

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

VIRGIN AND DOCTOR

APRIL 29



Saint Catherine was born at Siena in 1347. While still a young girl, she sought the way of perfection and entered the Third Order of Saint Dominic. On fire with love of God and neighbor, she established peace and concord between cities, vigorously fought for the rights and freedom of the Roman Pontiff, and promoted the renewal of religious life.

VESPERS

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*Please stand and make the sign of the cross as priest (or cantor) intones
“O God, come to my assistance.” Bow at “Glory to the Father...Holy
Spirit”*

O

God, come to my assistance. O Lord, make haste to help



me. Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit:



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for e-ver. Amen.

*Sing the ALLELUIA if during the Easter season or or observing the day as a
solemnity.*



Alle-lu-ia.

**While the Divine Office may be sung, this prayer may be simply recited.
A video will be posted on our website: www.StJohnCatholicMcLean.org (click on
WORSHIP THE LORD, then DIVINE OFFICE) Contact James Senson, Director of
Music, for any questions: JSenson@StJohnCatholicMcLean.org*

HYMN

For All the Saints
Saint Michael Hymnal, #523

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia!

Please be seated.

COMMON OF VIRGINS

PSALMODY

Psalm verses are sung antiphonally between the cantor (I) and all (II).

ANTIPHON 1



I have kept my-self for you a-lone, and now with lamp



a- light I run to meet my Spouse. Alle-lu- ia.

PSALM 122



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- I *I re-joiced* | when I heard them say: *
“Let us | go to God’s house”
- II And now our | feet are standing *
within your gates, | O Jerusa-lem.
- I Jerusalem is built as a city strongly com- | pact. †
It is there | that the tribes go up, *
the | tribes of the LORD.
- II For | Israel’s law *it is*, *
there to | praise the LORD’s name.
- I There were set the | thrones of judgment *
of the | house of Da-vid.

II For the peace of Je- | rusalem pray:*
 “Peace | be to your homes!
 I May peace | reign in your walls, *
 in your | palaces peace!”

II For love of my | brethren and friends:*
 I say: | ”Peace upon you!”

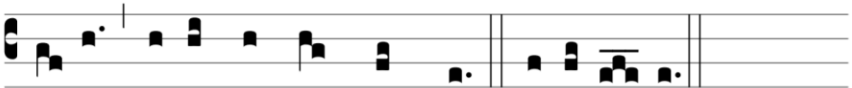
I For love of the | house of the LORD *
 I will | ask for your good.

Bow at “Glory to the Father.... Holy Spirit.”

II Glory to the | Fa-ther, and to the Son, *
 and to the | Holy Spi-rit:
 I as it was in the be- | ginning, is now, *
 and will be for- | ever. A-men.



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ANTIPHON 2



Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.



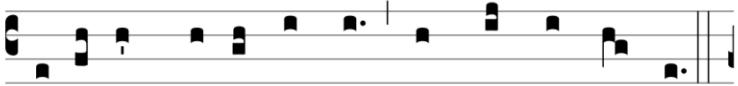
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PSALM 127

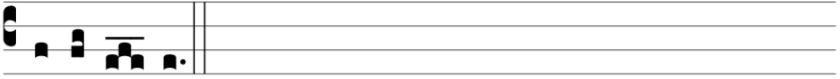


- I *If the* LORD does not | build *the* house, *
in vain do its | builders labor;
- II if the LORD does not watch over the | city. *
in vain does the watch- | man keep vigil.
- I In vain is your earlier | rising, *
your going | later to rest,
- II you who toil for the | bread *you* eat: *
when he pours gifts on his beloved | while they slumber.
- I Truly sons are a gift from | the LORD, *
a blessing, the | fruit of the womb.
- II Indeed the | sons *of* youth *
are like arrows in the hand | of a war-*ri*-or.
- I O the happiness | of *the* man *
who has filled his quiver | with these arrows!
- II He will have no | cause *for* shame *
when he disputes with his foes | in the gateways.

- I Glory to the Father and | to *the* Son, *
and to the | Holy Spirit:
- II as it was in the beginning, | is now, *
and will be for- | ever. Amen.



