

NATIVITY OF  
SAINT JOHN  
THE BAPTIST

*At I Vespers*

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Opening Verse

*Celebrant :*

*All :*

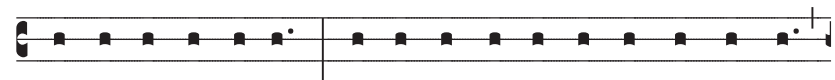
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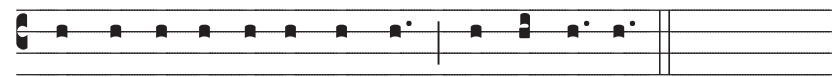
God, come to my as-sistance.  $\text{R}$ . O Lord, make



haste to help me. Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and



to the Ho-ly Spir-it: as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now,



and will be for ev-er. A- men. Al- le- lu- ia.

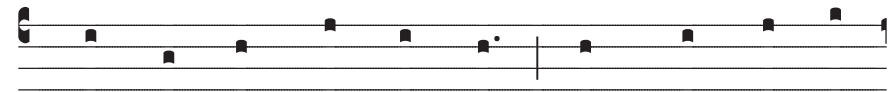
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## Hymn

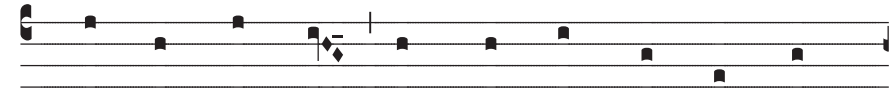
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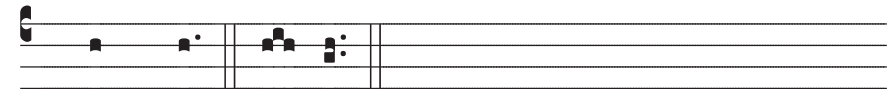
1. The great fore- run- ner of the morn, The her-
2. With heav'n- ly mes- sage Ga- briel came, That John
3. John, still un- born, yet gave a- right His wit-
4. Of wom- an- born shall nev- er be A great-
5. All laud to God the Fa- ther be, All praise,



1. ald of the Word, is born ; And faith- ful hearts
2. should be that her- ald's name, And with pro- phe-
3. ness to the com- ing light ; And Christ, the sun
4. er pro- phet than was he, Whose might- y deeds
5. e- ter- nal Son, to thee, All glo- ry, as



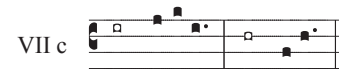
1. shall nev- er fail With thanks and praise his light
2. tic ut- t'rance told His ac- tions great and man-
3. of all the earth, Ful- filled that wit- ness at
4. ex- alt his fame To great- er than a pro-
5. is ev- er meet, To God the Ho- ly Par-



1. to hail.
2. i- fold.
3. his birth.
4. phet's name.
5. a- clete. A- men.

## Antiphon I

## A



*Cantor* : Elizabeth, the wife of Zechariah, /  
gave birth to a great man, / *John the Baptist*, \*  
who prepared the way for *the Lord*.

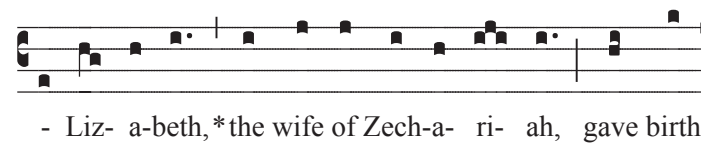
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gave birth to a great man, / *John the Baptist*, \*  
who prepared the way for *the Lord*.

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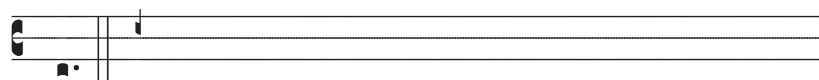
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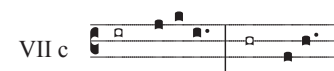
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to a great man, John the Bap-tist, who prepared the way for the



Lord.



