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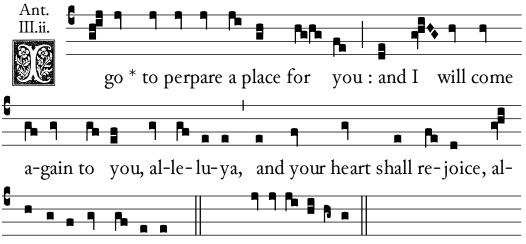
■ The Holy Apostles Philip and James. Double Feast.

(j. May.)

At Vespers.

On the Ferial Psalms.

Vado parare vobis locum.



le-lu-ya al-le-lu-ya. Ps. S. A. E.

Chapter. Wisdom v. 1.

He righteous man shall stand in great boldness before the face of

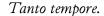
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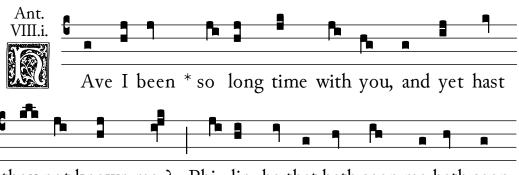
R. Her Nazarites. in the Common. [807].

Hymn. Th'Apostles' hearts were full of pain. in the Common. [808].

 $\bar{\mathcal{V}}$. The disciples were glad.

R. When they saw the Lord, alleluya. Let the Response be made privately.





thou not known me?: Phi-lip, he that hath seen me hath seen



my Father also, al-le-lu-ya. Ps. My soul doth magnify. 69*.

Prayer.

God, who dost gladden us in the annual solemnity of thine apostles Philip and James: grant, we beseech thee, that we may be

instructed by their examples, in whose merits we rejoice. Through Jesus Christ.

■ Memorial of the Resurrection. 1582.

1 At Matins.

Invitatory. Let the saints exult. in the Common. [811].

Ps. Venite. 33*.

Hymn. Th'Apostles' hearts were full of pain. in the Common. [808].

Ant. Your sorrow. in the Common. [811].

Let three Psalms of the Common of Apostles in other seasons be sung: according to the order of the Nocturns.

V. The disciples were glad. [812].

According to John xiiij. 1–13.



T that time : Jesus said unto his disciples, Let not your heart be troubled, ye

believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions. And that which followeth.

A Homily of Blessed Augustine, Bishop.

(On John, Tract. 67. excerpted).

E ought to be roused, brethren, to God with greater intention, so that the words of the Holy Gospel, which have just sounded in our ears, we may also be able to grasp in some measure with our minds. Our Redeemer, knowing that the minds of the disciples were to be troubled by his passion and death: before he suffered, undertook

to raise up their spirits with the glory of his resurrection, and with the hope of abiding with him. When indeed on that account they dreaded to die, they were rightly troubled: but those who believed that they would abide with him were restored from the turmoil. But if one was stronger than another, one more righteous than another: in my Father's house are None of them, many mansions. therefore, shall be alienated from that house, where everyone shall receive a mansion for his merits. For there shall be no envy of unequal glory, because the unity of charity shall reign among all.

Let the Responsories be sung from the Common of Apostles in Eastertide. [812].

Lesson ij.

Ames, who is also called the brother of the Lord, with the appellation the Righteous: after the passion of the Lord was immediately ordained Bishop of Jerusalem by the apostles. This man was holy from his mother's womb: he drank not wine nor strong drink, he ate no flesh. He had never been shaven, nor anointed with ointment, nor made use of a bath. To him alone was it lawful to

enter into the holy of holies. This man wore not linen, but woolen garments. And he alone entered the temple, and lay upon his knees, praying for the ignorance of the people with his knees fixed: so much so that he was believed to have worn his knees to the hardness of those of camels. And so, for his incredible continence and supreme righteousness, he was called the Righteous.

And so, when the Jews compelled him, being placed on the pinnacle of the temple, to deny Christ to be the Son of God: he protested with a loud voice to the people, saying, Why do ye ask me about the Son of Man? Behold, he himself sitteth on the right hand of the Father, and he shall come again with the clouds of heaven. But the Pharisees, hearing these things, threw him down from the height. And when, having been cast down from the pinnacle of the temple, with broken legs, still half

alive, raising his hands to heaven, James said, Lord, forgive them for they know what they do: he was struck on the skull with a fuller's club. And so for thirty years he governed the church of Jerusalem, that is, until the seventh year of Nero: and he was buried near the temple where he was cast down. Some think that he was buried on the Mount of Olives: but their opinion is false. He wrote only one epistle, which is among the seven canonical epistles.

Lesson iij.

Fter the Lord's passion, for about twenty years, the holy Apostle Philip preached the Gospel to the people in Scythia. When he was arrested by the Greeks and led to the statue of Mars, so that he might be compelled to make sacrifices, a huge dragon came out from under the base on which the statue of Mars stood, and smote the son of the high priest, who tended the fire of the sacrifice. He slew also two tribunes who were rulers of the province : whose officials held the holy Apostle Philip in bonds. And from the breath of the dragon, all became afflicted with disease. Now the apostle of the Lord raised up the son of the high priest,

who ministered the fire of the sacrifice, and the two tribunes who were dead in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ: and he restored to health all the people who had been diseased. Whence it came to pass, that all who had persecuted the apostle Philip, repented, thinking that they should worship him as a god. But with the apostle constantly preaching there for one year they believed: and many thousands of men were baptized. Having ordained clergy, bishops and priests and deacons, and built many churches, he himself, by revelation, returned to Asia, and dwelt in the city of Hierapolis: he extinguished the evil

heresy of the Ebionites, who asserted that it was not to be supposed true that the man born of the Virgin Mary was the Son of God. Thus persevering in preaching without ceasing for several years: he gained a

great number of people to Christ, always serving in pious labours. And at Hierapolis, a city of Asia, at length he slept with the blessed in peace, and there he was buried.

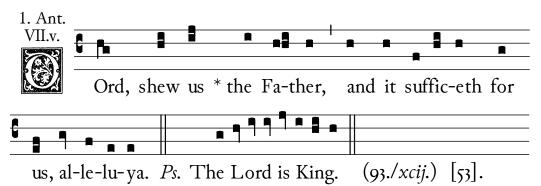
Before Lauds.

- $\tilde{\mathcal{N}}$. They knew the Lord.
- R. In breaking of bread, alleluya.

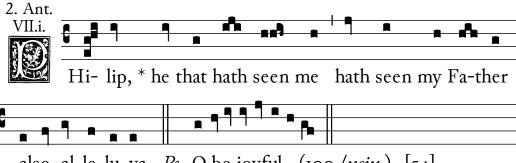
¶ At Lauds.

Let these Antiphons be sung.

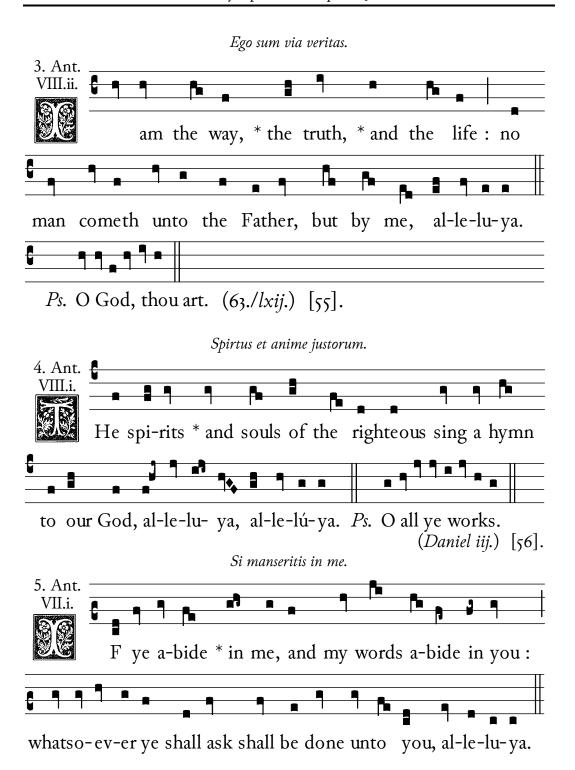
Domine ostende nobis Patrem.

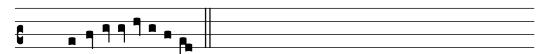


Philippe qui videt me.



also, al-le-lu-ya. Ps. O be joyful. (100./xcix.) [54].





