed be God for ever.

Grant that man and woman may shape the world in keeping with human dignity, and respond generously to the needs of our time: Let us bless the Lord:

Blessed be God for ever.

Healer of body and spirit, comfort the sick and be present to the dying, in your mercy visit and refresh us: Let us bless the Lord:

Blessed be God for ever.

May the faithful departed be numbered among the saints whose names are in the Book of Life: Let us bless the Lord:

Blessed be God for ever.

The Lord's Prayer

The chant may be found on page 40.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.

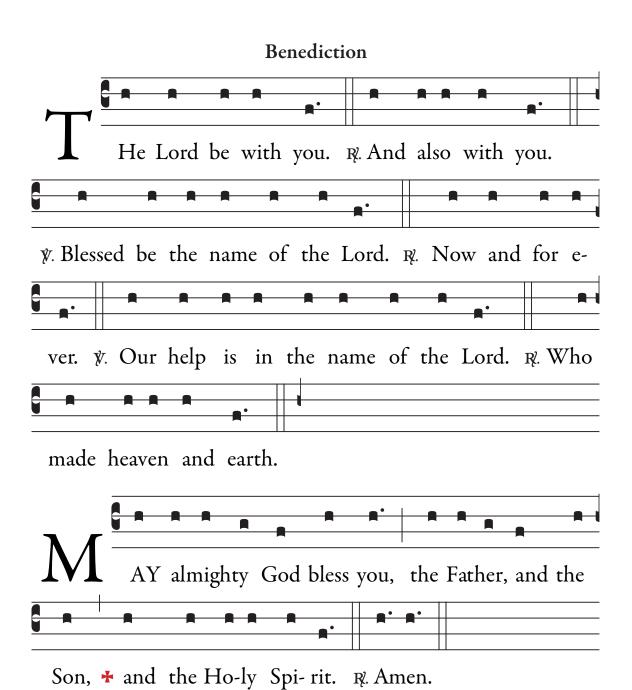
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Concluding Prayer

Father, your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires. Forgive our failings, keep us in your peace and lead us in the way of salvation. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.



Concluding Hymn



- 2. Hark! the loud celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising, Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising; Fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy, Lord. (repeat)
- 3. Lo! the apostolic train
 Join the sacred Name to hallow;
 Prophets swell the loud refrain,
 And the white robed martyrs follow;
 And from morn to set of sun,
 Through the Church the song goes on. (repeat)
- 4. Holy Father, Holy Son,
 Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;
 While in essence only One,
 Undivided God we claim Thee;
 And adoring bend the knee,
 While we own the mystery. (repeat)

INTERLUDE MUSIC

Between Vespers and Mass

Festival Alleluias / Toccata from Symphonie No. 5

William Ferris (1937–2000) / Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

Choral Varié sur le theme "Veni Creator" Op. 4

Maurice Duruflé

(1902-1986)

Prelude and Fugue in D Major

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

I Was Glad (Psalm 122)

C. Hubert H. Parry (1848–1918)