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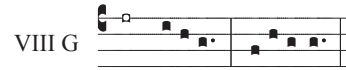
Psalm 112 (113)

- I. Praise, O servants *of the Lord*, \*  
praise the name of *the Lord* !
2. May the name of the *Lord be blessed* \*  
both now and for *evermore* !
3. From the rising of the sun *to its setting* \*  
praised be the name of *the Lord* !
4. High above all nations *is the Lord*, \*  
above the heavens *his glory*.
5. Who is like the *Lord, our God*, \*  
who has risen on high to *his throne*
6. yet stoops from the heights *to look down*, \*  
to look down upon heaven *and earth* ?
7. From the dust he lifts *up the lowly*, \*  
from his misery he raises *the poor*
8. to set him in the company *of princes*, \*  
yes, with the princes of *his people*.
9. To the childless wife he *gives a home* \*  
and gladdens her heart *with children*.
10. Glory to the Father, and *to the Son*, \*  
and to the *Holy Spirit* :
11. as it was in the beginning, *is now*, \*  
and will be for ever. *Amen*.

*The antiphon is repeated.*

Antiphon 2

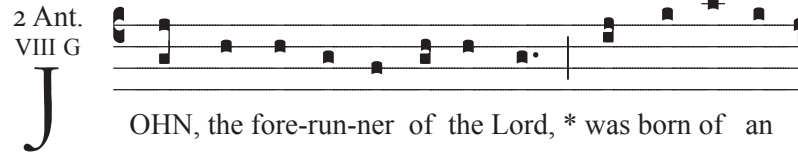
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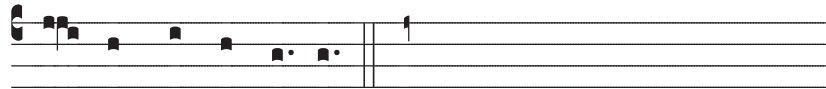
*Cantor :* John, / the forerunner *of the Lord*, \*  
was born of an old and *childless couple*.

*All :* John, / the forerunner *of the Lord*, \*  
was born of an old and *childless couple*.

B



JOHN, the fore-run-ner of the Lord, \* was born of an



old and childless cou-ple.





Prayer

Let us pray.

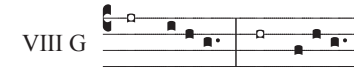
O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, \* grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your Redemption. Who live and reign for ever and ever. R Amen.

## The Divine Praises

Blessed be God.  
 Blessed be his holy Name.  
 Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.  
 Blessed be the Name of Jesus.  
 Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.  
 Blessed be his most Precious Blood.  
 Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar.  
 Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.  
 Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.  
 Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.  
 Blessed be her glorious Assumption.  
 Blessed be the name of Mary, virgin and mother.  
 Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.  
 Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

## Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise thy Name ; Lord of all, we bow before thee ; All on earth thy scepter 'claim ; All in heav'n above adore thee ; Infinite thy vast domain ; Everlasting is thy reign.	Hark ! The loud celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising ; Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising, Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord : Holy, holy, holy Lord.
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The cantor begins and alternates verses with the congregation :

## Psalm 145 (146)

1. My soul, give praise to the Lord ; /  
 I will praise the Lord *all my days*, \*  
 make music to my God *while I live*.
2. Put no *trust in princes*, \*  
 in mortal man in whom there *is no help*.
3. Take their breath, they *return to clay* \*  
 and their plans that day *come to nothing*.
4. He is happy who is helped by *Jacob's God*, \*  
 whose hope is in the *Lord his God*,
5. who alone made heaven *and earth*, \*  
 the seas and all *they contain*.
6. It is he who keeps *faith for ever*, \*  
 who is just to those who *are oppressed*.
7. It is he who gives bread *to the hungry*, \*  
 the Lord, who sets *prisoners free*,
8. the Lord who gives sight *to the blind*, \*  
 who raises up those who *are bowed down*,
9. the Lord, who *protects the stranger* \*  
 and upholds the *widow and orphan*.
8. It is the Lord who *loves the just* \*  
 but thwarts the path *of the wicked*.
9. The Lord will *reign for ever*, \*  
 Sion's God from *age to age*.
10. Glory to the Father, and *to the Son*, \*  
 and to the *Holy Spirit* :
11. as it was in the *beginning, is now*, \*  
 and will be for ever. *Amen*.

The antiphon is repeated.

## Antiphon 3

## A



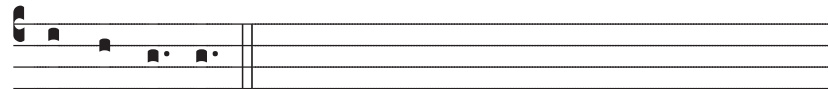
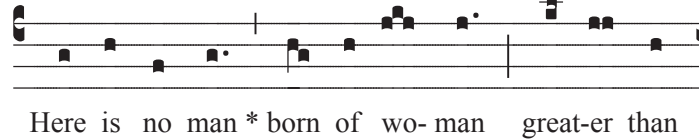
*Cantor* : There is no man *born of woman* \*  
greater than *John the Baptist*.

