

in- to my rest.” (R̃)

♩ 6

G LO- 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. (R̃)

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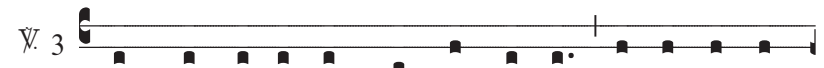
AT VIGILS



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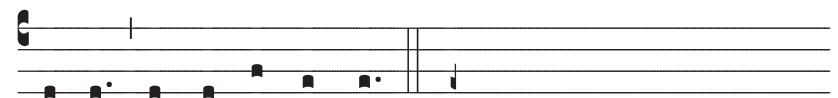
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Come, then, let us bow down and worship, bending the knee



before the Lord, our mak-er. For he is our God and we are his



peo-ple, the flock he shepherds. (R̥)



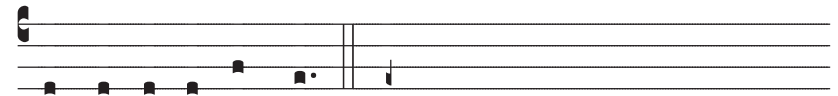
TO-day, lis-ten to the voice of the Lord: Do not grow stub-



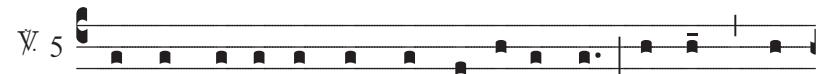
born, as your fathers did in the wild-er-ness, when at Mer-i-ba



and Mas-sah they challenged me and provoked me, although they



had seen all of my works. (R̥)



FOR-ty years I endured that gen-er-a-tion. I said, “They



are a peo-ple whose hearts go a-stray and they do not know



my ways.” So I swore in my an-ger, “They shall not en-ter

Invitatory. IV g

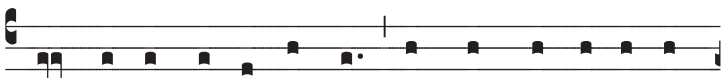
Cantor :


19 **C**  Hrist is born to us : Come, let us a-dore him.

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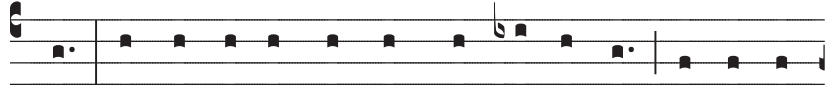
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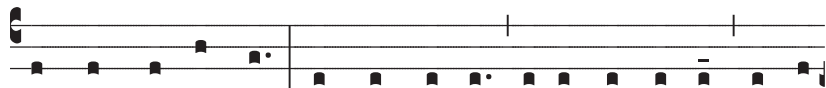
V. 1


C  Ome, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the

Lord who saves us. Let us approach him with praise and thanks-
 giv-ing and sing joy-ful songs to the Lord. (R̄)

V. 2 

T HE Lord is God, the might-y God, the great king o-ver all


gods. He holds in his hands the depths of the earth and the high-


est mountains as well. He made the sea ; it belongs to him, the dry
 land, too, for it was formed by his hands. (R̄)

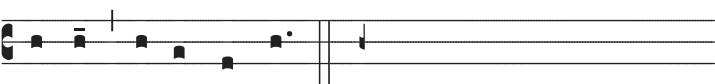
NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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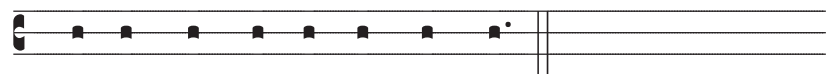
Opening Verse

STAND

Celebrant :

O  Lord, o-pen my lips. I

Congregation :

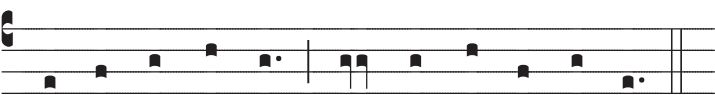


R̄ And my mouth will proclaim your praise.

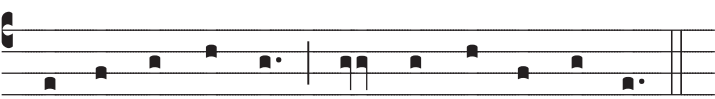
Invitatory. IV g

Cantor verses p. 26

Cantor :

C  Hrist is born to us : Come, let us a-dore him. 2

Congregation :

C  Hrist is born to us : Come, let us a-dore him.

