

**VIGIL  
FOR ALL NASCENT  
HUMAN LIFE**

*First Sunday of Advent*

**First Vespers  
Rosary & Benediction**

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## 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.	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.
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Genitori, Genitque Laus et iubilatio, Salus, honor, virtus, quoque Sit et benedictio : Procedenti ab utroque Compar sit laudatio. Amen.	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.
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✠ Panem de cælo præstitisti eis (T. P. alleluia).	✠ You have given them bread from heaven (P.T. alleluia).
✠ Omne delectamentum in se habentem (T. P. alleluia).	✠ Containing all sweetness within it (P.T. alleluia).

## Prayer

*Let us pray.*

**L**ord our God, teach us to cherish in our hearts and the paschal mystery of your Son by which you redeemed the world. \* Watch over the gifts of grace your love has given us and bring them to fulfillment in the glory of heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. ✠ Amen.

*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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## From the writings of His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI

“The Catholic community must offer support to those women who may find it difficult to accept a child, above all when they are isolated from their family and friends. Likewise, the community should be open to welcome back all who repent of having participated in the grave sin of abortion, and should guide them with pastoral charity to accept the grace of forgiveness, the need for penance, and the joy of entering once more into the new life of Christ.”

“The fundamental human right, the presupposition of every other right, is the right to life itself. This is true of life from the moment of conception until its natural end. Abortion, consequently, cannot be a human right -- it is the very opposite. It is a deep wound in society.”

“Selfishness and fear are at the root of (pro-abortion) legislation...We in the Church have a great struggle to defend life...life is a gift not a threat.”

“The freedom to kill is not a true freedom, but a tyranny that reduces human beings to slavery.”

“God’s love does not distinguish between the infant in the mother’s womb or the child or the youth or the adult or the older person. In each one God sees His image and likeness. Human life is a manifestation of God and His glory.”

As far as abortion is concerned, it’s part of the fifth, not the sixth, commandment: “Thou shalt not kill!” We have to presume this is obvious and always stress that the human person begins in the mother’s womb and remains a human person until his or her last breath. The human person must always be respected as a human person.

“...at the origin of every human being there is not something haphazard or chance, but a loving plan of God.”

PRAYER OF POPE JOHN PAUL II FROM *Evangelium Vitæ*

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world,  
Mother of the living,  
to you do we entrust the cause of life  
Look down, O Mother,  
upon the vast numbers  
of babies not allowed to be born,  
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,  
of men and women  
who are victims of brutal violence,  
of the elderly and the sick killed  
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son  
may proclaim the Gospel of life  
with honesty and love  
to the people of our time.


Obtain for them the grace  
to accept that Gospel  
as a gift ever new,  
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude  
throughout their lives  
and the courage to bear witness to it  
resolutely, in order to build,  
together with all people of good will,  
the civilization of truth and love,  
to the praise and glory of God,  
the Creator and lover of life.

— *Evangelium Vitæ*, 105

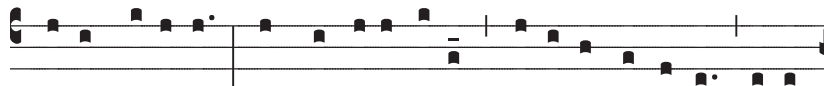
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ANTIPHON  
IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

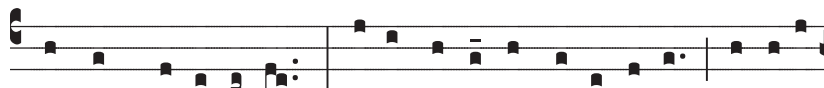

**A** L- ma \* Red-emptó-ris Ma-ter, quæ pérvi- a cæ-li Por-  
*Loving Mother of our Redeemer Lord, Star of the sea*



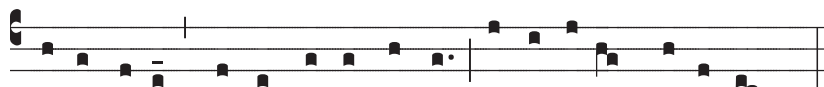
ta manes, et stel-la ma-ris, succúrre ca-dén-ti, Súрге-re qui  
*and portal of the skies, Unto thy fallen people help afford— Fallen, but striving*



