

The Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

The Introit Wisdom 18, Psalm 93

Antiphon:

Tone VII



14 For while gentle silence enveloped all things, *
and night in its swift course was now half gone,
15 Your all-powerful word leaped from heaven, *
from the royal throne.

Psalm 93 Dominus regnavit

- 1 The LORD is King; ↓
he has put on splendid apparel; *
the LORD has put on his apparel
and girded himself with strength.
- [2 He has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, ↓
your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure, *
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD,
for ever and for evermore.]

Gloria Patri.

Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, *
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever,
for all ages of ages. Amen

Antiphon

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure by your grace, that we may be found worthy to abound in good works, in the name of your beloved Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

Old Testament: [Isaiah 11:1-9](#)

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

The Gradual **Psalm 45**

Tone Va



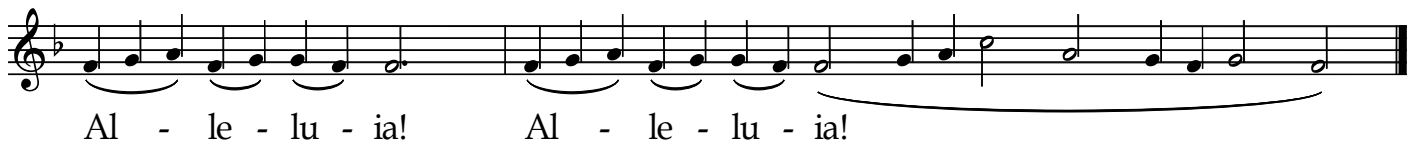
2 You are the fairest of men; *
 grace flows from your lips,
 because God has blessed you for ever.

1 My heart is stirring with a noble song; ↓
 let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
 my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

The Epistle: **Galatians 4:1-7**

Brethren: My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than slaves, though they are the owners of all the property; but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental spirits of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God.

The Alleluia:



1 The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; *
 the LORD has put on his apparel
 and girded himself with strength. Alleluia

The Gospel: Luke 2:33-40

At that time Joseph, and Mary the mother of Jesus were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed, - and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Offertory: Dominus regnavit, Psalm 93:2,3

STONE III

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He has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;

Ever since the world began, ↓ your throne has been es-tab-lished; *
you are from everlasting.

The Prayer over the Gifts:

Almighty God, grant that the offering made in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us grace to serve you with all fidelity and bring us to a reward of everlasting felicity; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

The Preface of the Nativity

Because by the mystery of the Word made flesh,
the light of your glory has shone upon the eyes of our mind;
so that, while we acknowledge him to be God in visible form,
he may draw us to the love of things invisible.

Blessing before the Pax Domini

Priest: May Almighty God, Who has put to flight the darkness of the world through the Incarnation of His only-begotten Son, and, through His glorious birth, has illuminated this most holy season, put to flight the darkness of your sins, and illuminate your hearts with the light of holiness.

People: Amen

Priest: May He, Who willed that the joy of this most holy birth should be told to the shepherds by an angel, pour upon you the gracious dew of His blessing, and lead you, Himself the Good Shepherd, to the everlasting pastures of eternal joy.

People: Amen



O Christ Re - deem - er of us all,
 The Fa - ther's Splen - dor, Light from Light,
 O Source of all sal - va - tion true,
 This is the great day of the year
 The earth, the sky, the ver - y sea,
 And we who now have been re - deemed
 All glo - ry Je - sus be to you



Be - lov - ed Son, the Fa - ther's
 E - ter - nal Hope of ev' - ry
 Re - mem - ber that you deigned to
 When Christ - ians join to cel - e -
 And all that live in them re -
 By your di - vine and pre - cious
 Once born of Vir - gin mo - ther



Word, A - lone with him be -
 soul, Hear now the prayers through -
 take Our hu - man nat - ure's
 - brate Your com - ing down to
 - jice, And praise the Fa - ther
 blood, u - nite to sing this
 pure, Who, with the Spir - it



- fore all time, Yet choos - ing
 - out the world Which lov - ing -
 flesh and blood, Formed with - in
 save all men, The Fa - ther's
 who de - creed that you should
 grate - ful hymn to - day in
 of your love And Fa - ther



to be born on earth.
- ly a - rise to you.
a pure Vir-gin's womb.
glo - ry laid a - side.
come to us as Man.
hon - or of your birth.
God to - geth - er reign. A-men