*All* : There is no man *born of woman* \*  
greater than *John the Baptist*..

## B

3 Ant.  
VIII

**T**



John the Bap-tist.

BENEDICTION  
OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

O Salutaris Hostia

O salutáris hóstia,  
Quæ cæli pandis óstium,  
Bella premunt hostília ;  
Da robur, fer auxiliúm.

Uni trinóque Dómino  
Sit sempitérna glória :  
Qui vitam sine término  
Nobis donet in pátria.

Amen.

O Saving Victim opening wide  
The gate of heav'n to man below :  
Our foes press on from every side ;  
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend  
For evermore, blest One in Three ;  
O grant us life that shall not end  
In our true native land with thee.

Amen.

Tantum ergo Sacramentum

Tantum ergo Sacraméntum  
Venerémur cernui ;  
Et antíquum documéntum  
Novo cedat rítui ;  
Præstet fides suppleméntum  
Sénsuum deféctui.

Genitóri, Genitóque  
Laus et iubilátio,  
Salus, honor, virtus, quoque  
Sit et benedictio :  
Procedénti ab utróque  
Compar sit laudátio. Amen.

℣ Panem de cælo præstitísti  
eis, allelúia.  
℞ Omne delectaméntum in se  
habéntem, allelúia.

Oratio

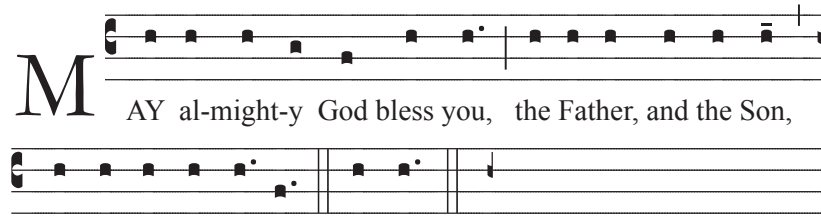
Therefore we, before him bending,  
This great Sacrament revere ;  
Types and shadows have their ending,  
For the newer Rite is here ;  
Faith, our outward sense, befriending,  
Makes the inward vision clear.

Glory let us give and blessing,  
To the Father and the Son ;  
Honor, might, and praise addressing,  
While eternal ages run ;  
Ever too his love confessing,  
Who from Both, with Both, is One.  
Amen.

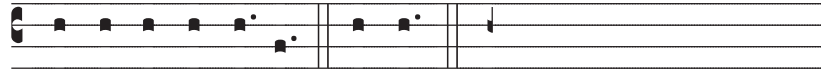
℣ You have given them bread from  
heaven, alleluia.  
℞ Containing all sweetness within it,  
alleluia.

Oremus.

**D**EUS, qui nobis sub sacraméntum mirábili, passiónis tuæ memóriam  
reliquísti : \* tribue, quæsumus, ita nos Córporis et Sánguinis tui sacra  
mystéria venerári ; ut redemptiónis tuæ fructum in nobis iúgiter sentiámus :  
Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculórum. ℞. Amen.



**M**AY al-might-y God bless you, the Father, and the Son,

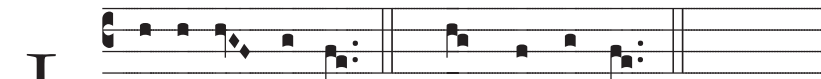


and the Ho-ly Spir-it. *R.* A-men.



**G**O in peace. *R.* Thanks be to God.

*Or :*



**L**ET us bless the Lord. *R.* Thanks be to God.



*The cantor begins and alternates verses with the congregation :*

Canticle. Ephesians 1 : 3-10

1. Praised be the *God and Father*, \*  
of our Lord *Jesus Christ*,
2. who bestowed on *us in Christ* \*  
every spiritual blessing *in the heavens*.
3. God chose us in him before the *world began*, \*  
to be holy and blameless *in his sight*.
4. He predestined us /  
to be his adopted sons through *Jesus Christ*, \*  
such was his *will and pleasure*,
5. that all might praise the glorious favor \*  
he has bestowed on us in *his beloved*.
6. In him and through his blood, /  
we have *been redeemed*, \*  
and our *sins forgiven*.
7. so immeasurably *generous* \*  
is God's favor *to us*.
8. God has given us the wisdom /  
to understand fully *the mystery*, \*  
the plan he was pleased to decree *in Christ*.
9. A plan to be carried out *in Christ*, \*  
in the fullness of *time*,
10. to bring all things into *one in him*, \*  
in the heavens and *on the earth*.
11. Glory to the Father, and *to the Son*, \*  
and to the *Holy Spirit* :
12. as it was in the beginning, *is now*, \*  
and will be for ever. *Amen*.