cu-rat, pópu-lo : Tu quæ genu- ísti, Na-tú-ra mi- ránte, tu- um  
*still anew to rise. Thou who didst once, while wondering worlds adored,*



sanctum Ge-ni- tó- rem, Virgo pri- us ac posté- ri- us, Gabri- é-  
*Bear thy Creator, Virgin then as now, O by thy holy joy at Gabriel's word,*




lis ab o-re Sumens il-lud A-ve, pecca- tó-rum mi-se- ré- re.  
*Pity the sinners who before thee bow.*

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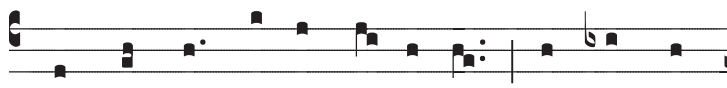
## AT I VESPERS

*Exposition  
of the Most Blessed Sacrament*

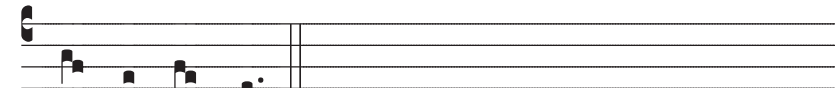
## ENTRANCE



R: 1. **R** O-rá- te, cæ-li dé- su-per, et nubes plu- ant ju- stum.

*Verses : Parish Book of Chant, # 39, p. 131.**Or :*


R: 1. **D** Rop down dew, heavens, from a- bove, let clouds rain



down the Just One.

*Verses : People's Mass Book, A-8.**Text translation by Fr. Samuel F. Weber, O.S.B., Copyright © 2010 Saint Meinrad Archabey, St. Meinrad, IN 47577-1010. All rights reserved.*

EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

O Salutaris Hostia

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

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.

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

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.

Amen.

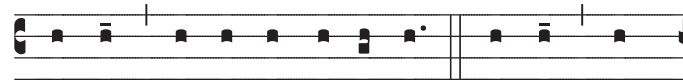
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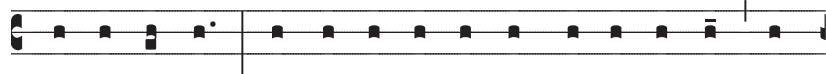
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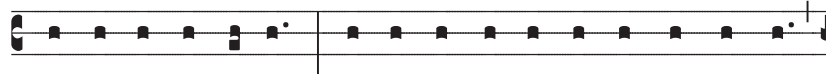
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God, come to my as-sistance. R. O Lord, make



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.

RECITATION OF THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

SUPPLICATIONS FOR LIFE

Let us pray to God, the Father of Life and Font of all Mercy:  
**Lord, have mercy on all who have sinned against life.**

You knit us in our mother's womb,  
— **preserve all children from bodily harm  
From the moment of conception.**

Your Son ennobled all human life  
when he became flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary,  
— **enlighten our minds to see the dignity of every human life  
from its earliest embryonic beginnings.**

You are author of science and knowledge,  
— **bring an end to the destruction of human embryos  
in research facilities and IVF clinics.**

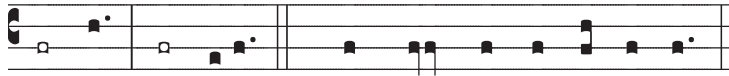
You are the law-giver and ruler of the world,  
— **help us to overturn unjust laws  
that permit the destruction of innocent lives,  
and guide our public officials to defend the littlest among us.**

You love those who are afflicted,  
— **help parents of unborn children with disabilities  
to cherish the baby you have entrusted to their care.**

Your Son, Jesus, healed the sick,  
— **guide all doctors to be guardians of life,  
especially the lives of unborn children  
with serious health conditions.**

Lord, you are love and mercy itself,  
— **draw all who have acted against innocent human life  
to repentance and forgiveness,  
and heal them through an outpouring of grace.**

## Intercessions



℟: Come, Lord, and do not de-lay!