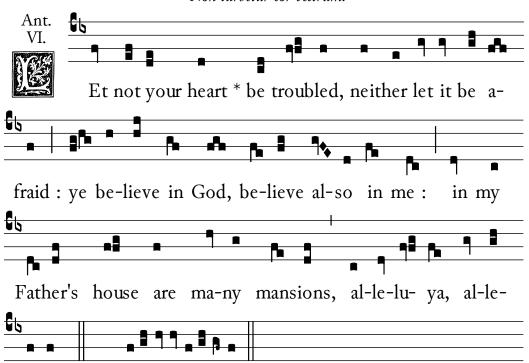
Ps. O praise the Lord. (148-50.) [58].

Chapter. The righteous man shall stand. as above. {495}.

Hymn. In this our bright. in the Common. [816].

 \overline{X} . Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous. \overline{R} . For it becometh well the just to be thankful, alleluya. Let the Response be made privately.

Non turbetur cor vestrum.



lu-ya. Ps. Blessed be the Lord. 64*.

Prayer. O God, who dost gladden us. {496}.

Memorial of the Resurrection. 1571.

$\blacksquare At j.$

Ant. Lord, shew us the Father. j. of Lauds. {499}. Ps. Save me, O God. (54./liij.) [113] &c. {501}

Ant. Thanks be unto thee. [118].

Ps. Quicunque vult. [119].

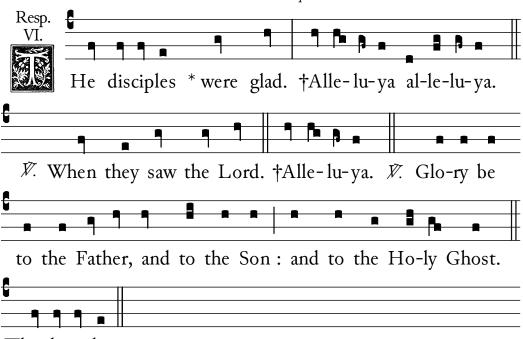
¶ At iij.

Ant. Philip, he that hath seen me. ij. of Lauds. {499}.

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

Chapter. The righteous man shall stand. as above. {495}.

Gavisi sunt discipuli.



The disciples.

V. Lord, shew us the Father.

R. And it sufficeth us, alleluya.

$\blacksquare At vj.$

Ant. I am the way. iij. of Lauds. {500}.

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

Chapter. Acts iv. 33.

Ith great power gave the apostles witness of the

resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

Domine ostende nobis Patrem.



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

- $\bar{\mathcal{W}}$. Let not your heart be troubled.
- R. Neither let it be afraid, alleluya.

$\blacksquare At ix.$

Ant. If ye abide in me. v. of Lauds. {500}.

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

Chapter. Acts v. 41.

He apostles departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted

worthy to suffer shame for the name of Jesus.

Non turbetur cor vestrum.





Fí-li-o: et Spi-rí-tu-i Sancto. Non turbé-tur.

- $\tilde{\mathcal{N}}$. The Lord was known of them.
- R. In breaking of bread, alleluya.

■ At ij. Vespers.

Ant. Dómine osténde. j. of Lauds. {461}.

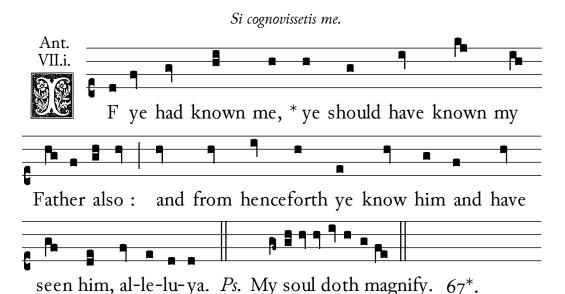
Ps. The Lord said unto my Lord. (110./cix.) [375]. and the other Psalm of the Apostles. [879].

Chapter. The righteous man shall stand. as above. {457}.

R. Her Nazarites. in the Common. [807].

Hymn. In this our bright and Paschal day. in the Common. [816].

 \mathcal{N} . Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous. \mathcal{R} . For it becometh well the just to be thankful, alleluya. Let the Response be made privately.



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Prayer O God, who dost gladden us. as above. {496}.

When by chance this Feast shall fall in the Octave of Easter: let it be deferred until the morrow and on the Sunday shall be Vespers of the Feast with a solemn Memorial of the Sunday and of the Resurrection. On the morrow to be sure then let Vespers of the Cross be made with a solemn Memorial of the Apostles: and afterwards of the Martyrs.

If this Feast shall fall on the Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord let it be celebrated there: and at j. Vespers of the Ascension let a solemn Memorial be made of the Apostles.

If however this Feast by chance shall fall on the day of the Ascension of the Lord: let it be deferred until the morrow: and also then a solemn Memorial of the same shall be made at ij. Vespers on the day of the Ascension. And on the morrow shall be Vespers of the Apostles: and a solemn Memorial of the Invention of the Holy Cross and of the Martyrs: and let a Procession be made before the Cross and, on entering into the Quire, of Saint Mary.

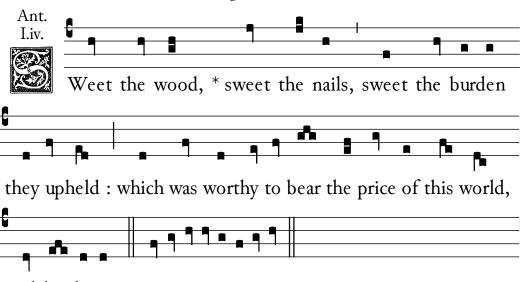
• On the Invention of the Holy Cross.

(iij. May.)

At First Vespers.

On the Ferial Psalms.

Dulce lignum dulces clavos.



al-le- lu-ya. S. A. E.

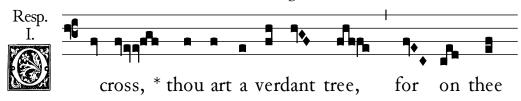
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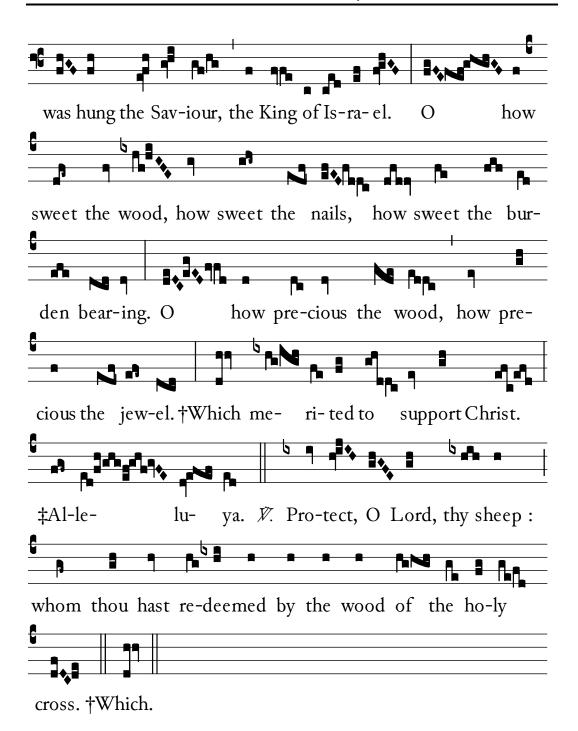
Chapter. Galat. vj. 14.

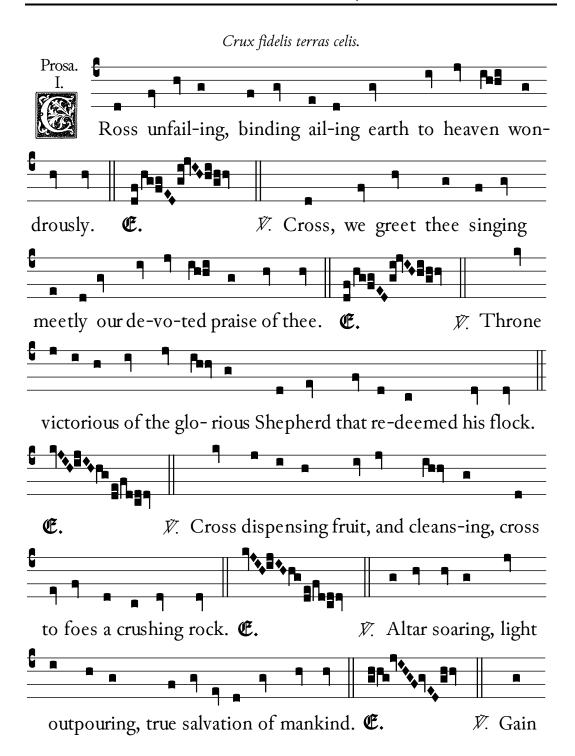
Ut God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom the

