Hymns for the Liturgy of the Hours

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As Daylight Fills the Morning Sky Most Splendid and Resplendent Light O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

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Lauds Hymn in Ordinary Time: Week I

The Heavens By Your Word

Possible Lauds Hymn in Ordinary Time: Week I, Sunday

The heavens by your Word were made, some billion galaxies, whose fiery mass times light by light explodes as energy.
When first you spoke, you struck the spark that loosed this majesty:
a billion, billion racing stars against the dark set free.

Orion's sword, Magellan's cloud, the Milky Way in flight, Andromeda's majestic swirl, black holes, and bending light. The planets held by gravity move round our little sun while all the universe expands with time and space as one.

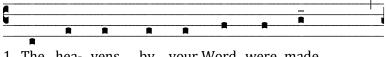
Lord, what are we that we can probe the mystery of your ways? And what shall we return to you except this simple praise? What vastness shall compare with you? O True Infinity! What height or depth shall measure you? Most Blessed Trinity!

Text: HH, 2002

Music: Chant version of Tallis' THIRD MODE HYMN, 1567

The Heavens By Your Word

Lauds Hymn in Ordinary Time: Week I, Sunday



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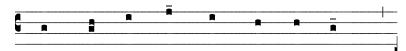
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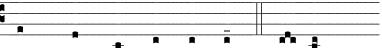
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How Welcome, Break the Sun's First Rays

Lauds Hymn in Ordinary Time: Week I, Tuesday

How welcome, break the sun's first rays that mark again the dawn of praise.
They clothe with color earth and sky:
In all things God be glorified!

O Christ, our ancient, living Light, with fiery love our lives ignite.

Make your undying joy our guide:
In all things God be glorified!

You are the Father's thought and word; by you are all earth's wonders stirred to shine and draw us to your side: In all things God be glorified!

From your clear light give us a share that we as heirs may walk and dare to let God's grace pervade our lives: In all things God be glorified!

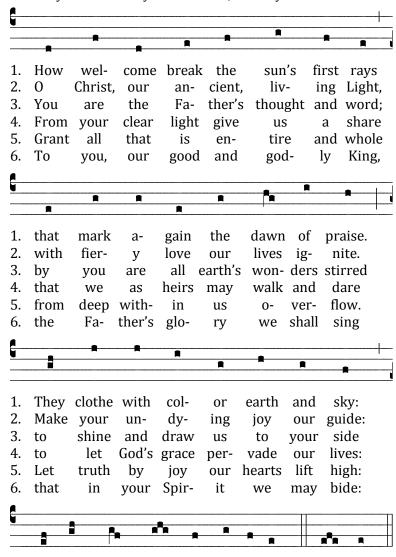
Grant all that is entire and whole from deep within us overflow.
Let truth by joy our hearts lift high: In all things God be glorified!

To you, our good and godly King, the Father's glory we shall sing that in your Spirit we may bide: In all thing God be glorified!

Pergrata mundo nuntiat, tr. HH, 2009 Music: Sun's First Rays, CK, 2010

How Welcome Break the Sun's First Rays

Lauds Hymn in Ordinary Time: Week I, Tuesday



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Pergrata mundo nuntiat, tr. HH, 2009 Music: Sun's First Rays. CK. 2010

Though Darkest Night and Anxious Gloom

Lauds Hymn in Ordinary Time: Week I, Wednesday

Though darkest night and anxious gloom would make the earth a restless tomb, the first light tells of victory:
"The Christ! He comes! Let darkness flee!"

The night's foreboding must give way when shattered by one piercing ray. Then color to all things returns as Christ the Day-Star brightly burns.

May we, O Christ, know only you, know you with mind both pure and true. With heartfelt song we ask in prayer to feel your gracious touch and care.

Lord, we by much are crimson stained, but let your light cleanse us of shame.