Jesus Christ is the joy and happiness  
of all who look forward to his **coming**. \*  
Let us call upon him *and say* :

℟: Come, Lord, and do not delay!

In joy, we wait for your **coming**, \*  
— come, *Lord Jesus*. ℟: Come, Lord.  
Before time began, you shared life with the **Father**, \*  
— come now *and save* us. ℟: Come, Lord.  
You created the world and all who **live** in it, \*  
— come to redeem the work of *your hands*. ℟: Come, Lord.  
You did not hesitate to become man, subject to **death**, \*  
— come to free us from the power *of death*. ℟: Come, Lord.  
You came to give us life to the **full**, \*  
— come and give us unending **life**. ℟: Come, Lord.  
You desire all people to live in love in your **kingdom**,  
— come and bring together those who long to see *your face*. ℟:

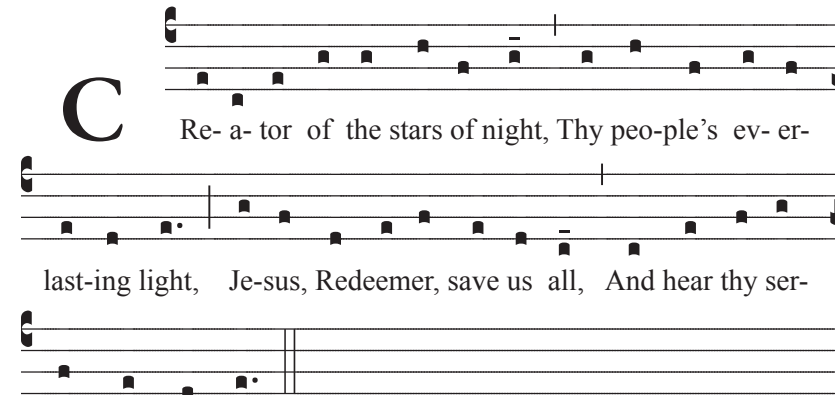
Our Father . . .

## Prayer

All-powerful God,  
increase our strength of will for doing good \*  
that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming  
and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven,  
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, \*  
one God, for ever and ever.

## Hymn

*Conditor alme siderum. Mode 4*



Re- a- tor of the stars of night, Thy peo-ple's ev-er-  
last-ing light, Je-sus, Redeemer, save us all, And hear thy ser-  
ants when they call.

2. Thou, grieving that the ancient curse  
Should doom to death a universe  
Hast found the medicine, full of grace,  
To save and heal a ruined race.
3. Thou cam'st, the Bridegroom of the bride,  
As drew the world to evening-tide ;  
Proceeding from a virgin shrine,  
The spotless Victim all divine :
4. At whose dread name, majestic now,  
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow ;  
And things celestial thee shall own,  
And things terrestrial, Lord alone.
5. O thou whose coming is with dread  
To judge and doom the quick and dead,  
Preserve us, while we dwell below,  
From every insult of the foe.
6. To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Laud, honor, might, and glory be  
From age to age eternally.



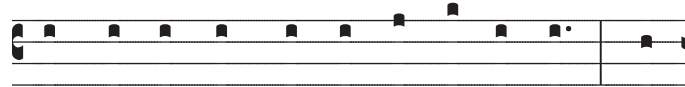
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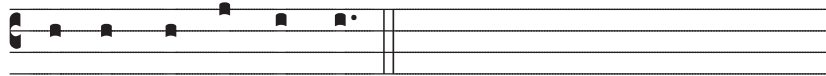
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Ro-claim the good news a-mong the na-tions: \* Our

