

Cantor : Blessed be the great Mother of God, / Mary most **holy**. *
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate *Conception*.

All : Blessed be her glorious *Assumption*. *
Blessed be the name of Mary, / virgin *and mother*.

Cantor : Blessed be Saint **Joseph**, *
her most *chaste spouse*.

All : Blessed be **God** *
in his angels and in *his saints*.

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

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

PRAYER AFTER THE DIVINE OFFICE

Let every creature give unending praise, honor, power and glory throughout all eternity to the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity, the crucified humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the chaste Motherhood of Mary, the ever glorious and blessed Virgin, and to the entire assembly of saints, and may we be granted the forgiveness of our sins.

Blessed is the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary which bore the Son of the Eternal Father. And blessed are the breasts which nursed Christ our Lord.



PRAYER BEFORE THE DIVINE OFFICE

Open my lips, O Lord, to praise your holy Name. Cleanse my heart of any vain, evil, or distracting thoughts. Give light to my mind and fervor to my will; enable me to recite this Office worthily, attentively, and devoutly, so that my prayer will be heard in the presence of your divine Majesty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, I offer you this Hour with the divine intention you had while on earth offering praises to God.

**EXPOSITION AND ADORATION
OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**

O Salutaris Hostia

O salutaris hóstia,
Quæ cæli pandis óstium,
Bella premunt hostília ;
Da robur, fer auxiliium.

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.

A time of silent adoration follows.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
AT SECOND VESPERS

Psalter: Week I

OPENING VERSE

STAND

O God, come to my as-sistance. *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.

HYMN

Iesu, nostra redemptio. (L.M.)

6th century.

The *Cantor* begins and alternates verses with **All**.

1. Hail, thou who man's Redeemer art,
Jesus, the joy of ev'ry heart;
Great Maker of the world's wide frame,
And purest Love's delight and flame.

2. What nameless mercy thee o'ercame,
To bear our load of sin and shame?
For guiltless, thou thy life didst give,
That sinful, erring man might live.

5. Be thou our joy and thou our guard,
Who art to be our great reward;
Our glory and our boast in thee
For ever and for ever be. Amen.

3. The realms of woe are forced by thee,
Its captives from their chains set free;
And thou, amid the ransomed train,
At God's right hand dost vic'try gain.

4. Let mercy sweet with thee prevail,
To cure the wounds we now bewail;
Oh, bless us with thy holy sight,
And fill us with eternal light.

BENEDICTION
OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tantum ergo Sacramentum

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui;
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui;
Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitque
Laus et iubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus, quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

V. Panem de cælo præstitisti
eis (*T. P.* alleluia).
R. Omne delectamentum in se
habentem (*T. P.* alleluia).

Oratio

DEUS, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili, passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti: * tribue, quæsumus, ita nos Corporis et Sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari; ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis iugiter sentiamus: Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum. *R.* Amen.

Prayer

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



Cantor: Blessed be **God**. *
Blessed be his holy **Name**.

All: Blessed be Jesus Christ, / true God and true **man**. *
Blessed be the Name of **Jesus**.

Cantor: Blessed be his most Sacred **Heart**. *
Blessed be his most Precious **Blood**.

All: Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the **Altar**. *
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the **Paraclete**.

INTERCESSIONS

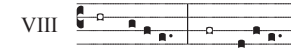


- Celebrant* : In joy of spirit let us acclaim Christ,
who sits at the right hand of the **Father** :
- All* : Lord Jesus, / you are the King of **glory**.
- Cantor* : King of glory, you took with you our frail humanity
to be glorified in heaven ;
remove the sins of the **world**,
- All* : and restore us to the innocence /
which was ours before *the Fall*.
- Cantor* : You came down from heaven on a pilgrimage of **love**,
- All* : grant that we may take the same path to *your presence*.
- Cantor* : You promised to draw all things to yourself,
- All* : do not allow any one of us to be separated from *your body*.
- Cantor* : Where you have gone before us in **glory**,
- All* : may we follow you in mind *and heart*.
- Cantor* : True God, we await your coming as **judge**,
- All* : may we see the vision of your glory and your mercy /
in company with all *the dead*.
- Celebrant* : Our Father . . .
- Celebrant* : Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God,
and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving,
for the Ascension of Christ your Son
is our exaltation,
and, where the Head has gone before in glory,
the Body is called to follow in hope.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- All* : Amen.

