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On the Birthday of One Virgin not a Martyr.

On the Birthday of Many Virgins.

Antiphons of the blessed Virgin Mary.

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¶ *On the Birthday of
One Virgin and Martyr.*

At j. Vespers.

On the ferial Psalms.

Hec est virgo prudens.

Ant.

I.v.



His is a wise virgin, * who, at the bridegroom's
com-ing, made ready her lamps : and went in with the Lord
unto the mar-ri- age. S. A. E.

Ferial Psalms.

Chapter. Ecclesiasticus lj. 13.

Lord, my God, thou hast exalted my dwelling place upon the earth, and I have prayed for	deliverance from death. <i>R.</i> Thanks be to God.
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R. The Kingdom of the this world. (ix.) [1142].

On the Birthday of One Virgin and Martyr.

¶ This melody is sung on Feasts of ix. Lessons at j. Vespers throughout the whole year on this Hymn.

Virginis proles.

Hymn.
I.



On of a Virgin, * Ma-ker of thy mother, Thou, Rod

and Blossom from a stem unstain-ed, Now while a virgin

fair of fame we honour, Hear our de-votion ! 2. Lo, on thy

handmaid fell a two-fold blessing, Who, in her bo-dy

vanquishing the weakness, In that same body, grace from heav'n

obtaining, Bore the world witness. 3. Death, nor the rending

pains of death appalled her, Bondage and torment found her

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unde-feat-ed : So by the shedding of her life at-tained she
Heavenly guerdon. 4. Fountain of mercy, hear the prayers she
offers ; Purge our offences, pardon our transgres-sions,
So that here-after we to thee may render Praise with thanks-
giv-ing. 5. Thou, the All-Father, thou the One-Be-gotten,
Thou Ho-ly Spi-rit, Three in One co-e-qual, Glo-ry be hence-
forth thine through all the a-ges, World without ending.
A-men.

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These three following melodies are used on all Feasts of ix. Lessons at Matins throughout the whole year on this Hymn.

Hymn.
VIII.



On of a Vir-gin, * Ma-ker of thy mother, Thou, Rod

and Blossom from a Stem unstained, Now while a vir-gin

fair of fame we honour, Hear our de-votion ! 2. Lo, on

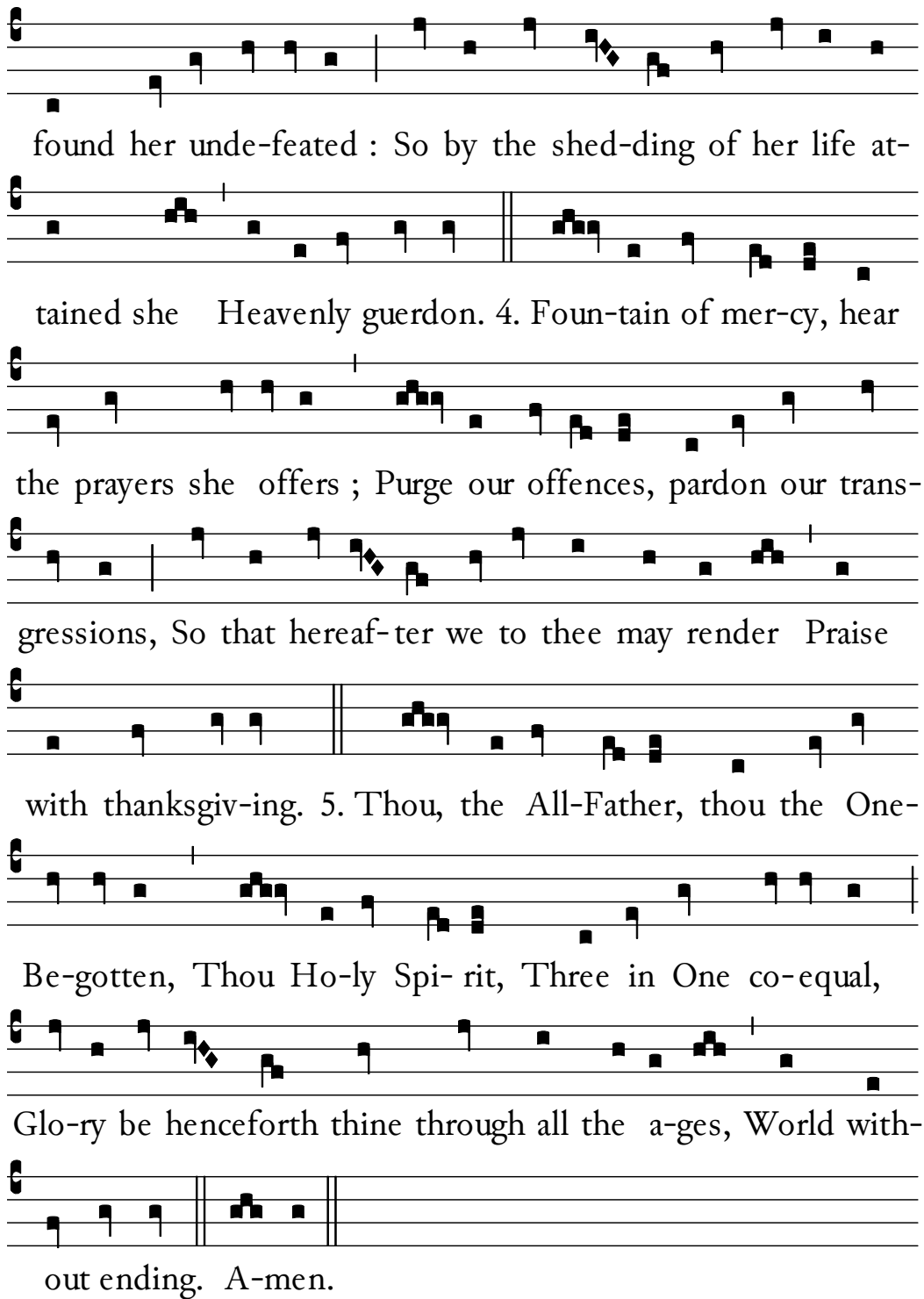
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Hymn.

I.



On of a Vir-gin, * Ma-ker of thy mother, Thou, Rod

and Blossom from a Stem unstain-ed, Now while a vir- gin

fair of fame we ho-nour, Hear our de-vo-tion ! 2. Lo, on thy

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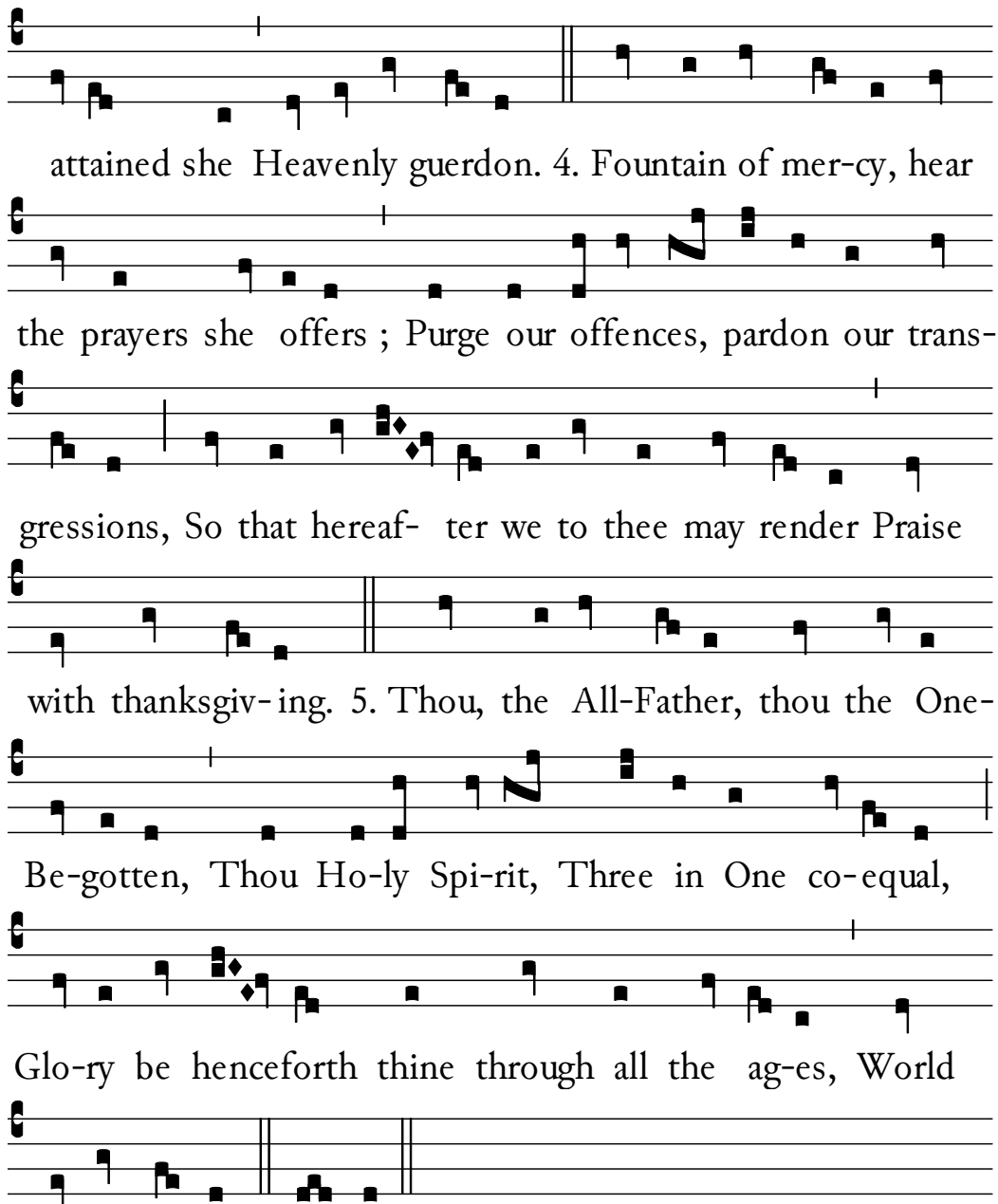
quishing the weakness, In that same bo- dy, grace from

heav'n obtain-ing, Bore the world wit-ness. 3. Death, nor

the rending pains of death appalled her, Bondage and torment


found her unde-feat-ed : So by the shed- ding of her life

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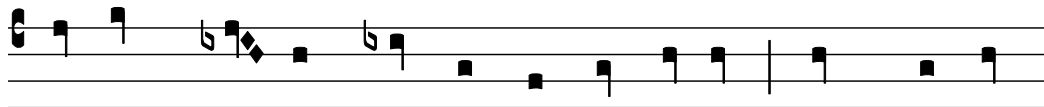
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Hymn.
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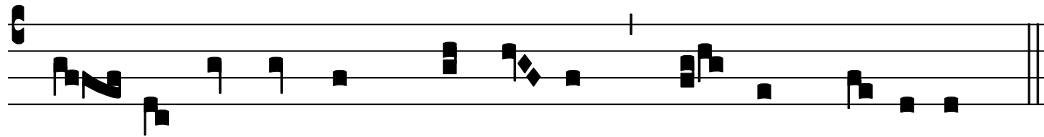


On of a Vir- gin, * Ma-ker of thy mother, Thou,

On the Birthday of One Virgin and Martyr.



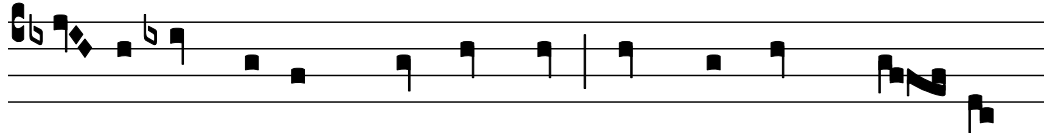
Rod and Blossom from a Stem unstained, Now while a



virgin fair of fame we honour, Hear our devotion!



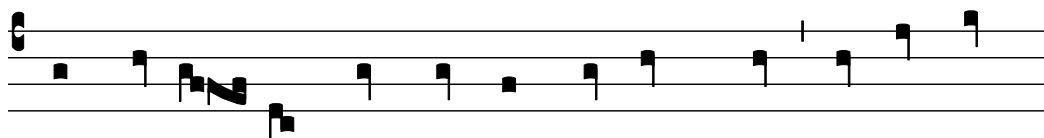
2. Lo, on thy hand-maid fell a two-fold blessing, Who, in her



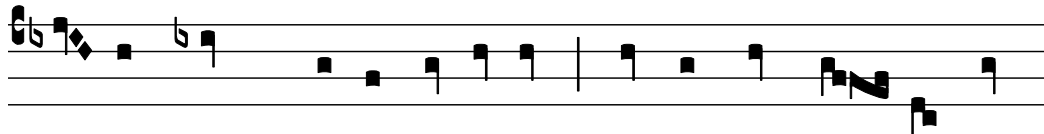
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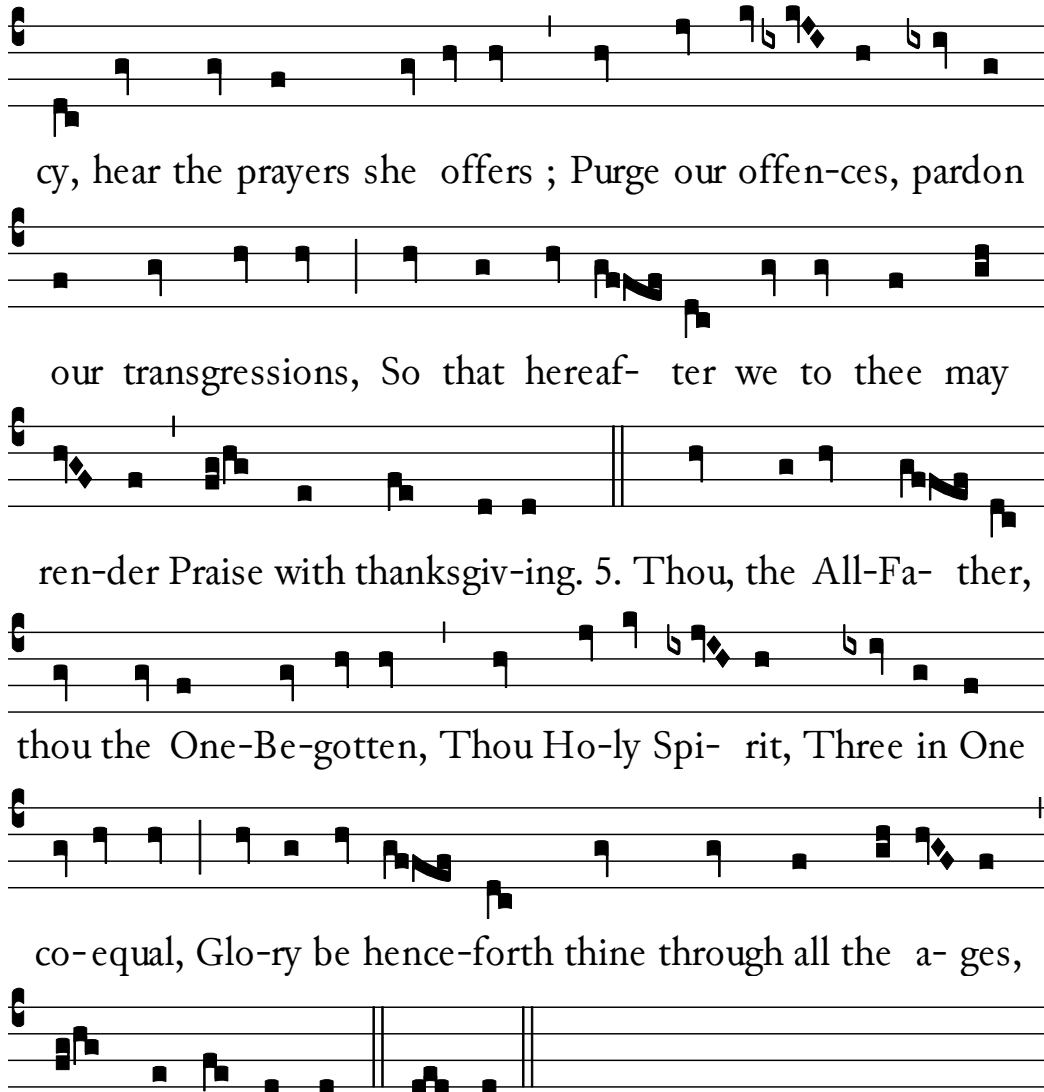


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her life attained she Hea-venly guerdon. 4. Fountain of mer-

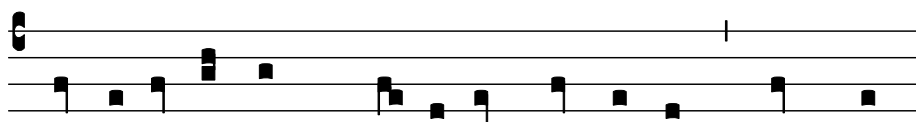
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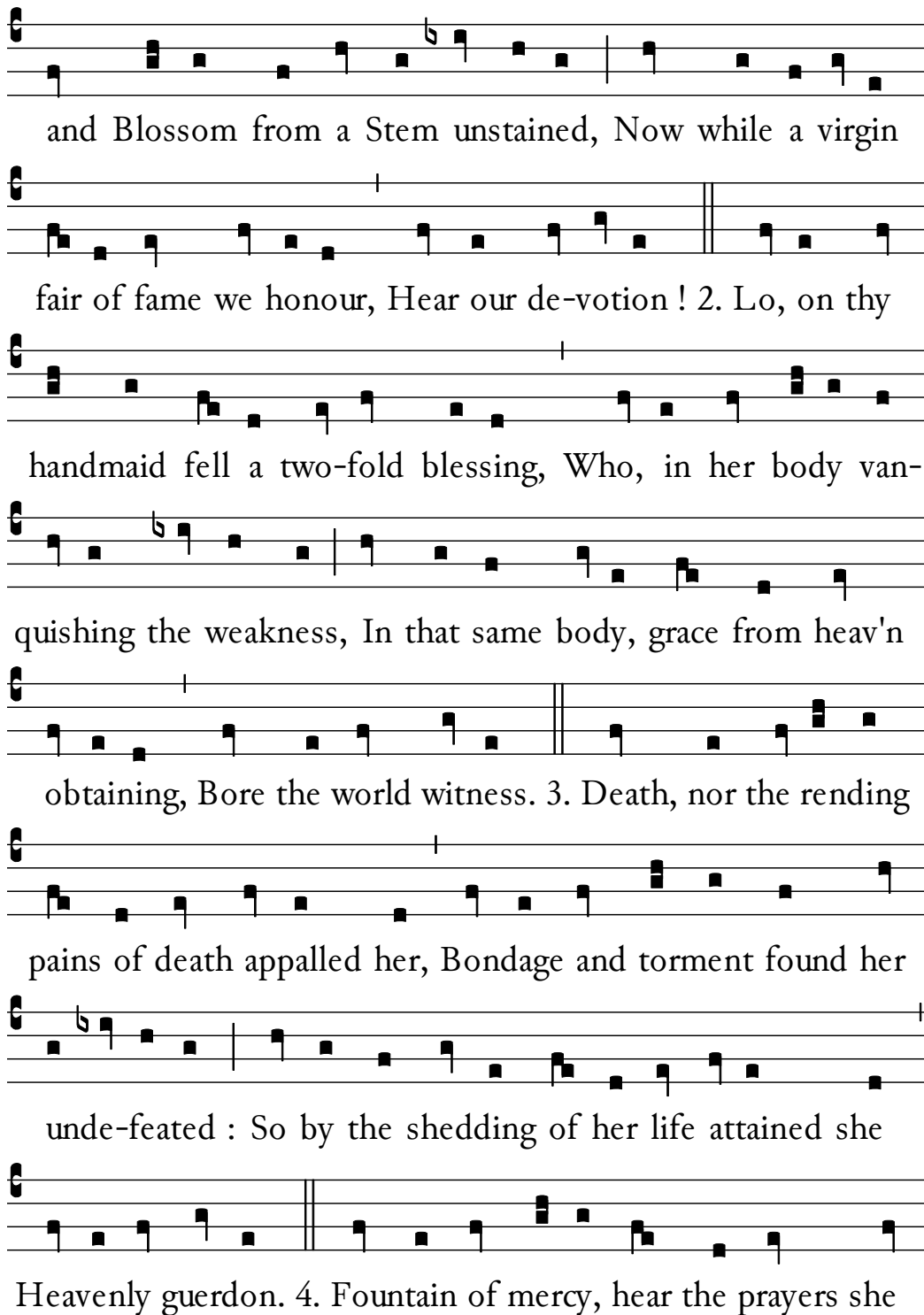
¶ *On Feasts of Three Lessons without Rulers of the Choir let this following melody be sung throughout the whole year at Vespers and at Matins on this Hymn.*

Hymn.
IV.