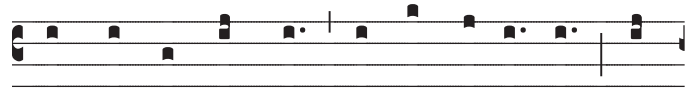


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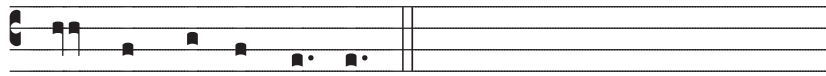
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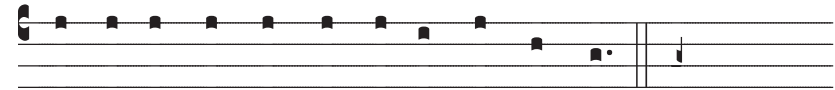
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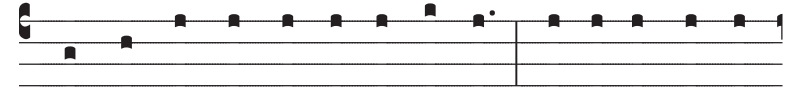
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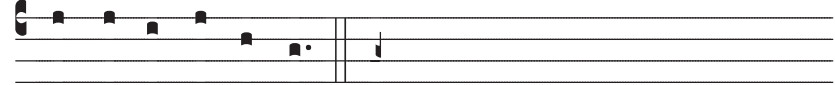
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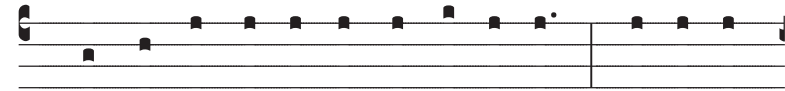
he has re-membered his promise of mer- cy,



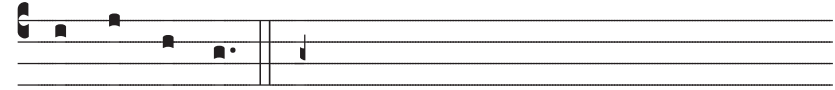
9. the prom-ise he made to our fa-thers, \* to A-bra-ham and



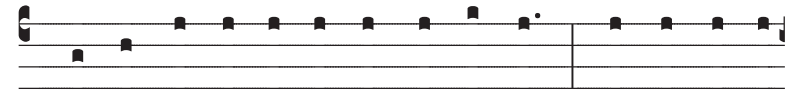
his children for ev- er.



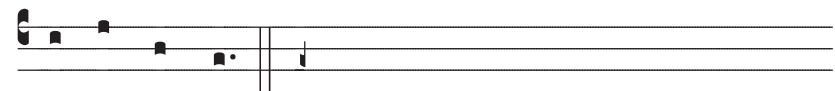
10. Glo- ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, \* and to the



Ho- ly Spir- it:



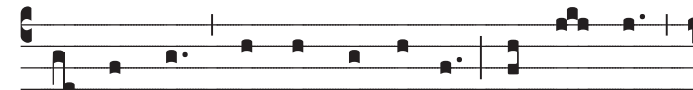
11. as it was in the be- gin-ning, is now \* and will be for



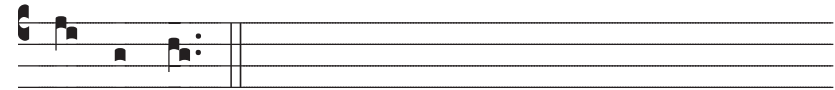
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See the Lord com-ing from a- far; his splen-dor

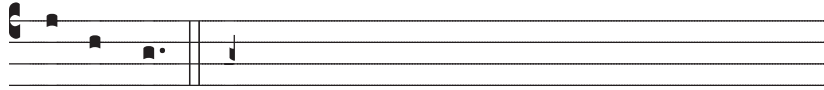


fills the earth.

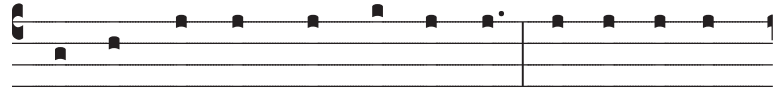




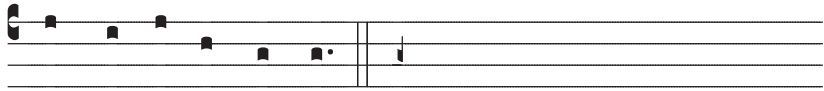
4. He has mer- cy on those who fear him \* in ev- 'ry gen-