Psalm 94

Cantor :

Come, let us sing to the Lord
 and shout with joy to the Rock who saves us.
 Let us approach him with praise and thanksgiving
 and sing joyful songs to the Lord.

Congregation :



C Hrist is born to us : Come, let us a-dore him.

Cantor :

The Lord is God, the mighty God,
the great king over all the gods.
He holds in his hands the depths of the earth
and the highest mountains as well.
He made the sea ; it belongs to him,
the dry land, too, for it was formed by his hands.

Congregation :




C Hrist is born to us : Come, let us a-dore him.

Cantor :

Come, then, let us bow down and worship,
bending the knee before the Lord, our maker.
For he is our God and we are his people,
the flock he shepherds.

Congregation :



C Hrist is born to us : Come, let us a-dore him.

Cantor :

Today, listen to the voice of the Lord :
Do not grow stubborn, as your fathers did in the wilderness,
when at Meriba and Massah
they challenged me and provoked me,
although they had seen all of my works.

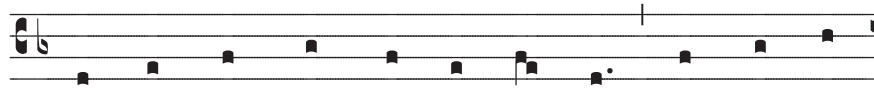
Prayer

STAND 18

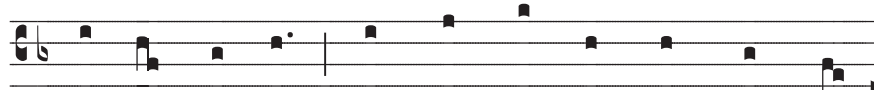
God our Father, every year we rejoice as we look forward to this feast of our salvation. * May we welcome Christ as our Redeemer, and meet him with confidence when he comes to be our judge, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, * one God, for ever and ever. *R.* Amen.

After the clergy retire to the sacristy and vest, Midnight Mass will commence with a hymn led by the choir.

For verse 5 below, the cantor begins Christ, to thee with God the Father, and the congregation continues And, O Holy Ghost, to thee.



4. O ye heights of heav'n a-dore him; An- gel hosts,
5. Christ, to thee with God the Fa- ther, And, O Ho-



4. his prais- es sing; Pow'rs, do- min- ions, bow be- fore
5. ly Ghost, to thee, Hymn and chant and high thanks- giv-



4. him, And ex- tol our God and King: Let no tongue
5. ing, And un- wear- ied prais- es be, Hon- or, glo-



4. on earth be si- lent, Ev'- ry voice in con- cert
5. ry, and do- min- ion, And e- ter- nal vic- to-



4. ring, Ev- er- more and ev- er- more.
5. ry, Ev- er- more and ev- er- more. A- men.

Congregation :



Christ is born to us : Come, let us a- dore him.

Cantor :

Forty years I endured that generation.
I said, " They are a people whose hearts go astray
and they do not know my ways. "
So I swore in my anger,
" They shall not enter into my rest. "

Congregation :



Christ is born to us : Come, let us a- dore him.

Cantor :

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit :
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

Congregation :



Christ is born to us : Come, let us a- dore him.

3 STAND

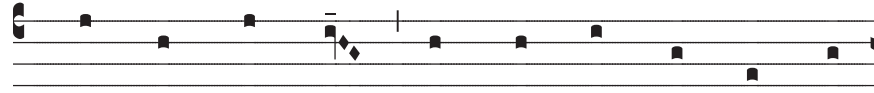
Hymn. I

Candor æternæ Deitatis alme

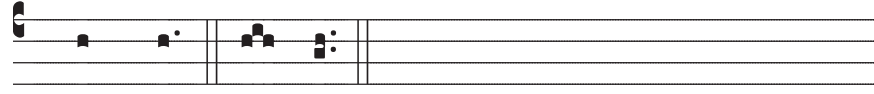
1. E-ter-nal glo-ry and true Light, Christ Je-
2. The choirs of an-gels sing to earth A mes-
3. O ten-der Babe, who rule the world, Born of
4. You came to o-pen heav-en's gate, As one
5. U-nit-ing with the an-gels' hymn, In joy