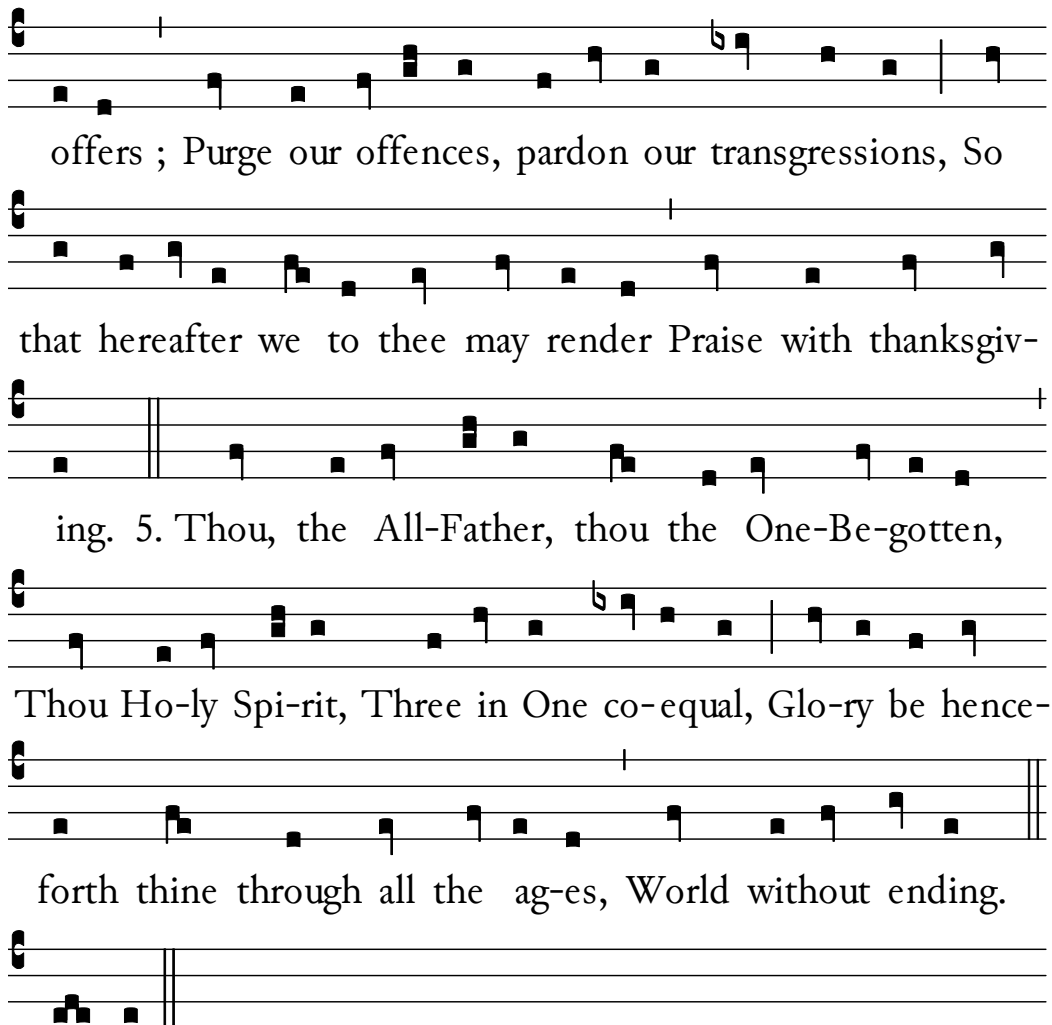
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Thou Ho-ly Spi-rit, Three in One co-equal, Glo-ry be hence-
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A-men.

℣. Full of grace are thy lips.

℟. Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever. *Let the Response be made privately.*

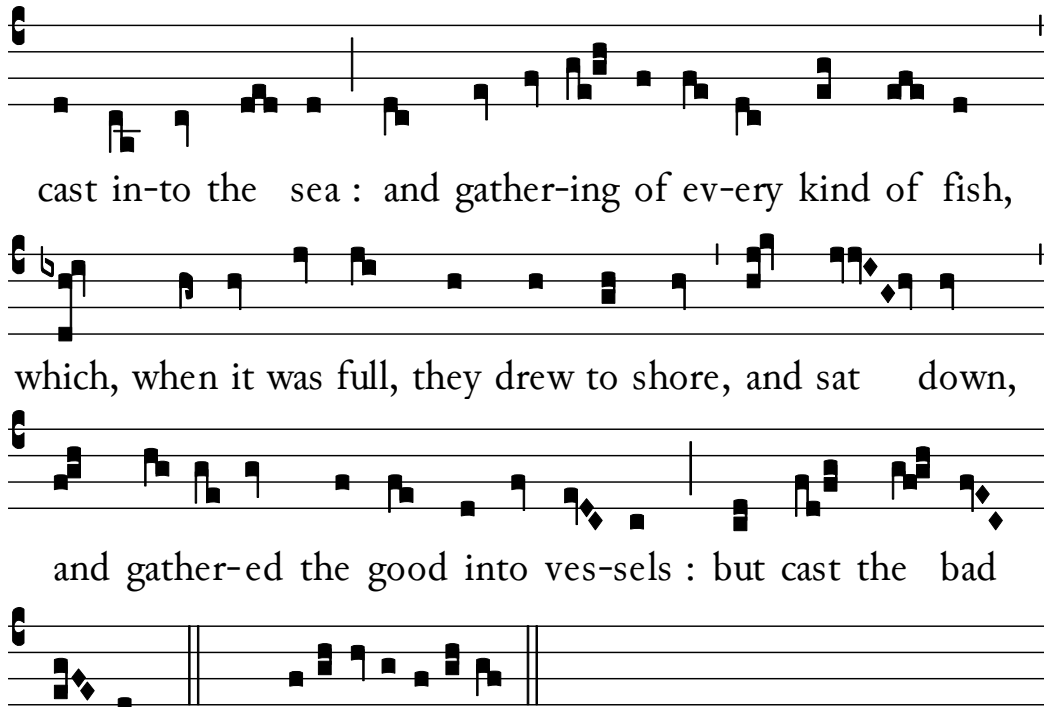
Simile est regnum celorum sagene.

Ant.
I.ii.



T He kingdom of hea-ven * is like unto a net that was

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cast in-to the sea : and gather-ing of ev-ery kind of fish,
which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down,
and gather-ed the good into ves-sels : but cast the bad
a-way. *Ps.* My soul doth magnify. 53*.

Prayer.

Hear us, O God of our salvation :
that as we rejoice in the festival
of blessed *N.* thy virgin and martyr :
so we may be instructed in the
affection of pious devotion. Through

Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who
liveth and reigneth with thee in the
unity of the Holy Ghost, one God,
world without end. *R.* Amen.

Or this Prayer.

May blessed *N.* thy virgin and
martyr, O Lord, implore
pardon for us : who hath ever been
pleasing to thee, both by the merit of
chastity and the profession of thy

power. Through Jesus Christ thy
Son our Lord, who liveth and
reigneth with thee in the unity of the
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end. *R.* Amen.

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¶ *At Matins.*

On Feasts of ix. Lessons only.

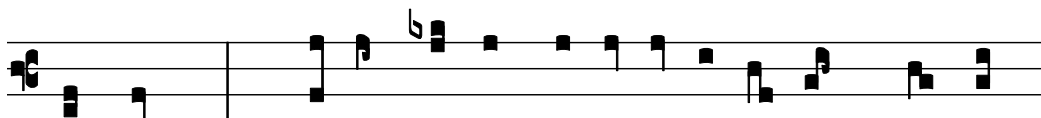
Christum venerantes Deum.

Invit.

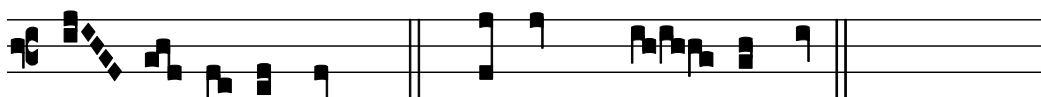
I.



Ene-ra-ting Christ, * let us worship God, the King



of kings. †Who in heaven to N. gave this day



the e-ternal palm. Ps. O come, let us sing. 4*.

On Feasts of ix. Lessons or iij. when there is a Double Invitatory.

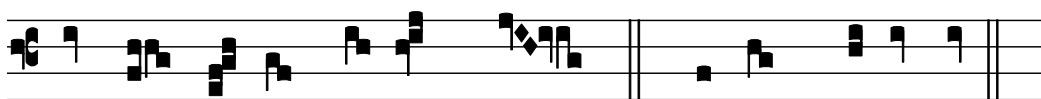
Agnum sponsum virginum.

Invit.

IV.i.



He Lamb, * the Spouse of vir-gins. †O come, let us



worship the Lord Je-sus Christ. Ps. O come, let us sing. 13*.

On Feasts of iij. Lessons when the Invitatory is Simple.

Regem virginum Dominum.

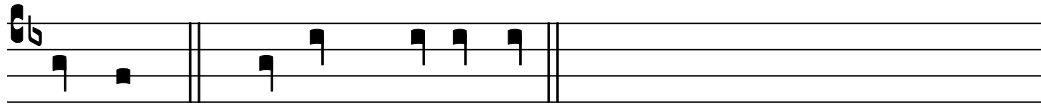
Invit.

VI.iii.



He Lord, the King * of virgins. †O come, let us

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worship. *Ps.* O come, let us sing. 36*.

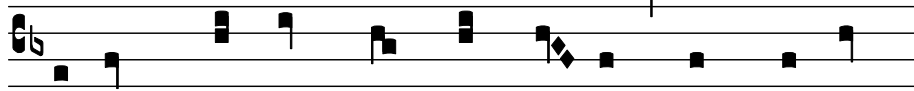
Hymn. Son of a Virgin. [1054].

¶ *In the j. Nocturn.*

Ante thorum hujus virginis.

1. Ant.

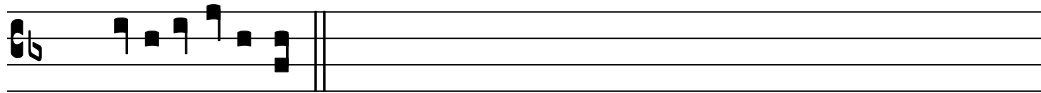
IV.v.



E-fore the bed * of this Vir- gin sing for us



a- gain and a- gain the sweet songs of the drama.

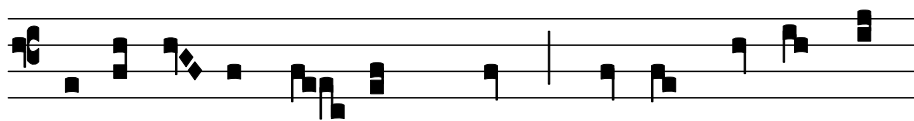


Ps. O Lord our Governor. (8.) [24].

Sicut lilium inter spinas.

2. Ant.

II.i.



S a li- ly * a- mong thorns, so is my love a-

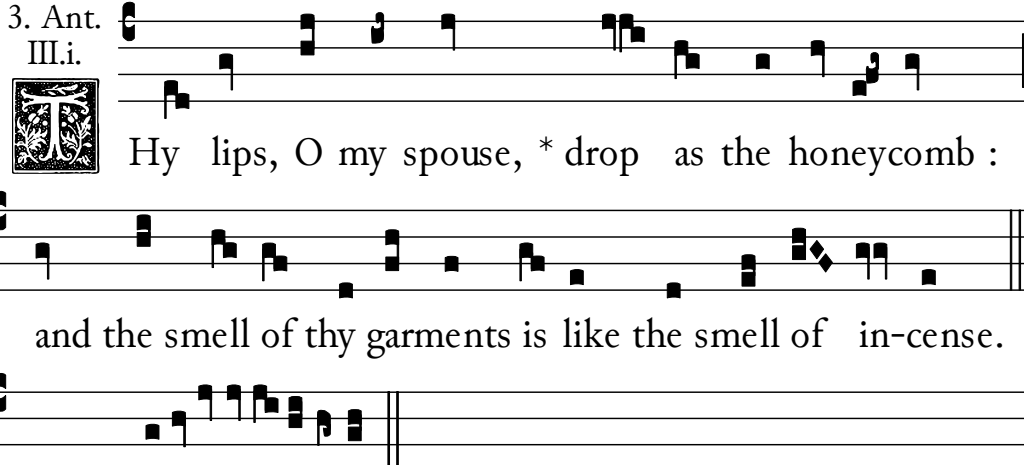


mong the daughters. *Ps.* The heavens declare. (19./xviiij.) [41].

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Favus distillans labia tua.

3. Ant.
III.i.



Hy lips, O my spouse, * drop as the honeycomb :

and the smell of thy garments is like the smell of in-cense.

Ps. The earth is the Lord's. (24./xxij.) [III].

∅. Full of grace are thy lips.

℞. Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever. *Let the Response be made privately.*

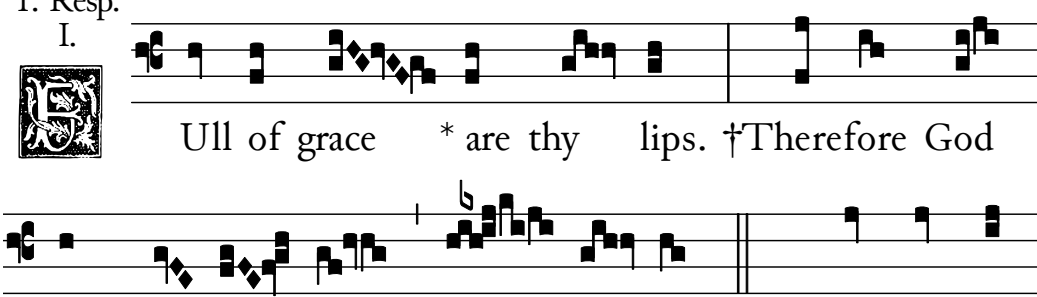
Lesson j. From Ambrose concerning Virginity, Book j. excerpts.

Being that today is the birthday of a virgin : it is fitting that something be said concerning virginity. For the spotless Lord, hath mercifully consecrated to himself a spotless maiden, even in this body of

humanity reckoned full of the taint of frailty. On the birthday of a virgin : let us strive for chastity. On the birthday of Saint *N.* let men be amazed : let virgins not despair. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Diffusa est gratia.

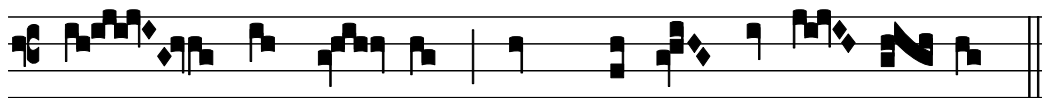
1. Resp.
I.



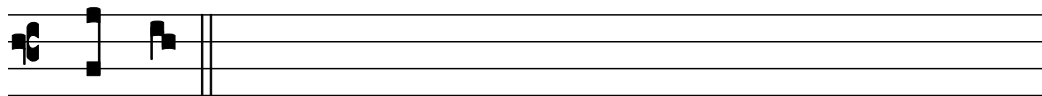
Full of grace * are thy lips. †Therefore God

hath bles-sed thee for ev- er. ∅. Thou hast lov-

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ed righteousness : and ha-ted i-ni-qui-ty.



†Therefore.

Lesson ij.

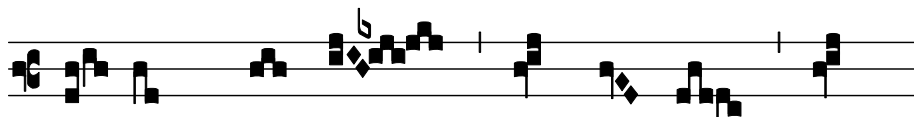
FOr virginity is not therefore praiseworthy because it is found in martyrs, but because itself maketh martyrs. For who can comprehend that by human understanding which not even nature hath included in her laws ? Virginity hath brought from heaven that which it may imitate on earth. And not unfittingly hath she

sought her manner of life from heaven : who hath found for herself a Spouse in heaven. Now I, who have not undertaken to praise but to set forth virginity, yet think it to the purpose to make known its country and its parent. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

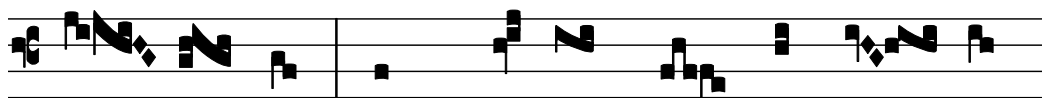
Propter veritatem.

2. Resp.

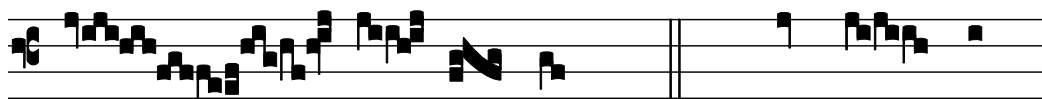
I.



E- cause * of truth, of meekness, and

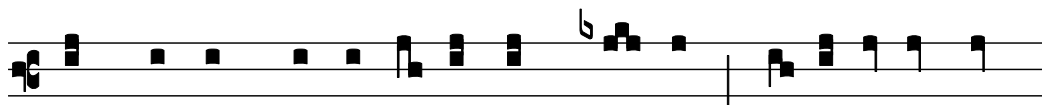


right- eousness. †And thy right hand shall teach thee

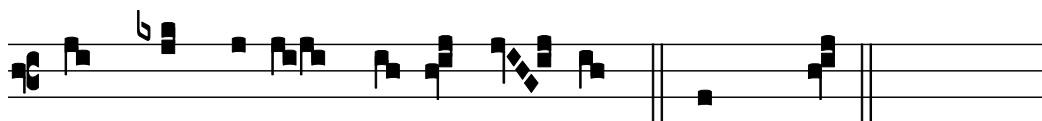


ter- ri- ble things. ⁊. Hearken, O

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daughter, and consi-der, incline thine ear : forget also thine



own people, and thy fa-ther's house. †And thy.

Lesson iij.

First, let us settle where is its country. Now, if one's country be there where is the home of one's birth, without doubt heaven is the native country of chastity. And so she is a stranger here, but a denizen there. And what is virginal chastity but purity free from stain ? And whom can we reckon to be its author

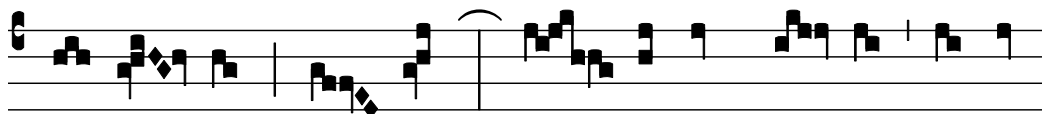
but the immaculate Son of God, whose flesh saw no corruption, whose divinity experienced no infection ? Consider then, how great are the merits of virginity. Christ was before the Virgin : Christ was from the Virgin. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Dilexisti justiciam.