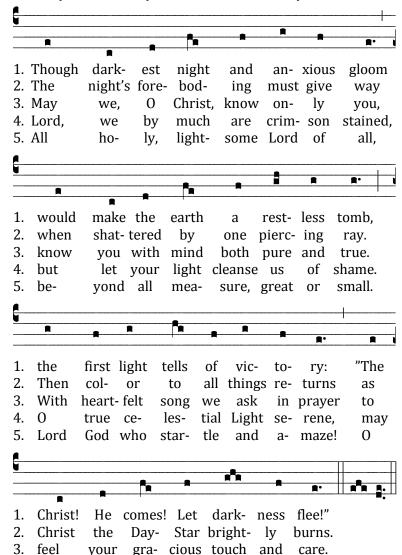
O true celestial Light serene,
may your bright face in us be seen.

All holy, lightsome Lord of all, beyond all measure, great or small. Lord God who startle and amaze! O Father, Son and Spirit: Praise! Amen.

Nox et tenebrae et nubila, Prudentius, Liber Cathemerinon, Hymn II:1-8,48-49,51,57,59-60,67-68, tr. HH, 2011 Antiphonale Monasticum, Lauds Summer Hymn, Mode 4g. alt. SMA.

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Come, Christ, our Sun, in Gold Arise

Lauds Hymn in Ordinary Time: Week I, Thursday

Come Christ, our Sun, in gold arise and blind the blindness of our eyes until your clearer light remains and you alone within us reign.

May your clear light such calm confer, a purer self within us stir that we may see each shade and hue of every color found in you.

All color in your clear, bright light from red to deepest blue unite and joined as one in just one ray reveal your life, your truth, your way.

In your clear light we take our stand and pray our hearts with love expand. Grant all we speak and breathe and feel may radiate your holy zeal.

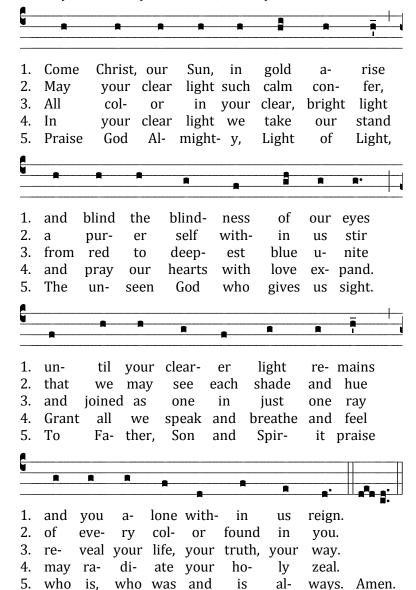
Praise God Almighty, Light of Light, The unseen God who gives us sight. To Father, Son and Spirit praise who is, who was and is always.

Sol ecce surgit igneus, by Aurelius Prudentius Clements (348-c405), tr. HH, 2008

Antiphonale Monasticum. Lauds Winter Hymn, Mode 1.

Come, Christ, our Sun, in Gold Arise

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Eternal Glory of the Skies

Lauds Hymn in Ordinary Time: Week I, Friday

Eternal Glory of the skies, Blest Hope for us that never dies, Resounding Word of God Most High: Chaste virgin's offspring, hear our cry.

Give us your hand that we may rise with mind uplifted, calm and wise.
Then we resplendent with your praise shall shine with thanks, our hearts ablaze.

The day star, risen bright and clear, announces that the dawn is near. As fades the darksome shroud of night, come, Holy Light, and make us light.

May light pervade our hearts and minds, expel the drear and gloom that binds.

Lord, burn away all sin and shame, and make us beacons of your name.

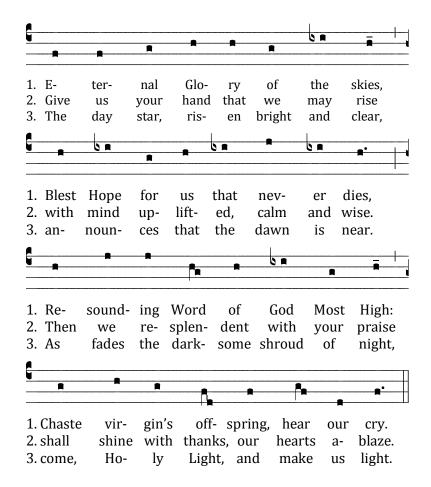
Let faith within our hearts take root and bear for us the longed for fruit. Let joyful hope great love sustain till love of Christ alone shall reign.