1. sus, born in- to our world, You come to heal
2. sage nev-er heard be-fore: All glo-ry be
3. the sin-less Vir-gin pure, May you in-deed
4. of us and tru-ly Man, Re-new and draw
5. we gath-er here to raise, To Fa-ther, Son



1. the wounds of men, Sal-va-tion's gate and life
2. to God on high, And to our race be peace
3. win ev'-ry heart, Most wor-thy of our ar-
4. our hearts to you And bind them fast with bonds
5. and Spir-it blest, Our lov-ing hymns of thanks

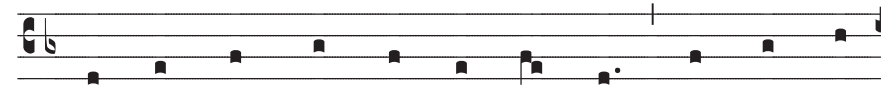


1. for all.
2. and joy.
3. dent love.
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5. and praise. A- men.

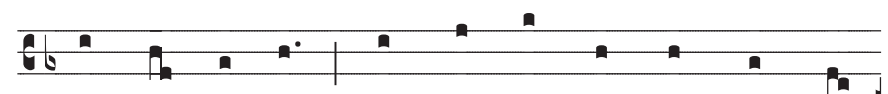
After the Gospel Reading, in place of the Te Deum, this hymn may be sung. The cantor sings the odd numbered verses; the congregation sings the even numbered verses:

Of the Father's Love Begotten

STAND 17

Corde natus ex Parentis. Mode V

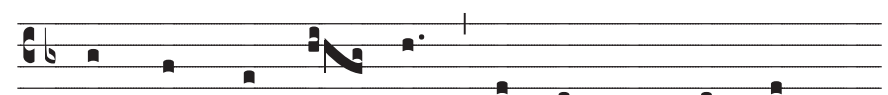
1. Of the Fa-ther's love be-got-ten Ere the worlds
2. O that birth for ev-er bless-ed! When the Vir-
3. This is he who Seers in old time Chant-ed of



1. be-gan to be, He is Al-pha and O-me-
2. gin, full of grace, By the Ho-ly Ghost con-ceil-
3. with one ac-cord; Whom the voic-es of the proph-



1. ga, He the source, the end-ing he, Of the things
2. ing Bare the Sav-ior of our race, And the Babe,
3. ets Prom-ised in their faith-ful word; Now he shines,



1. that are, that have been, And that fu-ture years shall
2. the world's Re-deem-er, First re-vealed his sa-cred
3. the long-ex-pect-ed: Let cre-a-tion praise its



1. see, Ev-er-more and ev-er-more.
2. face, Ev-er-more and ev-er-more.
3. Lord, Ev-er-more and ev-er-more.

nostri, Dó-mi- ne, mi-se- ré-re nostri. Fi- at mise-ri-córdi-a tu-a,
 Dómine, su-per nos, quemádmodum spe-rá- vimus in te. In te,
 Dó-mi-ne, spe-rá- vi: non confún-dar in æ-tér- num.

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as we have hoped in thee. O Lord, in thee have I hoped, let me not be confounded forever.

I Nocturn

Cantor :

SIT

I Ant.
VII d

T

HE Lord said to me: *You are my Son, to- day

4

I have be- got-ten you.

VII d

I Ant. The Lord said to me : / You *are my Son*, *
today I have begotten *you*.

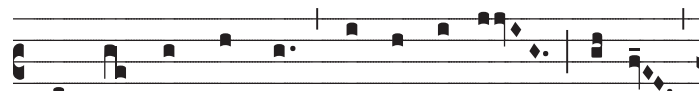
Psalm 2

Cantor : *odd numbered verses* ; congregation : *even numbered verses*

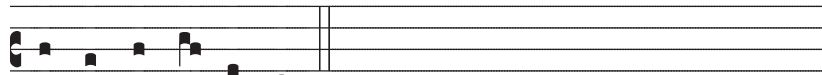
1. Why this tumult *among nations*, *
among peoples this *useless murmuring*.
2. They arise, the kings *of the earth*, *
princes plot against the Lord and his *Anointed*.
3. “ Come, let us *break their fetters*, *
come, let us cast off *their yoke*. ”
4. He who sits in the *heavens laughs* ; *
the Lord is laughing them *to scorn*.
5. Then he will speak *in his anger*, *
his rage will strike them *with terror*.
6. “ It is I who have set *up my king* *
on Zion, my *holy mountain*. ”
7. I will announce the decree of the Lord : /
The Lord said to me, / “ You *are my Son*. *
It is I who have begotten you *this day*.
8. Ask and I shall bequeath *you the nations*, *
put the ends of the earth in your *possession*.
9. With a rod of iron *you will break* them, *
shatter them like a *potter’s jar*. ”

