As you join us this evening in song, we invite you to sing gently, thereby allowing the choir to lead the congregation during Vespers.

**Orison**

**In Manus Tuas**

John Sheppard (c.1515-1558)

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

**Invitatory**

*(All stand and make the sign of the cross)*

**Presider**

**All sing**

O God, come to my assistance.

O Lord make haste to help me.

**Cantor, then all**

**Antiphon 1**

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**Hymn**

Abide with me:

fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens;
Lord, with me abide:

When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless,
O abide with me.

Abide With Me

I need thy presence
every passing hour;
What but thy grace
can foil the tempter’s power?
Who, like thyself,
my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine,
Lord, abide with me.

William H. Monk (1823-1889)

I fear no foe,
with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight,
and tears no bitterness.
Where is death’s sting?
Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still,
if thou abide with me.

**Psalm**

*(All sit)*

**Psalm 110**

God has appointed Christ to be the judge of the living and the dead.

1. The Lord’s revelation to my master:
2. “Sit on my right:
3. “your foes I will put beneath your feet”
4. The Lord will wield from Zion
5. “your scepter of power:
6. “rule in the midst of all your foes.”
CANTOR  
1 A prince from the day of your birth 
2 on the holy mountains; 
4 from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

ALL  
1 The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. 
2 “You are a priest forever, 
4 a priest like Melchizedek of old.”

CANTOR  
1 The Master standing at your right hand 
2 Will shatter kings in the day of his wrath. 
3 He shall drink from the stream by the wayside 
4 and therefore he shall lift up his head.

ALL  
1 Glory to the Father and to the Son 
2 and to the Holy Spirit 
3 as it was in the beginning is now, 
4 and will be for ever. Amen.

All sing Antiphon 1

Psalm 112

All sing Antiphon 2

CANTOR  
1 Happy the man who fears the Lord, 
2 who takes delight in all his commands. 
3 His sons will be powerful on earth; 
4 the children of the upright are blessed.

ALL  
1 Riches and wealth are in his house; 
2 his justice stands firm for ever. 
3 He is a light in the darkness for the upright: 
4 he is generous, merciful and just.

CANTOR  
1 The good man takes pity and lends, 
2 he conducts his affairs with honor. 
3 The just man will never waver: 
4 he will be remembered for ever.

ALL  
1 He has no fear of evil news; 
2 with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. 
3 With a steadfast heart he will not fear; 
4 he will see the downfall of his foes.

CANTOR  
1 Open-handed, he gives to the poor; 
2 his justice stands firm for ever. 
4 His head will be raised in glory.

ALL  
1 The wicked man sees and is angry, 
2 grinds his teeth and fades away; 
4 the desire of the wicked leads to doom.

CANTOR  
1 Glory to the Father and to the Son 
2 and to the Holy Spirit, 
3 as it was in the beginning is now, 
4 and will be for ever. Amen!

All sing Antiphon 2

1 Peter 2:21-24

All sing Antiphon 3

Those things, which God foretold through his prophets concerning the sufferings that Christ would endure, 

have been fulfilled.
1. Christ suffered for you, and left you an example to have you follow in his footsteps.

2. He did no wrong; no deceit was found in his mouth. When he was insulted, he returned no insult.

3. When he was made to suffer, he did not counter with threats. Instead he delivered himself up to the One who judges justly.

4. In his own body he brought your sins to the cross, so that all of us, dead to sin, could live in accord with God’s will. By his wounds you were healed.

5. 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. (All sing Antiphon 3)

Reading
1 Corinthians 9:24-25
While all the runners in the stadium take part in the race, the award goes to one man. In that case, run so as to win! Athletes deny themselves all sorts of things. They do this to win a crown of leaves that withers, but we a crown that is imperishable.

Responsory
Listen to us, O Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.
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Christ Jesus, hear our humble petitions,
-for we have sinned against you.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
-Listen to us, O Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.

Gospel Canticle
Luke 1: 46-55
My son, you have been with me all the time and everything I have is yours. But we had to feast and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost to us and now has been found.

Magnificat
My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit rejoiceth in God my Saviour.
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 showed strength with his arm, he hath scattered the proud in the imaginations 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 forever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.
(to Antiphon)

Intercessions
(Repeat standing)

\( V. \) Di-rigá-tur Dómine orá-tí-o mé-a.
Let my prayer, O Lord be set forth

\( A.l.l. \)
Sic ut incénsum in conspéctu tu-o.
As incense before thee
-Lord, be present to the bishops and priests of your Church, who share your role as head and shepherd, may they lead your people to the Father under your guidance.

Let us pray to the Lord Lord, hear our prayer.

-May your angel be with all who travel, to keep them safe in soul and body.

Let us pray to the Lord Lord, hear our prayer.

-Grant that in the human family, brother may always help brother, so that, with your assistance, it may be a city compact and strong.

Let us pray to the Lord Lord, hear our prayer.

-Have mercy on all the dead, bring them to the vision of your glory.

Let us pray to the Lord Lord, hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer & Collect

Conclusion -Dominus vobiscum. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Presider: Christus factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis. Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et dedit illi nomen, quod est super omne nomen. Christ became obedient for us unto death, even to the death, death on the cross. Therefore God exalted Him and gave Him a name which is above all names.

All: Amen

-Motet Christus Factus Est Felice Anerio (c.1560-1614)

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Marian Antiphon Ave Regina Caelorum

Ave Regina caelorum, Ave Domina Angelorum: Salve radix, salve porta, Ex qua mundo lux est orta:

Gaude Virgo gloriae, Super omnès speciosa, Vale, o valde decorá, Et pro nobis Christum exóra.

Presider: Dignare me laudare te Virgo sa-crá-ta.

All: Da náh virtutem contra hostes tu-os.

Cantor: Oremus:

Concédite, misérior Deus, fragilitáte nostrae praesidium: ut, qui sanctae Dei Genetrícis memóriam ágimus; intercessiónis eius auxílio, a nostris iniútitúibus resurgámus. Per eúndem Christum Dóminum nostrum.

All: Amen.

Cantor: Divínium auxílium máneat semper nobiscum.

All: Amen.

Tone IV Chant

Hail, Queen of heaven.
Hail Lady of the angels.
Hail root and gate from which the Light of the world was born.

Rejoice glorious Virgin, fairest of all.
Fare thee well, most beautiful, and pray for us to Christ.

V. Make me worthy to praise you, O sacred Virgin.

R. Give me strength against your enemies.