

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.

SUNDAY AT SECOND VESPERS

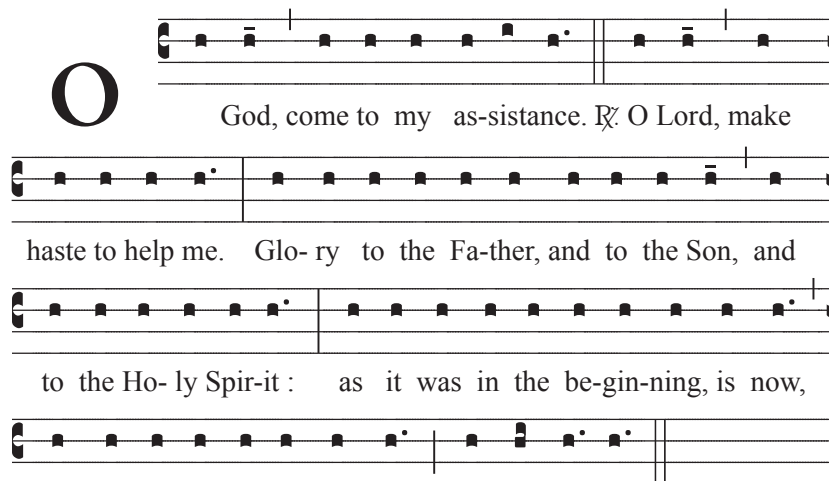
Psalter: Week IV

A glimpse into the kingdom of God

Vespers is the evening prayer of the Church. This is the hour of thanksgiving for the graces bestowed during the day of salvation that has just passed. In Sunday Vespers we review gratefully the history of God's kingdom in the Church and in individual souls. We see Christ our victorious King in his power (Ps 109) ; we hear of the fundamental laws of the kingdom : love (fear) of God, love of neighbor (Ps 111). There are two principal objects to our Vesper prayers : thanksgiving, and new courage to continue our pilgrimage.

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

St. Gregory the Great. 540-604

O Lux, beata Trinitas. (L.M.)

*Cantor : 1. O Trinity of blessed Light,
O Unity of princely might,
The fiery sun now goes his way ;
Shed thou within our hearts thy ray.*

*All : 3. To thee our morning song of praise,
To thee our evening prayer we raise ;
Thy glory suppliant we adore
For ever and for evermore.*

*Cantor : 3. All laud to God the Father be ;
All : All praise, eternal Son, to thee ;
All glory, as is ever meet,
To God the Holy Paraclete. 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, 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*).

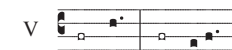
Oratio

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 : Rejoicing in the Lord, / from whom all good things come, / let us **pray** :

All : Lord, / hear *our prayer*.

Cantor : Father and Lord of all, / you sent your Son into the world / that your Name might be glorified in ev'ry **place**,

All : strengthen the witness of your Church among *the nations*.

Cantor : Make us obedient to the teachings of your **apostles**,

All : and bound to the truth of *our faith*.

Cantor : As you love the **innocent**,

All : render justice to those who *are wronged*.

Cantor : Free those in bondage and give sight to the **blind**,

All : raise up the fallen and protect *the stranger*.

Cantor : Fulfill your promise to those who already sleep in your **peace**,

All : through your Son / grant them a blessed *resurrection*.

Our Father . . .

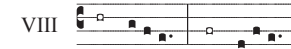
Celebrant : *Prayer proper to the Sunday*

All : Amen.

Vespers concludes with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

ANTIPHON I

SIT



Cantor : In eternal splendor, / before the dawn of *light on earth*, *
I have begotten you, / *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*.

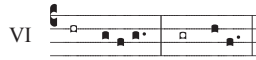
All : He shall drink from the stream *by the wayside* *
and therefore he shall lift *up his head*.

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 : In eternal splendor, / before the dawn of *light on earth*, *
I have begotten you, / *alleluia*.