10. Now, O kings, *understand*, *
take warning, rulers of *the earth*,
11. serve the *Lord with awe* *
and trembling, pay him *your homage*
12. lest he be angry *and you perish* ; *
for suddenly his anger *will blaze*.
13. *Blessed are they* *
who put their trust *in God*.
14. Glory to the Father, and *to the Son*, *
and to the Holy *Spirit* :
15. as it was in the beginning, *is now*, *
and will be for ever. *Amen*.

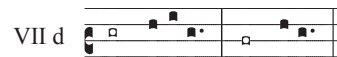
Cantor :

Anti-
phon

The Lord said to me : You are my Son, to-day



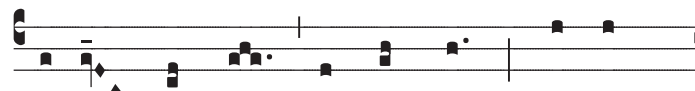
I have be- got-ten you.



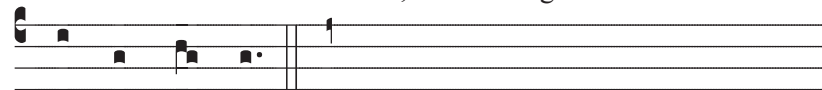
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Ant. The Lord said to me : / You are my Son, *
today I have begotten you.

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2 Ant.
VIII G

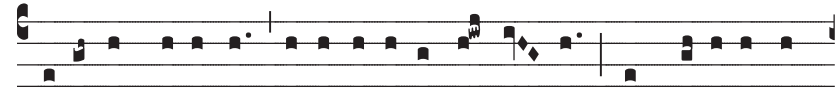
HE Lord comes forth, * the bridegroom from his



brid- al cham-ber.



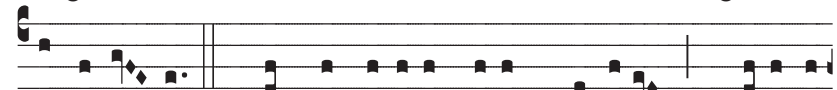
se- des, in gló-ri- a Patris. Judex cré-de-ris es-se ventú-rus.



Te ergo quæsumus, tu- is fâmu-lis súbve- ni, quos pre-ti- ó- so



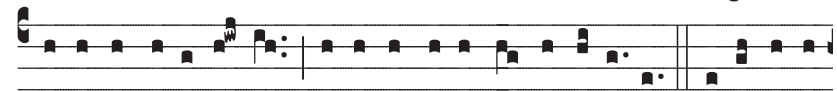
sángui-ne redemísti. Æ-térna fac cum sanctis tu- is in gló-ri- a

nume-rá- ri. Salvum fac pópulum tu-um, Dómine, et béne-dic

he-re-di-tá-ti tu- æ. Et re-ge e- os, et extól-le il-los usque in



æ-tér- num. Per síngu-los di- es, bene-dí-cimus te. Et laudámus

nomen tu-um in sæ-cu- lum, et in sæ-cu-lum sæcu-li. Digná-re,Dómi-ne, di- e i-sto si-ne peccá-to nos custodí-re. Mi-se-ré-re

of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge. We pray thee, therefore, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy Precious Blood. Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine inheritance. Govern them and lift them up forever. Day by day we bless thee. And we praise thy Name forever, yea for ever and ever. Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day to keep us without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

nume-rus: Te Marty-rum candi-da-tus laudat ex-erci- tus.

Te per orbem ter-ra-rum sancta con-fi- te- tur Eccle- si- a:

Pa-trem imménsæ ma- jestá- tis: Ve-ne-rándum tu-um ve-rum,

et ú-ni-cum Fí- li- um: San-ctum quoque Pa- rá- cli- tum

Spí-ri- tum. Tu Rex gló- ri- æ, Chri- ste. Tu Patris sempi-tér-nus

es Fí- li- us. Tu ad li-be-rándum susceptú-rus hó-mi- nem,

non horru-i-sti Vír-gi-nis ú-te-rum. Tu devícto mortis a-cú-le- o,

a-pe-ru-i-sti credéti-bus regna cæ-ló-rum. Tu ad dèxte-ram De-i

The white-robed army of martyrs praises thee. The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee, the Father of infinite majesty, thy adorable, true, and only Son. And the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. Thou art the King of glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father. Thou, having taken upon thee to deliver man, didst not disdain the Virgin's womb. When thou hadst overcome the sting of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand

