



# Invitatory

Psalms and Antiphons  
for the Liturgical Year



## Invitatory

*The invitatory belongs to the very beginning of each day's prayer. It precedes either the Office of Readings or Morning Prayer; the liturgical day may begin with either hour.  
All stand and make the Sign of the Cross on the lips.*

Cantor:  All: 

**L**ORD, open my lips. And my mouth will proclaim your praise.

*Afterward psalm 95 is said with its antiphon. The antiphon is said before the psalm, then immediately repeated; it is repeated after each strophe of the psalm. For psalm 95 one may substitute psalm 100, 67, or 24. If any of these psalms should occur in the office, psalm 95 is then said in place of it.*

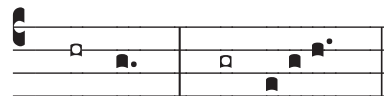
*In individual recitation, the antiphon may be said only at the beginning of the psalm; it need not be repeated after each strophe.*

*For Sundays and weekdays the antiphon is taken from the proper day.*

*For solemnities and feasts, the antiphon for the invitatory is taken from the Proper of Seasons or the Common of Saints.*

*For the memorials of saints, the antiphon, unless it is proper, may be taken from either the Commons or the weekday.*

*The psalm with its antiphon may be omitted when the invitatory precedes Morning Prayer.*

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### Psalm 95

#### A call to praise God

*Encourage each other daily while it is still today (Hebrews 13:13).*

*(The antiphon is recited and then repeated)*

**C**ome, let us sing to the *Lord*\* and shout with joy to the *Rock* who saves us.

Let us approach him with praise and thanksgiving\* and sing joyful songs to the Lord.

*(Antiphon repeated)*

The Lord is God, the mighty *God*,\* the great king over *all* the gods.

He holds in his hands the depths of the *earth*\* and the highest mountains as well.

He made the sea; it belongs to *him*,\* the dry land, too, for it was formed by his hands.

*(Antiphon repeated)*

Come, then, let us bow down and worship,\* bending the knee before the *Lord*, our maker.

For he is our God and we are his *people*,\* the *flock* he shepherds.

*(Antiphon repeated)*

Today, listen to the voice of the Lord:  
† Do not grow *stubborn*,\* as your fathers did *in* the wilderness, when at Meriba and Massah they challenged me and *provoked* me,\* Although they had seen all *of* my works.

*(Antiphon repeated)*

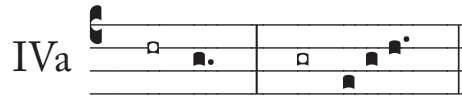
Forty years I endured that generation.  
† I said, "They are a people whose hearts go *astray*\* and they do not *know* my ways."

So I swore in my *anger*,\* "They shall not enter *into* my rest."

*(Antiphon repeated)*

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 repeated)*



## Psalm 100

## The joyful song of those entering God's Temple

*The Lord calls his ransomed people to sing songs of victory* (Athanasius).

(The antiphon is recited and then repeated)

**C**ry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. † Serve the Lord with gladness. \* Come before him singing for joy.

(Antiphon repeated)

Know that he, the Lord, is God. † He made us, we belong to *him*, \* we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

(Antiphon repeated)

Go within his gates, giving thanks. † Enter his courts with songs of *praise*.

\* Give thanks to him and  *bless* his name.

(Antiphon repeated)

Indeed, how good is the Lord, † eternal his merciful  *love*. \* He is faithful from  *age* to age.

(Antiphon repeated)

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 repeated)

## Psalm 67

## People of all nations will worship the Lord

*You must know that God is offering his salvation to all the world* (Acts 28:28).

**O** God, be gracious and  *bless* us \* and let your face shed its  *light* upon us.

So will your ways be known upon  *earth* \* and all nations learn your  *saving* help.

(Antiphon repeated)

Let the peoples praise you, O  *God*; \* let all the  *peoples* praise you.