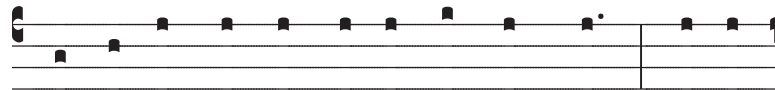
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5. He has shown the strength of his arm, \* he has scattered



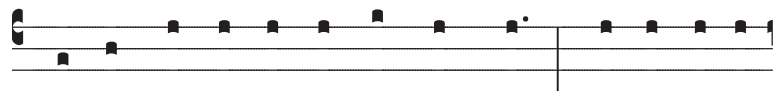
the proud in their con- ceit.



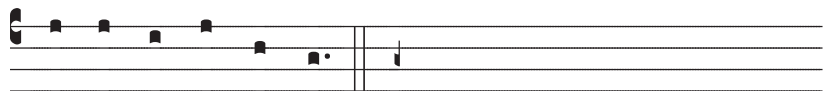
6. He has cast down the might- y from their thrones, \* and has



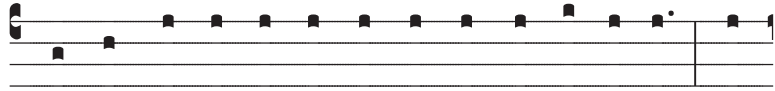
lift- ed up the low- ly.



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



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### Psalm 140

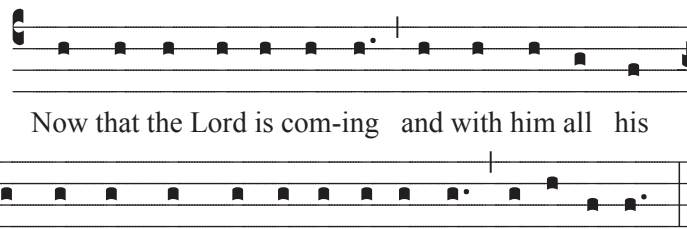
1. I have called to you, Lord ; / hasten to **help** me ! \*  
Hear my voice when I cry to **you**.
2. Let my prayer arise before *you like incense*, \*  
the raising of my hands like an evening *oblation*.
3. Set, O Lord, a guard over *my mouth* ;  
keep watch at the door of *my lips* !
4. Do not turn my heart to things *that are wrong*, \*  
to evil deeds with men who *are sinners*.
5. Never allow me to share *in their feasting*. \*  
If a good man strikes or reproves me it *is kindness* ;
6. but let the oil of the wicked not *anoint my head*. \*  
Let my prayer be ever against *their malice*.
7. Their princes were thrown down by the side *of the rock* : \*  
then they understood that my words *were kind*.
8. As a millstone is shattered to pieces *on the ground*, \*  
so their bones were strewn at the mouth of *the grave*.
9. To you, Lord God, my *eyes are turned* : \*  
in you I take refuge ; spare *my soul* !
10. From the trap they have laid for me *keep me safe* : \*  
keep me from the snares of those who do *evil*.
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.

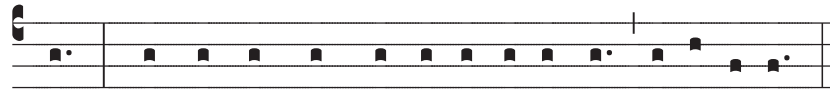
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Now that the Lord is com-ing and with him all his