VIII G

2 Ant. The Lord comes *forth, the bridegroom* *
from his *bridal chamber*.

Cantor : *odd numbered verses ; congregation : even numbered verses*

Psalm 18 A

1. The heavens proclaim the glory of **God** *
and the firmament shows forth the work of *his hands*.
2. Day unto day takes *up the story* *
and night unto night makes *known the message*.
3. No speech, no word, no voice is heard /
yet their span extends through *all the earth*, *
their words to the utmost bounds of *the world*.
4. There he has placed a tent for the sun ; /
it comes forth like a bridegroom coming *from his tent*, *
rejoices like a champion to *run its course*.
5. At the end of the sky is the rising of the sun ; /
to the furthest end of the sky *is its course*. *
There is nothing concealed from its *burning heat*.
6. Glory to the Father, and *to the Son*, *
and to the *Holy Spirit* :
7. as it was in the beginning, *is now*, *
and will be for ever. *Amen*.

Cantor :

Anti-
phon

The Lord comes forth, the bridegroom from his

brid- al cham-ber.

VIII G

Ant. The Lord comes *forth, the bridegroom* *
from his *bridal chamber*.

6

3 Ant.
1 f

Y

Our words are filled with grace, * because God has

blessed you for ev- er

1 f

3 Ant. Your words are *filled with grace*, *
because God has blessed you *for ever*.*Cantor : odd numbered verses ; congregation : even numbered verses*

Psalm 44

1. My heart overflows with noble words. /
To the king I must speak the song *I have made* ; *
my tongue as nimble as the pen of a **scribe**.
2. You are the fairest of the children of men /
and graciousness is poured *upon your lips* : *
because God has blessed you for *evermore*.
3. O mighty one, gird your sword upon your thigh ; /
in splendor and state, ride *on in triumph* *
for the cause of truth and goodness *and right*.
4. Take aim with your bow in your dread right hand. /
Your arrows are sharp : / peoples *fall beneath* you. *
The foes of the king fall down and *lose heart*.
5. Your throne, O God, shall endure for ever. /
A scepter of justice is the scepter *of your kingdom*. *
Your love is for justice ; / your hatred *for evil*.
6. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you /
with the oil of gladness above *other kings* : *
your robes are fragrant with aloes *and myrrh*.
7. From the ivory palace you are greeted with music. /
The daughters of kings are *among your loved ones*. *
On your right stands the queen in gold *of Ophir*.
8. Listen, O daughter, give ear *to my words* : *
forget your own people and your *father's house*.

Te Deum Laudamus

STAND

Hymn. III & IV

*The celebrant intones to the *. The cantor continues. The congregation sings the parts that are underlined.*

T E De- um laudá-mus : * te Dómi-num confi-té- mur. Te
æ-térnum Patrem omnis terra vene-rá- tur. Ti- bi omnes An-
ge- li, ti-bi Cæ-li et u-nivérsæ Po-testá- tes: Ti-bi Ché-ru-
bim et Sé-ra-phim incessá-bi- li vo-ce proclá- mant: Sanctus :
Sanctus: San-ctus Dómi-nus De- us Sá-ba- oth. Ple-ni sunt
cæ-li et terra majestá-tis gló-ri- æ tu- æ. Te gló-ri- o-sus

16

Aposto-ló-rum cho- rus: Te Prophe- tá- rum laudá-bi- lis

We praise thee, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting. To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein. To thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory. The glorious choir of apostles praises thee. The admirable company of prophets praises thee.

15 STAND **A Reading from the Holy Gospel**
According to Matthew

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet : *Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel*, which means “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

9. So will the king *desire your beauty* : *
he is your lord, pay homage *to him*.
10. And the people of Tyre shall *come with gifts*, *
the richest of the people shall seek *your favor*.
11. The daughter of the king is *clothed with splendor*, *
her robes embroidered with pearls set *in gold*.
12. She is led to the king with her maiden companions. /
They are escorted amid *gladness and joy* ; *
they pass within the palace of *the king*.
13. Sons shall be yours in place *of your fathers* : *
you will make them princes over all *the earth*.
14. May this song make your name for *ever remembered*. *
May the peoples praise you from age *to age*.
15. Glory to the Father, and *to the Son*, *
and to the *Holy Spirit* :
16. as it was in the *beginning, is now*, *
and will be for ever. *Amen*.