*The antiphon is repeated.*

Reading  
 Responsory

A



*Cantor* : Prepare the way of the **Lord** ; \*  
 make straight *his* **paths**.

*All* : Prepare the way of the **Lord** ; \*  
 make straight *his* **paths**.

*Cantor* : He who is to come after me /  
 existed *before* me.

*All* : \* make straight *his* **paths**.

*Cantor* : Glory to the Father, and to the **Son**,\*  
 and to the Holy **Spirit**.

*All* : Prepare the way of the **Lord** ; \*  
 make straight *his* **paths**.

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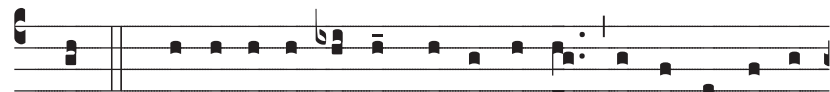
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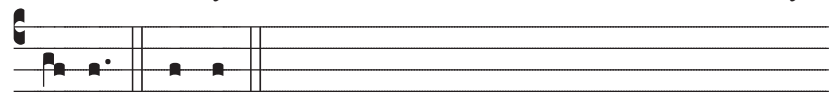
Repare the way of the Lord ; \* Make straight his paths.



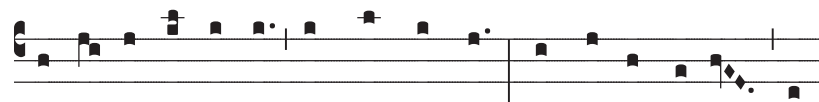
Prepare. *℣*. He who is to come af-ter me ex-ist-ed be-fore me.



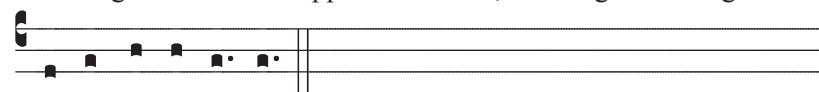
\* Make. *℣*. Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly



Spir-it. Prepare.



the an-gel Ga-bri-el ap-peared to him, standing on the right of

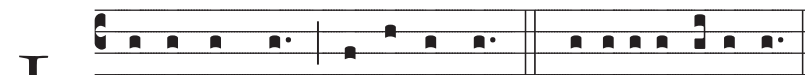


the al-tar of incense.

Intercessions

*Cantor* :

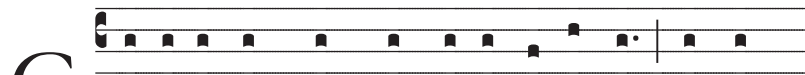
*All* :



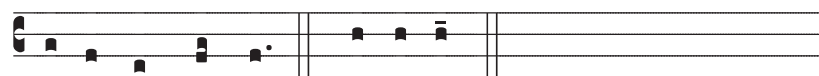
**L**ife of the world. Let us ask him : *℣*. Ky-ri-e e-lé-i-son.

Pater noster

*Presiding Minister* :



**G**athering our prayers and praises in-to one, we pray

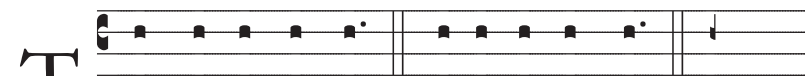


as Je-sus taught us : *Our Father*.

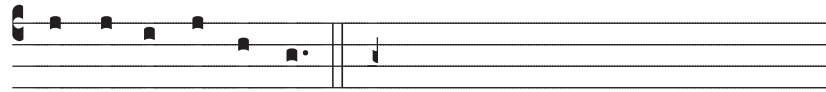
Prayer

**A**LL powerful God, help your people to walk the path to salva-tion. \* By following the teaching of John the Baptist, may we come to your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, \* one God, for ever and ever. *℣*. Amen.