(Antiphon repeated)

Let the nations be glad and  *exult* \* for you rule the  *world* with justice.

With fairness you rule the  *peoples*, \* you guide the  *nations* on earth.

(Antiphon repeated)

Let the peoples praise you, O  *God*; \* let all the  *peoples* praise you.

(Antiphon repeated)

The earth has yielded its  *fruit* \* for God, our  *God*, has blessed us.

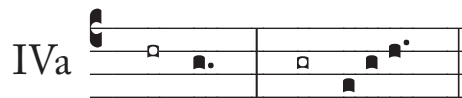
May God still give us his  *blessing* \* till the ends of the  *earth* revere him.

(Antiphon repeated)

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 repeated)



## Psalm 24

## The Lord's entry into his temple

*Christ opened heaven for us in the manhood he assumed* (Saint Irenaeus).

(The antiphon is recited and then repeated)

The Lord's is the earth and its  
fullness, \* the world and *all* its  
peoples.

It is he who set in on the *seas*; \* on the  
waters he *made* it firm.

(Antiphon repeated)

Who shall climb the mountain of the  
*Lord*? \* Who shall stand in his *holy*  
place?

The man with clean hands and pure  
heart, † who desires not worthless  
*things*, \* who has not sworn so as to  
*deceive* his neighbor.

(Antiphon repeated)

He shall receive blessings from the *Lord*  
\* and reward from the *God* who saves  
him.

Such are the men who *seek* him, \* seek  
the face of the *God* of Jacob.

(Antiphon repeated)

O gates, lift high your heads; † grow  
higher ancient *doors*. \* Let him enter,  
the *king* of glory!

(Antiphon repeated)

Who is the king of glory? † The Lord,  
the mighty, the *valiant*, \* the Lord,  
the *valiant* in war.

(Antiphon repeated)

O gates, lift high your heads; † grow  
higher ancient *doors*. \* Let him enter,  
the *king* of glory!

(Antiphon repeated)

Who is he, the king of glory? † He,  
the Lord of *armies*, \* he is the *king* of  
glory.

(Antiphon repeated)

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 repeated)

## ADVENT

From the First Sunday of Advent until December 16

Come, let us worship the *Lord*, \* the King who *is* to come.

From December 17 to December 23

The Lord is close at *hand*; \* come, *let* us worship.

December 24

Today you will know the Lord is *coming*, \* and in the morning you will *see* his glory.

## CHRISTMAS

For the Sunday and weekday offices during Christmas until the Epiphany

Christ is born for *us*; \* come, let *us* adore him.

From the Epiphany until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Christ has appeared to *us*; \* come, let *us* adore him.

## HOLY FAMILY

Come, let us worship Christ, the Son of *God*, \* who was obedient to Mary and Joseph.

## MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Let us celebrate the motherhood of the Virgin *Mary*; \* let us worship her Son, *Christ* the Lord.

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Come, let us worship *Christ*, \* the beloved Son in whom the Father *was* well pleased.

## LENT

On Sundays and weekdays

Come, let us worship Christ the *Lord*, \* who for our sake endured *temptation* and suffering.

**Or:** Today if you hear the voice of the *Lord*, \* harden *not* your hearts.

## HOLY WEEK

Come, let us worship Christ the *Lord*, \* who for our sake endured *temptation* and suffering.

## GOOD FRIDAY

Come, let us worship Christ, the Son of *God*, \* who redeemed us *with* his blood.

## HOLY SATURDAY

Come, let us worship *Christ*, \* who for our sake suffered death *and* was buried.

## EASTER

The Lord is *risen*, \* *alleluia*.

## ASCENSION

*Alleluia*, come, let us worship Christ the *Lord* \* as he ascends into heaven, *alleluia*.

*After the Ascension*

Come, let us adore Christ the *Lord* \* who promised to send the Holy Spirit on his people, *alleluia*.