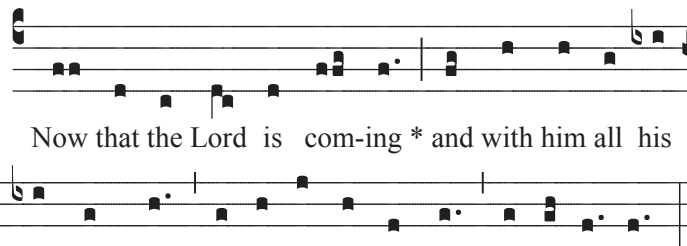


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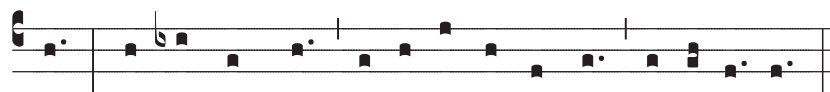
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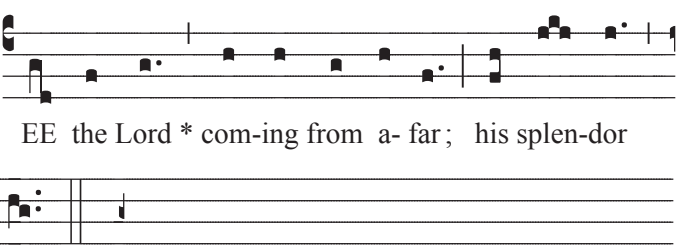


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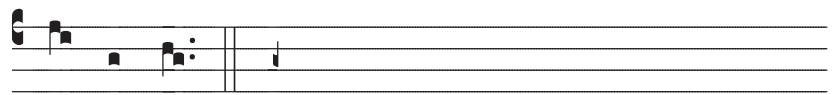
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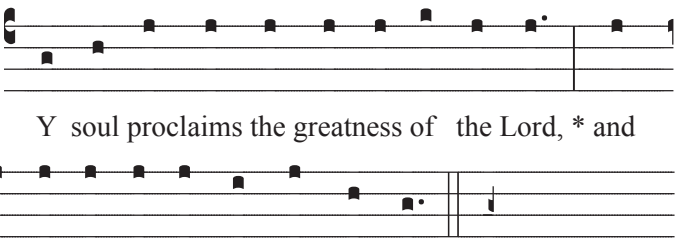
Canticle of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

*Luke 1 : 46-55*

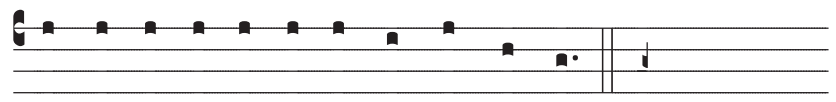
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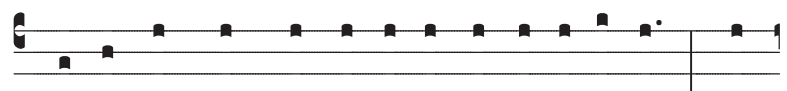
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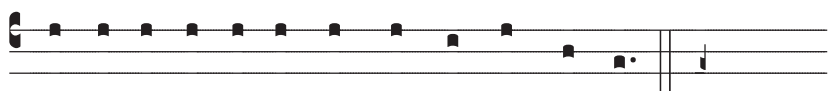
Y soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, \* and



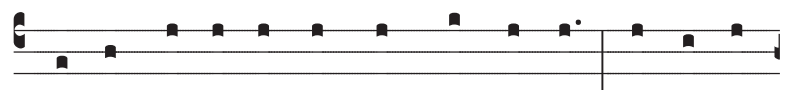
my spir- it re-joic- es in God my Sav- ior.



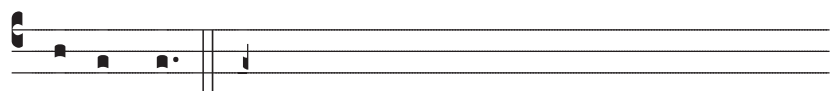
2. for he has looked with fav-or on his low-ly servant. \* From



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.

READING

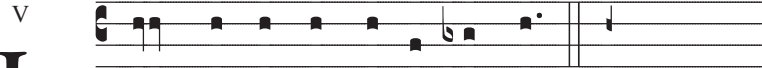
1 Thessalonians 5: 23-24

**M**AY the God of peace make you perfect in holiness. May he preserve you whole and entire, spirit, soul, and body, irreproachable at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls us is trustworthy, therefore he will do it.

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Responsory

Cantor :



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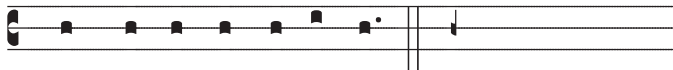
Ord, show us your mer-cy and love.