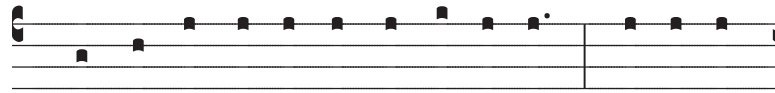
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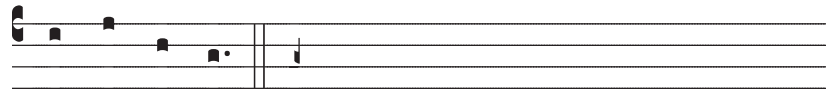
**T**HE Lord be with you. *℣*. And al- so with you.



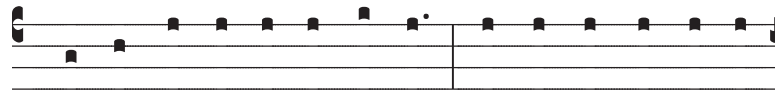
his children for ev- er.



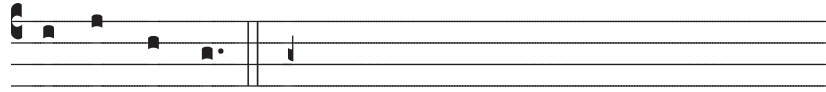
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Ho- ly Spir- it :



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Antiphon at Magnificat

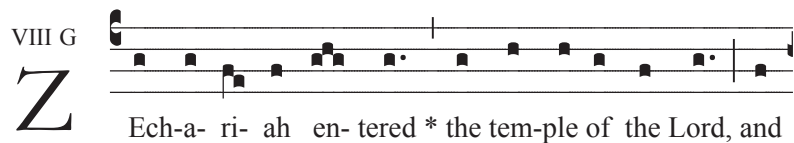
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Cantor : Zechariah entered the temple of the Lord, / and the angel Gabriel appeared to **him**, \* standing on the right of the altar of incense.

All : Zechariah entered the temple of the Lord, / and the angel Gabriel appeared to **him**, \* standing on the right of the altar of incense.

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Ech-a- ri- ah en- tered \* the tem-ple of the Lord, and

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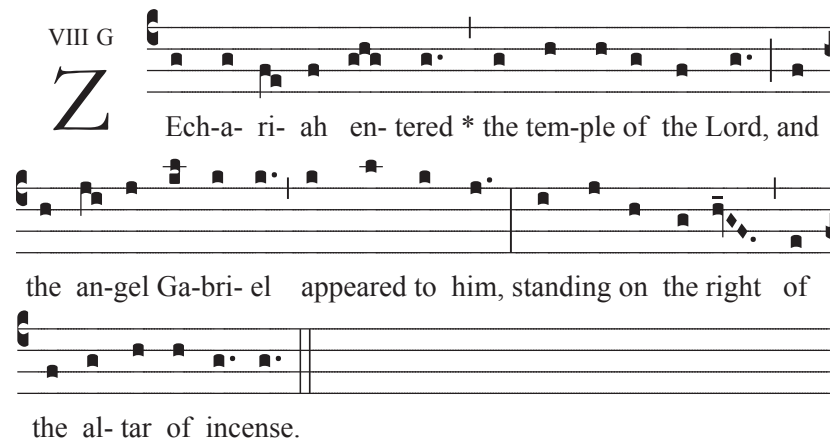
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Cantor : Zechariah entered the temple of the Lord, / and the angel Gabriel appeared to **him**, \* standing on the right of the altar of incense.

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B



Ech-a- ri- ah en- tered \* the tem-ple of the Lord, and

the an- gel Ga-bri- el ap- peared to him, standing on the right of

the al- tar of incense.

Canticle of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Luke 1: 46-55

*The cantor begins and alternates verses with the congregation :*

VIII  
**M**Y soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, \* and  
 my spir- it re-joic- es in God my Sav- ior.  
 2. for he has looked with fav-or on his low-ly servant. \* From  
 this day all gen- er- a- tions will call me bless- ed :  
 3. the Al-might-y has done great things for me, \* and ho- ly  
 is his Name.  
 4. He has mer- cy on those who fear him \* in ev- 'ry gen-  
 er- a- tion.

5. He has shown the strength of his arm, \* he has scattered  
 the proud in their con- ceit.  
 6. He has cast down the might-y from their thrones, \* and has  
 lift- ed up the low- ly.  
 7. He has filled the hun- gry with good things, \* and the rich he  
 has sent a- way emp- ty.  
 8. He has come to the help of his ser- vant, Is- ra- el \* for  
 he has re- membered his promise of mer- cy,  
 9. the prom- ise he made to our fa- thers, \* to A- bra- ham and