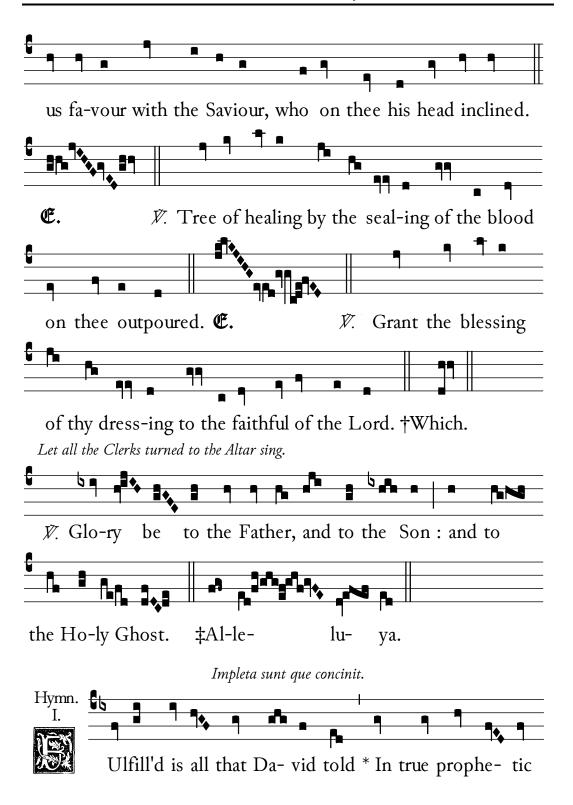
world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

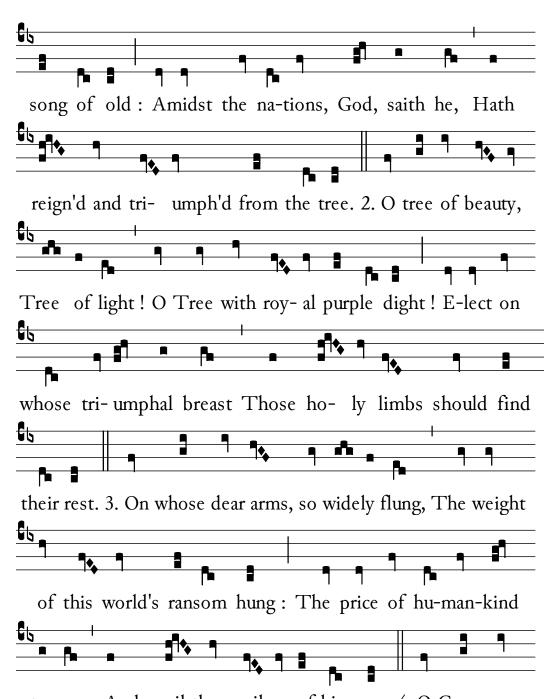
O crux viride lignum.



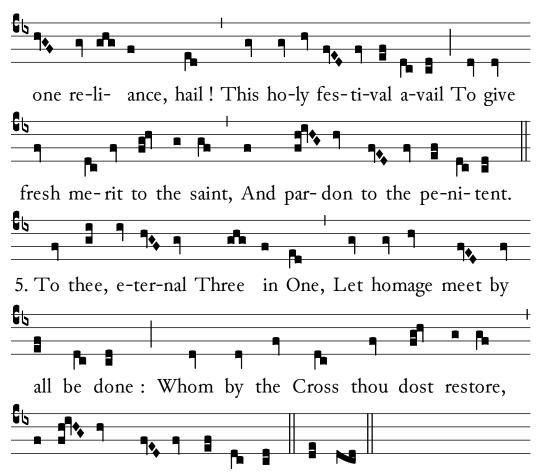






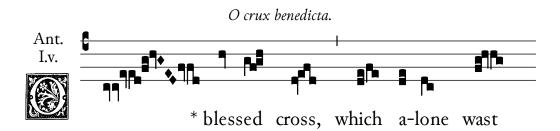


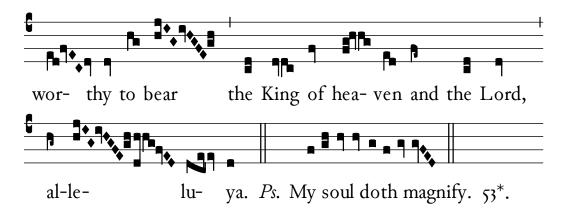
to pay, And spoil the spoil-er of his prey. 4. O Cross, our



Pre-serve and go-vern ev-ermore. Amen.

 $\tilde{\mathcal{W}}$. This sign of the cross shall be in heaven. $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}$? When the Lord shall come to judge, alleluya. Let the Response be made privately.





Prayer.

God, who in the glorious finding of the saving Cross hast renewed the miracles of thy passion, grant: that by the price paid on the

life-giving wood, we may gain commendation unto eternal life. Who with the Father.

Let be made no Memorial of the Resurrection: but let a solemn Memorial be made of the Martyrs Alexander, Eventius, and Theodolus.

Ant. O daughters of Jerusalem. [827].

 \mathcal{V} . Your sorrow. [826].

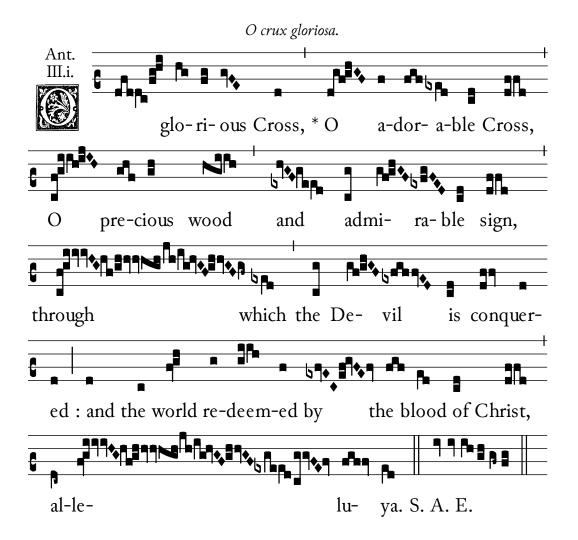
Prayer.

Rant, we beseech thee, almighty God, that we who honour the birthday of thy holy martyrs Alexander, Eventius, and Theodolus,

may, by their intercessions be delivered from all impending evils. Through Jesus Christ.

Then if it shall be a Sunday a Memorial shall be made of the Sunday at both Vespers and at Matins.

If the Feast of the Holy Cross shall fall on a Sunday: let a Procession be made with this Antiphon O glosious Cross. and the Antiphon of the Resurrection is omitted. If it shall be a Sunday let a Memorial be made of the Sunday and then let a well-ordered Procession go forth on no matter what day shall happen: with taperers and thurifers before the Cross through the middle of the Quire: without a Cross, being begun by the Rulers of the Choir.



And let it be concluded with Alleluya. whenever it is sung.

 $\overline{\mathcal{N}}$. Tell ye among the nations.

R. That the Lord hath reigneth from the tree, alleluya.

Prayer. O God, who for our sake didst will thy Son. 1466.

■ On returning let an Antiphon of Saint Mary be sung.

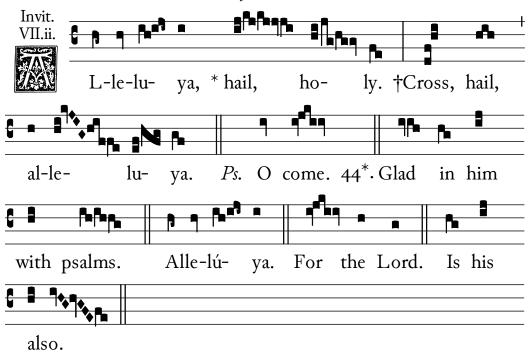
 $\dot{\mathcal{V}}$. Holy Mother of God. 1497.

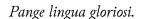
Prayer. Pour forth, we beseech thee. 1497.

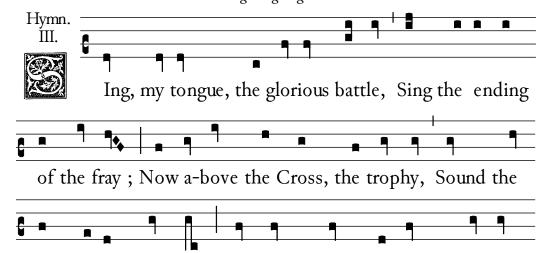
If however this Feast shall fall after the Ascension of the Lord, or on the Day of the Ascension of the Lord: then the Prayer Grant, we beseech thee, O merciful God. 1718. shall be said after the Antiphon of Saint Mary in place of Pour forth, we beseech thee.