ANTIPHON 2

Cantor : Blessed are they who hunger and *thirst for holiness* ; *
they shall *be satisfied*.

Psalm III

The song of the saintly

This is the complement of the previous Psalm : the good God (Psalm 110)--the virtuous man (Psalm 111). The sequence of thought in the latter is rather free. The Church holds a mirror before my soul : are you such a virtuous man ? I will think of the man who has shown the highest sanctity, our blessed Lord, and of his Saints ; every day the Church is leading me into the gallery of his Saints.

Live a children born of the light. Light produces every kind of goodness and justice and truth (Ephesians 5 : 8-9)

Love of God's commandments

Cantor : Happy the man who *fears the Lord*, *
who takes delight in all his *commands*.

Blessings of holy fear

All : His sons will be *powerful on earth* ; *
the children of the upright *are blest*.

Cantor : Riches and wealth are *in his house* ; *
his justice stands firm *for ever*.

All : He is a light in the darkness *for the upright* : *
he is generous, merciful *and just*.

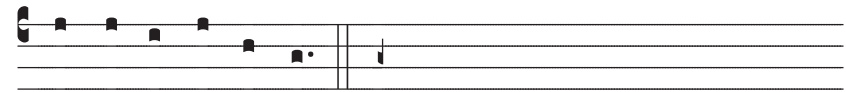
Cantor : The good man takes pity *and lends*, *
he conducts his affairs *with honor*.

All : The just man will *never waver* : *
he will be remembered *for ever*.

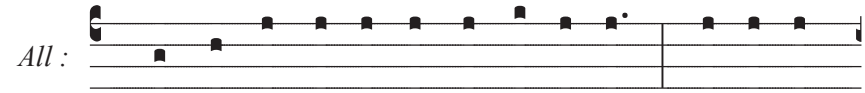
Cantor : He has no fear of *evil news* ; *
with a firm heart he trusts in *the Lord*.

All : With a steadfast heart he *will not fear* ; *
he will see the downfall of *his foes*.

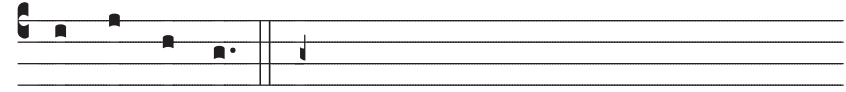
Cantor : Open-handed, he gives to the poor ; /
his justice stands *firm for ever*. *
His head will be raised *in glory*.



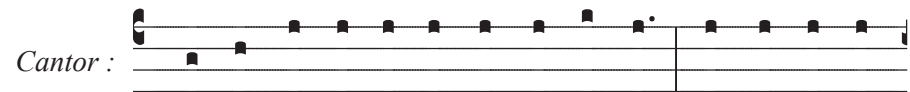
his children for ev- er.



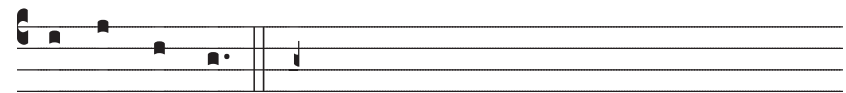
10. Glo- ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, * and to the



Ho- ly Spir- it :

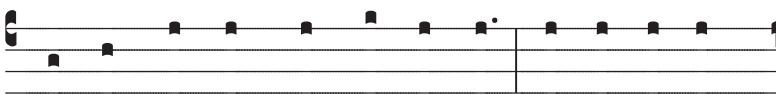


11. as it was in the be- gin-ning, is now * and will be for

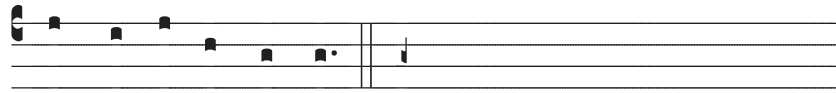


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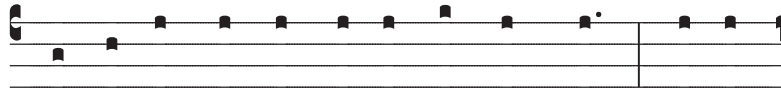


Cantor : 

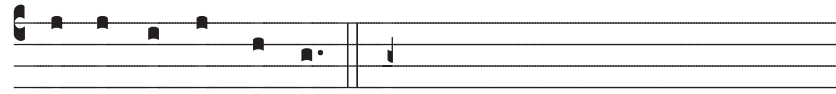
5. He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered




the proud in their con-keit.

