

The Breviary

The Ordering of the Divine Office

A reference to ‘Psalter’ means that the relevant text will be found in the psalter of a standard breviary under the correct day of the week. One may need to choose the right material for the season, as indicated by the headings within the psalter. Pentecost Sunday is as for a Festal day.

Mattins

	Sunday	Festal	Semif’l	Ordinary	Ferial
Invitatory Antiphon and Hymn	Psalter (Ant. and Hymn in Ascensiontide: Proper of Seasons)	Proper or Common		Proper or Common	Psalter or Ordinary
Psalms, Versicle and Response				Psalter unless otherwise assigned	Psalter
Readings and responsories	Proper of Seasons			1 st and 2 nd from occurring scripture; 3 rd from proper or common (4 th of common)	Proper of Seasons (On vigils the responsories are of the occurring feria)

Te Deum whenever Mass has the Gloria. Collect, as for Lauds, only if Lauds does not follow.

Lauds

	Sunday	Festal	Semifestal	Ordinary	Ferial
Psalms	Psalter	Sunday, scheme I		Psalter unless otherwise assigned	Psalter unless otherwise assigned
Psalms’ antiphons	Purple seasons: Proper of Seasons Otherwise: Psalter	Proper or Common			
Chapter, Hymn and Verse	Time ‘Per annum’: Psalter Other: Proper of Seasons				
Benedictus Antiphon	Proper of Seasons			Proper or Common	
Collect		Ferias except Ember Days and those of Lent and Passiontide: Of the preceding Sunday. Other days: Proper			

Prime

	Sunday	Festal	Semif'l	Ordinary	Ferial
Antiphon	Purple Seasons: 1 st from Lauds Other: Psalter	1 st from Lauds	Psalter		Psalter unless Proper
Psalms	Psalter	Ps 53, 118.1 and 118.2 (in Psalter for Sunday)			Psalter
Little chapter and remainder	Psalter				

Terce, Sext and None

	Sunday	Festal	Semif'l	Ordinary	Ferial
Hymn	Psalter				
Antiphon	Purple seasons: as for Festal Other: Psalter	Respectively the 2 nd , 3 rd and 5 th from Lauds	Psalter		Psalter unless otherwise assigned
Psalms	Time 'Per Annum': Psalter Other: Proper of Seasons	Of Sunday			
Little Chapter, Responsory, Verse		Proper or Common			
Collect	Proper of Seasons				As at Lauds

Vespers

	Sunday	Festal	Semifestal	Ordinary	Ferial
Psalms	Psalter	Proper or Common		Psalter unless otherwise assigned	Psalter
Psalms' antiphons	Advent: Proper of Seasons Other: Psalter				
Chapter, Hymn and Verse	Time 'Per Annum': Psalter Other Proper of Seasons			Proper or Common	
Magnificent Antiphon	Proper of Seasons				
Prayer				As at Lauds	

Compline

	Sunday	Festal	Semifestal	Ordinary	Ferial
Psalms	Of Sunday (in Psalter)			Of the weekday (in Psalter)	
Everything else	As in the psalter				

Notes on the tables of occurrence and concurrence

- A feast of OLJC of the first or second class, occurring on a Sunday, takes the place of the Sunday with all its rights and privileges and hence, no commemoration is made of the Sunday.
- If two feasts of the same Divine Person or two feasts of the same saint or beatus occur on the same day, the office is that of the feast which holds the higher place in the Table of Precedence and the other is omitted.
- If a feast of OLJC of the first or second class concurs with any Sunday, or vice versa. Vespers are ordered according to the table of concurrence, but a commemoration is never made of the concurring Sunday in Vespers of OLJC or vice versa.
- In occurrence, a Sunday of I Class is preferred to any feast, however whenever the Immaculate Conception falls on the Second Sunday of Advent the feast is to be celebrated and the Sunday commemorated.
- In the tables below, ‘0’ denotes impossible occurrence or concurrence respectively.

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Table of Occurrence (Two Celebrations on the Same Day)

Universal 1 st class Feast	0	7	1	1	1	1	6	8	1	7	3	3	3	7	3	7
Particular 1 st class Feast	3	7	1	1	1	1	8	7	1	7	3	3	3	7	3	7
Universal 2 nd class Feast	3	2	4	4	4	0	2	2	4	2	3	3	3	2	5	2
Particular 2 nd class Feast	0	2	4	4	9	5	2	2	4	2	3	3	5	2	5	2
Universal 3 rd class Feast	0	2	5	0	5	5	2	2	5	2	5	3	5	2	2	2
Particular 3 rd class Feast	0	2	9	4	5	5	2	2	5	2	5	3	5	2	2	2
2 nd class vigil	0	0	4	4	5	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
3 rd class vigil	0	0	5	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
1) Office of 1 st , nothing of 2 nd . 2) Office of 2 nd , nothing of 1 st . 3) Office of 1 st , com. of 2 nd at Lauds and Vespers. 4) Office of 1 st , com. of 2 nd at Lauds. 5) Office of 2 nd , com. of 1 st at Lauds. 6) Office of 1 st , transfer of 2 nd . 7) Office of 2 nd , transfer of 1 st . 8) Office of higher, transfer of other. 9) Office of movable feast, com. of other at Lauds.	and day within 2 nd class octave	and day within 1 st class octave	and particular 3 rd class feast	and universal 3 rd class feast	and particular 2 nd class feast	and universal 2 nd class feast	and particular 1 st class feast	and universal 1 st class feast	and 2 nd class vigil	and 1 st class vigil	and 3 rd class feria of Lent and Passiontide	and 3 rd class feria of Advent	and 2 nd class feria	and 1 st class feria	and 2 nd class Sunday	and 1 st class Sunday

Table of Concurrence (Two Celebrations on Consecutive Days)

1 st class Sunday	1	0	0
2 nd class Sunday	2	0	0
1 st class feria	1	0	0
2 nd class feria	2	0	0
3 rd class feria	2	0	0
4 th class feria	3	0	0
1 st class feast	1	1	1
2 nd class feast	3	1	3
3 rd class feast	3	3	3
Day within 2 nd class octave	2	3	0
1) Vespers of current Office, commemoration of following 2) Vespers of following Office, commemoration of current 3) Vespers of following, nothing of current	with 1 st class feast	with 2 nd class Sunday	with 1 st class Sunday