

Table 1. Psalm cursus for major feasts

Based on *Antiphonarium Romanum ad Ritum Breviarj, ex decreto Sacros. Concilij Tridentini restituti, Pij Quinti Pontificis Maximi iussi editi, Et Clementis viij auctoritate recogniti, Ad usum omnium Ecclesiarum Cathedralium, et Collegiatarum nuper iuxta regula Directorij Chori magno studio, ac labore redactum. Venetiis, Apud Iuntas. M DC XXII*. Supplemented by additional feasts from the *Liber Usualis*. Psalm cursus are listed in order of their most prominent use.

Sunday Cursus

Dixit Dominus (109)
Confitebor tibi (110)
Beatus vir (111)
Laudate pueri (112)
In exitu Israel (113)
[*Laudate Dominum* (116) sometimes used as substitute for *In exitu*]¹

Second Vespers only: Sundays, Epiphany, Octave of Epiphany, Passion Sunday, Palm Sunday, Easter, Sundays after Easter, Pentecost, Sundays after Pentecost, Holy Trinity

Male Cursus

Dixit Dominus (109)
Confitebor tibi (110)
Beatus vir (111)
Laudate pueri (112)
Laudate Dominum (116)

First and Second Vespers: Ascension of the Lord, St. Andrew, St. Joseph, Finding of the Holy Cross, Nativity of St. John the Baptist, Transfiguration of the Lord Jesus Christ, Exaltation of the Holy Cross, St. Mark Evangelist, Christ the King, Common of a Confessor not a Bishop, Common of Confessors not Pontiffs

First Vespers only: St. Andrew, Christmas, Epiphany, Octave of Epiphany, Pentecost, Holy Trinity, Chair of St. Peter, Conversion of St. Paul, St. Agnes, St. Agatha, Apostles Philip and James, SS. John and Paul Martyrs, Apostles Peter and Paul, St. Peter in Chains, St. Lawrence, Beheading of St. John the Baptist, Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel, All Saints, St. Martin the Bishop, Precious Blood of Christ, St. Bartholomew, Common of Apostles and Evangelists, Common of One Martyr, Dedication of Church of St. Michael Archangel, St. Raphael Archangel, Common of Two or More Martyrs, Holy Custodian Angels, SS. Simon and Jude, Common of a Confessor Bishop, Common of Confessor Pontiffs

Second Vespers only: St. Gabriel Archangel

Marian and Female Cursus

Dixit Dominus (109)
Laudate pueri (112)
Laetatus sum (121)
Nisi Dominus (126)
Lauda Jerusalem (147)

First and Second Vespers: Circumcision, Conception of the BVM, St. Lucy, Purification of the BVM, Annunciation of the BVM, BVM the Queen, Visitation of the BVM, Mary Magdalene, Holy Mary of the Snow, Assumption of the BVM, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Nativity of the BVM, Presentation of the BVM, St. Cecilia, St. Anne, Solemnity of Holy Rosary, Maternity of BVM, Seven Dolours of the BVM (Sept. 15), Common of Virgins, Common of Holy Women

¹ A published example is Geronimo Gibellini, *Salmi vespertini domenicali a due, e tre voci* (Rome: Gio. Battista Robletti, 1624), RISM G2007, where two different settings of *Laudate Dominum* serve as the fifth psalm.

Apostles and Evangelists Cursus*Dixit Dominus* (109)*Laudate pueri* (112)*Credidi propter quod* (115)*In convertendo* 125)*Domine probasti me* (138)

Second Vespers only: St. Andrew, Conversion of St. Paul, Apostles Philip and James, Apostles Peter and Paul, St. Peter in Chains, St. Bartholomew, SS. Simon and Jude, Common of Apostles and Evangelists

Martyrs Cursus*Dixit Dominus* (109)*Confitebor tibi* (110)*Beatus vir* (111)*Laudate pueri* (112)*Credidi propter quod* (115)

Second Vespers only: SS. John and Paul Martyrs, St. Lawrence, Beheading of St. John the Baptist, All Saints, St. Clement, Common of One Martyr, Common of Two or more Martyrs, Common of Holy Popes

Christmastide Cursus*Dixit Dominus* (109)*Confitebor tibi* (110)*Beatus vir* (111)*De profundis* (129)*Memento Domine David* (131)

Second Vespers only: Christmas, St. Stephen, St. John Apostle and Evangelist, Holy Innocents

Corpus Christi Cursus*Dixit Dominus* (109)*Confitebor tibi* (110)*Credidi propter quod* (115)*Beati omnes* (127)*Lauda Jerusalem* (147)

First and Second Vespers: Corpus Christi

Bishop and Pontiffs Cursus*Dixit Dominus* (109)*Confitebor tibi* (110)*Beatus vir* (111)*Laudate pueri* (112)*Memento Domine David* (131)

Second Vespers only: Chair of St. Peter, St. Martin the Bishop, Common of a Confessor Bishop, Common of Confessor Pontiffs

Archangel Cursus*Dixit Dominus* (109)*Confitebor tibi* (110)*Beatus vir* (111)*Laudate pueri* (112)*Confitebor tibi ... quoniam* (137)

First Vespers only: St. Gabriel Archangel

Second Vespers only: St. Raphael Archangel, Dedication of Church of St. Michael Archangel, Holy Custodian Angels²

² The Feast of Holy Custodian Angels was added by Pope Paul V in 1608. See *Catholic Encyclopedia*, s.v. "Feast of Guardian Angels," <https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/07050a.htm>, © 2023, accessed 11 December 2024.

Other Cursus

1. *Dixit Dominus* (109)
Confitebor tibi (110)
Beatus vir (111)
Laudate pueri (112)
Lauda Jerusalem (147)

First and Second Vespers: Dedication of a church

Second Vespers only: St. Agnes, St. Agatha, Precious Blood of Christ

2. *Credidi propter quod* (115)
Ad Dominum cum tribularer (119)
Eripe me Domine (139)
Domine clamavi (140)
Voce mea (141)

First and Second Vespers: Feast of the Seven Dolours of the BVM, Friday after Easter