At Matins.

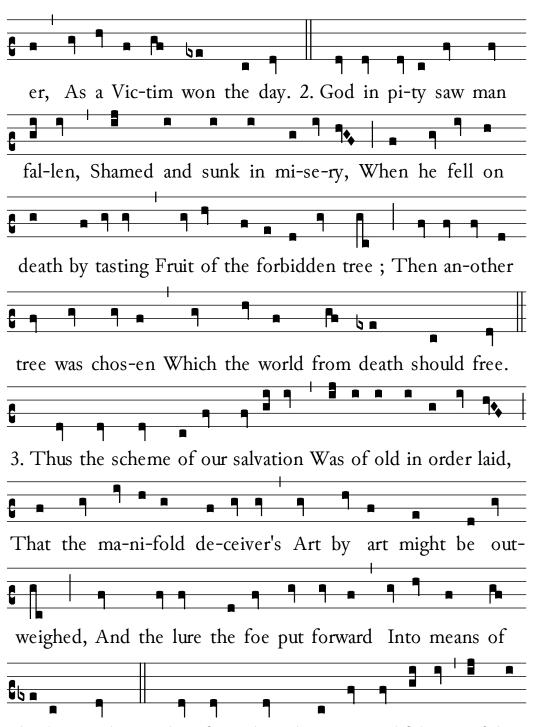
Alleluya salve sancta.



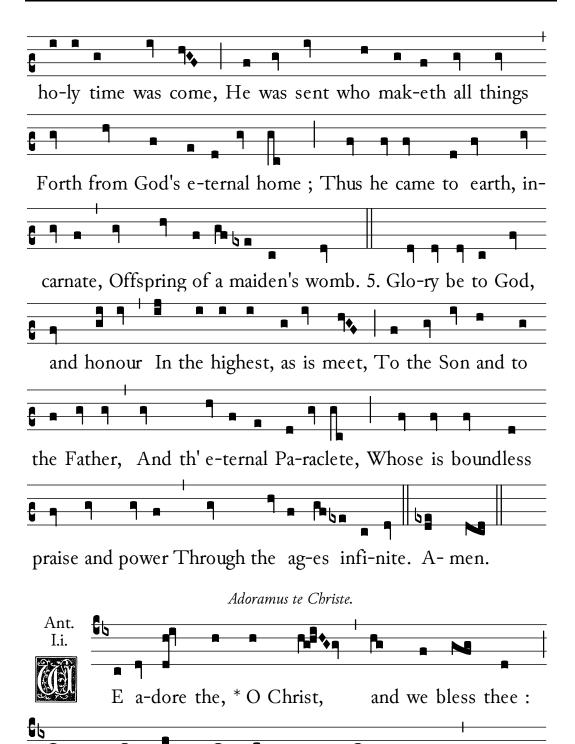




loud tri- umphant lay: Tell how Christ, the world's Re-deem-



healing made. 4. Therefore when the appointed fulness Of the



for by thy Cross thou hast re-deemed the world, al-le-{516}



lu-ya. Ps. O Lord our Governor. (viij.) [24].

Ps. The King shall rejoice. (21./xx.) [46].

Ps. The earth is the Lord's. (24./xxiij.) [111].

 \mathcal{N} . This sign of the cross shall be in heaven. \mathcal{R} . When the Lord shall come to judge, alleluya. Let the Response be made privately.

Lesson j.



Hen the Emperor

Constantine had obtained victory over the barbarous

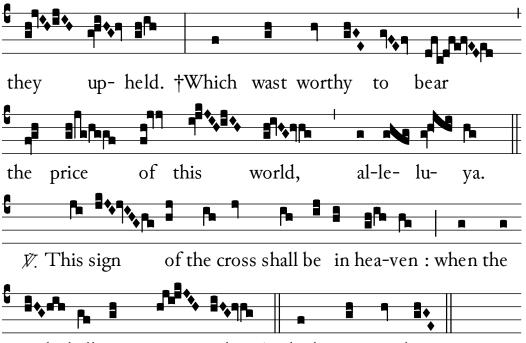
people, with the sign of the cross having been shewn to him from heaven: he sent his mother Helen to Jerusalem to seek for the tree of the Cross. And she, having come to Jerusalem: called together all the Jews, and said to them, Now choose ye those who know the law diligently. Who as they went: said amongst themselves: For what reason doth the queen impose this task upon us?

Now one of them, Judas by name, said, I know that she wisheth to make inquiry about the tree: upon which our fathers hung Jesus. See therefore that no man confess <the matter> to her: Zacheus my grandfather foretold this to my father, and my father, when he was dying, told it to me, saying, See, my son, when inquiry shall be made after the tree on which those who were before us condemned the Messiah: reveal it before thou beest tormented.

Dulce lignum dulces clavos.



Weet the wood, * sweet the nails, sweet the burden



Lord shall come to judge. †Which was worthy.

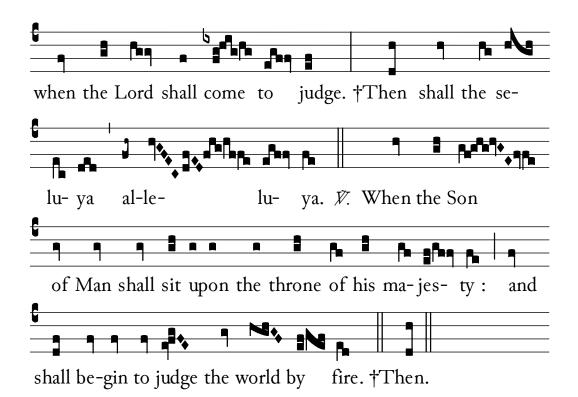
Lesson ij.

therefore said unto him, Father, if they knew him to be the Christ: wherefore did they lay hands upon him? And he said unto me, Hearken, my son. I never was of counsel with them, nor met with them: but many times I contradicted them. But because he rebuked the elders and the chief priests: they condemned him on the cross. Whom having been taken down from the tree

they buried, and having been interred, rising again after the third day: he manifested himself to his disciples. Whence my brother Stephen also believed: and began to teach in his name. And having taken counsel: they stoned him. These things my father Simeon confessed to me. But the rest said, We have never heard of such things.

Hoc signum crucis erit in celo.



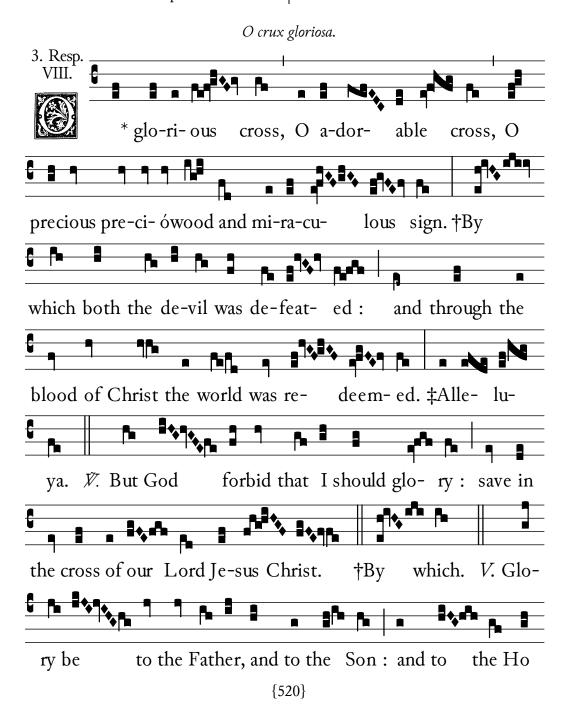


Lesson iij.

Hese things having been said by them: soldiers come to them saying, Come, the queen calleth ye. Then Blessed Helena ordereth them to be delivered into the fire. Who, when they were afraid: delivered up Judas. And calling him: she saith unto him, Life and death are set before thee: choose what thou wilt. Judas said, And who, being put alone in the wilderness, with bread being nearby, ate stones? Blessed Helena said, If then thou wishest to live, show me the tree of the Cross. Judas said, I do not know the place, because I was not then in being. Blessed

Helena said, By the Crucified, I shall cause thee to perish by hunger. And she ordered him to be put into a dry pit, remaining there for seven days without food. And when the seven days were over, Judas cried out from the pit, saying, I beseech thee, carry me out, and I will show thee the Cross of Christ. And when he had ascended from the pit, he went to the place where the holy Cross lay, and, lifting up his voice, he said, O Lord God, who hast made heaven and earth, who rulest over all: if it be thy will that the Son of Mary who was sent by thee shall reign, make smoke

of the odour of spices to ascend from the same place, that I also might believe in Christ crucified. When he had prayed this, the place was shaken : and the smell of spices ascended from the place. And Judas being astonished, said, In truth, O Christ, thou are the Saviour of the world. But thou.





ly Ghost. ‡Alle- lu- ya.