All : 

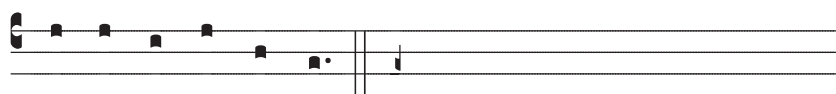
6. He has cast down the might-y from their thrones, * and has



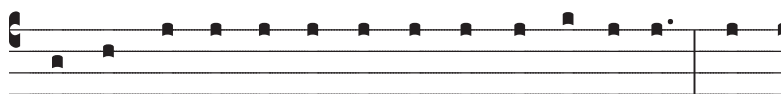
lift-ed up the low-ly.

Cantor : 

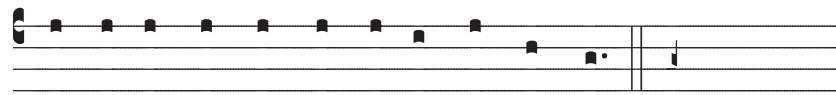
7. He has filled the hun-gry with good things, * and the rich he



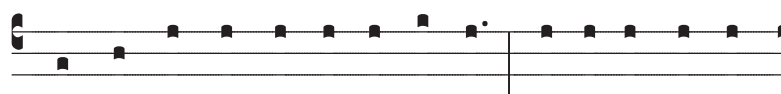
has sent a-way emp-ty.

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

Frustration of the wicked

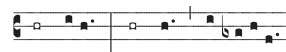
All : The wicked man sees and is angry, /
grinds his teeth and *fades away* ; *
the desire of the wicked leads to **doom**.

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 : Blessed are they who hunger and *thirst for holiness* ; *
they shall *be satisfied*.

v 

ANTIPHON 3

Cantor : Praise God, all you who **serve** him, *
both great and small, / **alleluia**.

CANTICLE

Apocalypse 19 : 1-7



∇ Al-le-lu-ia. ∇ Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

The wedding of the Lamb

Cantor : Salvation, glory, and power to our God : *

All : ∇ Alleluia.

Cantor : his judgments are honest and **true**.

All : ∇ Alleluia, **alleluia**.

Cantor : Sing praise to our God, all you his servants, *

All : ∇ Alleluia.

Cantor : all who worship him rev'rently, / *great and small*.

All : ∇ Alleluia, **alleluia**.

Cantor : The Lord our all-powerful God is King ; *

All : ∇ Alleluia.

Cantor : let us rejoice, sing praise, and *give him glory*.

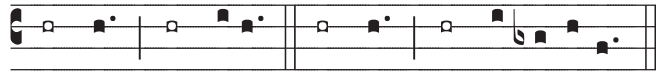
All : ∇ Alleluia, **alleluia**.

Cantor : The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun, *

All : R̄ Alleluia.

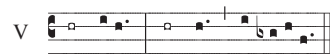
Cantor : and his bride is prepared to welcome him.

All : R̄ Alleluia, alleluia.



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.

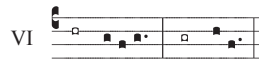


Cantor : Praise God, all you who serve him, * both great and small, / alleluia.

READING

Hebrews 12 : 22-24

You have drawn near to Mount Sion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to myriads of angels in festal gathering, to the assembly of the first-born enrolled in heaven, to God the judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood which speaks more eloquently than that of Abel.



