

# Vesperae solennes de Dominica

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## I. Dixit Dominus - Psalm 109

Dixit Dominus domino meo: sede a  
dextris meis, donec ponam inimicos  
tuos scabellum pedum tuorum.  
Virgam virtutis tuae emittet Dominus ex  
Sion: dominare in medio  
inimicorum tuorum.  
Tecum principium in die virtutis  
tuae in splendoribus sanctorum:  
ex utero ante luciferum  
genui te.  
Juravit Dominus et non poenitebit eum:  
Tu es sacerdos in aeternum  
secundum ordinem Melchisedech.  
Dominus a dextris tuis confregit in die  
irae suae reges.  
Judicabit in nationibus implebit ruinas:  
conquassabit capita in terra  
multorum.  
De torrente in via bibet: propterea  
exaltabit caput.

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui  
Sancto.  
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,  
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

## II. Confitebor - Psalm 110

Confitebor tibi Domine in toto corde meo:  
in consilio justorum,  
et congregatione.  
Magna opera Domini: exquisita in omnes  
voluntates ejus.  
Confessio et magnificentia opus ejus:  
et justitia ejus manet in saeculum  
saeculi.  
Memoriam fecit mirabilium suorum,  
misericors et miserator  
et justus.

The Lord said to my lord: sit at my right  
hand, until I make your enemies a stool  
for your feet.  
The Lord sends the rod of your strength  
out of Zion, to rule in the midst of your  
enemies.  
Your troops are with you in the day of your  
strength, in the splendors of the saints;  
from the womb have I brought you forth  
before the morning star.  
The Lord has sworn and will not repent;  
you are a priest forever according to  
the order of Melchizedek.  
The Lord at your right hand has broken kings  
in the day of his wrath.  
He will judge among the nations, and fill them  
with ruination; he will shatter the heads  
of many in the land.  
He drinks of the torrent on the way;  
therefore will he lift up his head.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to  
the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will  
always be, forever and ever. Amen.

I will confess the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, and  
in the congregation.  
Great are the Lord's works, and sought after  
according to all his wishes.  
His work is affirmation and magnificence,  
and his justice endures  
forever.  
He has made a remembrance of his marvelous  
works, being merciful, compassionate  
and just.

Escam dedit timentibus se: memor erit  
in saeculum testamenti sui.  
Virtutem operum suorum annuntiabit  
populo suo.  
Ut det illis hereditatem gentium:  
opera manuum ejus veritas  
et judicium.  
Fidelia omnia mandata ejus: confirmata  
in saeculum saeculi,  
facta in veritate et aequitate.  
Redemptionem misit Dominus populo suo:  
mandavit in aeternum testamentum  
suum. Sanctum et terribile nomen ejus.  
Initium sapientiae timor Domini.  
Intellectus bonus omnibus facientibus  
eum: laudatio ejus manet in saeculum  
saeculi.

Gloria Patri . . . Amen.

He has given food to those who fear him; he  
will be ever mindful of his covenant:  
He will tell his people of the power  
of his works.  
That he may give them the inheritance of  
the heathen, the works of his hands  
are truth and judgment.  
All his commandments are reliable;  
confirmed forever and ever,  
made in truth and equity.  
The Lord has sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and fearful is his name.  
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of  
wisdom. A good understanding have all  
they that do his commandments:  
his praise endures forever.

Glory to the Father . . . Amen.

### III. Beatus Vir - Psalm 111

Beatus vir qui timet Dominum:  
in mandatis ejus volet  
nimis.  
Potens in terra erit semen ejus:  
generatio rectorum benedicetur.  
Gloria et divitiae in domo ejus: et  
justitia ejus manet in saeculum saeculi.  
Exortum est in tenebris lumen rectis:  
misericors et miserator et  
justus.  
Jucundus homo qui miseretur et  
commodat; disponet sermones suos  
in judicio;  
Quia in aeternum non commovebitur.  
In memoria aeterna erit justus:  
ab auditione mala non timebit:  
paratum cor ejus sperare in Domino.  
Non commovebitur donec despiciat  
inimicos suos.  
Dispersit, dedit pauperibus:  
justitia ejus manet in saeculum saeculi:  
cornu ejus exaltabitur in gloria.  
Peccator videbit, et irascetur, dentibus