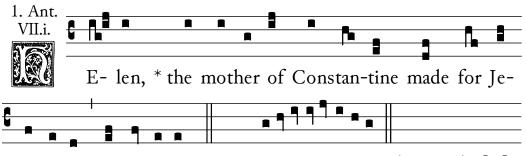
[Before Lauds.]

V. Tell ye among the nations.

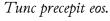
R. That the Lord hath reigneth from the tree, alleluya.

1 At Lauds.

Helena Constantini mater.



ru-sa-lem, al-le-lu-ya. Ps. The Lord is King. (93./xcij.) [53].

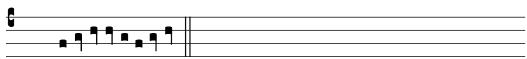




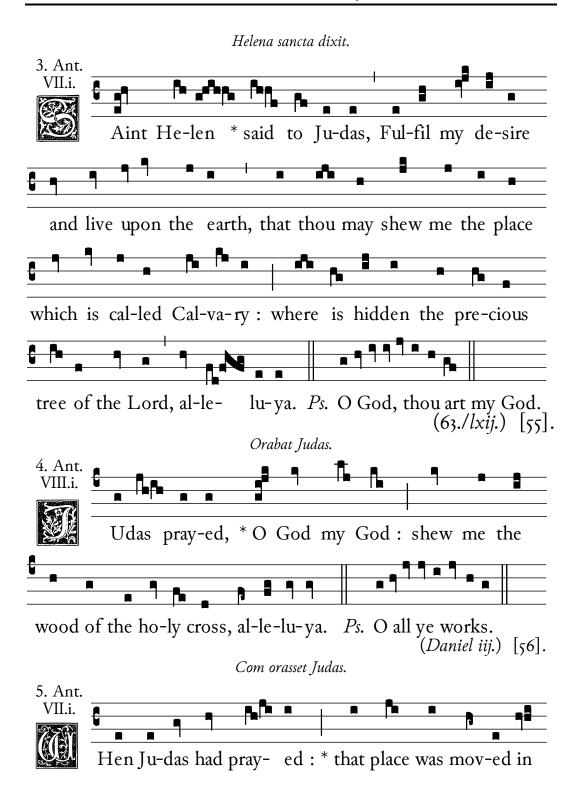
Hen she order-ed * them all to be burned with fire :

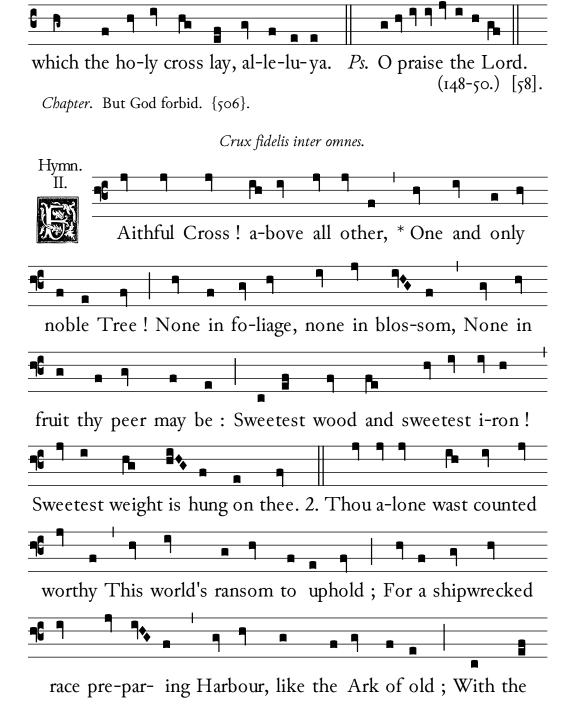


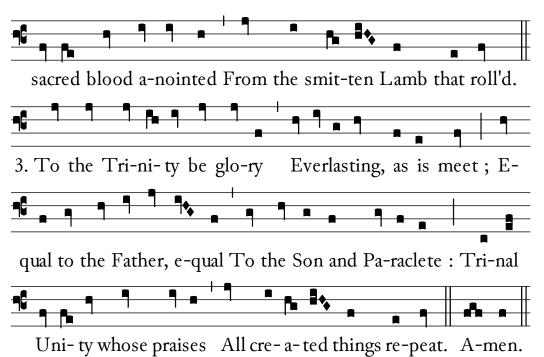
at which they, be- ing afraid, betray-ed Ju-das, al-le- lu-ya.



Ps. O be joyful. (100./xcix.) [54].

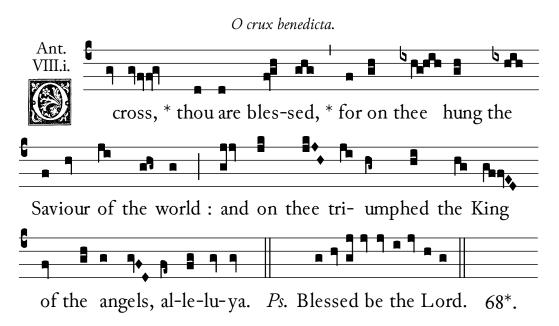






 $\overline{\mathcal{V}}$. Let all the world worship thee, O God, and sing of thee.

R. Let it praise thy name, O Lord. Let the Response be made privately.



Prayer. O God, who in the glorious. {512}.

Memorial of the Martyrs.

Ant. Light perpetual. Minor. in the Common. [835].

 $\tilde{\mathcal{N}}$. Rejoice in the Lord. [835].

Prayer. Grant, we beseech thee, almighty God. {512}.

If it shall be a Sunday: then let a Memorial be made of the Sunday.

$\blacksquare At j.$

Ant. Helena, the mother. j. of Lauds. {521}.

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

Ant. Thanks be unto thee. [118].

Ps. Quicunque vult. [119].

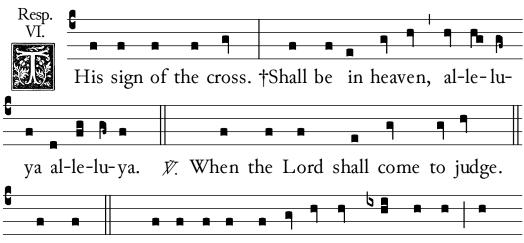
I At iij.

Ant. Then she ordered. *ij. of Lauds.* {521}.

Ps. Teach me, O Lord. (119./cxviij. 33.) [161].

Chapter. But God forbid. as above. {506}.

Hoc signum crucis.





to the Ho-ly Ghost. This sign.

 $\overline{\mathcal{V}}$. Tell it out among the nations.

R. That the Lord hath reigned from the tree, alleluya.

$\blacksquare At vj.$

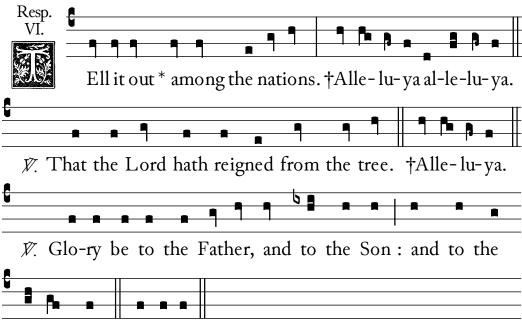
Ant. Saint Helen said. iij. of Lauds. {522}.

Ps. My soul hath longed. (119./cxviij. 81.) [179].

Chapter. 1. Cor. j. 18.

He preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness: but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. \mathbb{R}^{n} . Thanks be to God.

Dicite in nationibus.



Ho-ly Ghost. Tell it out.

 $\Breve{\mathcal{V}}$. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee.

R. For by thy cross thou hast redeemed the world.

$\blacksquare At ix.$

Ant. When Judas had prayed. v. of Lauds. {522}.

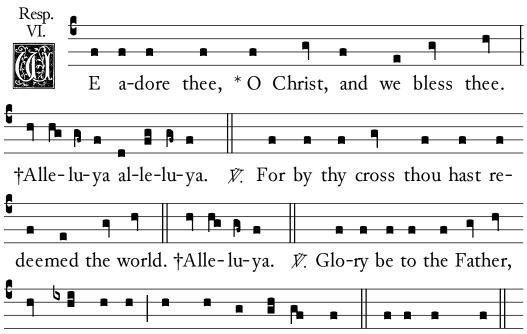
Ps. Thy testimonies. (119./cxviij. 129.) [195].