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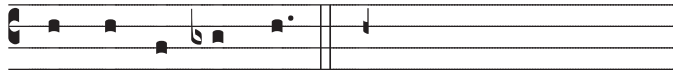
Lord, show us your mer-cy and love.

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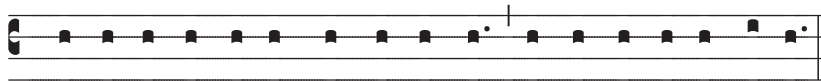
∿ And grant us your sal-va-tion,

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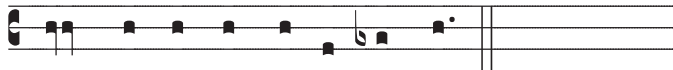
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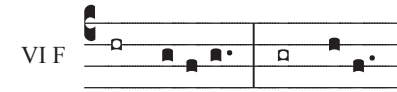


∿ Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

All :



Lord, show us your mer-cy and love.



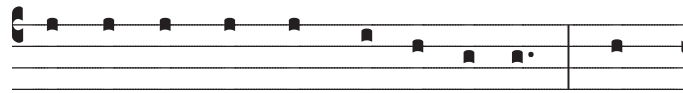
The cantor begins and alternates verses with the congregation :

Psalm 140

1. With all my heart I cry *to the Lord*, \*  
with all my voice I entreat *the Lord*.
2. I pour out my trouble *before* him ; \*  
I tell him all my *distress*
3. while my spirit *faints within* me. \*  
But you, O Lord, know *my path*.
4. On the way where *I shall walk* \*  
they have hidden a snare to *entrap* me.
5. Look on my *right and see* : \*  
there is not one who takes *my part*.
6. I have no means *of escape*, \*  
not one who cares for *my soul*.
7. I cry to you, O Lord. /  
I have said : “ You *are my refuge*, \*  
all I have left in the land of *the living*. ”
8. Listen then *to my cry* \*  
for I am in the depths of *distress*.
9. Rescue me from those *who pursue* me \*  
for they are stronger *than I*.
10. Bring my soul out *of this prison* \*  
and then I shall praise *your name*.
11. Around me the just *will assemble* \*  
because of your goodness *to me*.
12. Glory to the Father, and *to the Son*, \*  
and to the Holy *Spirit* :
13. as it was in the beginning, *is now*, \*  
and will be forever. *Amen*.

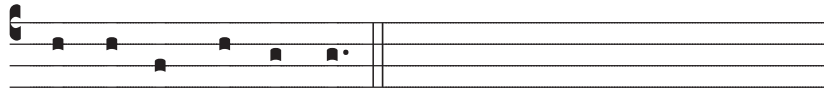
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HE Lord will come with might- y pow- er; \* all



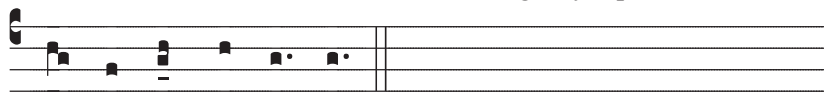
mor- tal eyes shall see him.

## B

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HE Lord \* will come with might- y pow- er; all



mor- tal eyes shall see him.



The cantor begins and alternates verses with the congregation :

## Canticle

## Philippians 2 : 6-II

1. Though he was in the form of God, /  
Jesus did not deem equality *with God* \*  
something *to be grasped* at.
2. Rather, he emptied himself /  
and took the form *of a slave*, \*  
being born in the likeness *of men*.
3. He was known to be of human *estate*, \*  
and it was thus that he humbled *himself*,
4. obediently accepting *even death*, \*  
death *on a cross* !
5. Because of this God highly *exalted* him \*  
and bestowed on him the name above every *other name*,
6. So that at Jesus' name every *knee must bend* \*  
in the heavens, on the earth, and under *the earth*,
7. and every tongue proclaim to the glory of *God the Father* : \*  
*Jesus Christ is Lord* !
8. Glory to the Father, and *to the Son*, \*  
and to the *Holy Spirit* :
9. as it was in the beginning, *is now*, \*  
and will be forever. *Amen*.

The antiphon is repeated.