## PENTECOST

*Alleluia*, the Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole *world*; \* come let us worship him, *alleluia*.

## SOLEMNITIES OF THE LORD DURING ORDINARY TIME

*Sunday after Pentecost*

## TRINITY SUNDAY

Come, let us worship the true *God*: \* One in Trinity, *Trinity* in One.

*Thursday after Trinity Sunday*

## CORPUS CHRISTI

Come, let us adore Christ the *Lord*, \* the *bread* of life.

*Friday after the Second Sunday after Pentecost*

## SACRED HEART

Come, let us worship *Jesus*, \* whose heart was wounded for *love* of us.

## Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

## CHRIST THE KING

Come let us worship Jesus *Christ*, \* the *King* of kings.

## ORDINARY TIME

## Week I &amp; III

- Sunday** Come, let us sing to the *Lord*, \* and shout with joy to the Rock who saves us, *alleluia*.
- Monday** Let us approach the *Lord* \* with praise *and* thanksgiving.
- Tuesday** Come, let us *worship* \* our mighty *King* and Lord.
- Wednesday** Come, let us *worship* \* before the *Lord*, our maker.
- Thursday** Come, let us worship the *Lord*, \* for he *is* our God.
- Friday** Come, let us give thanks to the *Lord*, \* for his great love is *without* end.
- Saturday** Come, let us worship *God* \* who holds the world and its wonders in his *creating* hand.

## Week II &amp; IV

- Sunday** Come, worship the *Lord*, \* for we are his people, the flock he shepherds, *alleluia*.
- Monday** Come, let us *sing* \* joyful songs *to* the Lord.
- Tuesday** Come, let us worship the *Lord*, \* our *mighty* God.
- Wednesday** Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the *earth*; \* serve the *Lord* with gladness.
- Thursday** Come into the Lord's *presence* \* *singing* for joy.
- Friday** Come, let us praise the *Lord*; \* in him is all *our* delight.
- Saturday** Let us listen to the voice of *God*; \* let us enter *into* his rest.

## PROPER OF SAINTS

## JANUARY

- 25** **Conversion of Paul, Apostle**  
Come, let us worship *God*, \* on the feast of the conversion of Saint Paul.

## FEBRUARY

- 2** **Presentation of the Lord**  
Come, let us worship the Lord of creation; \* he enters his *holy* temple.

## 22 Chair of Peter, Apostle

Come, let us worship the *Lord*, \* the King *of* apostles.

## MARCH

## 19 Joseph, Husband of Mary

Let us praise Christ the *Lord*\* as we celebrate the feast *of* Saint Joseph (*alleluia*).

## 25 Annunciation

The Word was made flesh; \* come, let us worship him (*alleluia*).

## APRIL

## 25 Mark, Evangelist

Come, let us worship the *Lord*\* who speaks to us through the gospel, *alleluia*.

## MAY

## 1 Joseph the Worker

Come, let us worship Christ the *Lord*\* who was honored to be known as the son of a carpenter, *alleluia*.

## 31 Visitation

Let us sing to the *Lord*\* as we celebrate the Visitation of the Blessed *Virgin* Mary.

## JUNE

## II Barnabas, Apostle

Come let us adore the Holy *Spirit*, \* for he has spoken to us though the prophets and teachers *of* the Church (*tp. alleluia*).

## 24 Birth of John the Baptist

Come, let us worship the *Lord*, \* the Lamb of God, proclaimed by John.

## 29 Peter &amp; Paul, Apostles

Come, let us worship the *Lord*, \* the King *of* apostles.

## AUGUST

## 6 Transfiguration

Come, let us worship the King of *glory*, \* exalted on high.

## 15 Assumption

Come let us worship the King of *kings*; \* on this day when his Virgin Mother was taken *up* to heaven.

## 22 Queenship of Mary

Come, let us worship *Christ* \* who crowned his mother as Queen of *heaven* and earth.

