

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 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.

A time of silent adoration follows.

PALM SUNDAY. AT SECOND VESPERS

Psalter: Week II

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.

HYMN

6th cent. Venantius Fortunatus

Vexilla regis prodeunt.

Cantor begins and alternates with All.

1. *The royal banners forward go,
The Cross shines forth in mystic glow,
Where he in flesh, our flesh who
made,
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.*
2. **Where deep for us the spear was
dyed,
Life's torrent rushing from his
side,
To wash us in that precious flood
Where mingled Water flowed and
Blood.**
3. *Fulfilled is all that David told
In true prophetic song of old:
Amidst the nations, God, saith he,
Hath reigned and triumphed from the
tree.*

4. **O Tree of beauty, Tree of light!
O Tree with royal purple bright!
Elect on whose triumphal breast
Those holy limbs should find their rest.**
5. *On whose dear arms, so widely flung,
The weight of this world's ransom hung;
The price of humankind to pay,
And spoil the Spoiler of his prey.*
6. **O Cross, our one reliance, hail!
This holy Passiontide avail
To give fresh merit to the saint
And pardon to the penitent.**
7. *To thee, eternal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done:
Whom by the Cross thou dost restore,
Preserve and govern evermore. Amen.*

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, Genitôque
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*.

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.

V. You have given them bread from
heaven (*P.T.* alleluia).
R. Containing all sweetness within it
(*P.T.* alleluia).

Oremus.

Let us pray.

INTERCESSIONS



Celebrant : Let us give thanks continually to Christ, / our teacher
and our head, / who came to serve and to do good to all.
/ In humility and confidence let us **ask** him :

All : Come, Lord, to visit *your fam*'ly.

Cantor : Lord, be present to the bishops and priests of your
Church, / who share your role as head and **shepherd**,

All : may they lead your people to the Father /
under *your guidance*.

Cantor : May your angel be with all who **travel**,

All : to keep them safe in soul *and body*.

Cantor : Teach us to serve the needs of **others**,

All : and to be like you, who came to serve, /
not to *be served*.

Cantor : Grant that in the human family, / brother may always
help **brother**,

All : so that, with your assistance, /
it may be a city compact *and strong*.

Cantor : Have mercy on all the **dead**,

All : bring them to the vision of *your glory*.

Celebrant : Our Father . . .

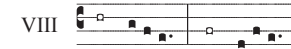
Celebrant : Almighty ever-living God,
who as an example of humility
for the human race to follow
caused our Savior to take flesh
and to submit *to the Cross*, *
graciously grant that we may heed
his lesson of patient suffering
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *one God*, *
for ever and ever.

All : Amen.

Vespers concludes with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

ANTIPHON I

SIT



Cantor : Christ was scourged and treated *with contempt*, *
but God's right hand has *raised him up*.

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*.

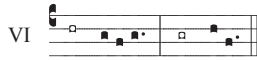
All : He shall drink from the stream *by the wayside* *
and therefore he shall lift *up his head*.

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 : Christ was scourged and treated *with contempt*, *
but God's right hand has *raised him up*.



ANTIPHON 2

Cantor : The Blood of Christ washes away *our sins* *
and makes us worthy to serve the living **God**.

Psalm 113 B

Praise of the true God

This Psalm dates from the time of the exile, and sets out to strengthen our trust in God who alone can help us, and our contempt of idols. In our prayers, this means God in his procession through the earth. Along the path, the idols of the world are beckoning to us: riches, pleasure, honor power. We renounce the devil and all his works.

*We have renounced idol worship
to serve the living and true God (I Thessalonians I : 9)*

God alone be praised

Cantor : Not to us, Lord, *not to us*, *
but to your name give *the glory*.

All : for the sake of your love *and your truth*, *
lest the heathen say : / “ Where is *their God* ? ”

God and idols

Cantor : But our God is *in the heavens* ; *
he does whatever *he wills*.