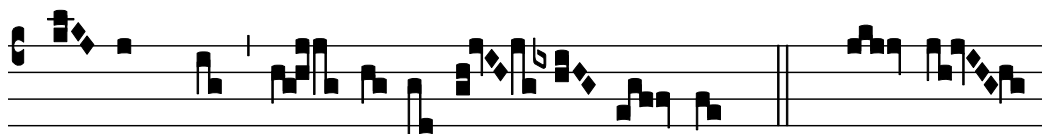
3. Resp.
III.



Hou hast lov-ed * righteous-ness, and ha-ted i-

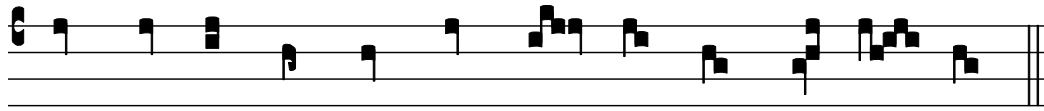


ni-qui-ty : where-fore. †God, e-ven thy God, hath a-



nointed thee with the oil of glad-ness. ⁊. Be-cause

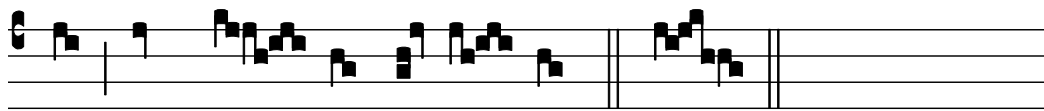
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of the word of truth, of meek-ness, and righteousness.



†God. ⁊. Glo- ry be to the Father, and to the

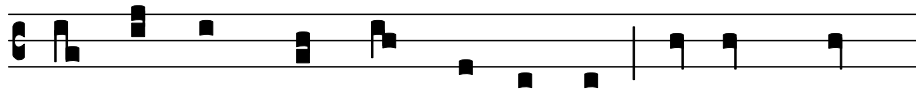


Son : and to the Ho-ly Ghost. †God.

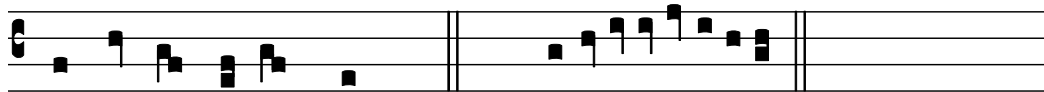
¶ *In the second Nocturn.*

Specie tua et pulchritudine tua.

4 Ant.
VII.ii.



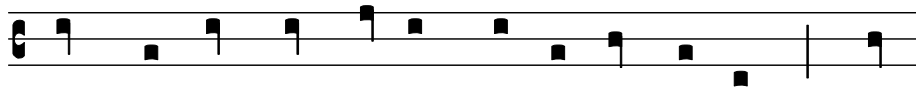
N thy grace * and in thy beauty : go forth, ride



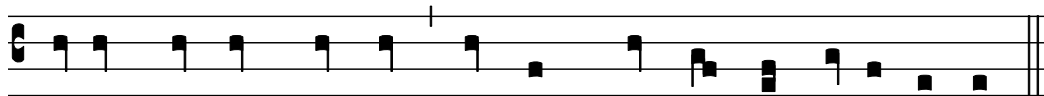
prosper-ously and reign. *Ps. My heart is inditing. (45./xliiij.)*
[259].

Adjuvabit eam.

5. Ant.
VII.ii.

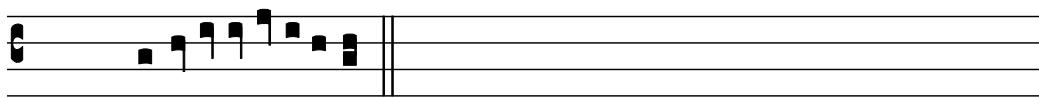


Od shall give her the help * of his counte-nance : God



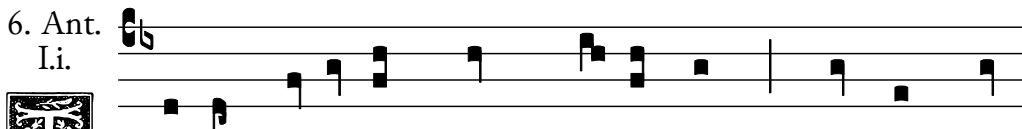
is in the midst of her, therefore she shall not be remov-ed.

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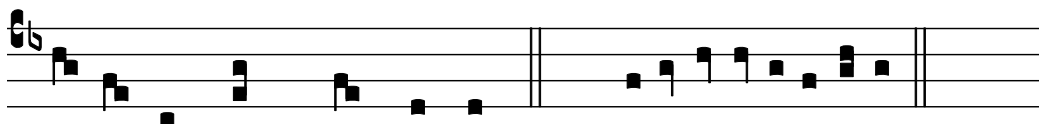


Ps. God is our hope. (46./xlvi.) [260].

Unguentum effusum.



Hy name is as ointment * poured forth : therefore do



the vir-gins love thee greatly. Ps. Her foundations. (87./lxxxvij.)
[329].

℣. In thy grace, and in thy beauty.

℟. Go forth, ride prosperously, and reign. *Let the Response be made privately.*

Lesson iiij.

CHrist was the bridegroom of virgins before the Virgin was : and the same was born of a Virgin. Begotten indeed of the Father before the worlds : but born again of the Virgin for the sake of the world. The former was of his own nature, the latter is for our benefit. The former

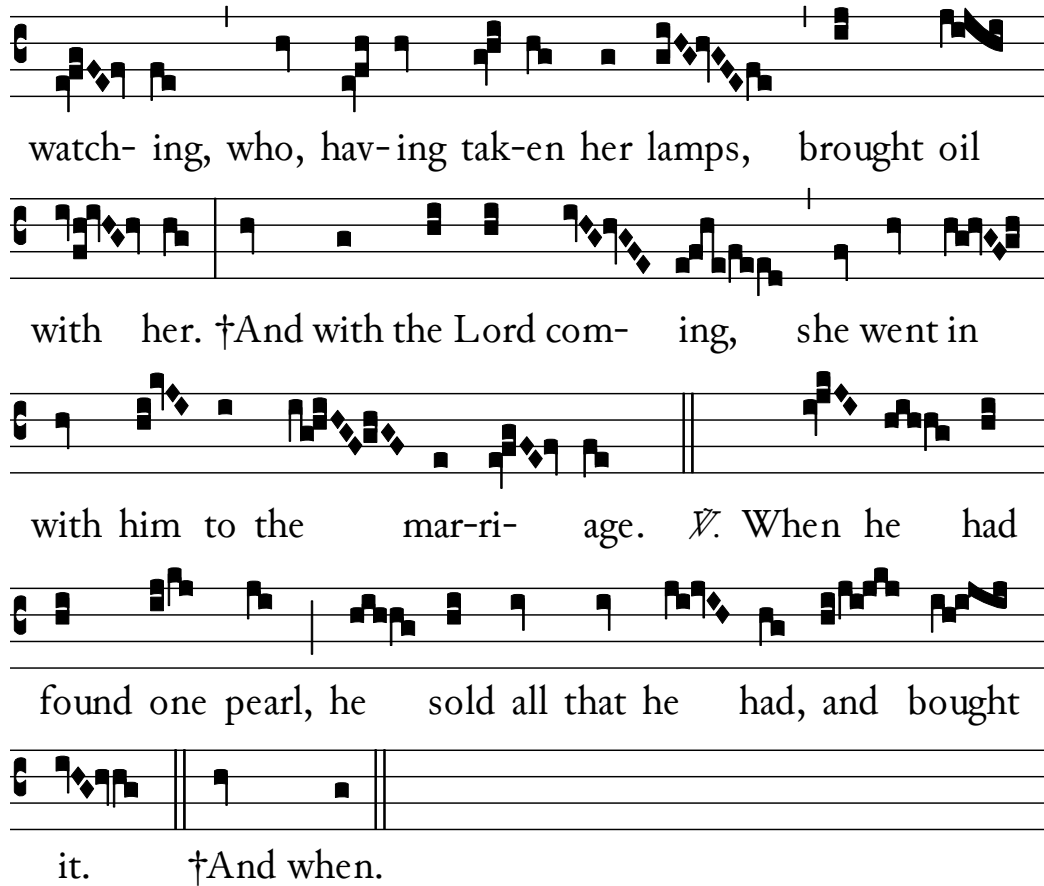
always was, the latter he willed. Observe too another merit of virginity. Christ is the spouse of the Virgin, and if one may so say : Christ is of virginal chastity. For virginity is of Christ : by no means is Christ of virginity. But thou, O Lord, hav mercy upon us.

Hec est virgo sapiens.



His is * a wise vir- gin, whom the Lord found

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watch- ing, who, hav- ing tak- en her lamps, brought oil
with her. †And with the Lord com- ing, she went in
with him to the mar- ri- age. ✂. When he had
found one pearl, he sold all that he had, and bought
it. †And when.

Lesson v.

S He is, then, the Virgin who was espoused, the Virgin which carried us within the womb. The Virgin which brought forth : the Virgin which nourished with her own milk. But let us now descend from the mother to the daughters. Concerning virgins, saith the holy Apostle : I have no commandment of the Lord. If the teacher of the

Gentiles had none : who is able to have ? And indeed he had no commandment : but he had an example. For virginity cannot be commanded : but must be desired. Holy Mother Church is immaculate in union : but fruitful in bearing. She is a virgin in chastity : she is a mother in offspring. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

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II *Of a Virgin and Martyr.*

Veni sponsa Christi.

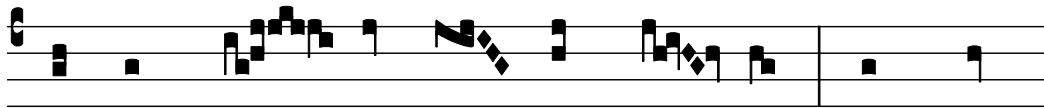
5. Resp.
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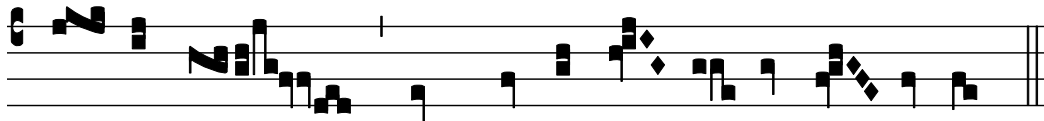
Come, thou bride * of Christ, re-ceive the



crown which the Lord hath pre-par- ed for thee ; for



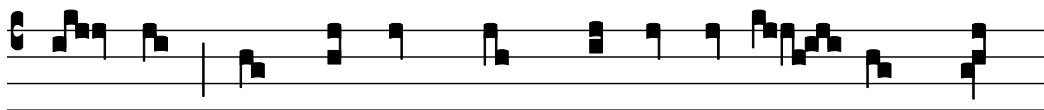
love of whom thou didst shed thy blood. †And with



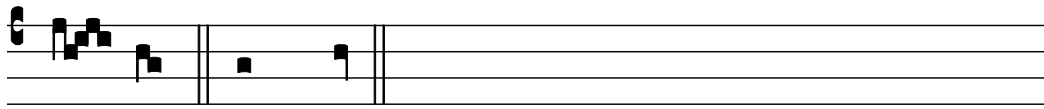
the angels thou shalt enter in-to pa- ra-dise.



∞. Come, my chos- en one, and I will set my throne



in thee : for the King hath greatly de-sir- ed thy



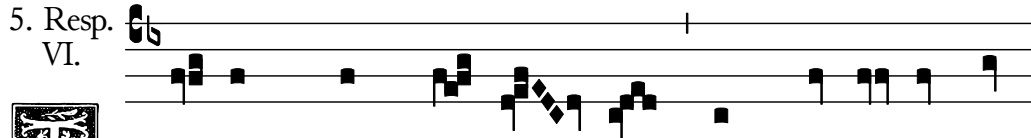
beau-ty. †And with.

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Of a Virgin not a Martyr.

Induit me Dominus.

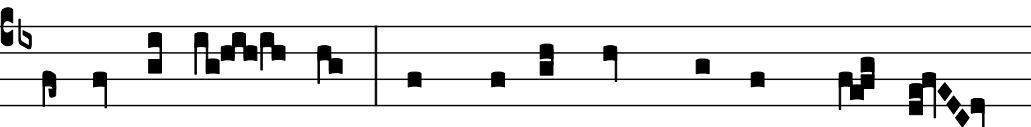
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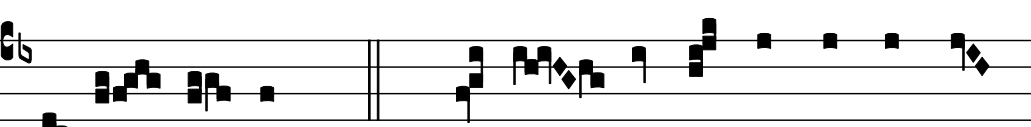
T He Lord * hath clo-thed me with the garment of



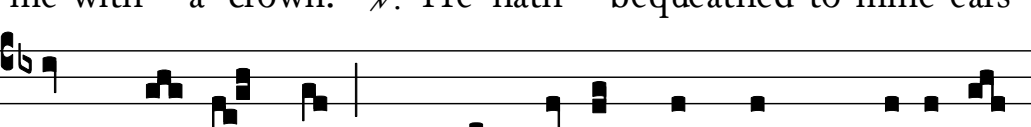
sal- va- tion, and with a robe of joy- ful- ness hath



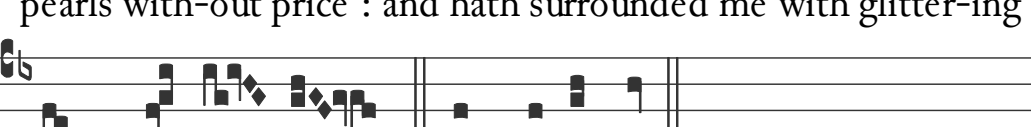
he cov-er-ed me. †And as a bride he hath deck-ed



me with a crown. ✂. He hath bequeathed to mine ears



pearls with-out price : and hath surrounded me with glitter-ing



and sparkling gems. †And as a bride.

Lesson vj.

virgin giveth us birth : not by a man but by the Spirit. A virgin giveth us birth, not with anguish of body : but with the rejoicing of angels. A virgin nourisheth us, not

by bodily milk, but by the Apostle : wherewith she nourished the tender age of the people who were still children. Virginity is a gift of God, the offering of a parent : the

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priesthood of chastity. A virgin is the offering of Mother Church : by whose daily sacrifice the divine wrath is appeased. A virgin is the Church : which chaste virgin the Apostle was eager to bestow upon Christ. A

virgin is the daughter of Zion. A virgin is that city of Jerusalem which is in heaven : in which nothing entereth that is common and impure. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Audi filia et vide.

6. Resp.

I.



Earken, O daughter, * and consi- der, incline

thine ear : forget also thine own peo-ple, and thy

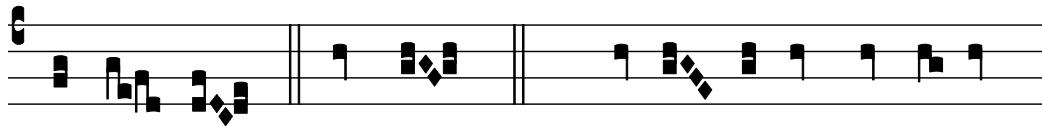
fa-ther's house : so shall the King have plea- sure in thy

beau- ty. †For he is the Lord thy

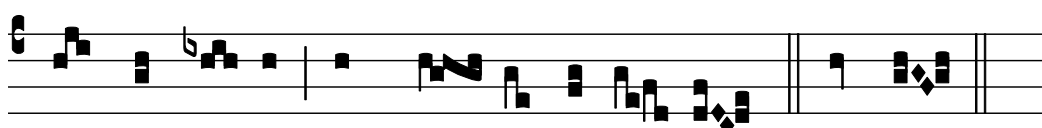
God. ✎. The Lord shall clothe thee with the garment of

salva- tion : and with the robe of joyful-ness shall he

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cov-er thee. †For he. ⁊. Glo-ry be to the Father,
and to the Son : and to the Ho-ly Ghost. †For he.



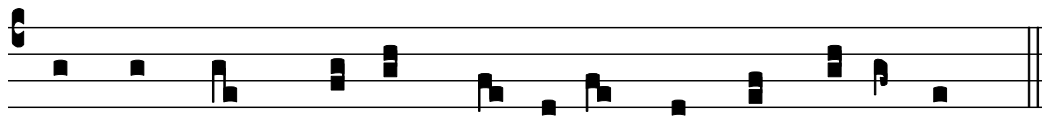
C *In the iij. Nocturn.*

Hec est que nescivit thorum.

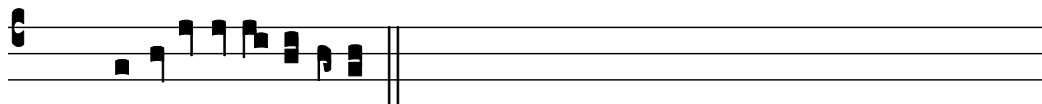
7. Ant.
III.i.



His is she * which hath not known the sinful bed :



she shall have fruit in the refreshment of ho-ly souls.



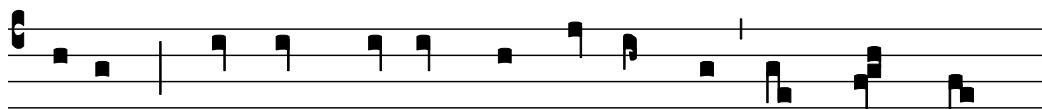
Ps. O sing unto the Lord. *j.* (96./xcv.) [338].

Nigra sum sed formosa.

8. Ant.
III.iv.



am black * but comely, O ye daughters of Je-ru-



sa-lem : therefore the King hath lov-ed me, and hath brought

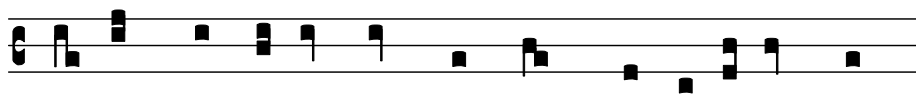
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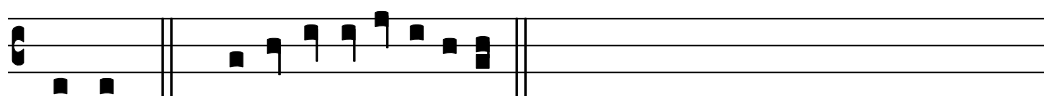
me into his chamber. *Ps.* The Lord is King. (97./xcvj.) [339].

O quam pulchra est casta.

9. Ant.
VII.ii.



how beauti-ful * is the chaste ge-ne-ration with



glo-ry. *Ps.* O sing unto the Lord. *ij.* (98./xcvij.) [350].

℣. God shall give her the help of his countenance. ℞. God is in the midst of her, therefore she shall not be removed. *Let the Response be made privately.*

The Gospel according to Matthew. xij. 44.

AT that time, Jesus said unto his disciples this parable. The kingdom of heaven is like unto a treasure hid in a field : the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. And that which followeth.

A Homily of Blessed Gregory, Pope.

(On the Gospels, Homily XI.)

WE say therefore, dearly beloved brethren, that the kingdom of heaven is like unto earthly things, that as a result of this the mind, having learned, may rise to what it

does not know which is unfamiliar : since by visible examples, by itself it may be transported to invisible <things>, and from that which it hath learned from experience, as if by rubbing it should grow heated, that by this it may learn to love <things> unknown. For behold the kingdom of heaven is compared to a treasure hidden in a field, the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Veni electa mea.

7. Resp.

II.



Ome, my chos- sen one, and I will set
my throne in thee. †For the King hath de- sir- ed
thy beauty. ✠. Hear-ken, O daughter, and consi-
der : and incline thine ear. †For the King.

Lesson viij.

