

# SOLEMN VESPERS

## Exposition

**P:** God, come to my assistance.

**ALL:** Lord, Make haste to help me.

**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 forever. Amen.

## ATTENDE DOMINE

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*At-tén-de Dó-mi-ne, et mi-se-ré-re, Qui-a pec-cá-vi-mus ti - bi.*



1. God, our great Cre - a - tor, depth of love and wis - dom,
2. Je - sus, gen - tle Shep - herd, broth - er and Re - deem - er,
3. God, the Ho - ly Spir - it, hov - 'ring o - ver cha - os,
4. Hear us as we call you, Ab - ba, Word and Spir - it,



1. fath - om - less God - head, source of all our long - ing:
2. you knew our weak - ness, sanc - ti - fied our bod - y:
3. cool and re - fresh - ing com - fort in our pov - er - ty:
4. God of com - mu - nion, cour - age and com - pas - sion.



1. hold us your chil - dren in your ten - der mer - cy.
2. guide us and feed us at your rich - est ta - ble.
3. let liv - ing wa - ter flow from deep with - in us.
4. We sing your prais - es, trust - ing in your mer - cy.

## Reading from Scripture: Acts 13:26-30

**P:** My brothers, it was to us that this message of salvation was sent forth. The inhabitants of Jerusalem and their rulers failed to recognize him, and in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets which we read sabbath after sabbath. Even though they found no charge against him which deserved death, they begged Pilate to have him executed. Once they had brought about all that had been written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. Yet God raised him from the dead.

## Reflection

### Responsory.

**P:** Listen to us, O Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.

**ALL:** Listen to us, O Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.

**P:** Christ Jesus, hear our humble petitions,

**ALL:** for we have sinned against you.

**P:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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## Magnificat



**ALL:** When I am lifted up from the earth,  
I will draw all people to myself.

# MY SOUL REJOICES

Owen Alstott

Refrain

My soul re-joic-es in God, my Sav-ior. My spir-it finds its

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joy in God, the liv-ing God.

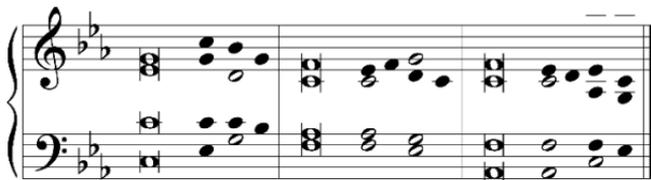
1. My soul pro-claims your
2. Your mer-cy flows through-
3. You cast the might - y
4. You fill the hun - gry
5. Just as you prom - ised

to Refrain

1. might-y deeds. My spir-it sings the great-ness of your name.
2. out the land and ev-'ry gen-er-a-tion knows your love.
3. from their thrones and raise the poor and low-ly to new life.
4. with good things. With emp-ty hands you send the rich a-way.
5. A-bra-ham, you come to free your peo-ple, Is-ra-el.

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**PSALM: 110: 1-5, 7**

*(All Sing)*

**Antiphon 1:** As the serpent was lifted up in **the** desert,  
so the Son of Man must be **lifted** up.

The Lord's revelation to **my** Master:  
"Sit on my right:  
your foes I will put **beneath** your feet."

The Lord will wield **from** Zion  
your **scepter** of power:  
rule in the midst of **all** your foes.

A prince from the day of **your** birth  
on the **holy** mountains;  
from the womb before the dawn **I** begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will **not** change.  
"You are a **priest** forever,  
a priest like Melchized**dek** of old."

The Master standing at your **right** hand  
will shatter kings in the day of **his** great wrath.

He shall drink from the stream by **the** wayside  
and therefore he shall 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 be **forever**. Amen.

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PSALM: 114

*(All Sing)*

**Antiphon 2:** The Lord of hosts protects us and **sets** us free;  
he guides and **saves** his people.

When Israel came **forth** from Egypt,  
Jacob's sons from an **alien** people,  
Judah became **the** Lord's temple,  
Israel **became** his kingdom.

The sea fled **at** the sight:  
the Jordan turned back on **its** course,  
the mountains **leapt** like rams  
and the hills like **yearling** sheep.

Why was it, sea, **that** you fled,  
that you turned back, Jordan, on **your** course?  
Mountains, that you **leapt** like rams;  
hills, like **yearling** sheep?

Tremble, O earth, **before** the Lord,  
in the presence of the God **of** Jacob,  
who turns the rock **into** a pool  
and flint into a **spring** of water.

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and to the Holy Spirit:  
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## 1 PETER 2:21-24

*(All Sing)*

**Antiphon 3:** He was pierced for **our** offenses  
and burdened **with** our sins.  
By his wounds **we** are healed.

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

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

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

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.

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### Intercessions

**P:** All praise to God the Father who brought his chosen people to rebirth from imperishable seed through his eternal Word. Let us ask him as his children:

**P:** God of mercy, hear the prayers we offer for all your people,  
**ALL:** may they hunger for your word more than for bodily food.

**P:** Give us a sincere and active love for our own nation and for all mankind,  
**ALL:** may we work always to build a world of peace and goodness.

**P:** Look with love on all to be reborn in baptism,  
**ALL:** that they may be living stones in your temple of the Spirit.

**P:** You moved Nineveh to repentance by the preaching of Jonah,  
**ALL:** in your mercy touch the hearts of sinners by the preaching of your word.

**P:** May the dying go in hope to meet Christ their judge,  
**ALL:** may they rejoice for ever in the vision of your glory.

Lord's Prayer (**ALL**)

### CONCLUDING PRAYER

**P:** Father, help us to be like Christ your Son, who loved the world and died for our salvation. Inspire us by his love, guide us by his example, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **ALL:** Amen.

**P:** May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. **ALL:** Amen.