All : Their idols are silver *and gold*, *
the work of human **hands**.

Cantor : They have mouths but they *cannot speak* ; *
they have eyes but they *cannot see* ;

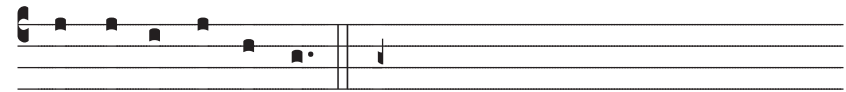
All : they have ears but they *cannot hear* ; *
they have nostrils but they *cannot smell*.

Cantor : With their hands they cannot feel ; /
with their feet they *cannot walk*. *
No sound comes from *their throats*.

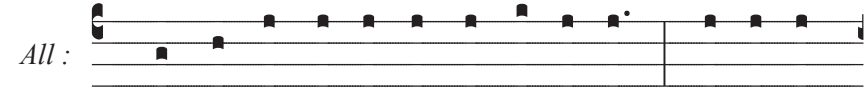
All : Their makers will come to *be like them* *
and so will all who trust *in them*.

Song of blessing

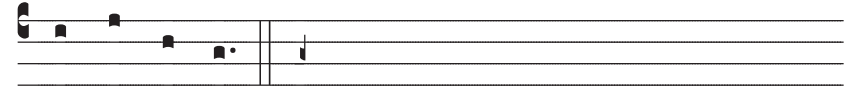
Cantor : Sons of Israel, trust *in the Lord* ; *
he is their help and *their shield*.



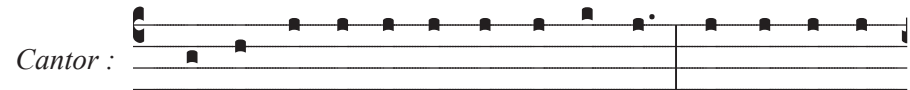
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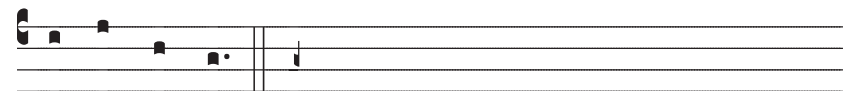
10. Glo- ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, * and to the



Ho- ly Spir- it :

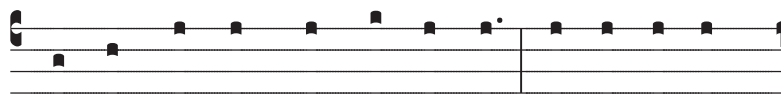


11. as it was in the be- gin-ning, is now * and will be for

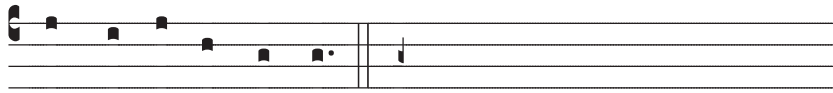


ev- er. A- men. *The antiphon is repeated by the Cantor.*


Ant : *It is* | written : / * I will strike the shepherd and his flock will
be **scattered**. † But when I have risen, / I will go before you
into **Galilee**. * There you will *see me*, **says** the Lord.

Cantor : 

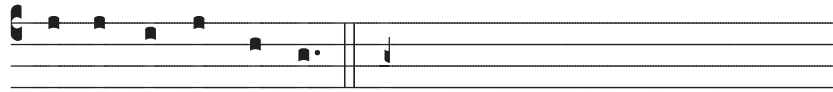
5. He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered



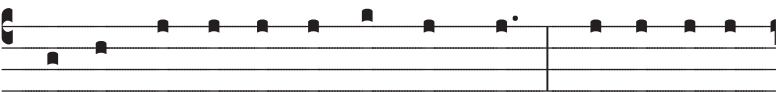
the proud in their con-ccit.