Vespers concludes with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

ANTIPHON I

SIT



- Cantor* : He ascended *into heaven* *
and is seated at the right hand of the Father, / *alleluia*.

Psalm 109

King and Priest

A famous Messianic Psalm. In colorful pictures, the royal psalmist paints the mission, conflict, and triumph of our Savior. We ought to pray this Psalm with sentiments of deepest devotion, homage, adoration; for Christ has applied these words of prophecy to himself.

*Christ's reign will last until all his enemies
are made subject to him (1 Corinthians 15 : 25)*

Appointed King by God

- Cantor* : The Lord's revelation to my Master : /
“ Sit on my **right** : *
your foes I will put *beneath your feet*. ”
- All* : The Lord will wield from Sion your scepter of **power** : *
rule in the midst of *all your foes*.
- Cantor* : A prince from the day of your birth on the *holy mountains* ; *
from the womb before the dawn *I begot* you.

Appointed Priest by God

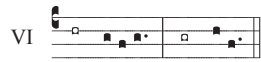
- All* : The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. /
“ You are a *priest for ever*, *
a priest like Melchizedek of **old**. ”

Conqueror and Judge in God

- Cantor* : The Master standing *at your right* hand *
will shatter kings in the day of *his great wrath*.
- All* : He shall drink from the stream *by the wayside* *
and therefore he shall lift *up his head*.

Doxology

- Cantor* : Glory to the Father, and *to the Son*, *
and to the *Holy Spirit* :
- All* : as it was in the beginning, *is now*, *
and will be for ever. **Amen**.
- Cantor* : He ascended *into heaven* *
and is seated at the right hand of the Father, / *alleluia*.



ANTIPHON 2

Cantor : God ascends to *shouts of joy*, *
the Lord to the blast of trumpets, / *alleluia*.

Psalm 46

The Lord Jesus is King of all

Theme: *homage and allegiance to the Risen King. Prayer for the conversion of the heathen.*

*He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

God's victory over the heathen

Cantor : All peoples, clap your hands, *
cry to God with shouts of joy !

All : For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, *
great king over all the earth.

Cantor : He subdues peoples under us *
and nations under our feet.

All : Our inheritance, our glory, is from him, *
given to Jacob out of love.

Solemn procession into the sanctuary

Cantor : God goes up with shouts of joy; *
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

All : Sing praise for God, sing praise, *
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

Cantor : God is king of all the earth. *
Sing praise with all your skill.

All : God is king over the nations; *
God reigns on his holy throne.

Cantor : The princes of the peoples are assembled *
with the people of Abraham's God.

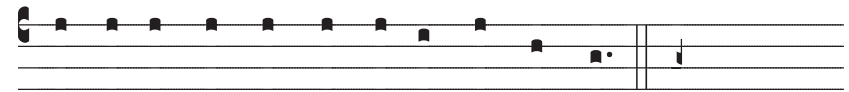
All : The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
to God who reigns over all.

Doxology

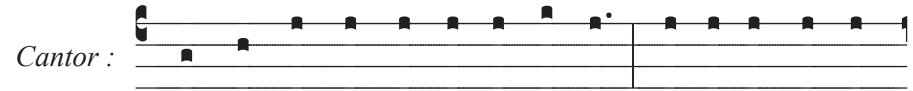
Cantor : Glory to the Father, and to the **Son**, *
and to the Holy **Spirit** :

All : as it was in the beginning, **is now**, *
and will be for ever. **Amen**.

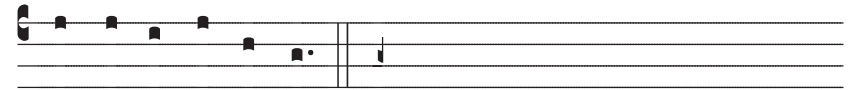
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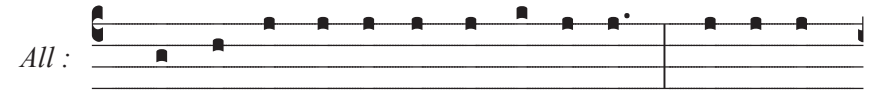
he has re-remembered his promise of mer- cy,