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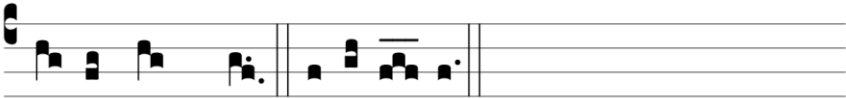


Alle-lu- ia.

ANTIPHON 3



My faith is firmly e-stab-lished, for I have built



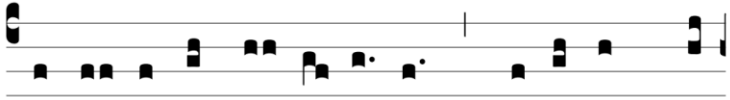
my life on Christ. Alle-lu- ia.

CANTICLE: EPHESIANS 1:3-10

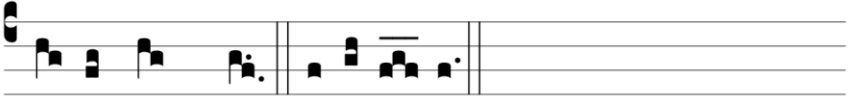


- I Praise be the | God and Father *
of | our LORD Je-sus Christ,
- II who has be- | stowed on us *in* Christ *
every spiritual blessing | in the hea-vens.
- I God chose us in him be- | fore the world *be-gan* *
to be holy and | blameless in his sight.
- II He predestined | us †
to be his adopted | sons through Je-sus Christ *
such was his | will and plea-sure,
- I that all might praise the | glo-ri-ous favor *
he has bestowed on us in | his be-lov-ed.
- II In him and through his blood, we have been | *re-deemed*, †
and our | sins forgiven, *
so immeasurably generous | is God's favor to us.
- I God has given | us the wisdom *
to understand ful- | ly the mys-ter-y,
- II the | plan he was pleased *
--- | to de-cree *in* Christ.
- I A plan | to be carried out *
in Christ, in the | fullness of time,
- II to bring all things | into one *in* him, *
in the hea- | vens and on earth.
- I Glory to the | *Father*, and to *the* Son, *
and to the | Holy Spir-it:

II as it was in the be- | ginning, is now, *
and will be for- | ever. A-men.



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READING

1 Corinthians 7:32b,34

The unmarried man is busy with the Lord's affairs, concerned with pleasing the Lord. The virgin—indeed, any unmarried woman—is concerned with things of the Lord, in pursuit of holiness in body and spirit.

RESPONSORY

T he virgins are led into the pre-sence of the King,
amid gladness and joy, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **The vir-**
gins are led into the pre-sence of the King, amid glad-
ness and joy, al-le-lu-ia, alle-lu-ia. They are brought in-
to the King's dwell-ing place, **al-le-lu-ia, alle-lu-ia.**
Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi-
rit. **The virgins are led into the pre-sence of the King,**
amid gladness and joy, al-le-lu-ia, alle-lu-ia.

Please stand.

MAGNIFICAT

Luke 1:46-55

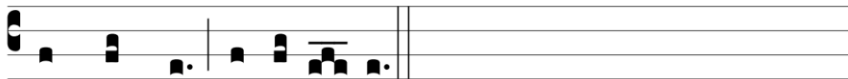
ANTIPHON: CANTICLE OF MARY



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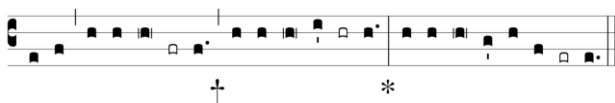


God. Through the strength of her love she entered into un-



ion with him, al-le-lu- ia.

Make the sign of the cross as all sing "My soul proclaims the greatness of the LORD."



all: My soul proclaims the greatness | of the LORD. *
my spirit rejoices in | God my savior.

For he has looked with favor on his lowly | servant. *
From this day all generations will | call me blessed:

*The Al-*mighty has done great | things for me, *
and | Holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who | fear him *
in every | generation.

*He has shown the strength | of his arm, **
He has scattered the | proud in their *con-cept*.

*He has cast down the mighty | from their thrones, **
and has lifted | up the lowly.

