Solemn Vespers for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Monday, December 7, 2020 at 7:30 pm
Procession of the Choirs and Ministers

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1. Thou art all fair, O Mary, thou art all fair, and no stain
   is in thee. How lovely, how sweet in its delights, thy
   Conception unstained. R.

2. Thou goest forth like the rose-tinted dawn; Thou
   bringest the joys of salvation; Through thee is risen
   Christ God, the sun of justice. O gleaming portal
   of light. R.

3. Like a lily among thorns, so art thou blest among the
   daughters, O Virgin. Thy raiment shines white as
   snow, thy face like the sun. R.

4. In thee is the hope of life and of virtue, every grace of
   the way and of the truth. We shall run behind thee in
   the sweetest odor of enticing ointments. R.

5. A garden enclosed, a fountain sealed, bearer of God,
   and a paradise of grace. The rain is over and gone, the
   winter is past, now the flowers have appeared. R.

6. A voice is heard in our land, a voice most sweet, the
   voice of the dove and the turtledove: take wing,
   O dove most fair! Arise, hasten, and come. R.

Introductory Verse

Presider

Assembly

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. Alleluia.
1. Virgin great and glorious, bearing God's own Son for us,
2. How can human voices raise honor worthy of your praise!
3. God has graced you evermore Through his Son, whom hosts adore;
4. Blessed Virgin full of grace, Noblest of the human race,

Far above all things of earth, Shine your purity and worth.
Through your Son, O maiden queen, We are given gifts supreme.
God himself has shown the way, Therefore we due homage pay.
Far above angelic state: None more fair did God create.

Ave mater Domini! Filium laudemus Dei!
Hail mother of the Lord! Praise the Son of God!
Psalm 113

Choral Antiphon: I will make you enemies, you and the woman, your offspring and hers.

The psalm is sung antiphonally between the Latin Schola and the congregation.

Latin Schola: I  Congregation: II

I Praise, O servants of the Lord.
praise the name of the Lord!

II May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!

I From the rising of the sun to its setting
praised be the name of the Lord!

II High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.

I Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne

II yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?

All 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.

Antiphon
Psalm 147

**Choral Antiphon:** The Lord has clothed me with garments of salvation; he has covered me with a robe of justice.

The psalm is sung antiphonally between the Latin Schola and the congregation.

**Latin Schola:** I  Congregation: II

I  O Praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
   Zion, praise your God!

II He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
   he has blessed the children within you.

I  He established peace on your borders,
   he feeds you with finest wheat.

II He sends out his word to the earth
   and swiftly runs his command.

I  He showers down snow white as wool.
   he scatters hoar-frost like ashes.

II He hurls down hailstones like crumbs.
   The waters are frozen at his touch;

I  he sends forth his word and it melts them:
   at the breath of his mouth the waters flow.

II He makes his word known to Jacob,
   to Israel his laws and decrees.

I  He has not dealt thus with other nations;
   he has not taught them his decrees.

II  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.

**Antiphon**
Canticle  Ephesians 3:1-10

Choral Antiphon: Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with you.

I Praised be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has bestowed on us in Christ every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

II God chose us in him before the world began to be holy and blameless in his sight.

I He predestined us† to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ, such was his will and pleasure,

II that all might praise the glorious favor he has bestowed on us in his beloved.

I In him and through his blood† we have been redeemed, and our sins forgiven.

II So immeasurably generous is God’s favor to us. God has given us the wisdom† to understand fully the mystery, the plan he was pleased to decree in Christ.

I A plan to be carried out in Christ, in the fullness of time, to bring all things into one in him, in the heavens and on earth.

All 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.

Antiphon
Scripture Reading

Romans 8: 29-30

Homily

Responsory

St. Gregory Vesperal

Choir, then All:

I shall glorify you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Schola: You have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

All:

for you have rescued me.

Schola: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All:

I shall glorify you, Lord, for you have rescued me.
Canticle of Mary

Magnificat

Choir Antiphon: All generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me.

The Schola sings verses 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12

congregation

1. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord. 2. My spirit rejoices in God my Savior. 3. For he has looked with favor on his lowly servant: from this day all generations will call me blessed. 4. The almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. 5. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. 6. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. 7. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. 8. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. 9. He has come to the help of his servant Israel, remembering his promise of mercy. 10. The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever. 11. Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 12. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Intercessions

All:

Mary, full of grace, intercede for us.