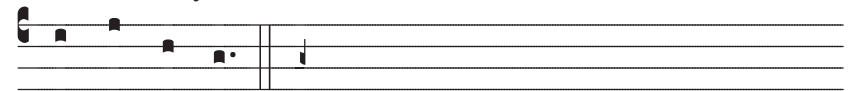
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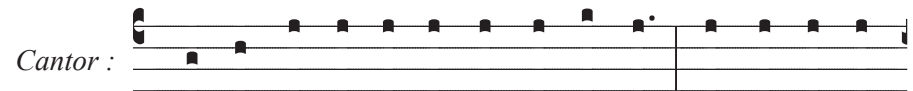
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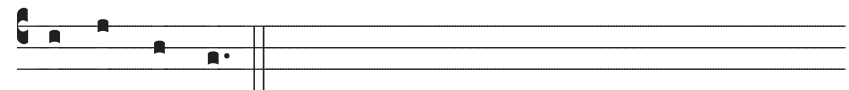
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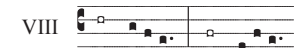
Ho- ly Spir- it :



11. as it was in the be- gin-ning, is now * and will be for

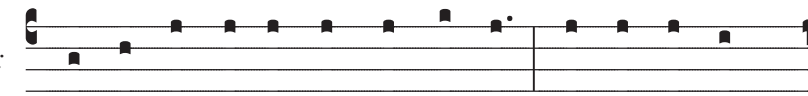


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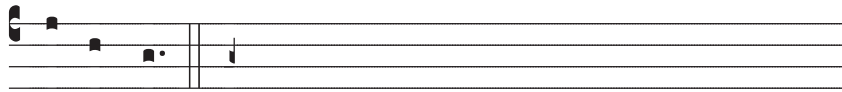


O Victor King, Lord of power and **might**, *
today you have ascended in glory *above the heavens*.

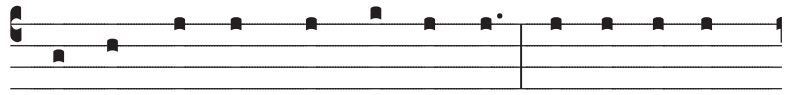
Do not leave us orphans, /
but send us the Father's *promised gift*, *
the Spirit of truth, / *alleluia*.

All : 

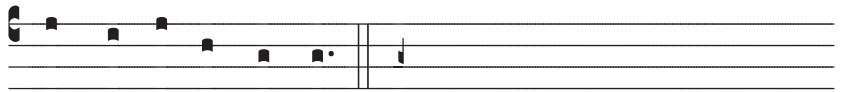
4. He has mer- cy on those who fear him * in ev- 'ry gen-




er- a- tion.

Cantor : 

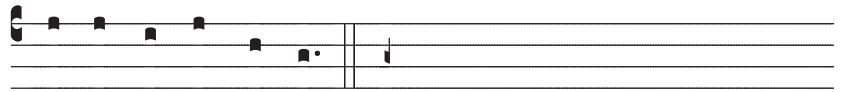
5. He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered



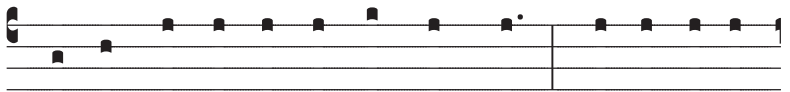
the proud in their con- ceit.

All : 

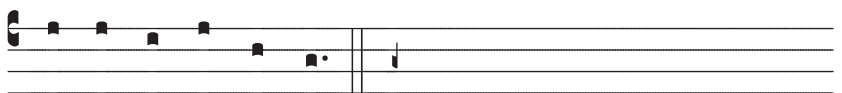
6. He has cast down the might- y from their thrones, * and has



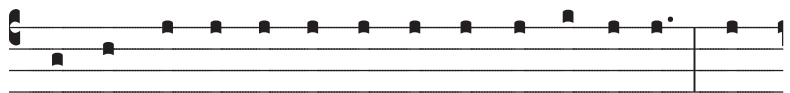
lift- ed up the low- ly.

Cantor : 

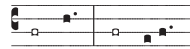
7. He has filled the hun- gry with good things, * and the rich he



has sent a- way emp- ty.

All : 

8. He has come to the help of his ser- vant, Is- ra- el * for

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ANTIPHON 3

Cantor : Now the Son of Man has been **glorified** *
and God has been glorified in him, / *alleluia*.

CANTICLE *Apocalypse 11 : 17-18 ; 12 : 10-12*

Cantor : We praise you, the Lord God **almighty**, *
who is and *who was*.