## 29 Beheading of John the Baptist, Martyr

Come, let us worship the Lamb of God on this feast of Saint *John* \* who went before Christ in life *and* in death.

## SEPTEMBER

## 8 Birth of Mary

Come, let us celebrate the birth of the Virgin *Mary*, \* let us worship her Son, *Christ* the Lord.

## 14 Triumph of the Cross

Come, let us worship Christ the *King* \* who was lifted up on the cross *for* our sake.

## 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

Let us adore Christ, the Savior of the *world*, \* who called his mother to share *in* his passion.

## 29 Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Come, let us worship the *Lord* \* in the company *of* his angels.

## OCTOBER

## 2 Guardian Angels

Come, let us worship the *Lord*, \* whom the *angels* serve.

## 18 Luke, Evangelist

Come, let us worship the *Lord* \* who speaks to us *through* the Gospel.

## NOVEMBER

## 1 All Saints

Come, let us worship *God* \* whose praises are sung in the assembly *of* the saints.

II **Martin of Tours, Bishop**

Come, let us worship our *God* \* as we celebrate the feast of Saint Martin.

## DECEMBER

8 **Immaculate Conception**

Come, let us celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin *Mary*; \* let us worship her Son, *Christ* the Lord.

26 **Stephen, First Martyr**

Come, let us worship the newborn *Christ* \* who has given the glorious crown to Saint Stephen.

27 **John, Apostle and Evangelist**

Come, let us worship the *Lord*, \* the King of apostles.

28 **Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

Come, let us worship the newborn Christ \* who crowns with joy these children who died for him.

## COMMONS

## DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

Come, let us worship *Christ*, \* the Bridegroom of his Church (*tp. alleluia*).

**Or:** Come, let us worship *Christ*, \* who has shown his love for the Church (*tp. alleluia*).

## BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Come, let us worship *Christ*, \* the *Son* of Mary (*tp. alleluia*).

**Or:** Come, let us sing to the *Lord* \* as we celebrate this feast of the Blessed *Virgin Mary* (*tp. alleluia*).

## MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON SATURDAY

On Saturdays in Ordinary Time on which an optional memorial is permitted, the optional memorial of the Blessed *Virgin Mary* may be chosen.

Come, let us worship *Christ*, \* the *Son* of Mary.

**Or:** Let us sing to the Lord as we keep this day in memory of the Blessed *Virgin Mary*.

## APOSTLES

Come, let us worship the *Lord*, \* the King of *the* apostles.

**Easter:** Alleluia, come, let us worship the *Lord*, \* the King of the apostles, *alleluia*.

## MARTYRS

Come, let us worship *Christ*, \* the *King* of martyrs (*tp. alleluia*).

## PASTORS

Come, let us worship *Christ*, \* chief shepherd of the flock (*tp. alleluia*).

## DOCTORS

Come, let us worship *Christ*, \* fount of all wisdom (*tp. alleluia*).

## VIRGINS

The holy virgins praise their Lord and *King*; \* come, let us join in their worship (*tp. alleluia*).

**Or:** Come, let us worship the *Lamb* \* with the virgins who followed him (*tp. alleluia*).

## HOLY MEN

Come, let us worship *God*, \* wonderful in his saints (*tp. alleluia*).

**Or:** Let us sing praise to *God*, \* as we acclaim Saint **N.** (*tp. alleluia*).

## HOLY WOMEN

Come, let us worship *God*, \* wonderful in his saints (*tp. alleluia*).

**Or:** Let us sing praise to *God*, \* as we acclaim Saint **N.** (*tp. alleluia*).

## FOR RELIGIOUS

Come, let us worship *God*, \* wonderful in his saints (*tp. alleluia*).

**Or:** Let us sing praise to *God*, \* as we acclaim Saint **N.** (*tp. alleluia*).

## OFFICE FOR THE DEAD

Come, let us worship the *Lord*, \* all things *live* for him.