St. Gregory Vesperal
The Lord’s Prayer

Patēr no-ster, qui es in caelis:

Sanctifi-e tur - no - men tu - um;

Adve-niat re-gnum tu - um; fi - at vo - lun-tas tu - a,

Si - cut in cae - lo, et in ter - ra.

Panem nos-trum co-ti - di - a-num da no-bis ho-di-e;

Et di - mi - te no - bis de - bi - ta no - stra,

Si - cut et nos di - mit - ti - mus de - bi - to - ri - bus nos - tris;

Et ne nos in - du - cas in ten - ta - ti - o - nem;

Sed li - be - ra nos a ma - lo.
Concluding Prayer

Choral Concert

Reading I: From a sermon by St. Anselm, bishop (1033-1109)

Adam lay ybounden
Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple
An apple that he took
As clerkes vinden
Written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne had never our lady
A been heaven queen.

Blessed be the time
That apple taken was
Therefore we moun singen
Deo gratias.

Peter Warlock

Reading II: Isaiah 11:1-10

Lo, how a rose e’er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse’s lineage coming,
As those of old have sung.

It came a flower-et bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah, ‘twas foretold it,
That Rose I have in mind,
With Mary, we behold it,
The Virgin Mother, kind.

To show God’s love aright,
She bore to us a Savior,
When half-spent was the night.

Michael Praetorius
Old German Carol

Reading III: From In praise of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)

Hail blessed virgin Mary! For so when he did meet thee,
Spake mighty Gabriel, And thus we greet thee.
Come weal, come woe, our hymn shall never vary:
"Hail blessed virgin Mary!"

Ave, ave Maria! To gladden priest and people,
The Angelus shall ring From every steeple;
To sound his virgin birth, Alleluia!
Ave, ave Maria!

Archangels chant "Osanna!" and, "Holy, holy, holy", Before
the infant born Of thee, thou lowly;
Aye maiden child of Joachim and Anna,
Archangels chant, "Osanna!"

Italian carol
arr. Charles Wood
adapted Philip Whitmore
O Sanctissima, O Piissima
Dulcis Virgo Maria
Matera amata, Intemerata
Ora pro nobis.

Tu solatium et refugium
Virgo Mater Maria!
Quidquid optamus, per te speramus;
Ora pro nobis.

O most holy one, O most pitiful,
O sweet Virgin Mary!
Mother best beloved, Mother undefiled,
Pray for us!

Thou art our comfort and our refuge,
Virgin Mother Mary!
All that we long for, Through thee we hope for;
Pray for us!

Kevin Allen

Reading V: From a sermon by St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

Veni, veni, Emmanuel captivum solve Israel,
qui gemit in exsilio, privatus Dei Filio.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Veni, veni, O Sapientia, quae hic disponis omnia,
veni, viam prudentiae ut doceas et gloriae.

O come, thou Wisdom, from on high, and ord'rest all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.

Veni, veni, Adonai, qui populo in Sinai
legem dedisti vertice in maiestate gloriae.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times did give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

Veni, O Iesse virgula, ex hostis tuos ungula,
de spectu tuos tartari educ et antro barathri.

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Veni, Clavis Davidica, regna reclude caelica,
fac iter tutum superum, et claude vias inferum.

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home, make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

Veni, veni, O Ioris, solare nos adveniens,
noctis depelle nebulas, dirasque mortis tenebras.

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home, make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

Veni, veni, Rex Gentium, veni, Redemptor omnium,
ut salvas tuos famulos peccati sibi conscios.

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind; bid every strife and quarrel cease and fill the world with heaven's peace.
Blessing

Marian Antiphon

Alma Redemptoris Mater

mode V

Hymn

1. Of the Father's love begotten,
2. O that birth for ever blessed,
3. Let the heights of heav'n adore him;
4. Christ, to you with God the Father,

Ere the worlds began to be,
When the Virgin full of grace,
Angel hosts, his praises sing;
Spirit blest eternally,
Recessional

Tota pulchra es

Dom Pothier

Veni veni de Libano, veni, veni de Libano,
Veni, veni coronabe ris.

Text: Corde natus ex parentis: Aurelius Prudentis
Tune: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM; 12th c; Mode V; descant by Gerald Near.
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