Chapter. 1 Cor. j. 23.

Ut we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness: but unto them which are called, both

Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. *R*. Thanks be to God.

Adoramus te Christe.



and to the Son: and to the Ho-ly Ghost. We a-dore thee.

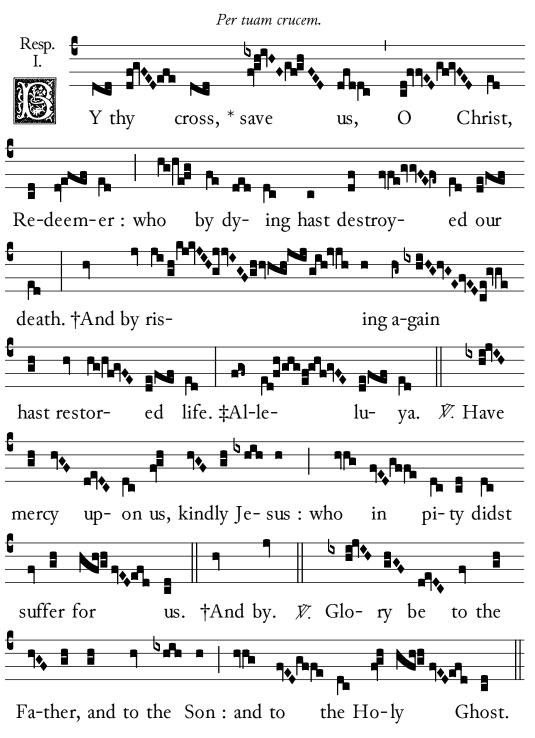
- $\overline{\mathcal{V}}$. Let all the world worship thee, O God, and sing of thee.
- R. Let it praise thy name, O Lord.

■ At ij. Vespers.

Ant. Helen, the mother. j. of Lauds. $\{521\}$.

Ferial Psalms.

Chapter. But God forbid. as above. {506}.



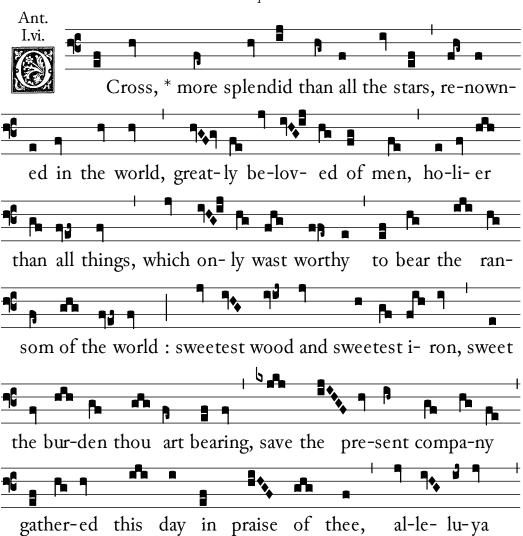


Hymn. Faithful Cross. as above at Lauds. {523}.

 $\overline{\mathcal{V}}$. Let all the world worship thee, O God, and sing of thee.

R. Let it praise thy name, O Lord. Let the Response be made privately.

O crux splendidior.





al-le-lu- ya al-le- lu-ya. Ps. My soul doth magnify. 53*.

Prayer O God, who in the glorious. as above. {512}.

If this Feast shall fall on a Saturday: then let no Procession be made at Second Vespers nor any Memorial except of the following Sunday only. Nevertheless if it shall fall within the Ascension of the Lord let a Memorial then be made of the Ascension.

If this Feast shall fall on the Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord let it be celebrated there: and then at j. Vespers of the Ascension let a solemn Memorial be made of the Cross.

If however this Feast shall fall on the day of the Ascension: let it be deferred until the morrow and then at ij. Vespers of the Ascension let a solemn Memorial be made of the Cross, proceeding before the Cross: with this Antiphon O glorious cross. {513}. and let not the Ant. O cross, thou art blessed. be sung on account of its extreme brevity. V. This sign of the cross. {511}. Prayer O God, who in the glorious. as above. {512}. On entering into the Quire let an Antiphon of Saint Mary be sung.

The reason why no Memorial of the Resurrection is made on the Invention of the Holy Cross is this: because when two opposites coincide: it is right that one be omitted. For example. Whenever a Feast with Rulers of the Choir shall fall on any Sunday before the Ascension of the Lord: and likewise if a Double Feast shall occur on that Sunday, let a solemn Memorial be made of the Resurrection at Matins and at ij. Vespers with the Antiphon on the Benedictus. and Magnificat. which is on Easter day: and at First Vespers, evidently on the Saturday, shall not be made any other Memorial of the Resurrection than proceeding before the Cross with the Antiphon Christ being raised. And if the Feast of the Cross shall fall on a Sunday: it is right that a Procession be made with the Antiphon O glorious cross. {513}. and let the Antiphon of the Resurrection be omitted.



■ Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist: which is called Before the Latin Gate.

(vj. May.)

Let be made three Lessons with Rulers of the Choir.

At First Vespers.

On the Ferial Psalms, Antiphon Light perpetual. Minor. in the Common. [806].

Chapter. Ecclesiasticus xv. 1.

E that feareth the Lord will do good : and he that hath the kinowledge of the law shall obtain

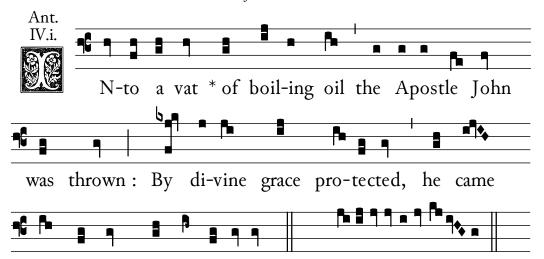
her, and as a mother shall she meet him.

And let the other Chapters at all the Hours be said as on the other Feast in the week of

the Nativity of the Lord. 364.

R. Hymn, and Verse from the Common of One Apostle in Eastertide. [807].

In ferventis olei.



forth unharmmed, al-le-lu-ya. Ps. My soul doth magnify. 61*.

Prayer.

God, who seest that we are troubled by evils on every side: grant, we beseech thee: that the

glorious intercession of blessed John thy apostle and evangelist may protect us. Through Jesus Christ.

1 At Matins.

Triple Invitatory: and the rest from the Common of One Apostle in Eastertide. [811]. Three Lessons without Exposition of the Gospel.

Lesson j.



Oday we celebrate Saint John the Apostle and Evangelist, rejoicing in the

anniversary of him which, as the ecclesiastical history relateth, was brought from Ephesus by order of Domitian to Rome, and in the

presence of the senate, before the Latin Gate was cast into a tub of boiling oil: from which, however, under the protection of divine grace, as much escaped from pain of the body, as much as he was a stranger to corruption of the flesh. Whereby

today's feast is thronged by faithful

people unto this day.

Lesson ij.

His blessed evangelist, while he was preaching the Gospel of Christ in Asia, was banished by the aforementioned Domitian Caesar to the mine on the island of Patmos, where likewise having been set, he wrote Book of Revelations. But when Domitian was slain by the senate, being released from exile, he departed to Ephesus, and there, on account of the scheming of heretics, he is said to have been asked by all

the bishops and priests of Asia (seeing that they already had in the three books of the Gospel concerning the humanity of the Saviour), that he might make a discourse for them about nature of God, and also leave them a written remembrance of things to come: especially in order to overcome the heresy of those who said that Christ had not existed before Mary.

Lesson iij.

He Blessed Apostle at first refused to do what he was asked. But he did not otherwise acquiesce to those beseeching, who were persevering in prayer, except insofar as all should pray to the Lord in a common fasting of three days. And when they had done this, on the third day they were said to be filled with so much grace of the Holy Ghost (according to the befitting interpretation of his

name) that he was said to have been filled with the purest fountain of eternal life, that he might be swallowed up in the mind of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: which would be drink for us who are thirsty. Whence such is the beginning of <his> Gospel, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Before Lauds.

- $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}$. Greatly to be honoured is blessed John.
- R?. Who leaned on the breast of the Lord at the supper.

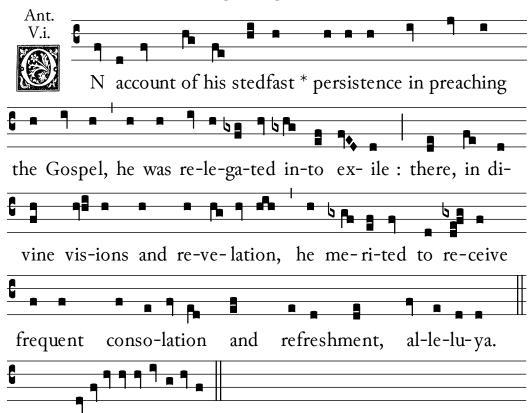
I At Lauds.