*He has filled the hungry with | good things, **
and the rich he has sent | away empty.

*He has come to the help of his servant | Is-ra-el **
for he has remembered his pro- | mise of mercy,

*The pro-mise he made to our | fathers, **
to Abraham and his chil- | dren for ever.

*Glory to the Father, and | to the Son, **
and to the | Holy Spirit:

*As it was in the beginning, | is now, **
and will be for- | ever. Amen.

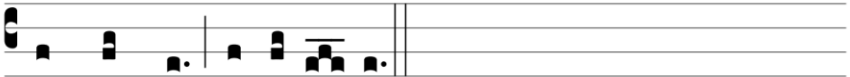


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INTERCESSIONS

Christ extolled those who practiced virginity for the sake of the kingdom. Let us praise him joyfully and pray to him:



Jesus, example of virgins, hear us.

Christ, you presented the Church to yourself as a chaste virgin to her spouse,
—keep her holy and inviolate.

Jesus, example of virgins, hear us.

Christ, the holy virgins went out to meet you with their lamps alight,
—keep the fidelity of your consecrated handmaids burning brightly.

Jesus, example of virgins, hear us.

Lord, your virgin Church has always kept its faith whole and untarnished,
—grant all Christians a whole and untarnished faith.

Jesus, example of virgins, hear us.

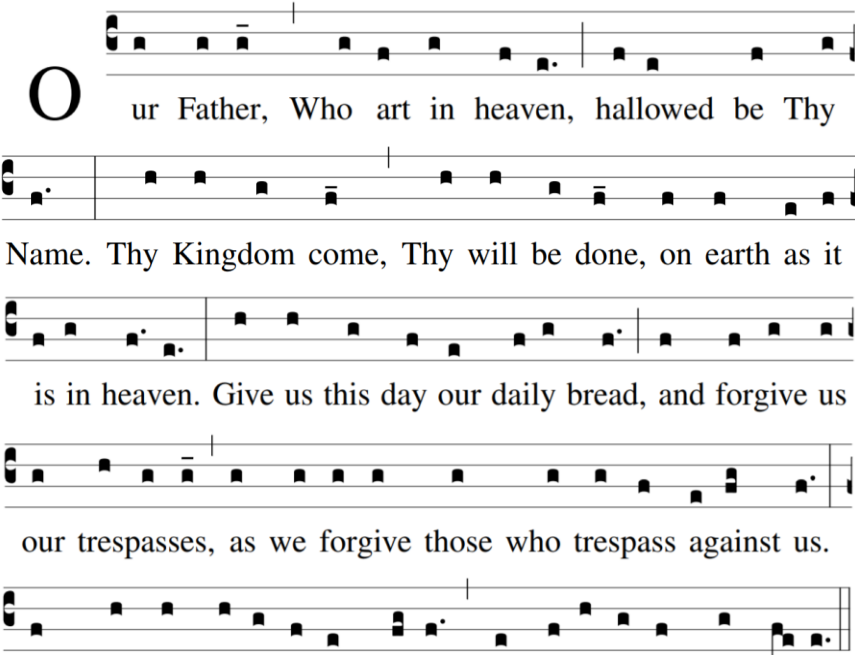
You have given your people joy in celebrating the feast of your holy virgin Saint Catherine,
—give us constant joy through her intercession.

Jesus, example of virgins, hear us.

You have admitted the holy virgins to your marriage banquet,
—in your mercy lead the dead to your heavenly feast.

Jesus, example of virgins, hear us.

OUR FATHER



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 de-liv-er us from e-vil.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Our Father'. It consists of five staves of music, each with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The notes are represented by small black squares on a five-line staff. Vertical bar lines separate the measures. The lyrics are printed below the corresponding musical staves. The first staff begins with a large capital letter 'O' for the word 'Our'. The music is a simple, single-melody line.

PRAYER

Father,
in meditating on the sufferings of your Son
and in serving your Church,
Saint Catherine was filled with the fervor of your love.
By her prayers,
may we share in the mystery of Christ's death
and rejoice in the revelation of his glory,
for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

May the LORD bless us *(make the sign of the cross)*
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

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