

Canticles

with antiphons
expanded version

Contemporary Language

Canticles

One of the following Canticles, or one of those included in Rite I (1-7), is sung or said after each Reading. If three Lessons are used, the Lesson from the Gospel is read after the second Canticle.

8 The Song of Moses *Cantemus Domino*

Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

Especially suitable for use in Easter Season

Antiphon

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; the Lord has become my Savior.

Advent The Lord is my God and I will praise him,
 the God of my people and I will exalt him.

Christmas Out of Egypt have I called my son.

Lent Lord, you reign for ever and ever; have mercy on us.

Easter Those that conquered sang the song of Moses, the servant of
 God, and the song of the Lamb, hallelujah.

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *

the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *

the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, *

the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; *

Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *

the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *

they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *

your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *

who is like you, glorious in holiness,

awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; *

the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *

with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them *

on the mount of your possession,
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.
The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever.
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.

9 **The First Song of Isaiah** Ecce, Deus

Isaiab 12:2-6

Antiphon

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things.

Advent I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation.

Christmas Cry aloud, O Zion, for the Holy One of Israel in the midst
of you.

Lent You have turned away your anger O Lord, and have
comforted me.

Easter You shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of
salvation, hallelujah.

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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.

10 The Second Song of Isaiah Quærite Dominum

Isaiah 55:6-11

Antiphon

Let us turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion; and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

Advent Seek the Lord while he wills to be found;
call upon him when he draws near. †

Christmas You shall go out with joy, and be led forth in peace.

Lent Let us turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion;
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

Easter Ho, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters, hallelujah.

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.

† Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,

Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,

So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

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.

11 The Third Song of Isaiah *Surge, illuminare*

Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

Antiphon

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you. †

Advent Over you, O Zion, the Lord will rise, and his glory will appear upon you.

Christmas The Lord will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory.

Lent The will comfort Zion, and will again choose Jerusalem.

Easter The Glory of God is the light of the city, and its lamp is the Lamb, hallelujah.

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

† For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.

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.

12 A Song of Creation *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini*

Song of the Three Young Men, 35-65

One or more sections of this Canticle may be used. Whatever the selection, it begins with the Invocation and concludes with the Doxology.

Antiphon on Saturdays

God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

On other days

Worthy are you, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor from every creature.

Advent Every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain. Come, O Lord, and tarry not.

Christmas In him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible; all things were created in him and for him.

Lent The whole creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.

Easter Worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the fountains of waters, hallelujah.

Invocation

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

I The Cosmic Order

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, *
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.

Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, *
all winds and fire and heat.

Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, *
drops of dew and flakes of snow.

Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, *

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, *
O shining light and enfolding dark.
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

II The Earth and its Creatures

Let the earth glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,
and all that grows upon the earth, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, *
O whales and all that move in the waters.
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, *
and all you flocks and herds.
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

III The People of God

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Doxology

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

13 A Song of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine*

Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

Antiphon

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise;
glory to you. †

Advent Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim; stir up
your strength and come to help us.

Christmas The Lord God has given him the throne of his father David,
and he will reign for ever and ever.

Lent O Lord of hosts, enthroned upon the Cherubim, look with pity
on your servants.

Easter From him and through him and to him are all things; to him be
glory for ever, alleluia.

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

† Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

14 A Song of Penitence *Kyrie Pantokrator*

Prayer of Manasseh, 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15

Especially suitable in Lent, and on other penitential occasions

Antiphon in Lent

O Lord, you are full of compassion, long-suffering, and abounding
in mercy.

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, *
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
and of all their righteous offspring:
You made the heavens and the earth, *

with all their vast array.
All things quake with fear at your presence; *
they tremble because of your power.
But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *
it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.
O Lord, you are full of compassion, *
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.
You hold back your hand; *
you do not punish as we deserve.
In your great goodness, Lord,
you have promised forgiveness to sinners, *
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.
And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, *
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *
and I know my wickedness only too well.
Therefore I make this prayer to you: *
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.
Do not let me perish in my sin, *
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, *
and in me you will show forth your goodness.
Unworthy as I am, you will save me,
in accordance with your great mercy, *
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, *
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

15 **The Song of Mary** Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55

Antiphon on Sundays

The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

Mondays and Thursdays

God has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

Tuesdays and Fridays

My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Wednesdays and Saturdays

The Lord has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy.