All : 

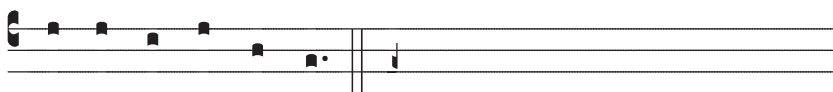
6. He has cast down the might-y from their thrones, * and has



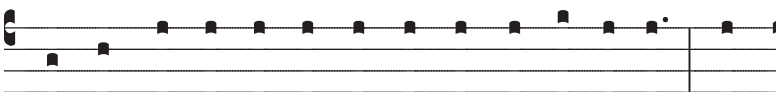
lift-ed up the low-ly.

Cantor : 

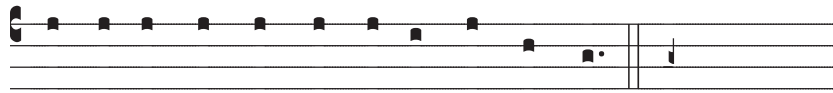
7. He has filled the hun-gry with good things, * and the rich he



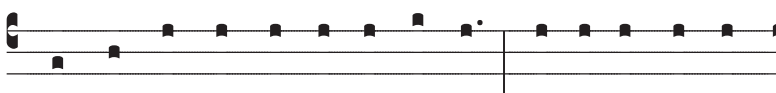
has sent a-way emp-ty.

All : 

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



he has re-mem-bered his promise of mer-cy,

Cantor : 

9. the prom-ise he made to our fa-thers, * to A-bra-ham and

All : Sons of Aaron, trust *in the Lord* ; *
he is their help and *their shield*.

Cantor : You who fear him, trust *in the Lord* ; *
he is their help and *their shield*.

All : He remembers us, and he will bless us ; /
he will bless the *sons of Israel*. *
He will bless the *sons of Aaron*.

Cantor : The Lord will bless *those who fear* him, *
the little no less than *the great* :

All : to you may the *Lord grant increase*, *
to you and all *your children*.

Cantor : May you be blest *by the Lord*, *
the maker of heaven *and earth*.

All : The heavens belong *to the Lord* *
but the earth he has given *to men*.

Cantor : The dead shall not *praise the Lord*, *
nor those who go down into *the silence*.

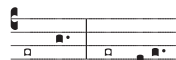
All : But we who live *bless the Lord* *
now and for ever. *Amen*.

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 : The Blood of Christ washes away *our sins* *
and makes us worthy to serve the living **God**.

IV E 

ANTIPHON 3

Cantor : Christ bore our sins in his own body on the **Cross** *
so that we might die to sin / and be alive to all that *is good*.

CANTICLE

1 Peter 2 : 21-24

Cantor : Christ suffered for you, and left you an **example** *
to have you follow in *his footsteps*.

All : He did no **wrong** ; *
no deceit was found in *his mouth*.

Cantor : When he was **insulted** *
he returned *no* **insult**.

All : When he was made to **suffer**, *
he did not counter *with* **threats**.

Cantor : Instead he delivered himself **up** *
to the one who judges **justly**.

All : In his own **body** *
he brought our sins to *the* **Cross**,

Cantor : so that all of us, dead to sin, /
could live in accord with God's **will**. *
By his wounds you *were* **healed**.

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

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

Cantor : Christ bore our sins in his own body on the **Cross** *
so that we might die to sin / and be alive to all that *is* **good**.

READING *Acts 13:26-30*

My brothers, it was to us that this message of salvation was sent forth. The inhabitants of Jerusalem and their rulers failed to recognize him, and in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets which we read sabbath after sabbath. Even though they found no charge against him which deserved death, they begged Pilate to have him executed. Once they had brought about all that had been written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. Yet God raised him from the dead.

RESPONSORY



Cantor : Listen to us, O Lord, and have **mercy**, *
for we have *sinned* **against** you.

All : Listen to us, O Lord, and have **mercy**, *
for we have *sinned* **against** you.