Ant. Thy saints, O Lord. in the Common [814]. and the other Antiphons with their Psalms.

Chapter. He that feareth the Lord. as above. {531}.

Hymn and Versicle from the Common. [816].

Propter insuperabilem.



Ps. Blessed be the Lord. 62*.

Prayer as above. {532}.

$\blacksquare At j.$

Ant. Thy saints, O Lord. in the Common. [814]. Ps. Save me, O God. (54./liij.) [113].

I At iij.

Chapter. He that feareth the Lord. {531}.

$\blacksquare At vj.$

Chapter. Ecclesiasticus xv. 3.

Ith the bread of understanding shall she feed him, and give him the water of wisdom to drink: he shall be stayded upon her, and

shall not be moved: and shall rely upon her, and shall not be confounded: and she shall exalt him above his neighbours.

\blacksquare At ix.

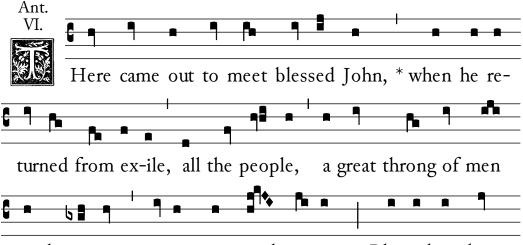
Chapter. Ecclesiasticus xv. 5.

N the midst of the congregation shall she open his mouth, and fill him with the spirit of wisdom and

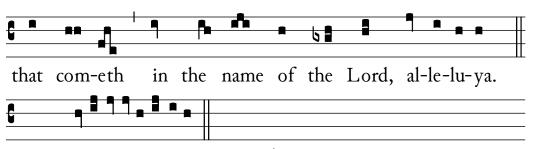
understanding, and clothe him with a robe of glory.

¶ At Second Vespers, Ant. Thy saints, O Lord. in the Common. [814]. Ps. The Lord said. (110./cix.) [375]. and the other Psalms of the Apostles. [823].

Occurrit beato Johanni.



and women, cry-ing out and say-ing: Blessed is he



Ps. My soul doth magnify. 53^* .

All the rest a both Vespers and at Matins and at all the othe Hours from the Common of One Apostle in Eastertide. If however this Feast or the Feast of Saint Dunstan or Saint Aldelm or Saint Augustine shall fall on the Vigil of the Ascension, let it be celebrated there: and at First Vespers of the Ascension let a Memorial be made of the same in hearing. If however any of them shall fall on the day of the Ascension, let it be deferred until the morrow: and nor then at Second Vespers of the Ascension let of the same a Memorial be made except privately.

Saint John of Beverley, Bishop andConfessor.

(vij. May.)

Let be made three Lessons with Rulers of the Choir.

Prayer and the rest from the Common although this following Proper Prayer is permitted.

■ Vespers will be of Saint John of Beverley, Bishop and Confessor: all from the Common according to the Use of Sarum.

Another Prayer.

God, who hast consecrated the present day with the migration of blessed John the confessor and bishop: grant unto thy Church to

worthily rejoice in his solemnity, that through thy mercy we may be holpen by his examples and merits. Through Jesus Christ.

And all the rest from the Common of One Confessor and Bishop in Eastertide. [825].

■ Of the Feast of Saint Augustine which is a Double Feast let a solemn Memorial now be made. If however the Feast of Saint Aldelm shall fall on the day of the Ascension, let it be deferred until Saturday as on the day of Saint Augustine.

At Second Vespers which shall be of the Feast let a solemn Memorial be made of Saint Aldelm and then let nothing be made of Saint Urban that year except at Vespers and at Matins of Saint Mary.

If some Feast of iij. Lessons without Rulers of the Choir shall fall on the second day of Rogation or on the Vigil of the Ascension, let nothing be made of the same.

■ Memorial of the Apostle.

Occurrit beato Johanni.





Here came out to meet blessed John, * when he re-



that com-eth in the name of the Lord, al-le-lu-ya.

 $\overline{\mathcal{V}}$. Rejoice in the Lord. [819].

Prayer. O God, who seest. as above. {532}.

T At Matins.

Lesson j.

He blessed archbishop John, within arising the English borders, when he had reached the age of youthful manhood, was committed Archbishop Theodore Canterbury, who taught him every manner of uprightness, and taught him the wisdom of the Holy Scriptures. When he was already well imbued with diverse writings, he traveled throughout the countryside, sowing divine grass, and consecrated many to the order of the diaconate and to the honour of the priesthood, from which college Saint Bede arose, who wrote down many things beneficial to the worshippers of the

apostolic faith. And by God's order, and by the acknowledgment of the illustrious king Aldfrith, the aforesaid John received the honour of bishop in the place which is called Hexham. John himself also had one of the great deacons of holiness, by the name of Brithunus: who was ordained abbot of the holy life in his monastery, which is called Beverley. The bishop himself, by constant warnings, converted all who came to him to the way of truth, and continually prayed for the flock entrusted to him, and for all Christian people. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson ij.

Fter this, then, blessed Bishop Wilfrid, who for a long time had been ejected from his episcopate, by the Roman council and by a letter received the from the lord pope, returned to his own country: and to received the bishopric of the church of Hexham, by synodal council. And Saint John received the pontificate in the city of York, which he held nobly for twenty-three years. When on a certain day a large crowd was gathered to him to receive the anointing of the

holy chrism: among others he anointed a certain young man who was dead with the oil of holy chrism, and thus brought him back from death to life. In like manner too, he drove out a demon from a man, he always healed the insane and the sick wherever he found them: and as many as touched his garment in faith, rejoiced that health had quickly come to them. Moreover he had power over storms, by the strength of the Holy Ghost. But thou.

Lesson iij.

Ow Saint John lived in his episcopate thirty-three years, eight months, and thirteen days, and afterward, when he was not able to go around his parish: with the election of all the people he entrusted the pontificate of York to his priest Wilfrid. And with the counsel of holy Brithunus his abbot he made for Beverley: where, continuing long in the service of God, he happily ended his life on the nones of May. He was buried in the porch of Saint John the

Evangelist, where by his merits the infirm are healed, devils are put to flight, the blind are enlightened, the ears of the deaf are opened, the voices of the dumb are restored, the footsteps of the lame are given back, all kinds of anguish are put to flight: and by his intervention our offenses are blotted out, and heavenly joys are given to us: through the excellency of Him whom all things serve. But thou, O Lord.

All the rest from the Common in Eastertide. [825].

If this Feast or Saint Aldelm, or Saint Dunstan shall fall on the Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord let it be celebrated there: and at j. Vespers of the Ascension let not a

Memorial of the same be made in hearing.

If however any Feast of these Saints shall fall on the day of the Ascension of the Lord, let it be deferred until the morrow and then at j. Vespers of the Ascension shall be a Memorial of the same privately, &c.

■ The Translation of Saint Nicholas, Bishop and Confessor.

Prayer.

God, Author of goodness and Dispenser of good things, favourably grant : that we who venerate the translation of Blessed

Nicholas thy Confessor and Bishop may by his protection and petitions may receive the propitiation of thy majesty. Through.

All the rest from the Common of One Confessor and Bishop in Eastertide with Rulers of the Choir. [825].

■ Saints Gordian and Epimachus, Martyrs.

(x. May.)

Double Invitatory.

Prayer.

Rant, we beseech thee, almighty God, that we who honour the solemnity of thy blessed martyrs

Gordian and Epimachus: may be holpen by their intercessions before thee. Through Jesus Christ.

Three Lessons without Rulers of the Choir.

Lesson j.



Mperor Julian the Apostate, among many Christians whom he gave over to the

public prisons: delivered blessed Januarius, the old priest, having been caught, to a certain vicar, Gordian to be heard. Who, patiently hearing blessed Januarius, began to believe, enlightened by the Spirit of God. Whom the blessed priest straightway baptized, together with his wife, Magna by name, and fifty-three of the household of either sex, and others with them. But thou.

Lesson ij.

Hen this had taken place, Julianus, hearing of it, was filled with anger, and condemned the proscriptions of the holy priest Januarius. To be sure Saint Gordian was likewise condemned and put in

public prison: and handed over to a certain Clement (to whom he had given his vicariate). And he commanded his wife to remain at the salt waters: in the service of the peasants.

Lesson iij.