RESPONSORY

Cantor : Our Lord is great * mighty is his power.

All : Our Lord is great * mighty is his power.

Cantor : His wisdom is beyond compare, *

All : mighty is his power.

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

All : Our Lord is great * mighty is his power.

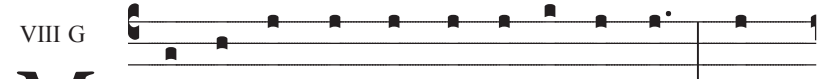
CANTICLE OF MARY

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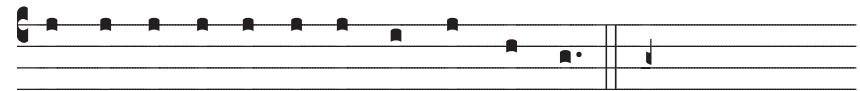
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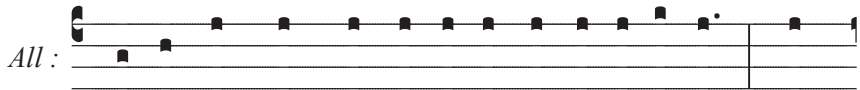
The soul rejoices in the Lord Luke 1 : 46-55



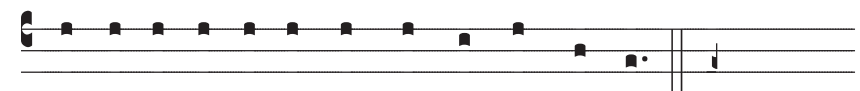
VIII G MY soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, * and



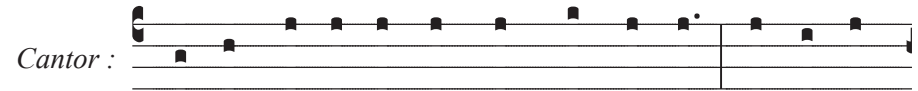
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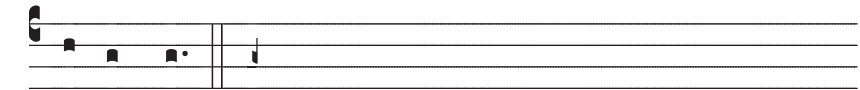
2. for he has looked with fav- or on his low-ly servant. * From



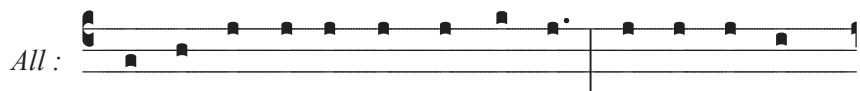
this day all gen- er- a- tions will call me bless- ed :



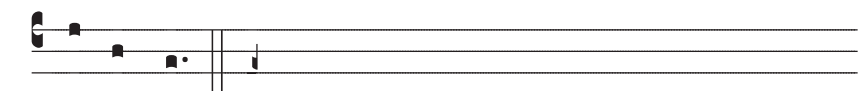
3. the Al- might- y has done great things for me, * and ho- ly



is his Name.



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



er- a- tion.

IV

THE OFFICE
of
SUNDAY VESPERS

Roman Rite. Psalter : Week IV

Ordinary Form



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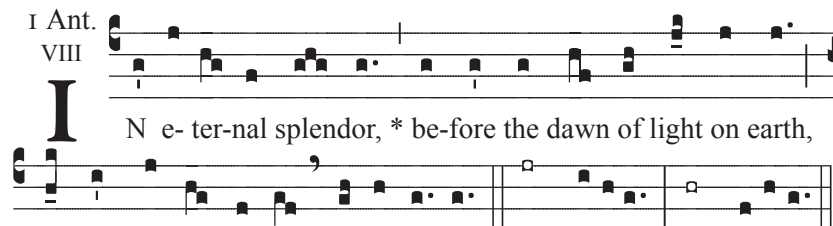
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Psalter: Week 4