IN this matter it is to be observed, that treasure once found is hidden that it be preserved, because it sufficeth not to guard the pursuit of heavenly delight from wicked spirits : if we hide it not from human praise. And indeed in this present life we are as it were upon a road : by which we proceed to the homeland. But wicked spirits, like robbers : lie in wait along the path. Now he desireth to be plundered : who carrieth treasure openly upon the road. Moreover, this I say, not that our neighbours should not see our works

: seeing that it hath been written, They may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven : but that by this which we do, we may not seek outward praise. But let our work be in the open, in such a way that the intention may remain hidden and that we may offer an example of good works to our neighbours : and yet as regards the intention whereby we seek to please God alone, let us always choose secrecy. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Pulchra facie.

8. Resp.
V.



Air in face, * but fair-er in faithful-ness, art thou,

O bles- sed vir- gin, in re-jecting the world. †Re-

joic- ing with the an- gels, inter-cede for

us all. ✠. In thy grace and in thy beauty.

†When thou shalt re- joice.

†Re- joic- ing.

Lesson ix.

He treasure moreover : is heavenly delight. The field, however, in which the treasure is hidden : is the discipline of the pursuit of heaven. Who in gaining the field selleth all, is compared to

one who renounceth earthly desires, crusheth all his desire through observing heavenly discipline : that now nothing should please which is alluring to the flesh, nothing which should destroy the bodily life should

recoil in fear from the spirit. Again, the kingdom of God is said to be like to a merchant, who seeketh goodly pearls : but findeth one of great price. Which evidently having found, selling all, he buyeth it, because whosoever knoweth perfectly admitteth the sweetness of heavenly life as much as possible : the same freely abandoneth all which he hath loved on earth. In comparison of the same all is become worthless, he abandoneth that he hath : he disperseth things accumulated. The mind is kindled towards heavenly things : nothing

earthly pleaseth. Whatsoever of earthly things was pleasing of sight appeareth loathesome : because only the brightness of the precious pearl gleameth in the mind. Of which love is rightly said by Solomon, Love is strong as death. Because evidently just as death destroyeth the body : so the love of eternal life cutteth off the love of material things. For it rendereth whom it hath perfectly engulfed : as if insensible to earthly desires from abroad. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Regnum mundi et omnem.

9. Resp.
V.

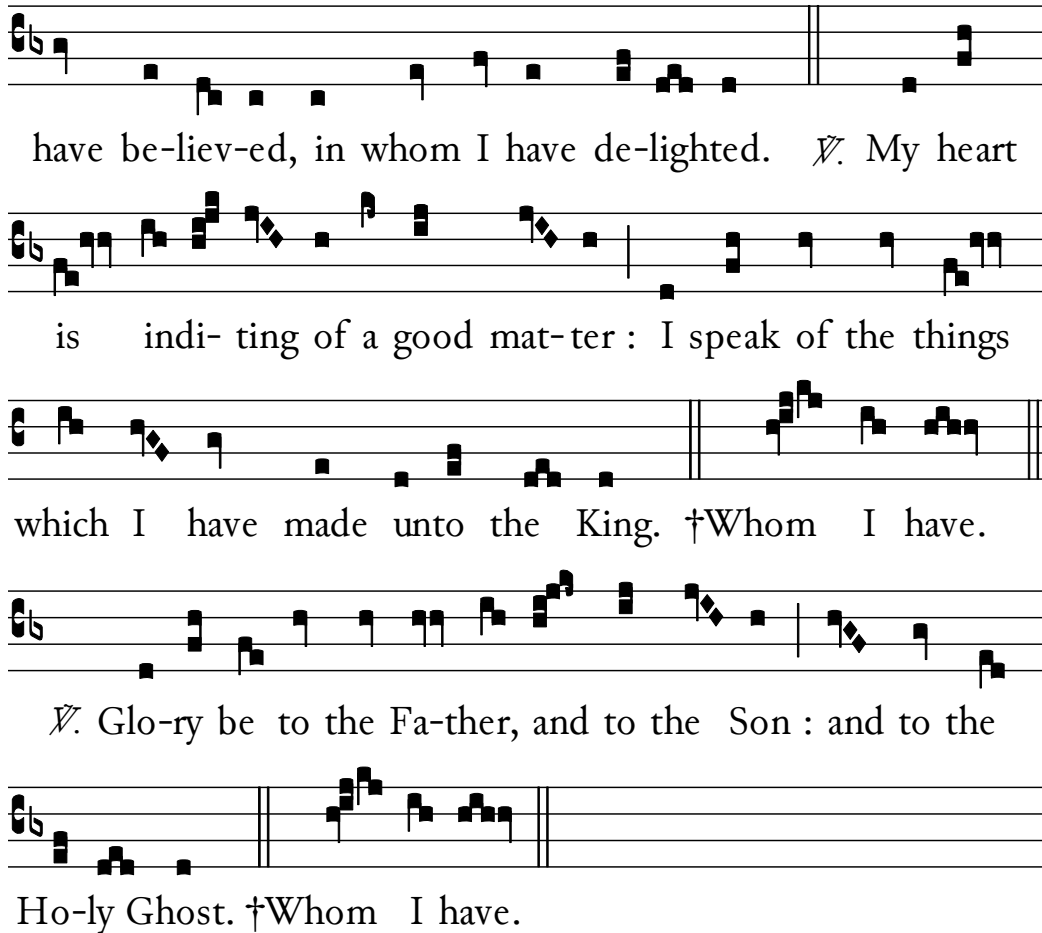


He kingdom of this world * and all its worldly or-

naments have I despis- ed for the love of my Lord Je-sus

Christ. †Whom I have seen, whom I have lov- ed, whom I

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have be-liev-ed, in whom I have de-lighted. *V.* My heart
is indi- ting of a good mat-ter : I speak of the things
which I have made unto the King. †Whom I have.
V. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son : and to the
Ho-ly Ghost. †Whom I have.

¶ *Before Lauds.*

¶ *On Feasts of ix. Lessons V.* Pray for us, O blessed N. *R.* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

¶ *On Feasts of iij. Lessons V.* In thy grace, and in thy beauty. *R.* Go forth, ride prosperously, and reign.

or

V. God shall give her the help of his countenance. *R.* God is in the midst of her, therefore she shall not be removed.

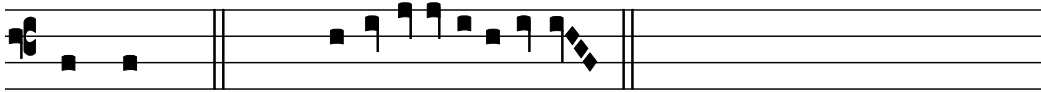
☩ *At Lauds.*

Hec est virgo sapiens quam Dominus.

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I.v.



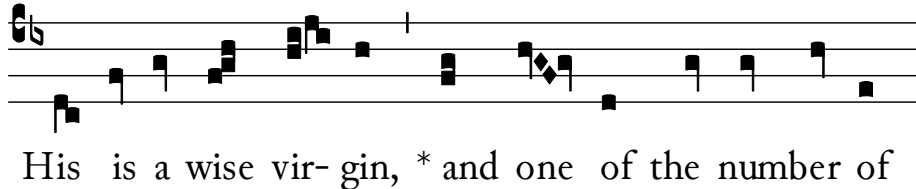
His is a wise virgin * whom the Lord found



watching. *Ps.* The Lord is King. (93./xcij.) [53].

Hec est virgo sapiens et una.

2. Ant.
I.i.



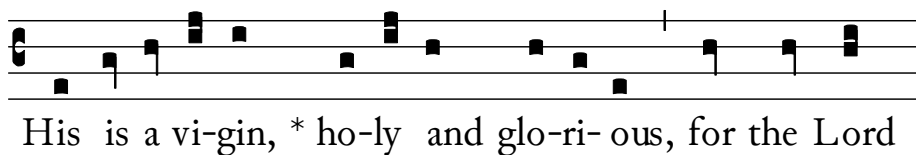
His is a wise vir- gin, * and one of the number of



the pru- dent. *Ps.* O be joyful. (100./xcix.) [54].

Hec est virgo sancta.

3. Ant.
VII.i.



His is a vi- gin, * ho- ly and glo- ri- ous, for the Lord



of all hath lov- ed her. *Ps.* O God, thou art. (63. & 67./lxij.
& lxvj.) [55].

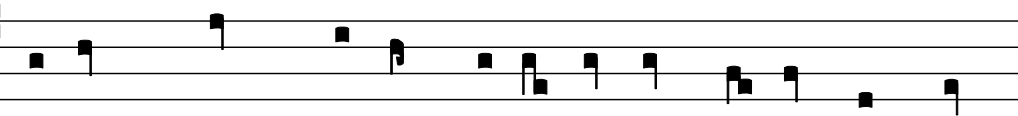
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Benedico te Pater.

4. Ant.
VIII.i.



bleſs thee, O Father * of my Lord Jeſus Chriſt :



be-cause through thy Son the fire of tempta-tion hath been



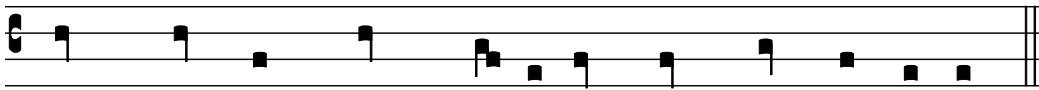
extinguished. *Ps.* O all ye works. (*Daniel iij.*) [56].

Veni sponsa Christi.

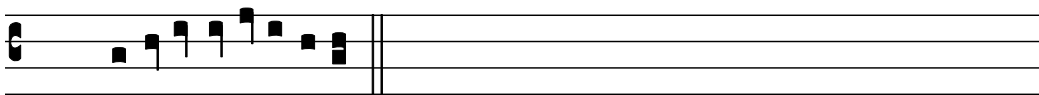
5. Ant.
VII.ii.



Ome, thou bride of Chriſt, * re-ceive the crown



which the Lord hath pre-par-ed for thee for ev-er.



Ps. O praise the Lord. (148-150.) [58].

Chapter. Ecclesiasticus lj. 13.



Lord, my God, thou haſt
exalted my dwelling place upon
the earth, and I have prayed for

deliverance from death. *R̄.* Thanks
be to God.

*Let this melody be sung on Feaſts of ix. Leſſons outside of Eaſtertide and Chriſtmastide
on this Hymn.*

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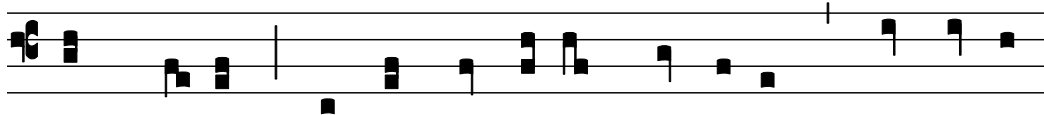
Jesu corona virginum.

Hymn.

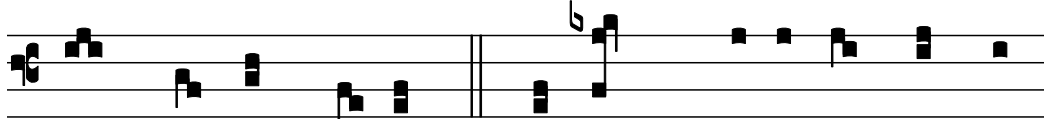
II.



E-su, the Virgins' Crown, do thou * Accept us as in



prayer we bow ; Born of that Virgin whom a-lone The Mother



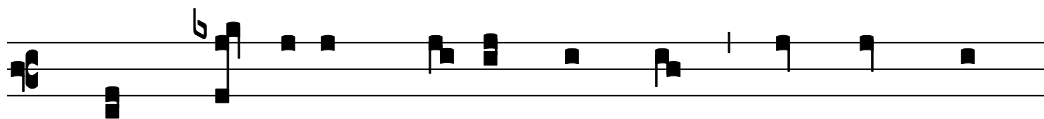
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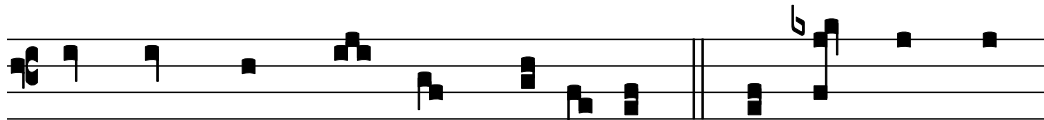
the spotless brides Whose bri-dal gifts thy love pro-vides.



3. They, whereso-e'er thy footsteps bend, With hymns and

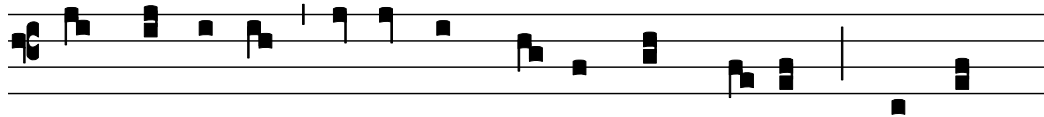


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With dance, and song, and me-lo-dy. 4. We pray thee there-

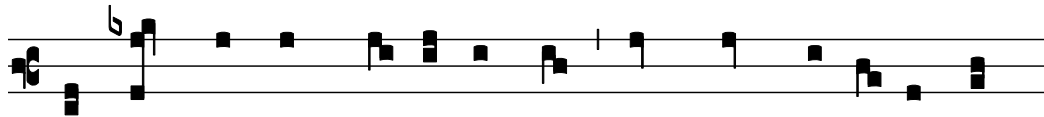
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fore to bestow Upon our senses here be-low Thy grace,



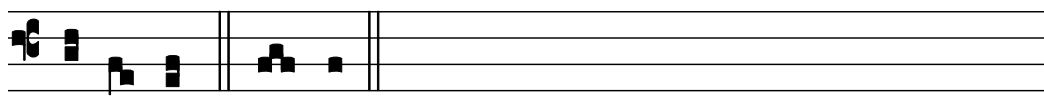
that so we may endure From taint of all cor-ruption, pure.



5. All laud to God the Father be, All praise, e-ternal Son,



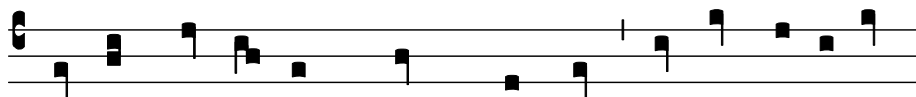
to thee ; All glo-ry, as is ev-er meet, To God the Ho- ly



Pa-ra-clete. A-men.

At Second Vespers and at Lauds when Second Vespers is not made throughout the whole year outside of the Nativity of the Lord and Eastertide on Feasts of ix. Lessons let this Melody be sung on this Hymn.

Hymn.
VIII.

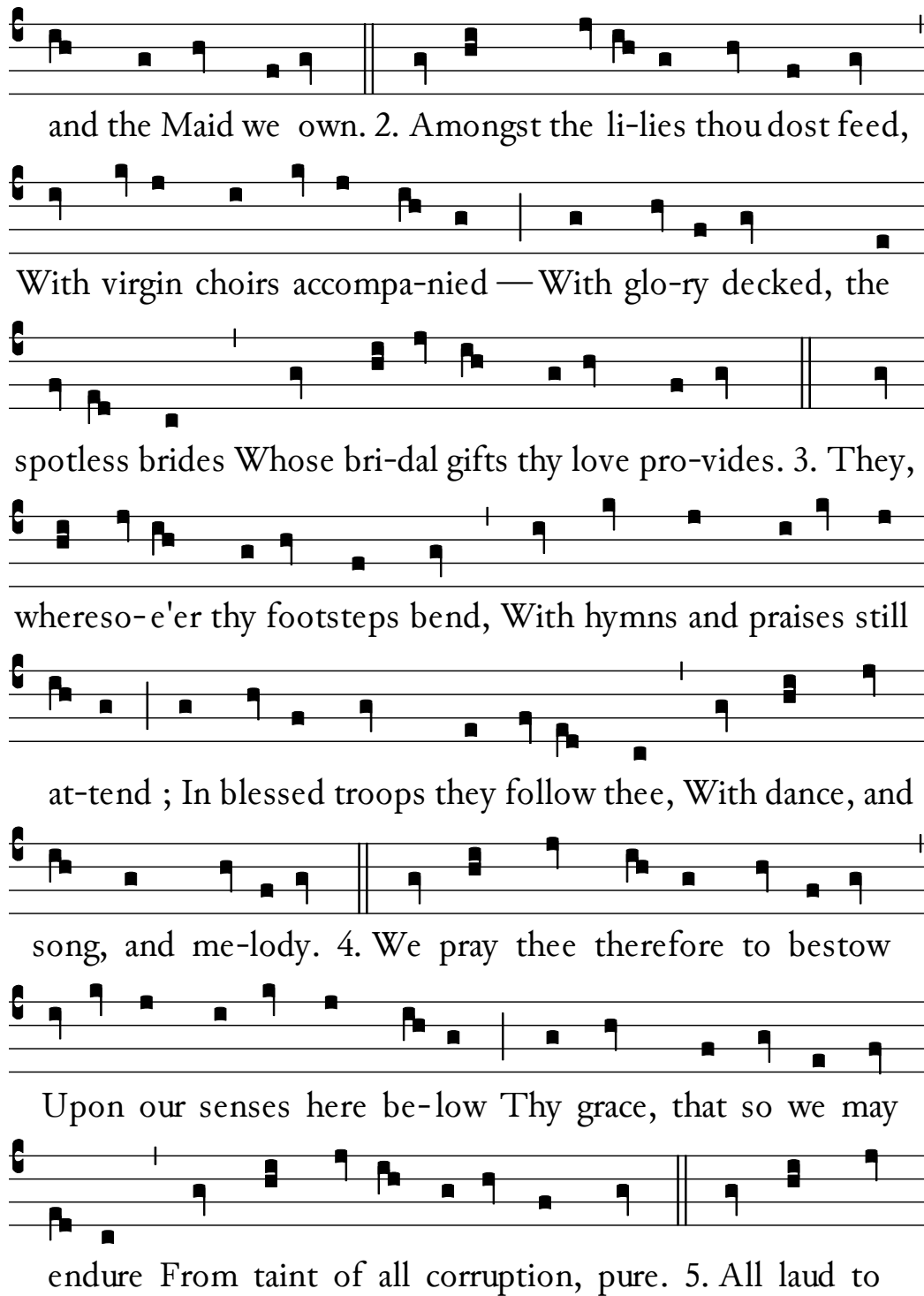


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prayer we bow ; Born of that Virgin whom a-lone The Mother

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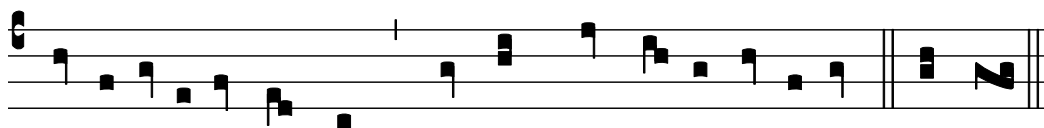


and the Maid we own. 2. Amongst the li-lies thou dost feed,
With virgin choirs accompa-nied — With glo-ry decked, the
spotless brides Whose bri-dal gifts thy love pro-vides. 3. They,
whereso-e'er thy footsteps bend, With hymns and praises still
at-tend ; In blessed troops they follow thee, With dance, and
song, and me-lody. 4. We pray thee therefore to bestow
Upon our senses here be-low Thy grace, that so we may
endure From taint of all corruption, pure. 5. All laud to

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God the Father be, All praise, e-ternal Son, to thee ; All



glo-ry, as is ev-er meet, To God the Ho-ly Pa-raclete. Amen.

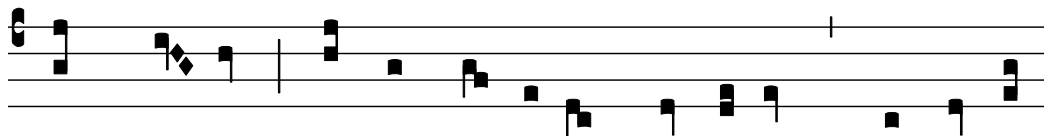
In Christmastide on Feasts of ix. Lessons let this melody be sung at Lauds and at Second Vespers on this Hymn.