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord  
and delights exceedingly in His  
commandments.  
His seed will be strong in the land; the  
generation of the righteous will be blessed.  
In his house will be glory and abundance;  
and his justice endures forever and ever.  
A light for the righteous has risen in the  
darkness; he is merciful and compassionate  
and just.  
Agreeable is the person who is merciful and  
helpful; he arranges his words with  
judgment,  
Because he will never be moved.  
He will be just in eternal memory; and will  
not fear to hear evils: his heart  
is ready to put its hope in the Lord.  
He will not be moved until he looks down  
upon his enemies.  
He has distributed and donated to the poor;  
his justice endures forever and ever;  
his horn will be exalted in glory.  
The sinner will see, and become enraged;

suis fremet et tabescet:  
desiderium peccatorum peribit.

he will gnash his teeth and wither away:  
the desire of sinners will perish.

Gloria Patri . . . Amen.

Glory to the Father . . . Amen.

#### **IV. Laudate Pueri** - Psalm 112

Laudate pueri Dominum:  
    laudate nomen Domini.  
Sit nomen Domini benedictum,  
    ex hoc nunc, et usque in saeculum.  
A solis ortu usque ad occasum,  
    laudabile nomen Domini.  
Excelsus super omnes gentes Dominus,  
    et super coelos gloria ejus.  
Quis sicut Dominus Deus noster,  
    qui in altis habitat, et humilia  
    respicit in coelo et in terra?  
Suscitans a terra inopem, et de stercore  
    erigens pauperem:  
    Ut collocet eum cum principibus  
    populi sui.  
Qui habitare facit sterilem in domo matrem  
    filiorum laetantem.

Praise the Lord, children;  
    praise the name of the Lord.  
May the name of the Lord be blessed,  
    from this time onward forever.  
From the rising of the sun until its setting,  
    the name of the Lord is praiseworthy.  
The Lord is on high above all nations,  
    and his glory is over the heavens.  
Who is like the Lord our God,  
    who lives on high and regards the lowly  
    in heaven and on earth?  
Raising up the destitute man from the earth,  
    and lifting up the poor man from the muck,  
    that he may place him with the princes  
    of his people.  
Who makes the barren woman to live in a  
    house, the happy mother of children.

Gloria Patri . . . Amen.

Glory to the Father . . . Amen.

#### **V. Laudate Dominum** - Ps. 116

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes:  
    laudate eum omnes populi:  
Quoniam confirmata est super nos  
    misericordia ejus: et veritas Domini  
    manet in aeternum.

Praise the Lord, all nations;  
    praise him, all peoples;  
For his mercy is established over us,  
    and the truth of the Lord endures  
    forever.

Gloria Patri . . . Amen.

Glory to the Father . . . Amen.

#### **VI. Magnificat** - Luke 1:46-55

[Et ait Maria:] Magnificat anima mea  
    Dominum.  
Et exultavit spiritus meus in Deo

[And Mary said:] My soul magnifies  
    the Lord,  
And my spirit has rejoiced in

salutari meo.  
Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae  
suae: Ecce enim ex hoc  
beatam me dicent omnes  
generationes.  
Quia fecit mihi magna, qui potens  
est et sanctum nomen ejus.  
Et misericordia ejus a progenie in  
progenies timentibus eum.  
Fecit potentiam in brachio suo:  
dispersit superbos mente  
cordis sui.  
Deposuit potentes de sede,  
et exaltavit humiles.  
Esurientes implevit bonis:  
et divites dimisit inanes.  
Suscepit Israel puerum suum,  
recordatus misericordiae suae.  
Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros,  
Abraham et semini ejus in saecula.

Gloria Patri . . . Amen.

God my savior.  
For he has regarded the lowliness of his  
servant: for behold, from this time  
forward all generations will call me  
blessed.  
For he who is mighty has done great things  
to me, and holy is his name.  
And his mercy is on those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his hand;  
he has scattered the proud in the  
imagination of their hearts.  
He has put down the mighty from their seats,  
and raised up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.  
He has protected his child Israel,  
being mindful of his mercy,  
As he spoke to our fathers,  
Abraham and his seed forever.

Glory to the Father . . . Amen

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