Cantor : Christ Jesus, / hear our humble *petitions*, *

All : for we have *sinned* **against** you.

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

All : Listen to us, O Lord, and have **mercy**, *
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CANTICLE OF MARY

STAND

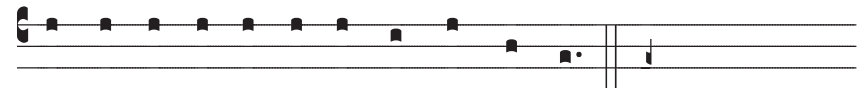
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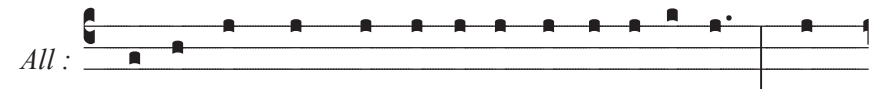
The soul rejoices in the Lord *Luke 1:46-55*

Cantor : VIII G 

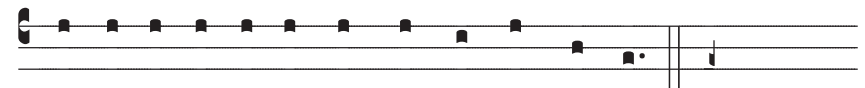
MY soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, * and



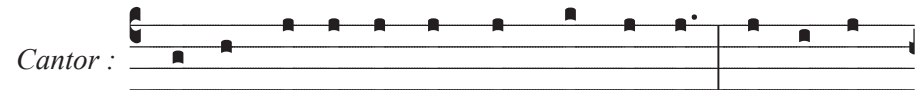
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All : 

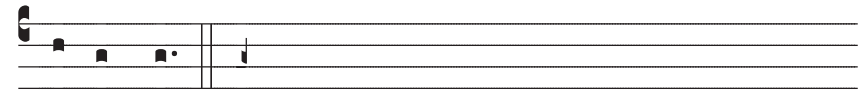
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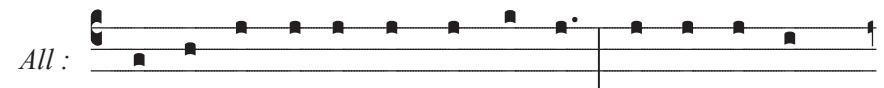
this day all gen- er- a- tions will call me bless- ed :

Cantor : 

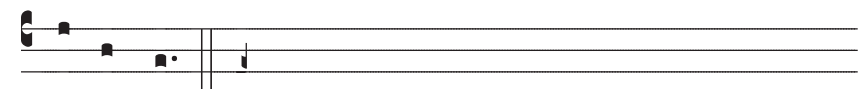
3. the Al- migh- ty has done great things for me, * and ho- ly



is his Name.

All : 

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




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VI

Responsory

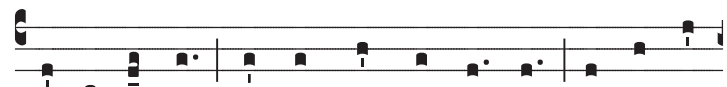
Resp. IV



L IS-TEN to us, O Lord, and have mer-cy, * for we have sinned a-gainst you. Lis-ten. √ Christ Je-sus, hear our hum-ble pe-ti-tions. * For we. √ Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it. Lis-ten

At Magnificat. Antiphon

VIII G



IT is writ-ten: * I will strike the shepherd and his flock will be scattered. But when I have ris-en, I will go be-fore you in- to Gal-i-lee. There you shall see me, says the Lord.

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THE OFFICE OF SUNDAY VESPERS

PALM SUNDAY

Roman Rite. Psalter : Week II. II Vespers

Ordinary Form



CATHEDRAL OF SAINT EUGENE

Diocese of Santa Rosa

2013

It is ourselves that we must spread under Christ's feet . . .