Hymn.

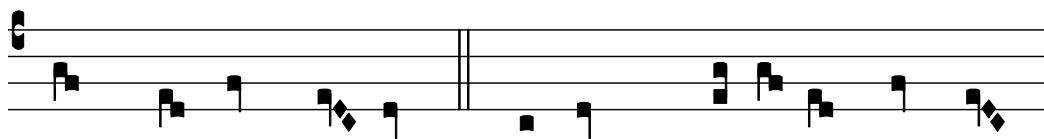
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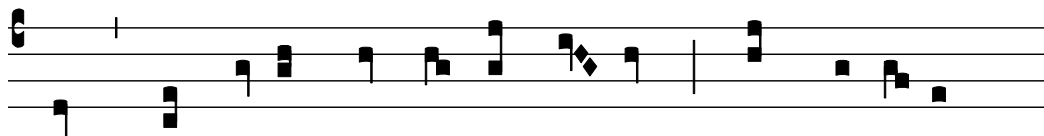
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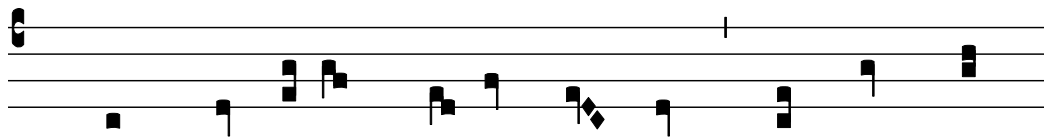


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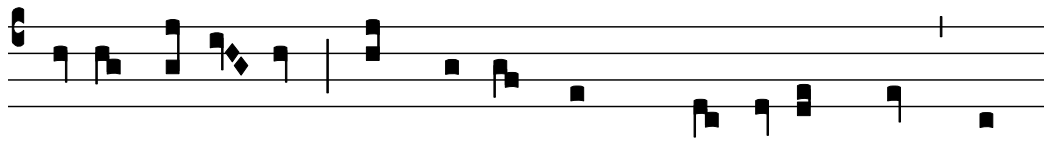


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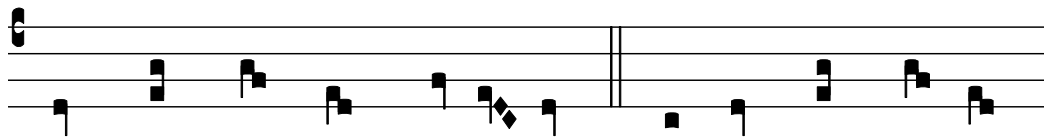
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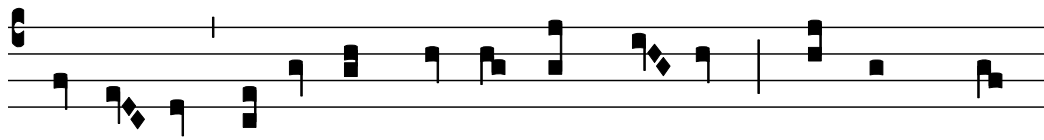
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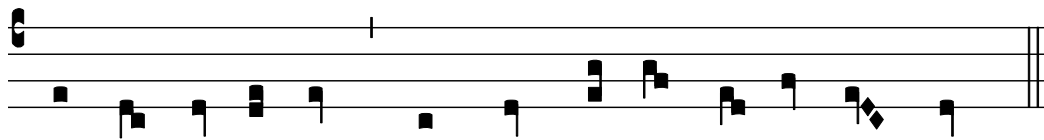
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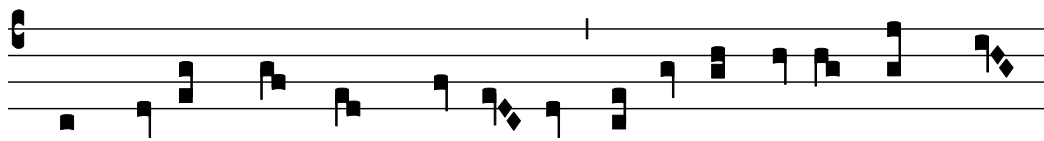
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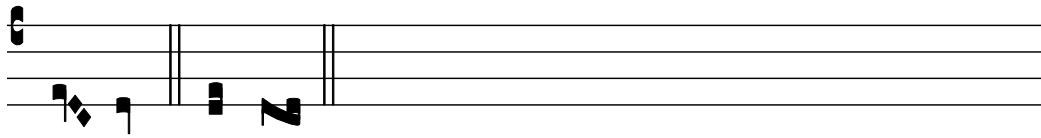


5. All honour, laud, and glo-ry be, O Je-su, Virgin-born, to



thee ; All glo-ry, as is ev-er meet, To Father and to Pa-

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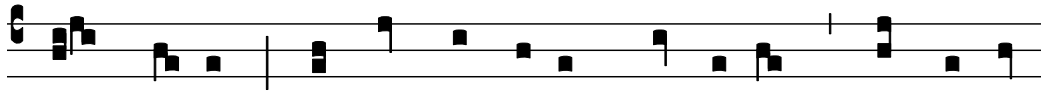
ra-clete. Amen.

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Hymn.
III.



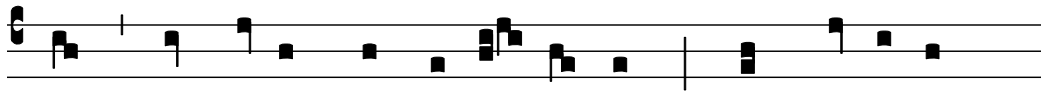
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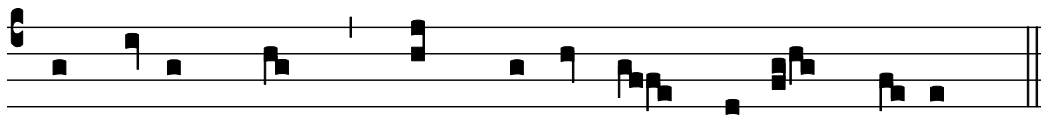
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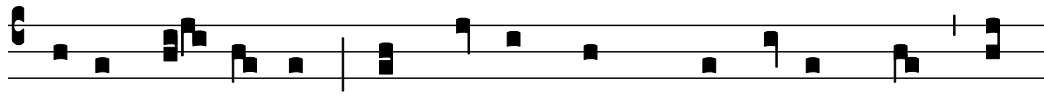


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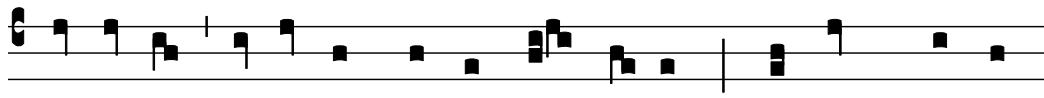
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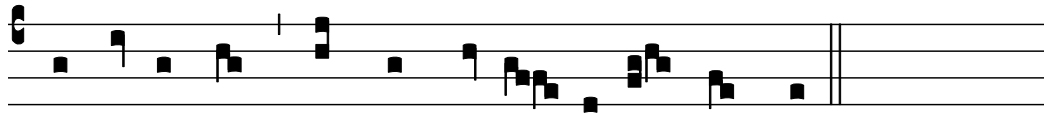
praises still at-tend ; In blessed troops they follow thee, With



dance, and song, and me- lo-dy. 4. We pray thee therefore



to bestow Upon our senses here be-low Thy grace, that so

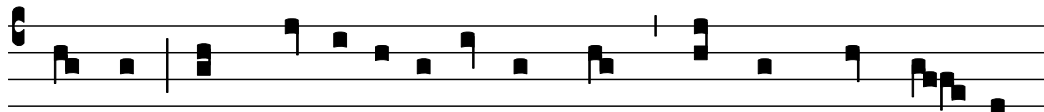


we may endure From taint of all corrup-tion, pure.

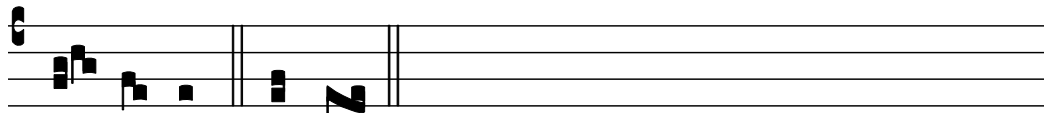
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5. All laud to God the Father be, All praise, e-ternal Son,

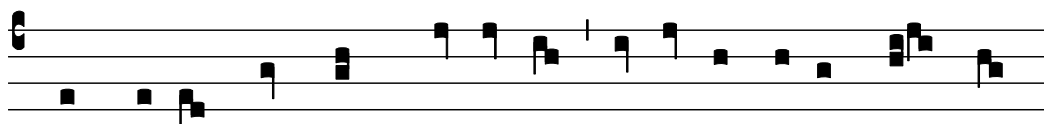


to thee ; All glo-ry, as is ev-er meet, To God the Ho- ly



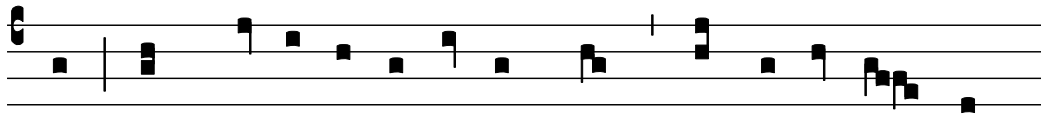
Pa- ra-clete. Amen.

In Christmastide.

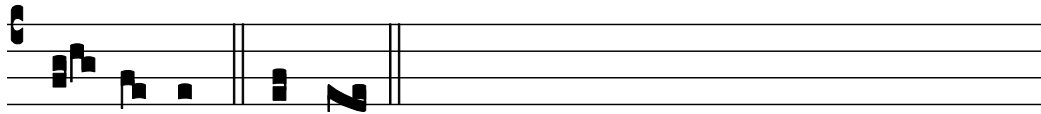


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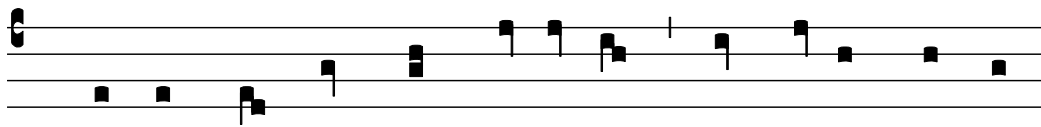


thee ; All glo-ry, as is ev-er meet, To Father and to

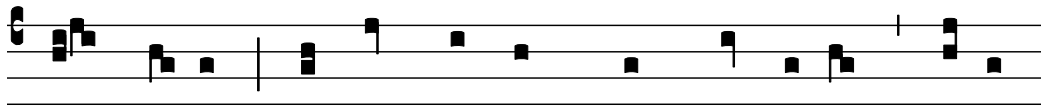


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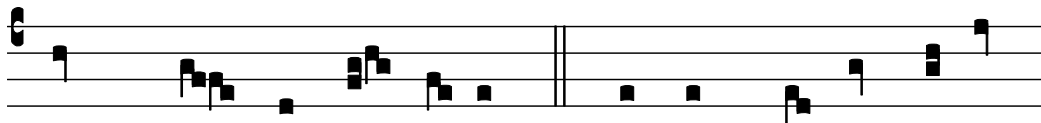
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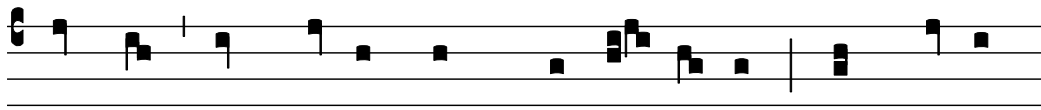
5. We pray thee, King with glo-ry decked, In this our Paschal



joy, pro-ect From all that death would fain effect Thy ran-



somed flock thine own e-lect. 6. To thee who, dead, a-gain

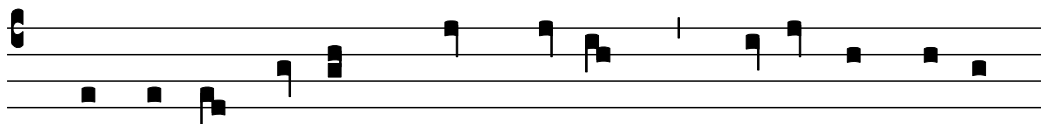


dost live, All glo-ry, Lord, thy people give ; All glo-ry,



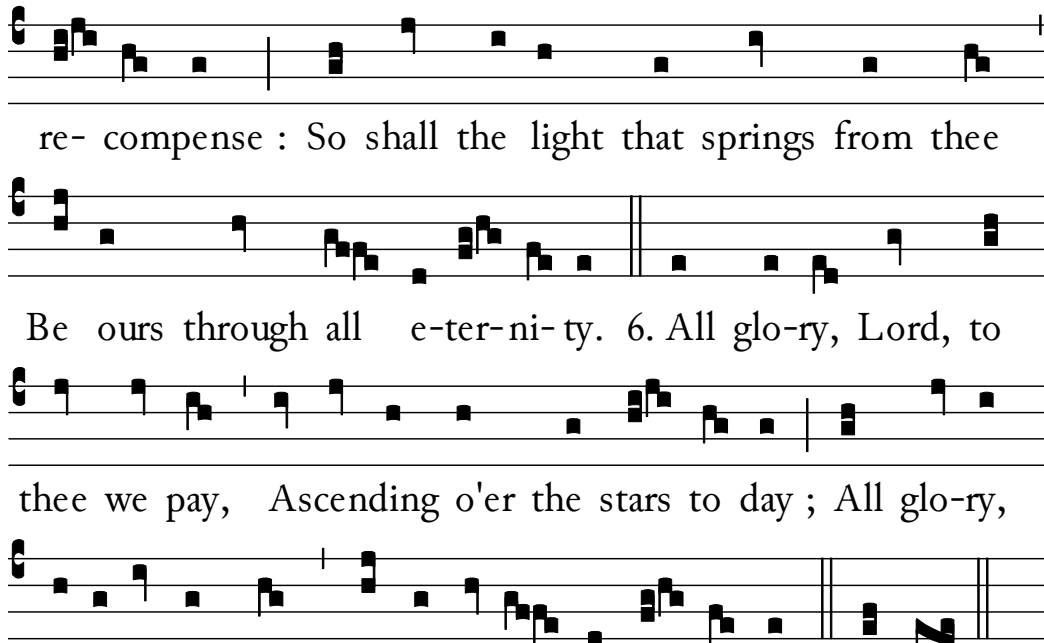
as is e-ver meet, To Father and to Pa- ra-clete. Amen.

In Ascensiontide.



5. Be thou our joy and strong de-fence, Who art our fu-ture

On the Birthday of One Virgin and Martyr.



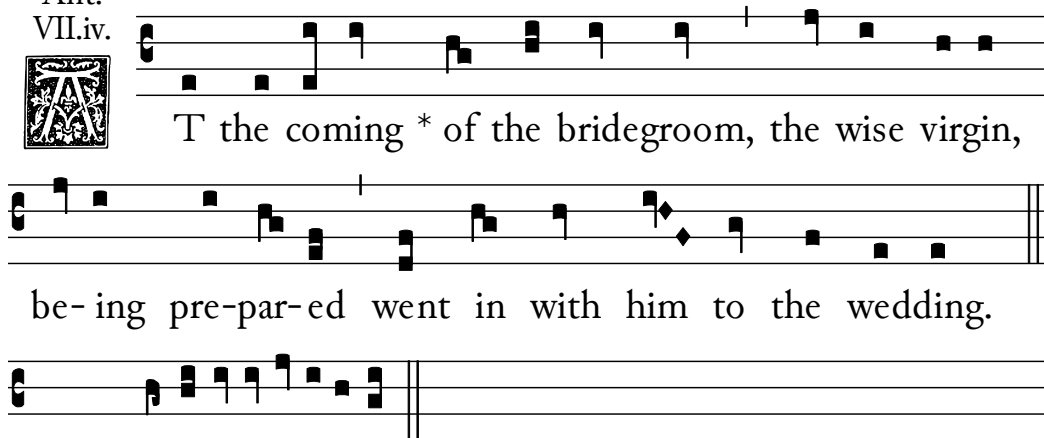
re- compensate : So shall the light that springs from thee
Be ours through all e-ter-ni-ty. 6. All glo-ry, Lord, to
thee we pay, Ascending o'er the stars to day ; All glo-ry,
as is e-ver meet, To Father and to Pa- ra-clete. Amen.

℣. The virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company.

℟. And shall be brought unto thee. *Let the Response be made privately.*

Veniente sponso prudens.

Ant.
VII.iv.



T the coming * of the bridegroom, the wise virgin,
be-ing pre-par-ed went in with him to the wedding.

Ps. Blessed be the Lord. 67*.

On the Birthday of One Virgin and Martyr.

Prayer.

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that as we rejoice in the festival
of blessed *N.* thy virgin and martyr :
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end. *R̄.* Amen.

¶ *At j.*

Ant. This is a wise virgin whom. [1144].

Ps. Save me, O God. (54./liij. &c.) [113].

¶ *At iij.*

Ant. This is a wise virgin, and one of the number of the prudent. [1144].

Ps. Teach me, O Lord. (119./cxviiij. 33. &c.) [161].

Chapter. O Lord my God. [1145].

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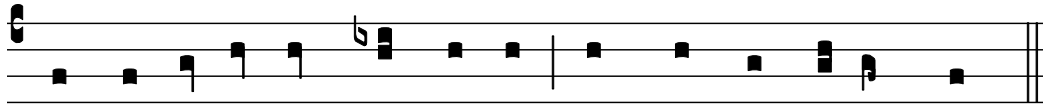
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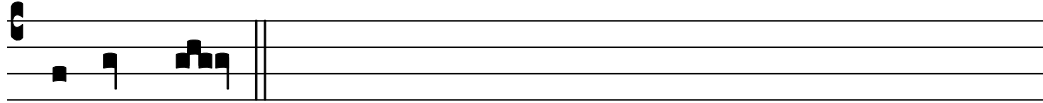
Ull of grace. †Are thy lips. *ij.* *R̄.* Therefore God

hath blessed thee for ev-er. †Are thy lips. *R̄.* Glo-ry be

On the Birthday of One Virgin and Martyr.



to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Ho-ly Ghost.



Full of grace.

℣. In thy grace, and in thy beauty. ℞. Go forth, ride prosperously, and reign.

¶ *At Sext.*

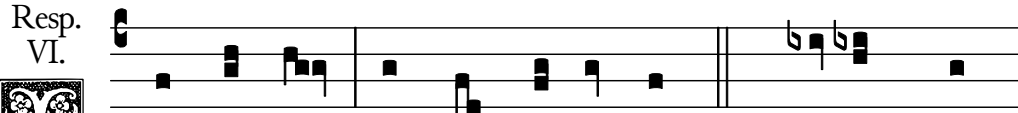
Ant. This is a virgin, holy. [1144].

Ps. My soul hath longed. (119./cxviii. 81. &c.) [179].

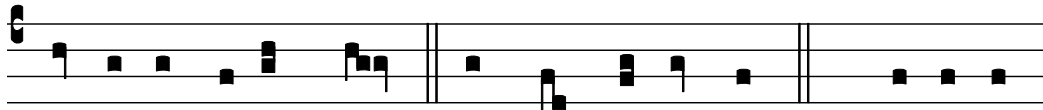
Chapter. Ecclesiasticus l*j.* 15.

I will praise thy name continually,	thanksgiving ; and so my prayer was
and will sing praise with	heard.