Cantor :

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phon

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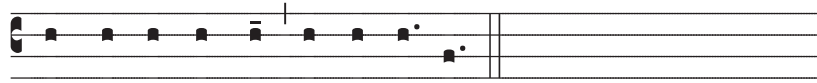
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Cantor :

The Word was made man, al- le- lu- ia.

Congregation :



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Isaiah 40 : 1-8

Cantor : odd numbered verses ; congregation : even numbered verses

1. Comfort, give comfort *to my people*, *
says *your God*.
2. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and *proclaim to her* *
that her service is at an end, / her guilt is *expiated* ;
3. indeed, she has received from the hand *of the Lord* *
double for all *her sins*.
4. A voice cries out : /
In the desert prepare the way *of the Lord* ! *
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for *our God* !
5. Every valley shall be *filled in*, *
every mountain and hill shall be *made low* ;
6. The rugged land shall be *made a plain*, *
the rough country a *broad valley*.
7. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, /
and all mankind shall see *it together* ; *
for the mouth of the Lord *has spoken*.
8. A voice says, “ *Cry out* ! ” *
I answer, / “ What shall I *cry out* ? ”

Responsory

SIT

Cantor : SIT

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.

12 SIT

Second Reading

From a Sermon by Saint Leo the Great, Pope

Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness.

No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all. Let the saint rejoice as he sees the palm of victory at hand. Let the sinner be glad as he receives the offer of forgiveness. Let the pagan take courage as he is summoned to life.

In the fullness of time, chosen in the unfathomable depths of God's wisdom, the Son of God took for himself our common humanity in order to reconcile it with its creator. He came to overthrow the devil, the origin of death, in that very nature by which he had overthrown mankind.

And so at the birth of our Lord the angels sing in joy: *Glory to God in the highest*, and they proclaim *peace to his people on earth* as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built from all the nations of the world. When the angels on high are so exultant at this marvelous work of God's goodness, what joy should it not bring to the lowly hearts of men?

Beloved, let us give thanks to God the Father, through his Son, in the Holy Spirit, because in his great love for us he took pity on us, and when we were dead in our sins he brought us to life with Christ, so that in him we might be a new creation. Let us throw off our old nature and all its ways and, as we have come to birth in Christ, let us renounce the works of the flesh.

Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom.

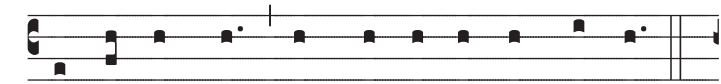
Through the sacrament of baptism you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not drive away so great a guest by evil conduct and become again a slave to the devil, for your liberty was bought by the blood of Christ.

Responsory

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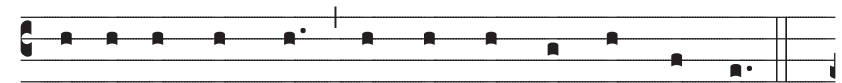
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O-day true peace came down to us from heav-en.

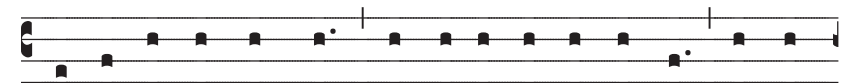
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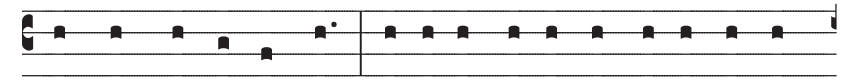


To-day the whole earth was filled with heav-en's sweetness.

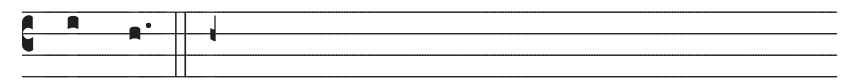
Cantor :



To-day a new day dawns, the day of our redemption, prepared

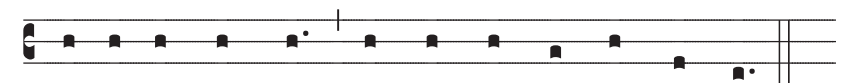


by God from a- ges past, the beginning of our nev-er end-ing



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Congregation :



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