Dear young people, present here today, [Palm Sunday is an important day for the World Youth Day] this, in a particular way, is your Day, wherever the Church is present throughout the world. So I greet you with great affection! May Palm Sunday be a day of decision for you, the decision to say yes to the Lord and to follow him all the way, the decision to make his Passover, his death and resurrection, the very focus of your Christian lives. It is the decision that leads to true joy, as I reminded you in this year's World Youth Day Message – "Rejoice in the Lord always" (Phil 4:4). So it was for Saint Clare of Assisi when, on Palm Sunday 800 years ago, inspired by the example of Saint Francis and his first companions, she left her father's house to consecrate herself totally to the Lord. She was eighteen years old and she had the courage of faith and love to decide for Christ, finding in him true joy and peace.

Dear brothers and sisters, may these days call forth two sentiments in particular: [1] *praise*, after the example of those who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with their "Hosanna!", and [2] *thanksgiving*, because in this Holy Week the Lord Jesus will renew the greatest gift we could possibly imagine: he will give us his life, his body and his blood, his love. But we must respond worthily to so great a gift, that is to say, with the gift of ourselves, our time, our prayer, our entering into a profound communion of love with Christ who suffered, died and rose for us. The early Church Fathers saw a symbol of all this in the gesture of the people who followed Jesus on his entry into Jerusalem, the gesture of spreading out their coats before the Lord. Before Christ – the Fathers said – we must spread out our lives, ourselves, in an attitude of gratitude and adoration. As we conclude, let us listen once again to the words of one of these early Fathers, Saint Andrew, Bishop of Crete: "So it is ourselves that we must spread under Christ's feet, not coats or lifeless branches or shoots of trees, matter which wastes away and delights the eye only for a few brief hours. But we have clothed ourselves with Christ's grace, or with the whole Christ ... so let us spread ourselves like coats under his feet ... let us offer not palm branches but the prizes of victory to the conqueror of death. Today let us too give voice with the children to that sacred chant, as we wave the spiritual branches of our soul: 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel'" (PG 97, 994). Amen!

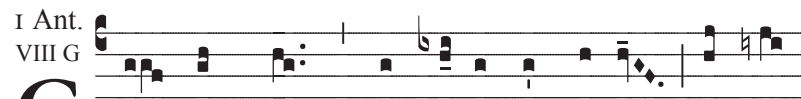
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on Palm Sunday 2012*

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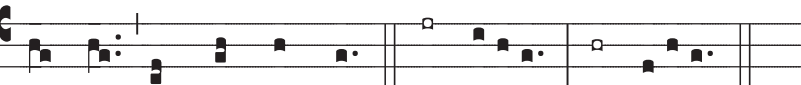
Psalter: Week II

Antiphons *In Cantu*
for cantor, schola or choir

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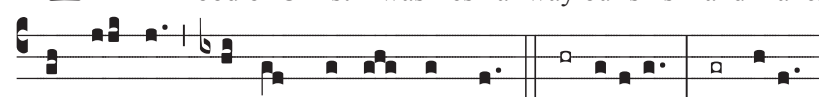


right hand has raised him up. *Psalm 109*

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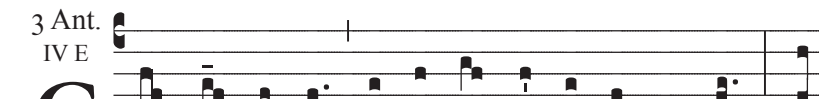


T HE Blood of Christ * wash-es a-way our sins and makes




us worth-y to serve the liv- ing God. *Psalm 113 B*

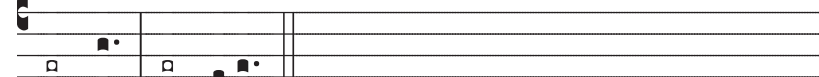
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C Hrist bore our sins * in his own bod- y on the Cross so



that we might die to sin and be a-live to all that is good.



Canticle, 1 Peter 2: 21-24