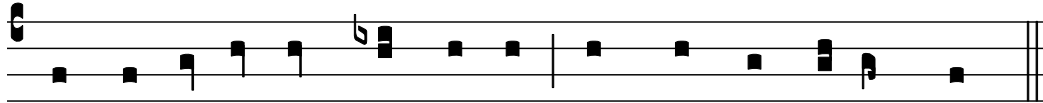
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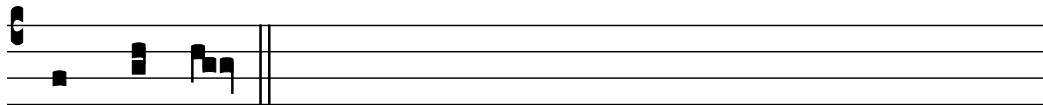
N thy grace. †And in thy beauty. *ij.* ℣. Go forth, ride



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to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Ho-ly Ghost.



In thy grace.

On the Birthday of One Virgin and Martyr.

℣. God shall help her with his countenance.

℞. God is in the midst of her, therefore she shall not be removed.

¶ *At ix.*

Ant. Come, thou bride. [1145].

Ps. Thy testimonies. (119./cxviiij. 129. &c.) [195].

Chapter. Ecclesiasticus l*j.* 16.

T HOU savedst me from destruction, and deliverdst me from the evil time : therefore will I give	thanks, and speak praise of thy name, O Lord my God.
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Adjuvabit eam.

Resp.
VI.



God shall help her. †With his countenance. *ij.*

℣. God is in the midst of her, she shall not be removed.

†With his. ℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and

to the Holy Ghost. God shall help her.

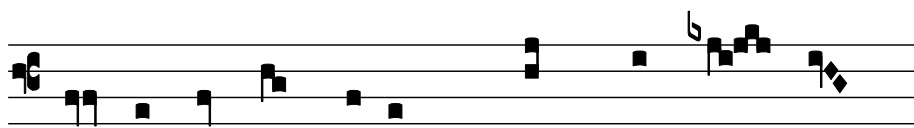
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℞. And shall be brought unto thee.

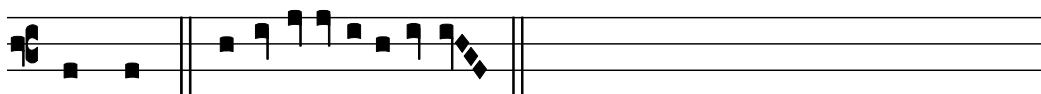
¶ *At ij. Vespers.*

Hec est virgo sapiens quam Dominus.

Ant.
I.v.



His is a wise virgin * whom the Lord found



watching. Amen.

Ferial Psalms.

Chapter. Ecclesiasticus lj. 13.



Lord, my God, thou hast
exalted my dwelling place upon
the earth, and I have prayed for

deliverance from death. *R.* Thanks
be to God.

Hymn. Jesu, the Virgin's Crown. [1047].

V. The virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company.

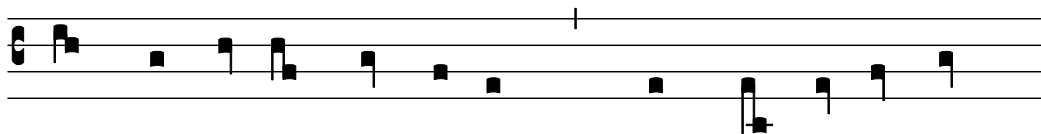
R. And shall be brought unto thee. *Let the Response be made privately.*

Simile est regnum celorum homini.

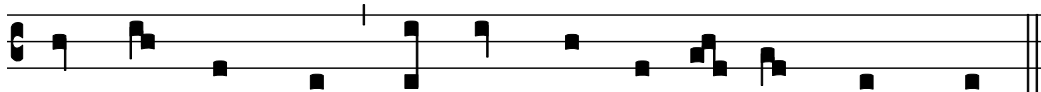
Ant.
VIII.i.



He kingdom * of heaven is like unto a mer-

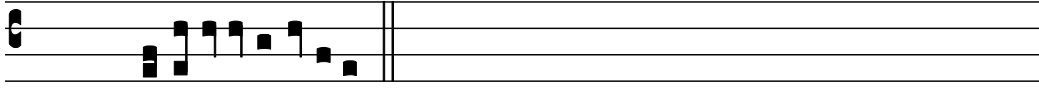


chant man seeking goodly pearls : who, when he had found



one of great price, gave all that he had, and bought it.

On the Birthday of One Virgin and Martyr.



Ps. My soul doth magnify. 69*.

Prayer.

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end. *R.* Amen.

*Likewise other Chapters of one Virgin and Martyr, and they are said in turn with the
above Chapters alternating throughout the week, in such a way that the Chapter O Lord
my God. [1115]. is always said first.*

At both Vespers and at Lauds and at iij.

Chapter. Ecclesiasticus lj. 1.

I will thank thee, O Lord and
King, and praise thee, O God my
Saviour : I do give praise unto thy
name : for thou art my defender and

helper, and hast preserved my body
from destruction. *R.* Thanks be to
God.

¶ *At Sext.*

Chapter. Ecclesiasticus lj. 8.

MY soul shall praise the Lord
even unto death, my life was

near to the hell beneath. *R.* Thanks
be to God.

¶ *At ix. Chapter. Thou savedst me from destruction. &c. as above. [1157].*

¶ *On the Birthday of One Virgin not a Martyr.*

At both Vespers and at Lauds and at iij.

Chapter. 2 Cor. x. 17.

HE that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord, for not he that commendeth himself is approved, but

whom the Lord commendeth. *R̄.*
Thanks be to God.

Hymn. V̄. 1. Son of a Virgin. [1116].

V̄. 4. Fountain of mercy.

V̄. 5. Thou, the All-Father.

All the rest at both Vespers and at Matins and at the Hours as above in the History of one Virgin and Martyr.

Prayer.

ALmighty, everlasting God, the Author of virtue and lover of virginity : grant unto us, we beseech thee, that we may be commended to thee by the merits of thy holy virgin *N.* whose life of chastity merited to

be acceptable unto thee. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R̄.* Amen.

Lesson j. Augustine on the Words of the Lord. 23. (Sermon XCIII.)

THe kingdom of heaven is likened unto ten virgins : which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom and the bride, saith the Lord. These five and five virgins : are all every one Christian souls. But that we say to you in which we feel inspired by God, not any kind of souls, but such souls

which hold the catholic faith : and are seen to have good works in the Church of God : and yet of these five are wise, and five foolish. Let us therefore first consider why they have been called five virgins, and why virgins : and then let us consider the rest. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson ij.

THe reason every soul in a body is reckoned by the number five : is because it uses five senses. There is indeed nothing which we perceive out of the body, except through the gate of five parts : either by seeing, or hearing, or smelling, or tasting, or touching. Who therefore withholdeth himself from unlawful seeing, from unlawful hearing, from unlawful smelling, from unlawful tasting, from unlawful touching, on account of that purity have received the name of virgins. If it is good to abstain from unlawful activity of the

senses, and for that reason each and every Christian soul holdeth the name virgin : why are five admitted and five turned away ? Not merely because they are virgins : they also have lamps. Virgins on account of abstinence from unlawful sensations, having lamps because of good works : about which good works the Lord saith, Let your works so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson iij.

Again, the Lord saith to the disciples, Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning. In girded loins is virginity : in lights burning, good works. Virginity is not usually said of the married. Yet even there is virginity by faithfulness : which displayeth conjugal chastity. For that your sanctity shall be known not inconveniently, according to the soul, and according to the integrity of faith, by which faith indeed one abstaineth from unlawful things, and maketh good works : each and every soul, whether of virgin men and

women, is called altogether the Church, which consisteth of maidens and boys, and married women and men having wives, and is called by the singular name virgin. Whence do we prove this ? Listen to the Apostle speaking, not only to holy persons : but to the entire universal Church, I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. And because of this virginity the Apostle himself, when he hath said, I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ : hath added and said, But I fear lest, as the

serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the chastity that is in

Christ. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson iiij.

Few have virginity of the body : everyone ought to have it of the heart. If therefore it is good to abstain from unlawful things, whence the name of virginity was taken, and if good works, which are signified by lamps are praiseworthy : why then are five admitted, and five turned away ? If she is a virgin and also beareth a lamp and yet is not admitted : where may one appear, which neither preserveth virginity from unlawful things, nor wishing to have good works, walketh in darkness ? Of these things therefore, my brethren,

of these let us debate : which are unwilling to see that which is bad, which are unwilling to hear that which is bad. From unlawful odours of sacrifice one averteth the sense of smell, from unlawful meat of sacrifice one averteth the taste, one fleeth from embrace of a stranger, one breaketh bread to the hungry, one bringeth in a stranger, one clotheth the naked, one reconcileth the quarrelsome, one visiteth the sick, one burieth the dead. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson v.

Behold a virgin, behold one holding a lamp. What more do we seek ? I seek yet more. What do you seek, you say ? I seek yet more. The Holy Gospel hath made me eager. Indeed with these virgins and bearers of lamps, some he called wise, some foolish. Whence do we consider, whence do we discern ? By the oil. The oil indicateth something great : and very strong. Thinkest thou not that it is charity ? We speak

with inquiry : we do not cast forth an opinion. Whence it appeareth to me that charity is signified by oil : I shall tell you. The Apostle saith, I shew unto you a more excellent way. Which more excellent way doth he shew ? Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. That is the more excellent way, that is charity : which is deservedly

signified by oil. But thou, O Lord, | have mercy upon us.

R. The Lord hath clothed me. *as above for One Virgin and Martyr.* [1136].

Lesson vj.

Oil excelleth all liquids. Put water and pour in oil, it excelleth. Put oil and pour in water : the oil excelleth. If you shall keep the order, it excelleth : if you shall change the order, it excelleth. Charity never faileth. What now brethren ? Now let us discuss the five wise virgins and the five foolish which wished to go out to meet the bridegroom. What is go out to meet the bridegroom ? To go in heart, to await his coming : but he was hindered. While he is hindered : they all fell asleep. What is all ? Both the wise and the foolish felt

sleepy and fell asleep. Do we suppose that this sleep is good ? What is this sleep ? Not by chance is the bridegroom tarrying, seeing that iniquity aboundeth : the charity of many shall grow cold. Is that how we are to understand sleep ? It pleaseth me not, I say. Why ? Because the wise are there. And certainly when the Lord saith, Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold : he subjoined and said, But he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gospel. According to Matthew xxv. 1.

AT that time, Jesus said unto his disciples this parable. The kingdom of heaven is like unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom and the bride. And that which followeth.

A Homily of Blessed Gregory, Pope.

(On the Gospels, Homily XII.)

I admonish you frequently, dearly beloved brethren, to flee depraved works, and to avoid the defilement of

this world : yet by the reading from today's Holy Gospel I am compelled to say : that you should fear with great caution the good which ye do, lest in this which by you rightly are governed, human favour or thanks should be required, lest a desire for praise should creep in : and what appeareth outwardly, should be inwardly empty from eternal reward. Behold indeed in the words of the Redeemer, ten virgins, and all are

called virgins : but yet not all were received within the gates of blessedness, because some of them, while they sought to cherish the glory

of their virginity, were unwilling to have oil in their vessels. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson viij.

First is asked by us, what is the kingdom of heaven, or rather why it is compared to ten virgins : and furthermore some of which are called wise virgins, and some foolish. For while it is understood that none of the rejected enter into the kingdom of heaven, indeed why is it likened also to the foolish virgins ? But it is understood that often in the sacred scriptures : the Church of the present time is called the kingdom of heaven. Concerning which in another place the Lord saith, The Son of man shall send forth his angels : and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend. Nor indeed in that kingdom of blessedness in which there is the highest peace : shall be able to be found causes of offense that are gathered in. Whence also again is said, Whosoever therefore shall break one of these

least commandments, and shall teach men so : he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven. But whosoever shall do and teach them : the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. One breaketh a commandment and teacheth <others> : when one preacheth with voice what he doth not fulfill in living. But he doth not succeed in reaching the kingdom of eternal blessedness : who is not willing to fulfill through works what he teacheth. How then will the same be called the least in it, who is in no way permitted to enter in to it ? What then is meant by this saying, the kingdom of heaven, except the Church, in which the teacher who breaketh a commandment is called least, because since his life is disdained, it remaineth that his preaching is despised ? But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson ix.

Now each person existeth in the five bodily senses. Moreover twice five : maketh ten. And because

the multitude of the faithful is gathered from both sexes : holy Church is said to be like ten virgins.

In which because the bad are mixed with the good, and the rejected with the elect : it can rightly be said to be like wise and foolish virgins. Inasmuch as very many are temperate : which keep themselves from external desires, and by hope are carried off to interior things. They mortify the flesh : and with their whole desire pant for the heavenly homeland. They desire eternal rewards for their labours : they decline to receive human praises. These to be sure count their glory not in the mouths of men : but conceal it within the conscience. And also there are very many which

afflict the body through abstinence : but by that abstinence of theirs they seek human approval. They are devoted to teaching : they give generously to the needy. But they are made foolish virgins : because they seek only the reward of transitory praise. Whence also is fittingly added, The five foolish took no oil with them : but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. By the oil of course is indicated the brightness of glory. But the small vessels are our hearts : in which we bear all that we ponder. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *At vj.*

Chapter. 2. Cor. xj. 2.

FOr I am jealous over you with godly jealousy : for I have espoused you to one husband, that I

may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. *R.* Thanks be to God.

¶ *At ix.*

Chapter. Wisdom vij. 30.

Wisdom overcometh evil. she reacheth from one end to another mightily : and sweetly doth

she order all things. *R.* Thanks be to God.

¶ *On the Birthday of Many Virgins.*

At Vespers.

Ferial Antiphons and Psalms.

Chapter. Wisdom iv. 1.

How beautiful is the chaste generation with glory : for the memorial thereof is immortal :	because it is known with God, and with men.
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Hymn. Jesu, the Virgin's Crown. [1054].

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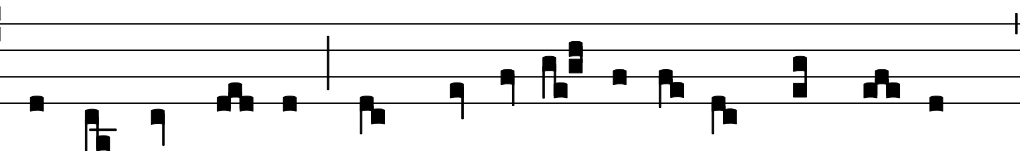
℟. And shall be brought unto thee. *Let the Response be made privately.*

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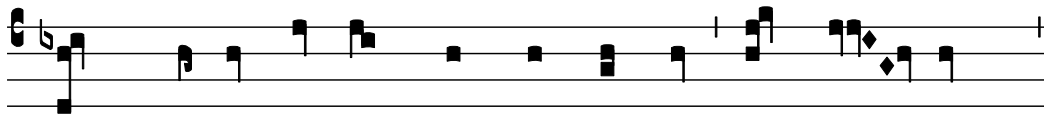
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I.ii.



He kingdom of hea-ven * is like unto a net that was



cast in-to the sea : and gather-ing of ev-ery kind of fish,

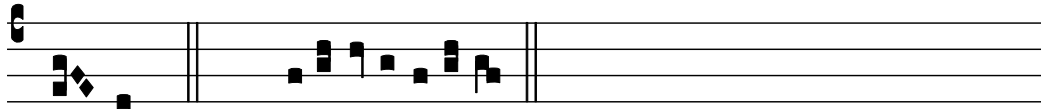


which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down,



and gather-ed the good into ves-sels : but cast the bad

On the Birthday of Many Virgins.



a-way. *Ps.* My soul doth magnify. 53*.

Prayer from the proper, or :

¶ *Many Virgins and Martyrs.*

God, who, that thou mightest provoke mankind to the confession of thy Name : hast bestowed even on the weak sex the victory of martyrdom : grant, we beseech thee, that thy Church, being fortified by this example : may not

Prayer.

fear to suffer for thy sake : and may eagerly desire the glory of the heavenly reward. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

¶ *Likewise Many Virgins not Martyrs.*

Almighty and everliving God, tried in whose balance we are not fit to worship thy majesty as is due : let thy holy virgins *N.* and *N.* intervene for our sins : by the merits of whom may thou grant us pardon.

Prayer.

Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

¶ *At Matins.*

On Feasts of ix. Lessons or iij. when there is a Double Invitatory.

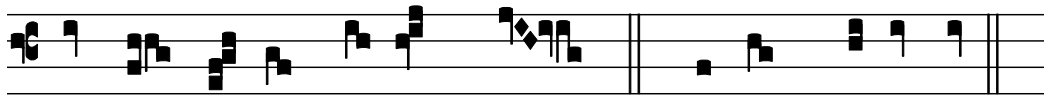
Agnum sponsum virginum.

Invit.
IV.i.



He Lamb, * the Spouse of vir- gins. †O come, let us

On the Birthday of Many Virgins.



worship the Lord Je-sus Christ. Ps. O come, let us sing. 13*.

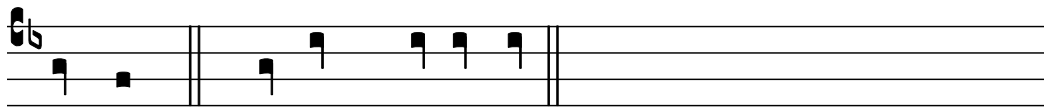
Another Invitatory, on Feasts of iij. Lessons when the Invitatory is Simple.

Regem virginum Dominum.

Invit.
VI.iii.



He Lord, the King * of virgins. †O come, let us



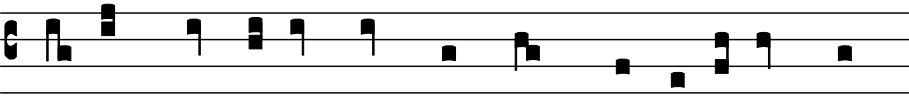
worship. Ps. O come, let us sing. 36*.

Hymn. Jesu, the Virgin's Crown. [1151].

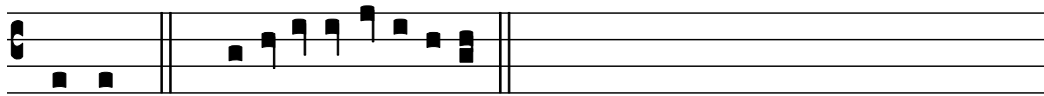
On all the Psalms before the Lessons is sung this single Antiphon.

O quam pulchra est casta.

Ant.
VII.ii.



how beauti-ful * is the chaste ge-ne-ration with



glo-ry. Ps. O Lord our Governor. (8.) [24].

and the other Psalms of the Common of One Virgin and Martyr. [1128].

℣. The virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company.

℟. And shall be brought unto thee. *Let the Response be made privately.*

Lessons of the proper for which all the Feasts of Many Virgins have proper Lessons, as appears on the Feast of Perpetua and Felicity : and the Eleven Thoursand Virgins.

Lesson j.

When the Lord was asked by his disciples about the end of the world, among many other things he said : he also spoke a parable of the virgins signifying good and bad discernment : of which five are admitted, and five are excluded. The five virgins therefore seem to me to signify a fivefold continence from the allurements of the flesh. For the appetite is to be restrained by the mind : from the pleasure of the eyes,

from the pleasure of the ears, from the pleasure of smelling, from the pleasure of tasting or touching. But because this continence is made by some before God, that he may be pleased in the inner joy of conscience : by others before men, that only human glory may be grasped, five are called wise and five foolish, because each is continent however much they rejoice in diverse fuels. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson ij.

Now lamps are those things that are carried by the hands : the works which are done according to this continence. For it is said, Let your works shine before men. All to be sure took their lamps : and came to meet the bridegroom. He is understood therefore to be reckoned by the name of Christ : with regard to which it is done. For they who are not Christians are not able : to come to meet Christ the Bridegroom. But the five that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them. But many, although they hope very much for the goodness of Christ : yet they have no joy while they live continently : except in the praises of

men. They thus have no oil with them. For I believe that joy itself is signified by oil : as the Psalmist saith, Wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness. But for this reason he doth not rejoice : because he pleaseth inwardly, to God he hath not oil with him. But the wise virgins took oil with them in their vessels with their lamps : that is, they have put the joy of good works in their heart and in their conscience, as the Apostle likewise adviseth, Let a man prove himself, he saith, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself, and not in another. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Third Lesson.