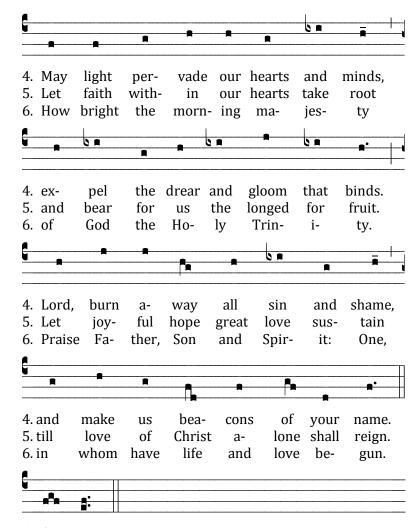
How bright the morning majesty of God the Holy Trinity. Praise Father, Son and Spirit: One, in whom have life and love begun.

Aeterna caeli gloria, anon. 9th c.(?), tr. HH, 2007. Music: RESOUNDING WORD. CK. 2010.

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The Early Dawn Spreads East to West

Lauds Hymn in Ordinary Time: Week I, Saturday

The early dawn spreads east to west, and in its light the earth is blest with nothing hidden from its rays, insisting all give thanks and praise.

Let all illusion's form and charm be banished with its false alarm that we may see the true and real revealed in Christ, its pledge and seal.

The rising sun foretells the end when Christ in glory shall descend to flood the earth with light so clear that every truth must then appear.

All praise to God the Father be and to the Son eternally with God the Holy Paraclete in whom all joy shall be complete.

Aurora jam spargit, anon. 7-8th c., tr. HH, 2011. Music: Early Dawn, CK, 2010.

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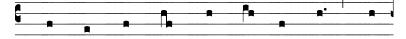
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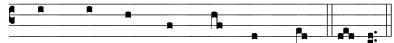
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Lauds Hymn in Ordinary Time: Week II

Most Splendid and Resplendent Light (OCP)

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See also: https://www.ocp.org/en-us/songs/51754

Eternal Light and Source of Light

Lauds Hymn in Ordinary Time: Week II, Tuesday

Eternal Light and Source of light, All Light beyond this day and night, You show the brightness of each thing, And show yourself its source and spring.

No darkness shall your light subdue, for darkness is not dark for you. You shine with undimmed clarity and radiate bright charity.

Lord, let us see the sin and hate, The wrongs that wound and desecrate. Then give us strength to bear the sight and bring this sadness to your light.

May light this day reveal your face To every eye of every race that we with them from strife set free may live in blameless harmony.

Praise God the Father of the Light.
Praise Christ whose glory gives us sight and praise the Spirit, bold and bright,
One God in whom all worlds unite. Amen

Aeterne lucis conditor, 5-6th c., , tr. HH, 2004 Antiphonale Monasticum, Prime for Ferial Days

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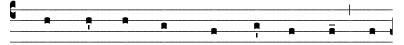
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- 4. live in blame- less har- mo- ny.
- 5. God in whom all worlds u- nite. A-men.

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Creator of the Morning Skies

Lauds Hymn in Ordinary Time: Week II, Wednesday

Creator of the morning skies: earth turns so that the sun may rise, and we now turn again toward you that you may rise in us anew.

The palest light the night dispels as day's bright beauty it foretells and brings new strength for heart and mind to make us strong and ever kind.

Your praise the coming day demands with love to fill your great command. May daylight bring serenity, the fruit of peace, to set us free.

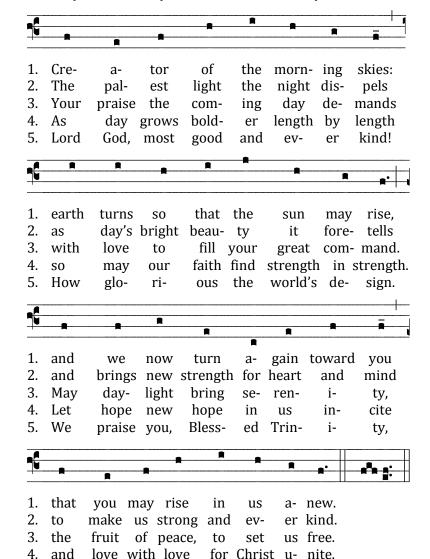
As day grows bolder length by length so may our faith find strength in strength. Let hope new hope in us incite and love with love for Christ unite.