All : You have assumed your great **power**, *
you have begun *your reign*.

Cantor : The nations have raged in **anger**, *
but then came your day of **wrath**

All : and the moment to judge the **dead** : *
the time to reward your servants *the prophets*

Cantor : and the holy ones who **revere** you,
the great and the small **alike**.

All : Now have salvation and power come, /
the reign of our **God**, *
and the authority of his *Anointed One*.

Cantor : For the accuser of our brothers is cast **out**, *
who night and day accused them *before God*.

All : They defeated him by the Blood of the Lamb /
and by the word of their **testimony** ; *
love for life did not deter them *from death*.

Cantor : So rejoice, you **heavens**, *
and you that dwell *therein* !

Doxology

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

All : as it was in the beginning, is **now**, *
and will be for ever. **Amen**.

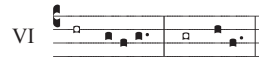
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READING

Peter 3: 18. 22

The reason why Christ died for sins once for all, the just man for the sake of the unjust, was that he might lead us to God. He was put to death in so far as fleshly existence goes, but was given life in the realm of the spirit. He went to heaven and is at God's right hand, with angelic rulers and powers subjected to him.

RESPONSORY



Cantor : I am ascending to my Father *and your* **Father**, *
alleluia, alleluia.

All : I am ascending to my Father *and your* **Father**, *
alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor : To my *God and your* **God**, *

All : alleluia, alleluia.

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

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CANTICLE OF MARY

STAND

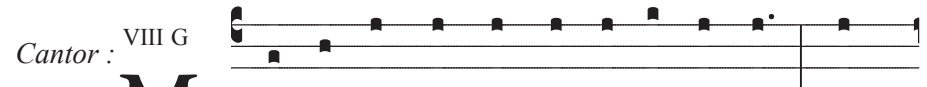


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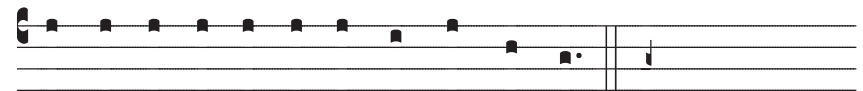
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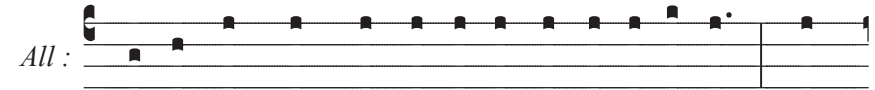
The soul rejoices in the Lord *Luke I : 46-55*



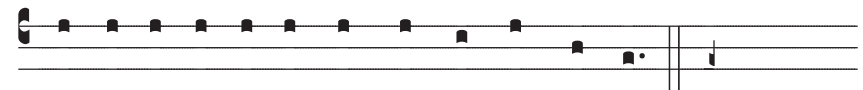
MY soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, * and



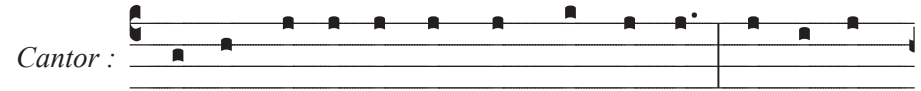
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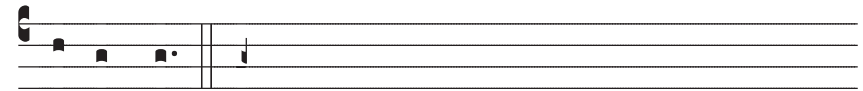
2. for he has looked with fav-or on his low-ly servant. * From



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

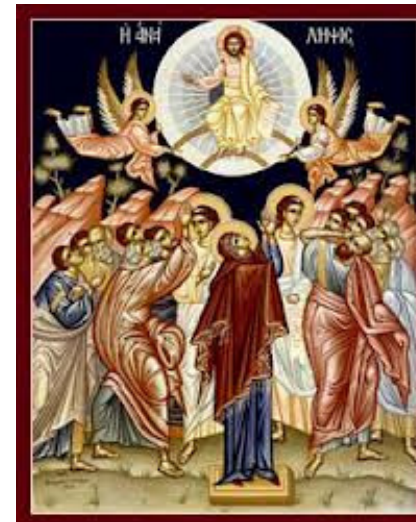


is his Name.

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