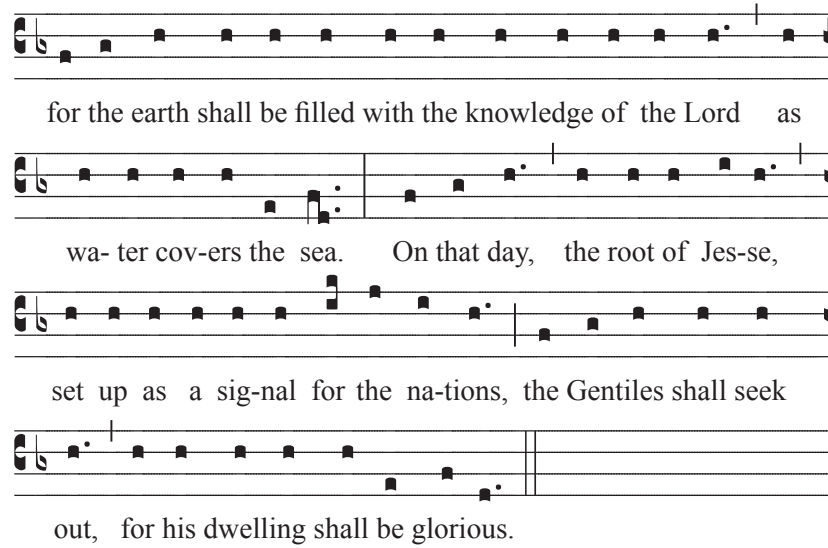


First Reading

F Rom the book of the Proph-et I- sai- ah.

Thus says the Lord God : A shoot shall sprout from the stump of
 Jes-se, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The Spir- it
 of the Lord shall rest up- on him : a spir- it of wis- dom and of
 un- derstanding, a spir- it of counsel and of strength, a spir- it
 of knowledge and of fear of the Lord, and his delight shall be
 the fear of the Lord. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor
 by hearsay shall he de- cide, But he shall judge the poor with
 jus- tice, and de- cide a- right for the land's af- flict- ed. He

shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the
 breath of his lips he shall slay the wick- ed. Jus- tice shall be
 the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt up- on his hips.
 Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall
 lie down with the kid ; the calf and the young li- on shall browse
 to- geth- er, with a lit- tle child to guide them. The cow and the
 bear shall be neighbors, to- geth- er their young shall rest ; the
 li- on shall eat hay like the ox. The ba- by shall play by the
 co- bra's den, and the child lay his hand on the ad- der's lair.
 There shall be no harm or ru- in on all my ho- ly mountain ;

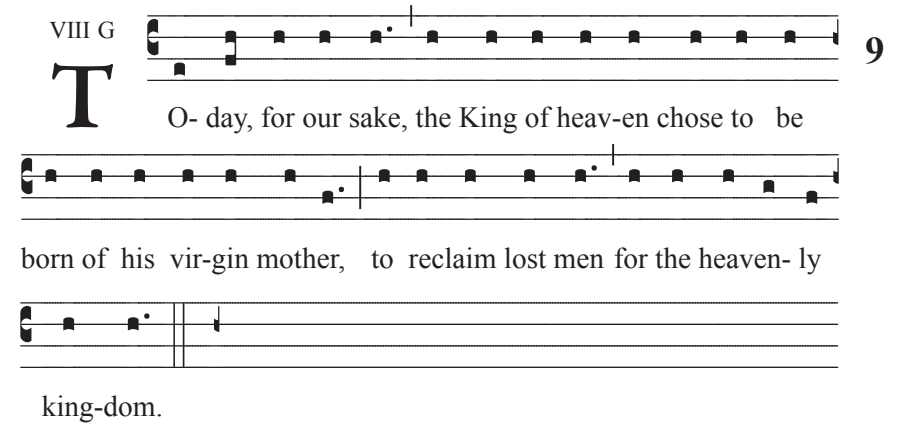


for the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as
 wa- ter cov-ers the sea. On that day, the root of Jes-se,
 set up as a sig-nal for the na-tions, the Gentiles shall seek
 out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

Tone for the First Reading of Christmas Vigils taken from a manuscript of the monastery of Maria Einsiedeln, as given in *Laudes Festivae: Lectionarium et Cantuarium pro Diversitate Temporum et Festum*, edited by P. Beatus Reiser, O.S.B., Typis Polyglottis Vaticanis, 1932. Cantilation of the English text arranged by Fr. Samuel F. Weber, O.S.B., Copyright © 2009 Saint Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, IN 47577-1010 U.S.A. All rights reserved.

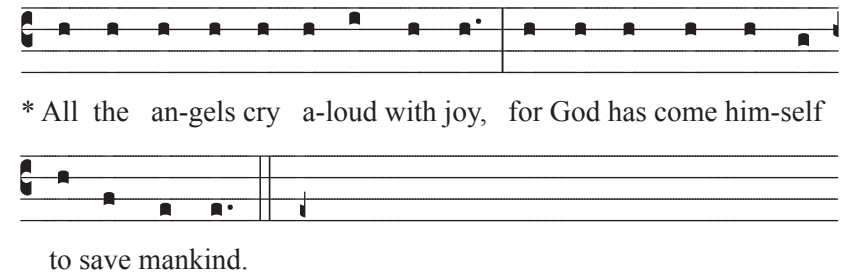
INSTITUTE OF SACRED MUSIC
 Archdiocese of Saint Louis
 5200 Glennon Drive
 St. Louis, MO 63119-4330
 weber@kenrick.edu

Cantor :



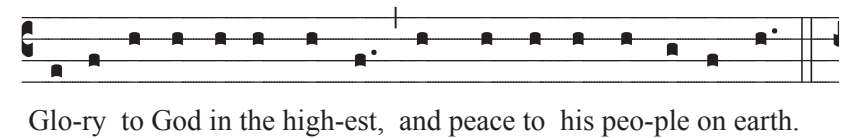
VIII G **T** O- day, for our sake, the King of heav-en chose to be
 born of his vir-gin mother, to reclaim lost men for the heaven-ly
 king-dom.

Congregation :



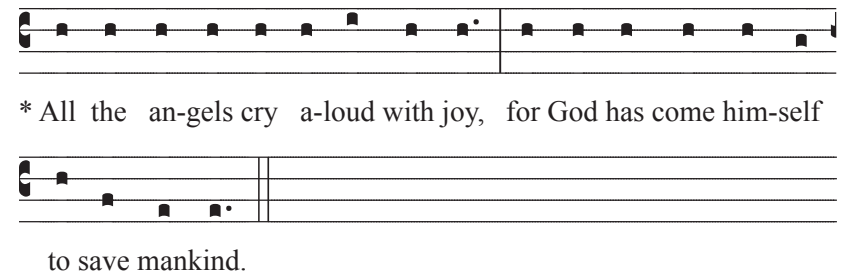
* All the an-gels cry a-loud with joy, for God has come him-self
 to save mankind.

Cantor :



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Congregation :



* All the an-gels cry a-loud with joy, for God has come him-self
 to save mankind.