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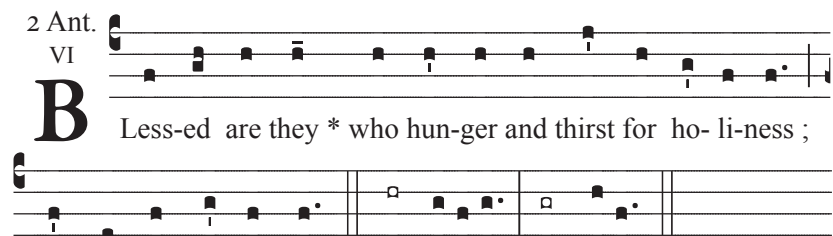
I Ant.
VIII



I N e-ter-nal splen-dor, * be-fore the dawn of light on earth,

I have be-got-ten you, al-le-lu-ia. *Psalms 109*

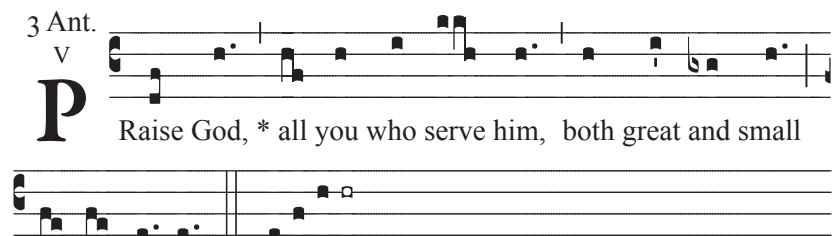
2 Ant.
VI



B Less-ed are they * who hun-ger and thirst for ho-li-ness ;

they will be sat-is-fied. *Psalms 111*

3 Ant.
V



P Raise God, * all you who serve him, both great and small

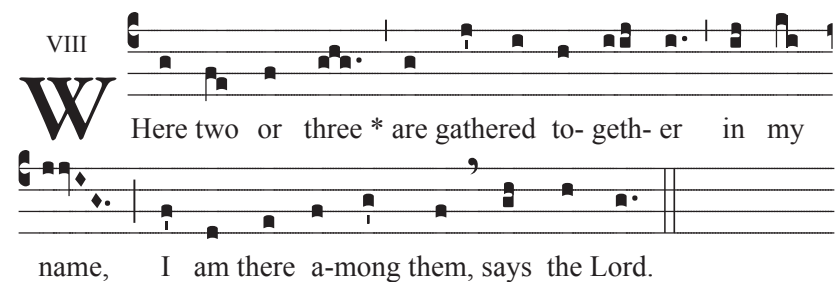
al-le-lu-ia. [*intonation from antiphon*] *Canticle, Apocalypse 19 : 1-7*

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At Magnificat. Antiphon *ad libitum*

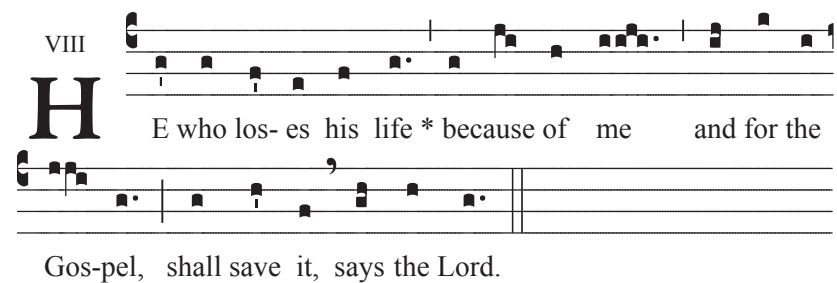
The Antiphon is taken from the proper of the Season, to agree with the Gospel of the day. Or the following may be sung :

VIII



W Here two or three * are gathered to- geth- er in my
name, I am there a-mong them, says the Lord.

VIII



H E who los- es his life * because of me and for the
Gos-pel, shall save it, says the Lord.

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