Lord God, most good and ever kind! How glorious the world's design. We praise you, Blessed Trinity, who hold all in your unity.

Fulgentis auctor ætheris, tr. HH, 2011 Antiphonale Monasticum, Daytime Hours, Sundays per Annum

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Lord God, You Are the Heaven's Light Lauds Hymn in Ordinary Time: Week II, Friday

Lord God, You are the heaven's light. You spread and span the starry night. Its countless worlds Your hand has spun: each galaxy and fiery sun.

These distant stars the sunrise hides with red that floods the eastern skies while earth alive appears anew as if baptized with morning dew.

Let shadows and despair disperse and with them Adam's ancient curse, for Christ the Daystar rises clear and rouses day to purge all fear.

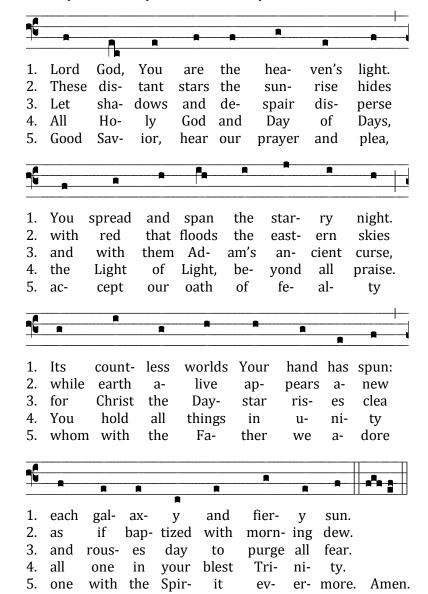
All Holy God and Day of Days, the Light of Light, beyond all praise. You hold all things in unity all one in your blest Trinity.

Good Savior, hear our prayer and plea, accept our oath of fealty whom with the Father we adore one with the Spirit evermore.

Deus, qui caeli lumen es, tr. HH, 2008 Tune: COUNTLESS WORLDS, CK, 2010.

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As Turns the Earth

Lauds Hymn in Ordinary Time: Week II, Saturday

As turns the earth, so day returns and we who live and breathe and yearn must turn again and sing God's praise confessing Christ and all his ways.

In Christ, the Father of all things decreed the laws from which life springs: the double helix of desire, the spiral of the Spirit's fire.

This chain of four repeats the bond that links us to your life beyond; its turning gyre records your trace: bright image of our human race.

True Light are you, as we believe, beyond the light that we perceive; around your center we revolve and in your timeless light resolve.

Grant, uncreated Father fair, that we may gather all in prayer and bend to Christ this day entire, encircled by the Spirit's fire.

Diei luce reddita, tr. HH, 2009 Music: Turning Gyre, CK, 2010

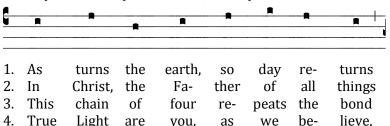
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- 4. a- round your cen- ter we re- volve
- 5. and bend to Christ this day entire,



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- 2. the spi- ral of the Spir- it's fire.
- 3. bright im- age of our hu- man race.
- 4. and in your time- less light re- solve.
- 5. en- cir-cled by the Spir- it's fire. Amen.

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Daytime Hours

Come, Holy Spirit Ever One

Daytime Hour: Terce, Week I

Come, Holy Spirit ever one with God the Father and the Son.
Our hearts encompass and possess; our prayer and work sustain and bless.

May all our thoughts and speech proclaim, our strength and feeling tell your name while we by charity aspire to set our neighbors' love afire.

Through You may we this day receive the strength to live as we believe who with the Father and the Son we worship as the Three in One.

Nunc Sancte, nobis, Spiritus, vs. 1 after John Henry Newman, vss. 2-3, HH, 2012.

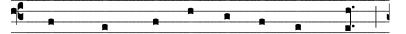
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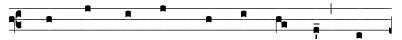
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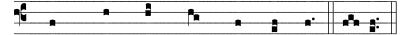
- 1. Come, Ho-ly Spir- it ev- er one
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- 3. Through You may we this day re-ceive



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- 3. the strength to live as we be- lieve



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Antiphonale Monasticum, Daytime Hours, Sunday per Annum.