Seasonal Antiphons

- Advent* Drop down, you heavens from above; and let the skies pour down righteousness; let the earth open, and let it bring forth salvation.
- Christmas* The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, alleluia.
- Lent* *Antiphons as in Ordinary Time.*
- Easter* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
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Occasional Antiphons

Saints' Days

In the heavenly kingdom, the blessed have their dwelling-place, and their rest for ever and ever. (ES Alleluia)

Apostles and Evangelists

[Ps 118:22-23]

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone; this is the Lord's doing; and it is marvelous in our eyes. (ES Alleluia)

For a Martyr

[Jn 12:24]

Unless a corn of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. (ES Alleluia)

For a Virgin and Martyr

This prudent virgin is now gone to Christ. Among the choirs of virgins, she shineth like the sun in the heavens. (ES Alleluia)

For several martyrs

[Rev 2:7b]

To those who are victorious I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, that stands in the paradise of God. (ES Alleluia)

or this

Rejoice all you saints, before the Lamb; for the kingdom has been prepared for you from the beginning of the world. (ES Alleluia)

For missionaries

[Mt 8:11]

Many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. (ES Alleluia)

For a Pastor

[Lk 12:42 alt]

Behold a faithful and wise steward, whom the Master set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time.

(ES Alleluia)

or this

[Mt 25:23]

Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you ruler over much; enter into the joy of your Master.

(ES Alleluia)

For a Theologian or Teacher

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and their tongue speaks what is right; the law of their God is in their heart (ES Alleluia)

or this

[Mt13:52]

Every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.

(ES Alleluia)

For a monastic

[Mk 10.29-30]

You who have forsaken all, and followed me, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit everlasting life. (ES alleluia)

For a virgin

Come, bride of Christ, receive the crown, which the Lord has prepared for you from the beginning. (ES Alleluia)

For a saint

[Mt 25:34]

Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. (ES Alleluia)

or this

Give her the reward of her deeds, and let her works praise her in the gates.

(ES Alleluia)

or this

I will liken him to a wise man who built his house upon a rock.

(ES Alleluia)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
 the Almighty has done great things for me,
 and holy is his Name.
 He has mercy on those who fear him *
 in every generation.
 He has shown the strength of his arm, *
 he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
 and has lifted up the lowly.
 He has filled the hungry with good things, *
 and the rich he has sent away empty.
 He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
 for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
 The promise he made to our fathers, *
 to Abraham and his children for ever.
 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.

16 **The Song of Zechariah** *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Luke 1: 68-79

Antiphon

The Lord has come to his people and set them free.

<i>Advent</i>	In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us.
<i>Christmas</i>	He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David, alleluia.
<i>Lent</i>	God has given his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.
<i>Easter</i>	The Lord, the God of Israel has set his people free, alleluia.

Occasional Antiphons

Apostles & Evangelists I

[Rev 21:14]

On the foundation stones of the heavenly Jerusalem are written the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb; and the Lamb himself is the lamp of the city. (ES alleluia)

Apostles & Evangelists II

[Mk 10.29-30]

You who have forsaken all and followed me will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit everlasting life. (ES alleluia)

For a Martyr

This is a martyr who strove for *his* Master's precepts, even unto death. Established on a sure foundation, *he* feared no evil threats. (ES alleluia)

or this

[Mark 8:35]

Whoever would save his life shall lose it; but whoever lose his life for my sake and the gospel's shall save it. (ES alleluia)

For a Virgin and Martyr

Behold a virgin, courageous and strong, who followed the Lamb that was crucified for us. She offered herself as a chaste and spotless victim. (ES alleluia)

For several Martyrs

[Mt 5:10]

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (ES alleluia)

For Missionaries

[Mt 28:19]

Go and make disciples all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (ES alleluia)

or this

[Isa 52:7]

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the Gospel of peace; who bring good tidings of good, who say to Zion, Your God reigneth! (ES alleluia)

For a Pastor

[Jer. 3:15]

And I will give you shepherds after to my own heart, says the Lord, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. (ES alleluia)

For a Theologian or Teacher

[Daniel 12:3]

Those who are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. (ES 02alleluia)

or this

Let the peoples declare the wisdom of the saints, and let the congregation proclaim their praise; their names shall live to all generations. (ES alleluia)

For a monastic [Lk 14:33]

Unless you renounce all you possess, you cannot be my disciple, says the Lord. (ES alleluia)

For a virgin [Mt 25:4]

This is a wise virgin, who trimmed her lamp, and went with joy to meet the Lord. (ES alleluia)

For a saint

Whoever does the will of my Father, says the Lord, is my brother, my sister, and my mother. (ES alleluia)

or this

Blessed are the peacemakers; blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God. (ES alleluia)

or this

By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another. (ES alleluia)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
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.