BUt, with the bridegroom delayed, they all slumbered, because from both races of continent men, whether of those which exult before God : or those which acquiesce in the praises of men, they die in this interval of time : until the resurrection of the dead is made during the coming of the Lord. And at midnight, that is, with no one knowing or hoping, of course when the Lord himself saith, But of that day an hour knoweth no man, and the Apostle, The day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the night : thus from whence he cometh appeareth to be completely hidden : there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh : : go ye out to meet him. In the twinkling of an eye : at the last trump we shall all be raised again.

Therefore all those virgins arose : and trimmed their lamps : that is they prepared themselves to render an account of their work. For it is necessary for us to be presented before the judgment seat of Christ, so that every one there may receive insofar as he hath done in the body : whether it be good or evil. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil, for our lamps are gone out. For whose deeds are supported by another's praise : taking the same away, they fail. And he always seeketh it according to custom : whence the mind is wont to rejoice. And so, of men whose hearts see not : they wish to have testimony before God, who is the examiner of the heart. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Likewise other Lessons of Many Virgins.

Lesson j.

WHat then answered the wise ? Lest there be not enough for us and you. For every one shall give an account for himself : neither by another's testimony shall anyone be holpen before God, to whom the secrets of the heart are evident, and scarcely sufficeth each to himself that the same give testimony

with his conscience. For who shall glory to have in himself a clean heart? Whence it is that the Apostle saith, But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment : yea, I judge not mine own self. Wherefore, seeing that anyone either by no means or scarcely is able to bear a true opinion

of himself, how he is able to judge of another : seeing that no man knoweth what occureth in a man except the spirit of a man ? Go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for

yourselves. They are not to be thought to have given counsel : but to have referred to their crime indirectly. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson ij.

FOr flatterers sell oil, which, whether praising false or unknown things, casteth souls into error, and by winning to them vain joys, like fools, they receive some reward, whether of food, or of money, or of honour, or of any kind of temporal advantage : not understanding what is said, Those which call you happy : send you into error. But it is better to be rebuked by the righteous : than to be praised by the sinner. Let the righteous, it saith, rather smite me friendly and reprove me : but let not their precious balms

break my head. Go therefore to those that sell, rather, and buy for yourselves, that is, let us now see how they help : they who are accustomed to sell praise to you, and to lead you into error, that ye might seek after glory not before God : but among men. But with them going to buy, the bridegroom cometh, that is, with them bowing down to those things which are without : and seeking joy in customary things, because they had not known eternal joys : that one cometh who judgeth. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson iij.

AND they that were ready, that is, to whom conscience bestowed good testimony, went in with him to the marriage : that is where the cleansed soul is united, being made fruitful in the everlasting Word of God. The door was shut, that is, those were received which will be transformed into the angelic life. We shall all indeed rise again, it saith :

but we shall not all be changed, the entrance to the kingdom of heaven is closed : for after the judgment no place of prayers or merits standeth open. But lastly come the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord : open to us. It is not said that they have bought oil, and therefore they are understood with nothing opportune now remaining from the praises of

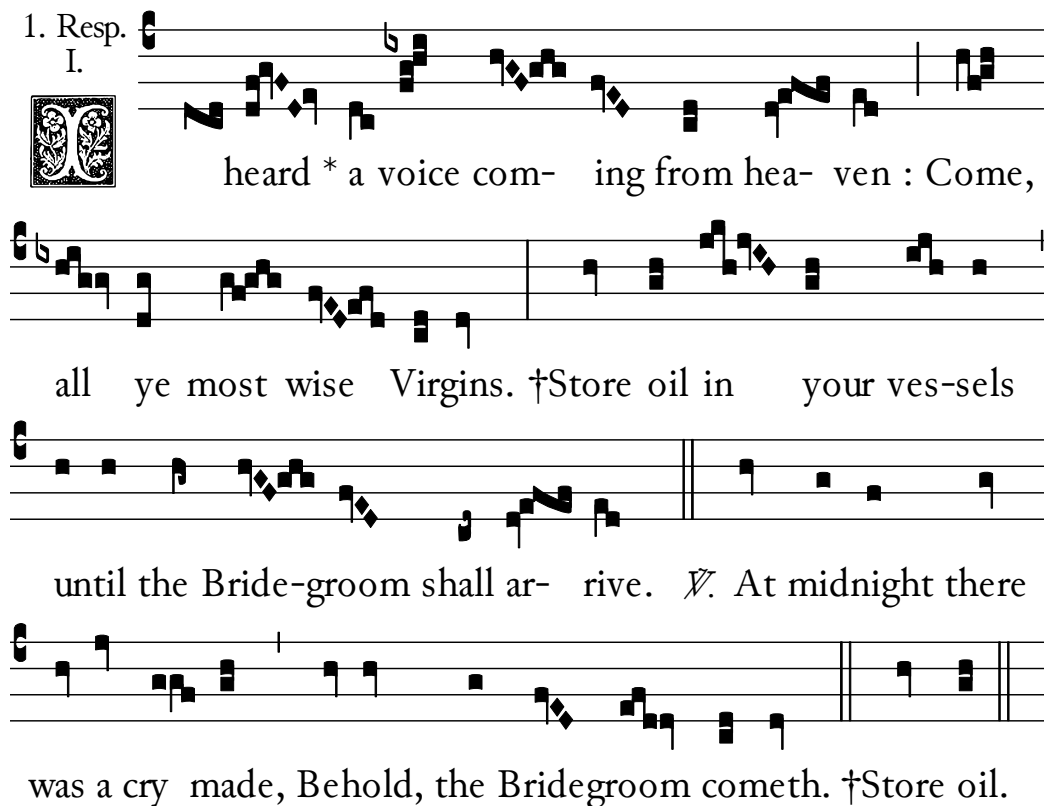
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the others : to return out of great afflictions to the imploring of God. But great is the severity of his judgment after, which having been asked in advance is of ineffable mercy. Therefore, answering, he saith, I say unto you : I know you not. To be sure from that rule which the art of God hath not. This is the wisdom of God : that they may enter into his joy who are not before God : but that they might give pleasure among men, unless there be anything to be done according to his commandments :

and thus he concludeth, Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour. Not only of that last time, when the bridegroom will come : but no one knoweth the day and hour of his own dormition. But whosoever is ready even to the sleep : that is, even to the death which is owed by all : shall be found prepared, even when that voice shall sound at midnight, by which we shall all be made awake. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Audivi vocem de celo.

1. Resp. I.



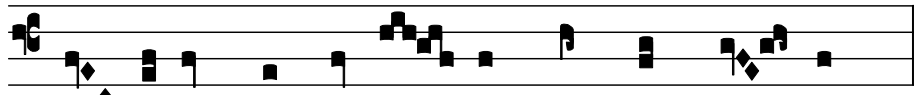
heard * a voice coming from heaven : Come,
all ye most wise Virgins. †Store oil in your vessels
until the Bridegroom shall arrive. ✎. At midnight there
was a cry made, Behold, the Bridegroom cometh. †Store oil.

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Feliciter virgines.

2. Resp.

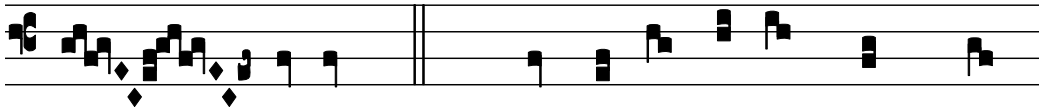
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Ap-pi-ly * do the vir- gins conquer the world.



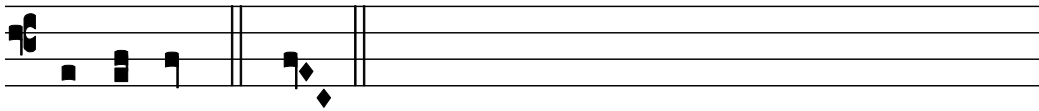
†Who after their vic- to-ry are not able to be



con- quer-ed. *℥*. The blessed re-turn from the



battle : and as conquer-ors, by dy-ing they subdue the



en-emy. †Who.

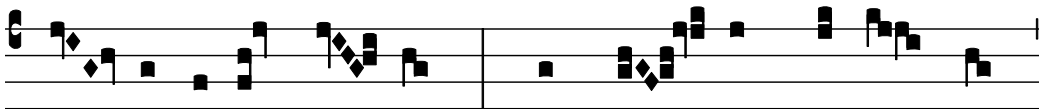
Innumerabiles virginum.

3. Resp.

VIII.

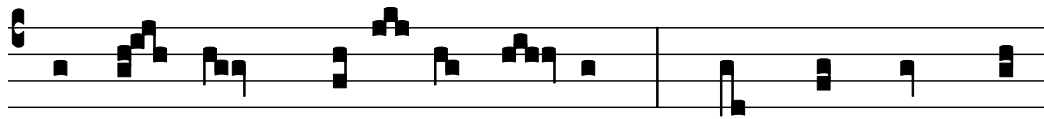


choir of vir- gins * in- nume-ra-ble, disdained the

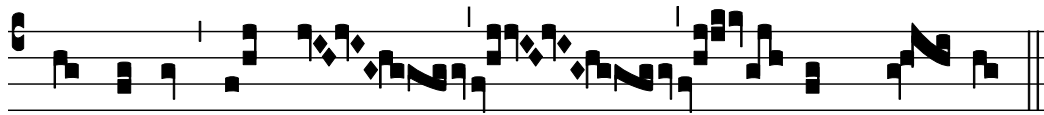


pro- ge-ny of child- ren. †While hold- ing be-fore them

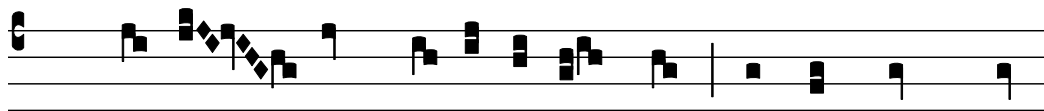
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the Bridegroom who is in hea- ven. ‡Whom they choose to



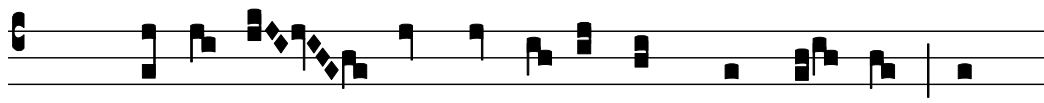
e-mu-late in deed and con- duct.



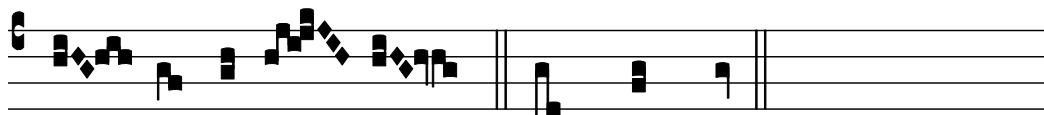
℣. Be-hold how the flourishing world by their mind's con-



tempt they have tram- pled under- foot. †While hold- ing.



℣. Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son : and



to the Ho-ly Ghost. ‡Whom they choose.

Before Lauds.

℣. At midnight there was a cry made.

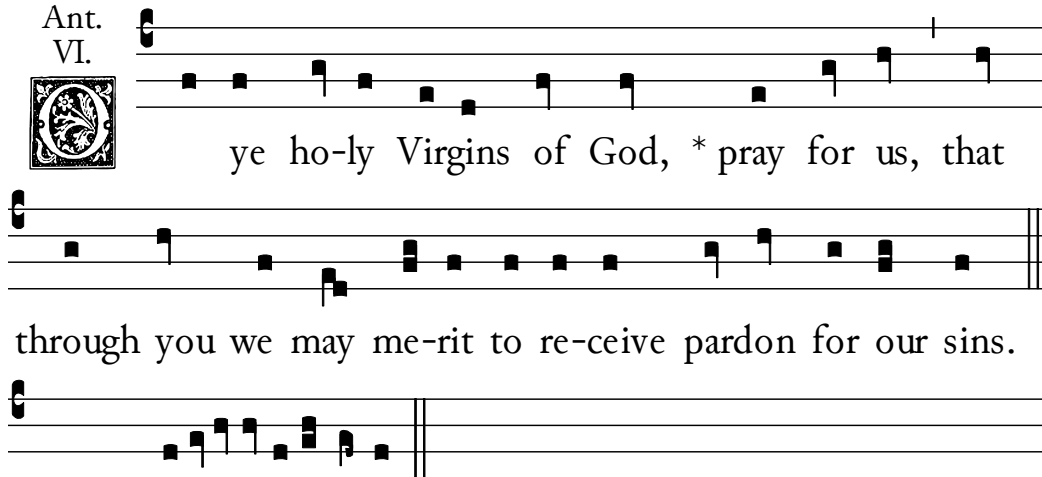
℞. Behold, the Bridegroom cometh : go ye out to meet him.

¶ *At Lauds.*

At Lauds is sung this single Antiphon.

Virgines sancte Dei.

Ant.
VI.



ye ho-ly Virgins of God, * pray for us, that
through you we may me-rit to re-ceive pardon for our sins.

*Ps. The Lord is King. (93./xcij). [53].
and the others Psalms that follow.*

Chapter. Wisdom iv. 1.

<p>How beautiful is the chaste generation with glory : for the memorial thereof is immortal :</p>	because it is known with God, and with men.
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Hymn. O glorious King of martyr hosts. [995].

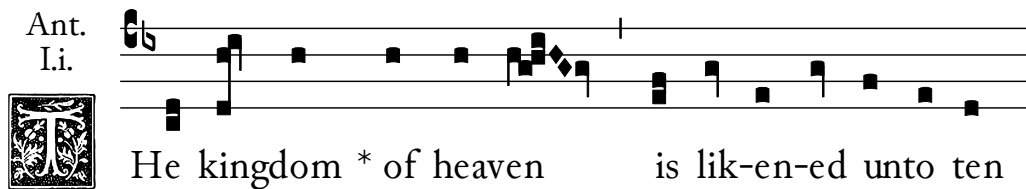
The entire Hymn is sung through as on the Common of the History of many Martyrs.

℣. Wonderful is God in his Saints.

℟. And glorious in his majesty. *Let the Response be made privately.*

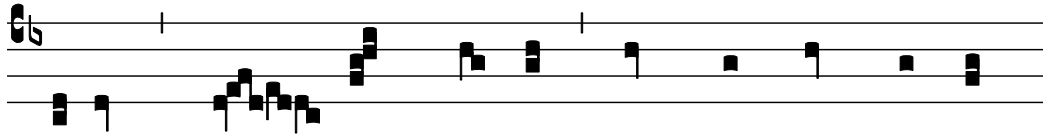
Simile est regnum celorum.

Ant.
Ii.

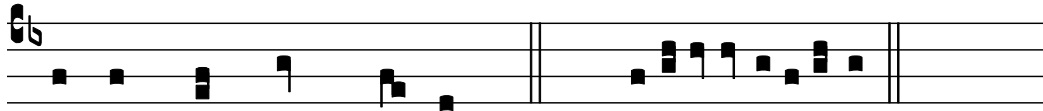


He kingdom * of heaven is lik-en-ed unto ten

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virgins, which took their lamps and went forth to meet



the bridegroom and the bride. *Ps.* Blessed be the Lord. 52*.

Prayer from the proper: or.

¶ *Many Virgins and Martyrs.*

God, who, that thou mightest provoke mankind to the confession of thy Name : hast bestowed even on the weak sex the victory of martyrdom : grant, we beseech thee, that thy Church, being fortified by this example : may not

Prayer.

fear to suffer for thy sake : and may eagerly desire the glory of the heavenly reward. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

¶ *Likewise Many Virgins not Martyrs.*

Almighty and everliving God, tried in whose balance we are not fit to worship thy majesty as is due : let thy holy virgins *N.* and *N.* intervene for our sins : by the merits of whom may thou grant us pardon.

Prayer.

Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

¶ *At Prime.*

Ant. O ye holy virgins of God. [1175].

Ps. Save me, O God. (54./liij.) [113].

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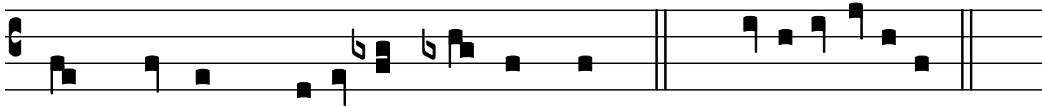
¶ *At iij.*

Media nocte clamor factus est.

Ant.
IV.iv.



T midnight * there was a cry made, Behold, the Bride-

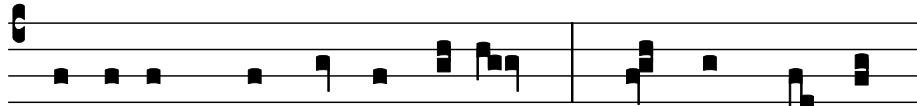


groom cometh : go ye out to meet him. *Ps.* Teach me, O Lord.
(119./cxviiij. 33.) [161].

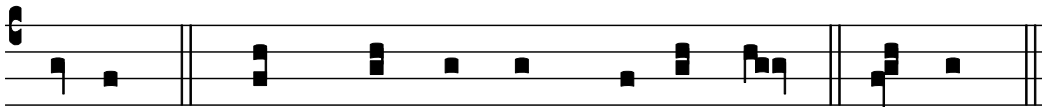
Chap. O how beautiful. [1175].

Adducentur regi.

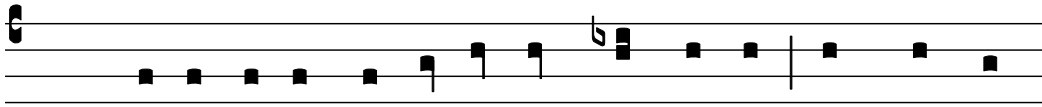
Resp.
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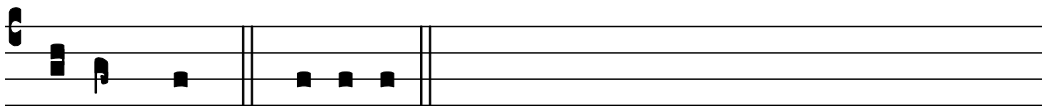
He virgins that be her fellows. † Shall bear her com-



pa-ny. *ij.* ∕. And shall be brought unto thee. † Shall bear.



∕. Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the



Ho-ly Ghost. The virgins.

∕. At midnight there was a cry made.

∕. Behold, the Bridegroom cometh : go ye out to meet him.

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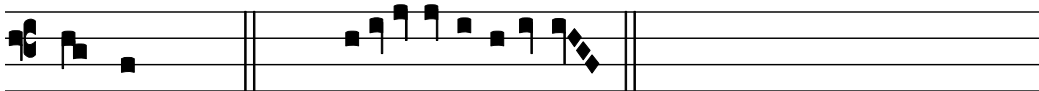
¶ *At vj.*

Prudentes virgines acceperunt.

Ant.
I.v.



He wise vir-gins * took oil in their vessels with

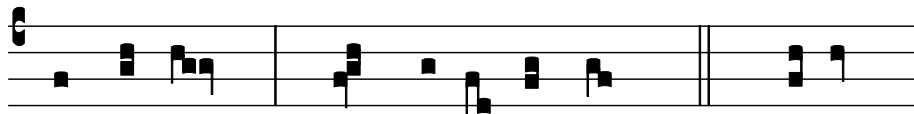


their lamps. *Ps.* My soul hath longed. (119./cxviii. 81.) [179].

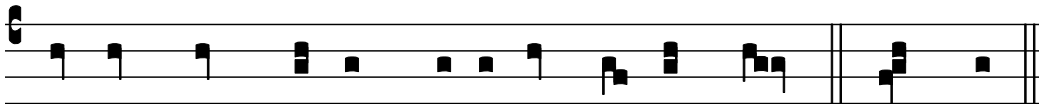
Chapter. For I am jealous over you. *as above for one Virgin not a Martyr.* [1165].

