

# VESPERS - FRIDAY BEFORE ASCENSION SUNDAY

## MUSIC INFORMATION

### INTROIT

The Lord Bless You And Keep You

John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Lord bless You and keep You, the Lord make His face to shine upon You and be gracious unto You. The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Aaronic Blessing (Numbers 6: 24)

### HYMN



At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - tor - ious King.  
Who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side.



Praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sac - red blood for wine,



Gives his bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.

2. Mighty victim from on high,  
Powers of hell beneath thee lie;  
Death is broken in the fight,  
Thou hast brought us life and light:  
Now the banner dost thou wave,  
Conquering Satan and the grave;  
Angels join his praise to tell –  
See o'erthrown the prince of hell.

3. Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,  
sin alone can this destroy;  
from sin's death do thou set free  
souls reborn, O Lord, in thee.  
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,  
Father, unto thee we raise;  
Risen Lord, all praise to thee,  
Ever with the Spirit be. Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER



**O**ur Father, who art in heaven,- hallowed be thy name,- thy kingdom  
come,- thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.- Give us this day our  
daily bread,- and forgive us our trespasses- as we forgive those who trespass  
against us;- And lead us not into temptation,- but deliver us from evil.-

## MOTET

Ave Maria

Gabriel Fauré (1845 – 1924)

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum; benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

Luke 1: 28, 42 & 15th century prayer

## MARIAN ANTIPHON



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**R**E-gína cæli \* lætáre, al-le-lúia : Quia quem meru- í-sti portáre, al-  
le-lúia : Resurréxit, sicut dixit, al-le- lúia : Ora pro nobis Deum, al-le-lú-ia.

*Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia: For he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia:  
Has risen, as he said, alleluia: Pray for us to God, alleluia.*

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Bring flowers of the rarest  
Bring blossoms the fairest,  
From garden and woodland  
and hillside and dale;  
Our full hearts are swelling,  
Our glad voices telling  
The praise of the loveliest  
flower of the vale!

Their lady they name thee,  
Their mistress proclaim thee,  
Ah, grant that thy children  
on earth be as true.  
As long as the bowers  
Are radiant with flowers,  
As long as the azure shall  
keep its bright hue.

Chorus:

*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!  
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.  
O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*