This Sacred Round of Prayer We Keep Daytime Hour: Terce, Week 2

This sacred round of prayer we keep and ask that all we plant and reap be blest with glory at this hour by your transforming triune power.

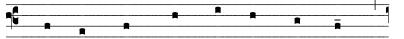
Make us, your Church, a house of prayer that in your Spirit we may share the gifts poured out for all to see on your disciples' ministry.

All things most splendid you have made, your kingdom here on earth displayed. Your gifts outshine the morning sun: O Father, Son and Spirit, One!

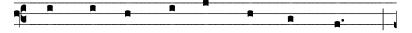
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This Sacred Round of Prayer We Keep

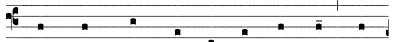
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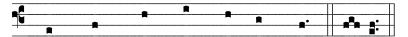
- 1. This sac- red round of prayer we keep
- 2. Make us, your Church, a house of prayer
- 3. All things most splen- did you have made,



- 1. and ask that all we plant and reap
- 2. that in your Spir- it we may share
- 3. your king-dom here on earth dis- played.



- 1. be blest with glor- y at this hour by
- 2. the gifts poured out for all to see on
- 3. Your gifts out- shine the morn- ing sun: 0



- 1. your trans- form- ing tri- une power.
- 2. your dis- ci- ples' min- is- try.
- 3. Fa- ther, Son and Spir- it, One! A-men.

Certum tenentes ordinem, 6th c., tr. HH, 2012 Antiphonale Monasticum : Prime, Sunday per Annum

To Offer Praise We Turn Once More

Daytime Hour: None: Week II

To offer praise we turn once more and sing as we have sung before to You the perfect One and Three: All gifts flow from Your majesty.

As Peter saw the mystery of all creation's dignity, may we Your saving signs behold as in our midst Your gifts unfold.

United with the Church, we sing and humbly ask our hymn may bring your blessing on all we have done: O Father, Son and Spirit: One.

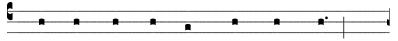
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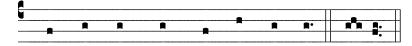
- 1. To of- fer praise we turn once more
- 2. As Pe- ter saw the mys- te- ry
- 3. U- nit- ed with the Church, we sing



- 1. and sing as we have sung be- fore
- 2. of all cre- a- tion's dig- ni- ty,
- 3. and hum- bly ask our hymn may bring



- 1. to You the per- fect One and Three:
- 2. may we Your sav- ing signs be- hold
- 3. your bless- ing on all we have done:



- 1. All gifts flow from Your ma- jes- ty.
- 2. as in our midst Your gifts un- fold.
- 3. O Fa- ther, Son and Spir- it: One. A-men.

Ternis horarum terminis, 6th c., tr. HH, 2012 Antiphonale Monasticum, Daytime, Ferial Days

To You, At This, the Close of Day

Compline Hymn

To You, at this, the close of day, Creator of all things, we pray that You, as You are ever kind, may guard and keep both heart and mind.

Dispel the terror of the night, and sleepless worry put to flight that we may find our rest in You and rise refreshed to serve anew.

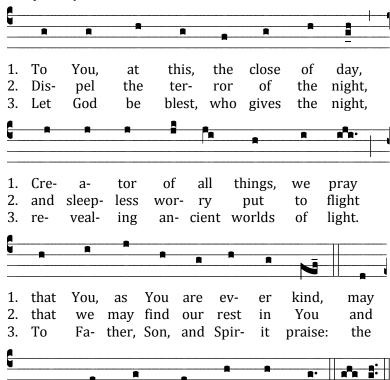
Let God be blessed, who gives the night, revealing ancient worlds of light.

To Father, Son, and Spirit praise: the Source of all our nights and days.

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Compline Hymn



- 1. guard and keep both heart and mind.
- 2. rise re- freshed to serve a- new.
- 3. Source of all our nights and days. A-men.

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