Media nocte clamor factus est.

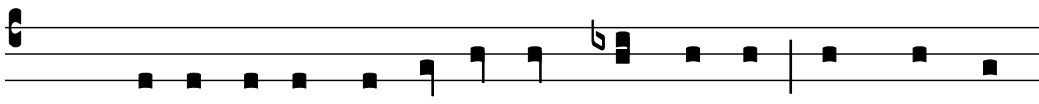
Resp.
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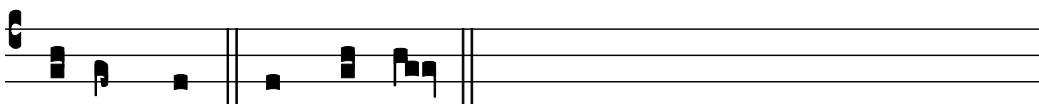
T midnight. †There was a cry made. *ij.* ∞. Behold,



the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him. †There was.



∞. Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the



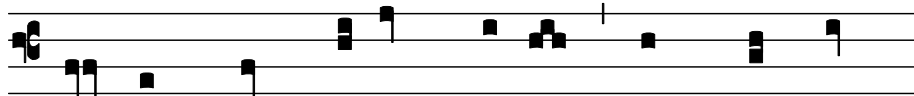
Ho-ly Ghost. At midnight.

∞. The wise virgins took oil. ∞. in their vessels with their lamps.

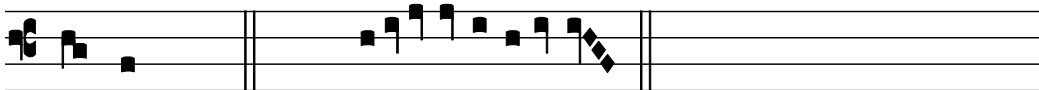
¶ *At None.*

Tunc surrexerunt omnes virgines.

Ant.
I.v.



Hen all those virgins * a-rose, and trimmed



their lamps. *Ps.* Thy testimonies. (119./cxviii. 129.) [195].

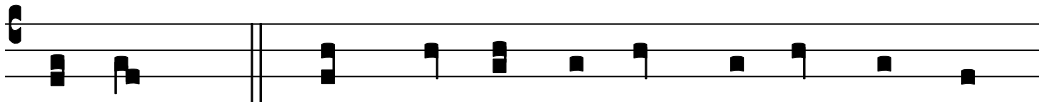
Chap. Wisdom overcometh evil. [1165].

Prudentes virgines acceperunt.

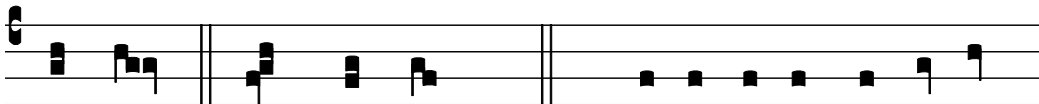
Resp.
VI.



He wise vir-gins * took oil in their vessels. †With



their lamps. *ij.* ∞. And went out to meet the bridegroom and



the bride. †With their lamps. ∞. Glo-ry be to the Father,



and to the Son : and to the Ho-ly Ghost. The wise virgins.

∞. The virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company.

∞. And shall be brought unto thee.

Prayer as above. [1176].

¶ *Here follow Antiphons of the
Blessed Virgin Mary.*

Alma Redemptoris Mater.

Ant.
V.iii.



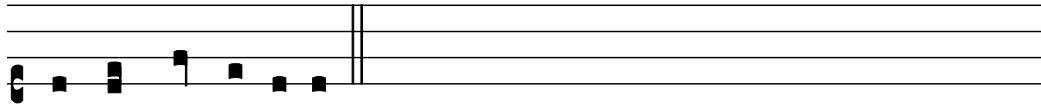
Ra- cious * Mother of our Re-deem-er,
for ev-er a-bid-ing hea-ven's gateway, and star of
o-cean, O succour thy peo-ple, who, though fail-ing,
strive to rise a-gain. thou Maiden who bar-est thy ho-ly
Cre-a- tor, to the wonder of all na-ture ; ev- er Vir- gin,
after, as be-fore thou re-ceiv-edst that A-ve from the mouth

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of Gabri-el ; have mercy upon us sinners.

In Eastertide.

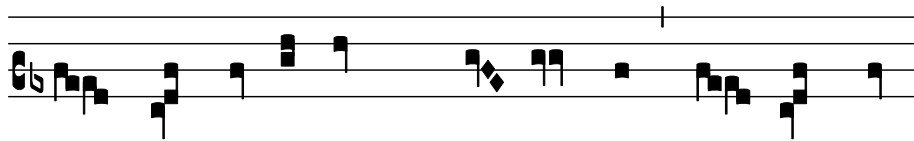


sinner, al-le-lu-ya.

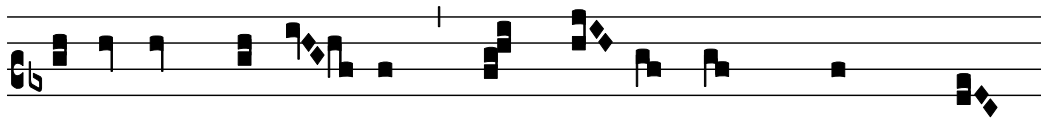
Another Antiphon.

Ave Regina celorum.

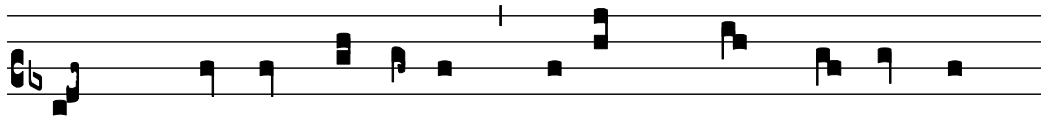
Ant.
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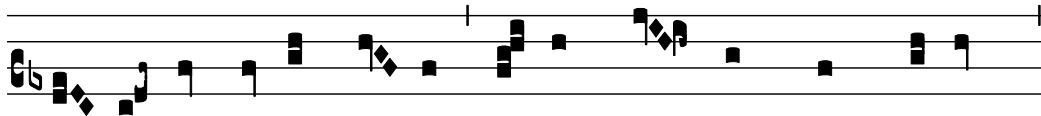
Ueen of the heavens, * we hail thee, hail thee, La-



dy of all the an- gels ; hail, ho- ly Root, whence the



world's true Light is ris-en : greetings, most glo-rious one,



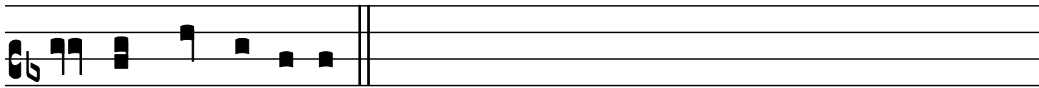
sur-pas-sing all in beauty, hail and fare-well, most gracious,



and for us always to Christ entreat.

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In Eastertide.



entreat, al-le-lu-ya.

Another Antiphon.

Anima mea liquefacta est.

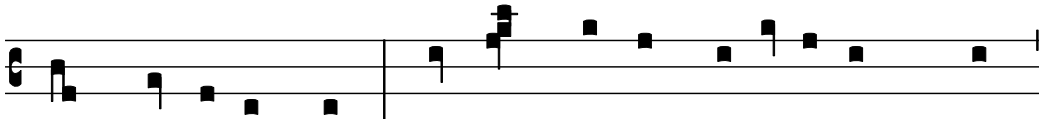
Ant.
VII.i.



Y soul fail-ed * when my be-lov-ed spake : I



sought him but I could not find him, I cal-led him but he



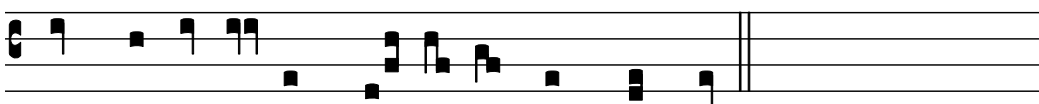
gave me no answer. The watchmen of the ci-ty found me :



they smote me and they wounded me : the keepers of the



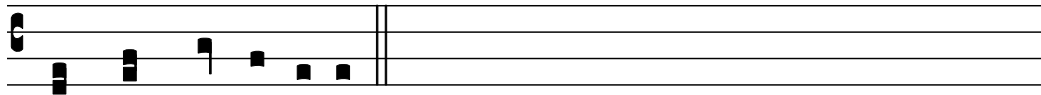
wall took a-way my veil : O daughters of Je-ru-sa-lem,



tell my be-lov-ed that I am sick with love.

Antiphons of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In Eastertide let it be concluded thus.

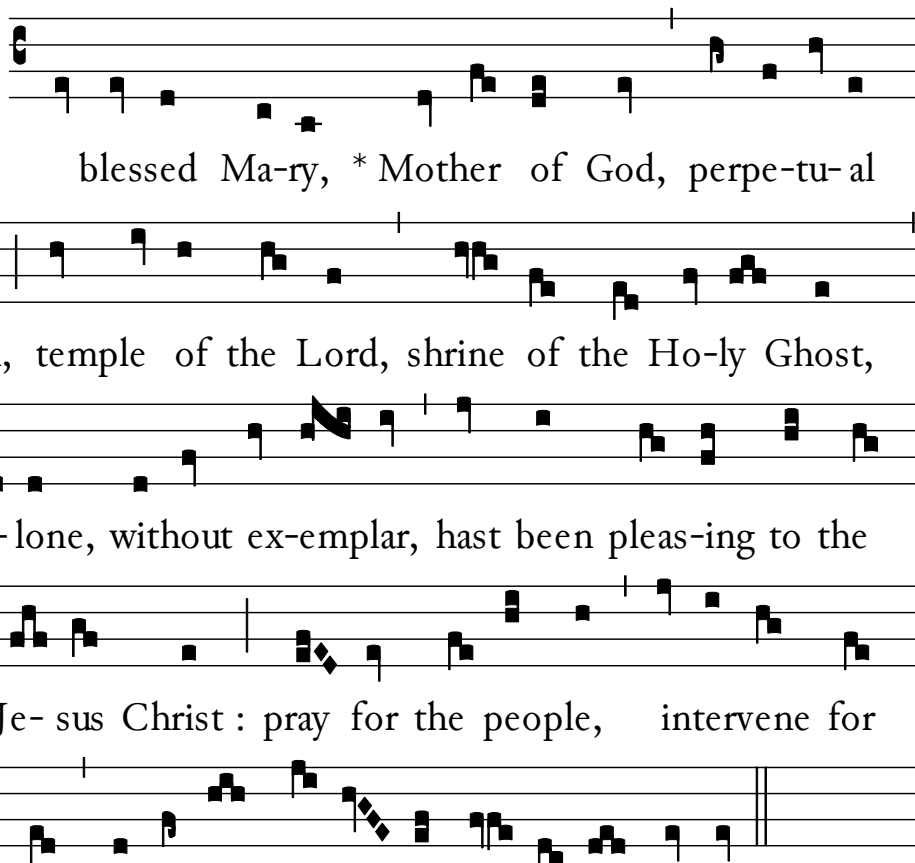



with love, al-le-lu-ya.

Another Antiphon.

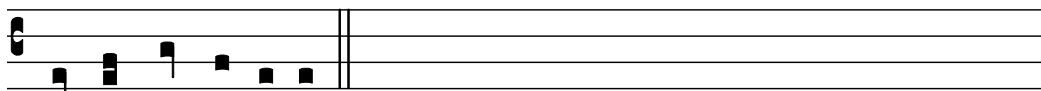
Beata Dei Genitrix.

Ant.
VIII.i.



blessed Ma-ry, * Mother of God, pe-pe-tu-al
virgin, temple of the Lord, shrine of the Ho-ly Ghost,
thou a-lone, without ex-em-plar, hast been pleas-ing to the
Lord Je-sus Christ : pray for the people, intervene for
the clergy, intercede for all conse-cra-ted women.

In Eastertide at the Procession thus.



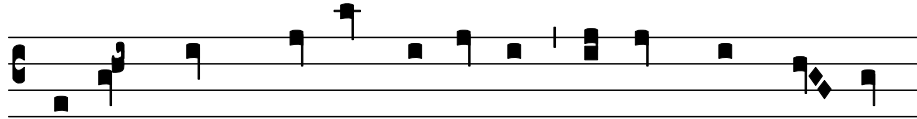
women, al-le-lu-ya.

Antiphons of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

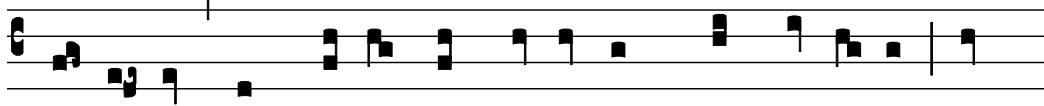
Another Antiphon.

Descendi in ortum meum.

Ant.
VII.i.



went down * into the garden to see the fruits of



the val-leys, and to look if the vineyard had flourished : and

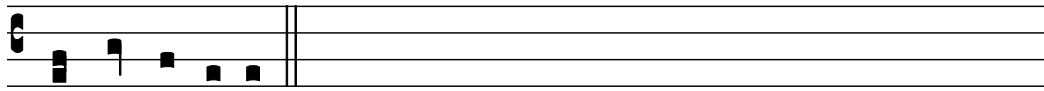


the pome-gra-nates bud-ded. Re-turn, re-turn, O Su-la-



mi-tess : re-turn, re- turn, that we may behold thee.

In Eastertide at the Procession thus.



thee, al-le-lu-ya.

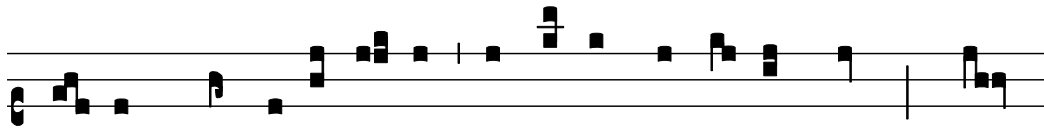
Another Antiphon.

Speciosa facta es.

Ant.
VI.



Hou art be- come * beauti-ful and gra-cious in the



de- lights of virgi-ni- ty, O ho-ly Mother of God : whom

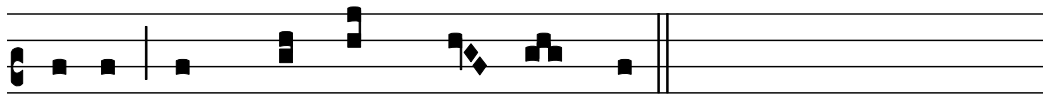
Antiphons of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



the daugh-ters of Si- on see-ing, blossoming amid the flow-ers

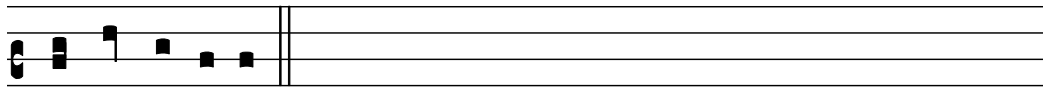


of ros-es and li-lies o the the val-ley did pro-claim most



blessed : and the queens did praise her.

In Eastertide thus.



her, al-le-lu-ya.

Blessings at Matins.

¶ *Whenever nine Lessons are made throughout the whole year let these six Blessings be said at Matins except on the Feasts of Blessed Mary : and All Saints : and on Feasts of iij. Lessons without exposition of the Gospel : whether the Choir is ruled, or not : and on Octaves and within Octaves : and on ferias in Eastertide according to the order of the Nocturns.*

¶ *In the j. Nocturn are said these blessings.*

May the everlasting Father bless us : with perpetual blessing.

May God, the Son of God : deign to bless and help us.

May the grace of the Holy Ghost : enlighten our hearts and bodies.

¶ *In the second Nocturn these blessings.*

May the almighty Lord bless us with his grace.

May Christ grant upon us : the joys of life eternal.

May the kindly Spirit cleanse us without and within.

¶ *In the third Nocturn.*

According to Mark. By the armour of the Gospel may the Creator of the world defend us.

¶ *According to Matthew.* May the reading of the Gospel be unto us health and protection.

¶ *According to Luke.* By the words of the Gospel : may our sins be blotted out.

¶ *According to John.* May the Fount of the Gospel : fill us with the doctrine of heaven.

¶ *When no exposition is read : then is said at the seventh Lesson this blessing.* May the Creator of all things bless us now and forever.

Blessings at Matins.

¶ *At the eighth Lesson is always said this blessing : except on Feasts of Blessed Mary : and of All Saints. May the Divine assistance : remain always with us.*

¶ *When however the exposition of the Gospel is said at the first Lesson then is this the second blessing. May the Divine assistance. &c.*

¶ *However on Feasts of Saints this is the ninth blessing. May the King of angels bring us into the fellowship of the citizens of heaven. And always is said May the King of angels. whenever it is said according to the Use of the Church of Sarum : except on Feasts of Blessed Mary : likewise on Feasts of iij. Lessons with an exposition of the Gospel is this the iij. blessing. May the King of angels. &c.*

¶ *When however there are nine Lessons from the Temporale throughout the whole year : except from the Feast of the Holy Trinity until the Advent of the Lord : this is the ninth blessing. In the unity of the Holy Ghost : may the Father and the Son bless us.*

¶ *Let it be said also on the Feast of Corpus Christi and within the Octave of the same : and on the Exaltation of the Holy Cross : and on the Dedication of the Church : and on the Sunday within the Octave and on the Octave of the same.*

¶ *When however three Lessons are made of the Temporale with exposition of the Gospel then this is the third blessing. In the unity of the Holy Ghost. &c.*

¶ *However from the Feast of the Holy Trinity until the Advent of the Lord on Sundays when the service is of the Sunday : this is the ix. blessing. May the power of the Holy Trinity strengthen us : in perfect charity.*

¶ *On all ferias throughout the year out of Eastertide : and when there is no exposition : let these three blessings be said.*

May God have mercy on us : and grant us peace.

May the power of Christ : dwell in our hearts.

May the kindly Spirit sent from heaven teach us.

¶ *On the Feast of All Saints the blessings are said just as they are written in the same Feast before the Lessons of the same.*

¶ *On Feasts and on Commemorations of Blessed Mary let be said these blessings.*

¶ *In the first Nocturn.*

Kindly Virgin of virgins : intercede for us to the Lord.

May Christ, the Son of Mary : be merciful and favourable unto us.

May the Holy Mother of God : be unto us a helper.

¶ *The three aforesaid blessings are not altered on Commemorations of Blessed Mary throughout the whole year.*

¶ *In the second Nocturn.*

By the merits of Holy Mary : bring us to the heavenly kingdom.

Thou who didst bring forth the Christ, entreat for us unto him.

Mary, Star of the sea most gracious : succour us.

¶ *In the third Nocturn.*

Through the merits of Mary : may the reading of the Gospel profit us.

May the Virgin Mary : obtain for us divine consolation.

May the Queen of Heaven guide us : into the fellowship of the citizens of heaven.

¶ *Also other blessings of Saint Mary within Octaves.*

Pure, chaste, pious : O Mary, have mercy on the wretched.

O Virgin Mother : make thy Son to be favourable unto us.

By the prayers of the Mother : may the wisdom of the Father save us.

¶ *The second day.*

O Virgin worthy of God : be thou favourable to <those> who plead.

Intercede for us, O pious Virgin Mary.

May she who brought forth a Flower : grant unto us the Flower's fragrance.

¶ *The third day.*

Preserve thy servants : O Virgin Mary.

By the prayers of holy Mary : may the Father and the Son bless us.

Son of the Virgin Mary : grant unto us the joys of eternal life. Amen.

¶ *In the daily Matins of Blessed Mary let be said these blessings.*

Kindly Virgin of virgins : intercede for us to the Lord.

Intercede for us, O pious Virgin Mary.

May the Holy Mother of God : be unto us a helper.

¶ *The End of the Common of Saints.*