

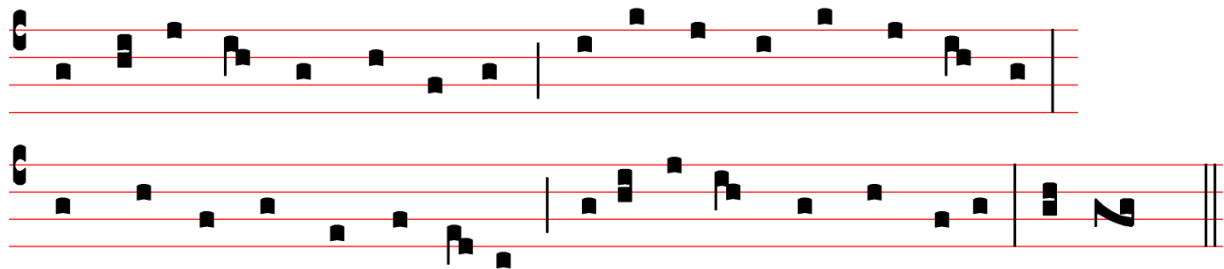
Office Propers – SS Anne & Joachim (26th July)

These are the proper texts for the Office on the feasts of Saints, which you should substitute for the seasonal texts provided in the booklet.

Venite Antiphon:

The Lord is glorious in His saints; O come, let us adore Him.

Office Hymn:



Amen.

O Jesu, Saviour of mankind,
In Whom the saints their glory find,
On this commemoration day
Hear Thou Thy people as they pray.

O grant that we, most gracious God,
May follow in the steps they trod,
And freed from every bond of sin,
As they have won, may also win.

Contending for Thy holy Name,
Thy servants won their saintly fame,
Which Christian hearts with praise recall,
And bless the Lord and God of all.

To Thee, O Christ, most loving King,
All glory, praise and thanks we bring,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit, evermore.

Earth's fleeting pleasures counting nought,
For higher, truer joys they sought,
And now, with angels round Thy throne,
Unfading glories are their own.

Psalm:

(139) O LORD, thou hast searched me out and known me : thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising, thou understandest my thoughts long before.

2 Thou art about my path, and about my bed : and spiest out all my ways.

3 For lo, there is not a word in my tongue : but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

4 Thou hast fashioned me behind and before : and laid thine hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me : I cannot attain unto it.

6 Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit : or whither shall I go then from thy presence?

7 If I climb up into heaven, thou art there : if I go down to hell, thou art there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning : and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

9 Even there also shall thy hand lead me : and thy right hand shall hold me.

10 If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me : then shall my night be turned to day.

11 Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day : the darkness and light to thee are both alike.
12 For my reins are thine : thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.
13 I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made : marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.
14 My bones are not hid from thee : though I be made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.
15 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect : and in thy book were all my members written;
16 Which day by day were fashioned : when as yet there was none of them.
17 How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God : O how great is the sum of them!
18 If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand : when I wake up I am present with thee.
19 Wilt thou not slay the wicked, O God : depart from me, ye blood-thirsty men.
20 For they speak unrighteously against thee : and thine enemies take thy Name in vain.
21 Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee : and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?
22 Yea, I hate them right sore : even as though they were mine enemies.
23 Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart : prove me, and examine my thoughts.
24 Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me : and lead me in the way everlasting.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Reading:

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus.

You who fear the Lord, wait for his mercy; and turn not aside, lest you fall. You who fear the Lord, trust in him, and your reward will not fail; you who fear the Lord, hope for good things, for everlasting joy and mercy. Consider the ancient generations and see: who ever trusted in the Lord and was put to shame? Or who ever persevered in the fear of the Lord and was forsaken? Or who ever called upon him and was overlooked? For the Lord is compassionate and merciful; he forgives sins and saves in time of affliction. Woe to timid hearts and to slack hands, and to the sinner who walks along two ways! Woe to the faint heart, for it has no trust! Therefore it will not be sheltered. Woe to you who have lost your endurance! What will you do when the Lord punishes you? Those who fear the Lord will not disobey his words, and those who love him will keep his ways. Those who fear the Lord will seek his approval, and those who love him will be filled with the law. Those who fear the Lord will prepare their hearts, and will humble themselves before him.

Responsory:

The righteous shall shine forth as the sun.

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They will glory in the Presence of God.

[The righteous shall shine forth as the sun.](#)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:

The righteous shall shine forth as the sun. Alleluia, alleluia!

Benedictus Antiphon:

Father, I will that where I am, there shall my servant be also.

Magnificat Antiphon:

For theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven, who despised worldly living: who have won the rewards of the Kingdom; and have washed their robes in the Blood of the Lamb.

Collect:

Lord God of Israel, Who didst bestow such grace upon Anne and Joachim that their daughter Mary grew up obedient to Thy Word and made ready to be the Mother of Thy Son: help us to commit ourselves in all things to Thy keeping and grant us the salvation Thou hast promised to Thy people; in and through Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost; God, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.