17 The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis*

Luke 2:29-32

Antiphon on Sundays

My eyes, O Lord, have seen your salvation.

Mondays and Thursdays

Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised. †

Tuesdays and Fridays

He is glory of your people Israel.

Wednesdays and Saturdays

He is a Light to enlighten the nations.

Advent Come, O Lord, in peace; visit us with your salvation, that we may rejoice before you with a perfect heart.

Christmas God has given him as a light to the nations, that his salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Lent *Antiphons as in Ordinary Time.*

Easter Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Days My eyes, O Lord, have seen your salvation. (ES Alleluia)

Lord, you now have set your servant free *

to go in peace as you have promised;

† For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *

whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, *

and the glory of your people Israel.

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.

18 A Song to the Lamb *Dignus es*

Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

Antiphon

You have made us a kingdom of priests, O Lord, to serve our God and Father.

Advent Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive honor and glory and dominion.

Lent You were slain, O Lord, and have redeemed us to God by your own blood.

Easter Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power, and the glory and the victory and the majesty, alleluia.

Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and for evermore.

19 The Song of the Redeemed *Magna et mirabilia*

Revelation 15:3-4

Antiphon

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, O King of all the ages.

Advent Behold, the Desire of the nations shall come, and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

Lent All nations you have made shall come, and shall worship before you, O Lord.

Easter The Lord is my strength and my song; the Lord has become my Savior, alleluia.

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.
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.

20 **Glory to God** *Gloria in excelsis*

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

21 We Praise You, O God *Te Deum laudamus*

We praise you, O God,
we acclaim you as Lord;
all creation worships you,
the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you took our flesh to set us free
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come to be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

Suggested Canticles at Morning Prayer

	<i>After the Old Testament Reading:</i>	<i>After the New Testament Reading</i>
Sun.	4. or 16. Benedictus Dominus <i>Advent :</i> 11. Surge, illuminare <i>Lent</i> 14. Kyrie Pantokrator <i>Easter</i> 8. Cantemus Domino	7. or 21. Te Deum laudamus <i>Advent and Lent :</i> 4. or 16. Benedictus Dominus
Mon.	9. Ecce, Deus	19. Magna et mirabilia
Tue.	2. or 13. Benedictus es	18. Dignus es
Wed.	11. Surge, illuminare <i>Lent</i> 14. Kyrie Pantokrator	4. or 16. Benedictus Dominus
Thu.	8. Cantemus Domino	6. or 20. Gloria in excelsis <i>Advent and Lent</i> 19. Magna et mirabilia
Fri.	10. Quaerite Dominum <i>Lent</i> 14. Kyrie Pantokrator	18. Dignus es
Sat.	1. or 12. Benedicite	19. Magna et mirabilia

On Feasts of our Lord and other Major Feasts

4. or 16 Benedictus Dominus 7. or 21. Te Deum laudamus

Suggested Canticles at Evening Prayer

	<i>After the Old Testament Reading</i>	<i>After the New Testament Reading</i>
Sun.	Magnificat	Nunc Dimittis *
Mon.	8. Cantemus Domino <i>Lent:</i> 14. Kyrie Pantokrator	Nunc Dimittis
Tue.	10. Quaerite Dominum	Magnificat
Wed	1. or 12. Benedicite	Nunc Dimittis
Thu.	11. Surge, illuminare	Magnificat
Fri.	2. or 13. Benedictus es	Nunc Dimittis
Sat.	9. Ecce, Deus	Magnificat
 <i>On Feasts of our Lord and other Major Feasts</i>		
	Magnificat	Nunc Dimittis *

**If only one Reading is used, the suggested Canticle is Magnificat.*