Lement, however, sitting in the tribunal, ordered blessed Gordian to be presented to him bound with chains. He, in the confession of Christ, having been pierced at length with lead: was at

last beheaded. The unjust judge ordered his body to be thrown down on the ground before the temple of Apollo, that it might be gnawed by dogs. Which the Christians, snatching away at night time, laid in a

crypt, more or less one mile from the city of Rome : where the body of

blessed Epimachus had already been buried.

The rest from the Common of Many Martyrs in Eastertide. [837].

■ Saints Nereus, Achilles, and Pancratius.

(xij. May.)

Double Invitatory.

Prayer.

Ay the blessed solemnity, O Lord, of thy martyrs Nereus, Achilles, and Pancras, we beseech

thee, ever comfort us : and render us worthy of thy service. Through Jesus Christ.

Three Lessons without Rulers of the Choir.

Lesson j.



Omitilla, a most noble virgin, the granddaughter of Emperor Domitian, had two

eunuchs, Nereus and Achilleus, chamberlains: whom the holy apostle Peter had baptized. She was betrothed to a certain illustrious man named Aurelian. And seeing that the

aforesaid eunuchs had taught her to keep her virginity for Christ: Aurelian, her bridegroom, was granted by Domitian, that if she should despise sacrificing, she should undergo exile in an island of Pontia. But thou.

Lesson ij.

Nd so, while Domitilla was in exile, and Nereus and Achilleus were living with her, Aurelian coming thither began to attempt to sway their minds with promises, thinking that through them the spirit of the virgin might be shaken. But the saints, detesting his offerings, strengthening even more the faith of Domitilla in the Lord, were handled by him with the most grievous assaults. And when, compelled by rack and flames to sacrifice to idols,

they declared that, having been baptized by the Apostle Peter, they could by no means sacrifice to idols: they were killed by beheading. Whose bodies Auspicius, a disciple of them, took away: being the nurse of the holy virgin Domitilla. Which he also brought on board a ship, and buried in the estate of Domitilla in a sand-stone crypt: on the Via Ardeatina, one and a half miles from the wall of the city.

When the Emperor Dioclecian, when the madness of the pagans was exceedingly great against the Christians, the noble boy Pancras was brought to Diocletian, and it was told him that he was of a noble Christian family. Dyocletian said to him, Child, I urge thee to depart from Christian worship, lest thou die an ugly death: but grant unto thyself thy birthdays. But if the words of my pity displease thee, I shall command thee to be slain and thy body to be burned. To whom Pancras said, Do

Lesson iij.

not err in vain, O Emperor. Jesus our God hath vouchsafed to give us such understanding, that all the terror of princes is as great among us as this picture which we see. Diocletian, being angry, ordered him to be led to the Via Aurelia, and there to undergo a capital sentence. Whose body was taken up by Octavilla by night, and stored with spices, and wrapped in most worthy linen, and buried in a new sepulchre, on the fourth of the ides of May. But thou.

And all the rest from the Common of Many Martyrs in Eastertide. [837].

■ Saint Dunstan, Bishop and Confessor.

(xix. May.)

Let nine Lessons be made.

Prayer.

God, who hast translated blessed Dunstan thy bishop into the heavenly kingdom : grant unto

us, through his glorious merits : to pass into everlasting joys. Through Jesus Christ.

• On the same day let a Memorial be made of Saint Potentiana, Virgin, at j. Vespers and at Matins.

Ant. The kingdom of heaven is like unto a net. in the Common. [1125]. V. Full of grace are thy lips. [1125].

Prayer.

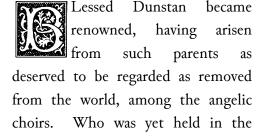
Rant unto us, we beseech thee, almighty God, both to exult in the merits of thy holy virgin

Potentiana, and to be exalted by the of favours of her approbation. Through Jesus Christ.

¶ If this Feast, or the Feast of Saint Aldelm, or the Feast of Saint Augustine, or of Saint Edmund, or of Saint Barnabas, Apostle, shall fall before Pentecost, let three Lessons be made with Rulers of the Choir: let all the rest be made from the Common of Saints in Eastertide. [825].

If however it shall fall after Pentecost let ix. Lessons be made. And let all the rest be made from the Common of the other seasons. [1019].

Lesson j.



womb of his pregnant mother, when

the day of the presentation of Jesus in

the temple began to dawn. And when the Christian people (as is the custom on that day) stood in the church with lighted candles: suddenly the lights of the same place were put out, as is believed by all, by the Divine will. But in order that the Lord might reveal what the

indication of that extinction might mean, the candle of the mother who had been impregnated with such a son, even itself, with the others being extinguished, suddenly became illuminated with a renewed light: from which the candles of all the pious gathered there were illuminated. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Second Lesson.

Orn a child of God, Dunstan was baptized in the name of the Trinity, nourished, weaned: and in due time delivered to be formed in the divine service of Glastonbury. And when he had already grown up in the service of God: he came to his uncle Athelm, the Archbishop of In his manners he was Dover. pleasing to the same bishop: he was presented by the same to King Athelstan, and was commended with great affection. Who was regarded honorably by the king, as he who advanced in virtue from day to day. But with the same king being taken out of life: his brother Edmund was elevated to the throne of the

kingdom. From whom also the man of God, being esteemed honorably, also received the place to be governed in which he had been brought up. The blessed man Dunstan, having been made a monk and abbot of Glastonbury, was the first to institute a school of monks there: and that they might grow up in every zeal of holy religion, he laboured in word and deed. And just as by the candle of his pregnant mother the rest had been lighted throughout the whole church: thus by him from this place the pattern of monastic devotion was spread throughout the whole territory of the English. But thou.

Lesson iij.

Nd when there was born to the aforesaid king a son who in baptism was called Edgar: holy Dunstan in his cell, attending to the divine, heard voices on high singing, Peace to the Church of the English, a boy hath now been born: and in the

time of our Dunstan. Which event afterwards proved to have come to pass. At a certain time a great beam was lifted up to the summit of the church: and the man of God was then present at hand. Which, when it was already close to the roof: began

to fall headlong. The cry of the people is lifted up to heaven: Dunstan himself also lifteth up his eyes with prayer, he calleth out for divine help: with his right hand raised up he opposeth with the sign of salvation. For it was to be seen, by the power of God, to meet with the danger which threatened the destruction of many: and for the same beam to be brought back into the place from which it had begun to fall. Who there might restrain himself

from praise of the Creator? On a certain night, while this man was praying, the devil approached him in the shape of a bear : and, clasping his arms, strove to take away the crook by which the man of God was supported. At which the undaunted man of God resisting: raiseth the crook, and pursuing, smiteth the hideous monster. And while he chanteth, Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered : the formless phantom dissapeareth.

Lesson iiij.

Ing Edgar, son of King Edmund, being devoted to God, gained control of all Britain, and flourished with an illustrious empire: disposing with power the business of the throne with all peace and righteousness: just as with heeding Dunstan, the good- minded divine,

the peace of the English church was promised from heaven at his very birth. The king, therefore, with the advice of the council of the wise, was strengthed: he made Blessed Dunstan abbot and bishop in the church of Worcester.

Fifth Lesson.

Dunstan, when Archbishop Oda had paid all that was due for his consecration, mention of the title of the church which he was given being omitted: to the amazement of all, he assigned him to the metropolican church of Christ in the city of Canterbury. To those standing near

who modestly remonstrated, I know, beloved, he said, what the Lord God speaketh in me. Then the bishopric of the church of London was added to him: he was made famous by the distinction of a dual pontificate. Afterwards, however, Archbishop Oda having been laid with his fathers, with the election of the whole church he

succeeded in the seat of the archbishop: to which the Holy Ghost has designated him at the time of his ordination. Nor should it be overlooked concerning him, that in

his life he was privileged twice to see the Holy Ghost in the form of a dove : first before, and second after he had received the episcopate.

Lesson vj.

N a certain night, the saint having given over to sleep, as if caught up to heaven : blessed Dunstan was charmed by an angelic harmony: there he heard the saints singing in praise of the Holy Trinity and saying, Kyrie eleyson. Christe eleyson. Kyrie eleyson. Again at another time with him sitting and attending in his mind to heavenly things: the glory of God appeared. For his harp was often sanctified by His hands and fingers : while perchance it hung on the wall. Which, while it suffered nothing of human ingenuity: the antiphon, the beginning of which is, In heaven the souls of the saints are rejoicing, as it is sung by the whole church, resounded with the same sounding. He himself alone knowing the secrets of the saints: he alone understood the angelic things which he saw to sing out from the harp. Now blessed Dunstan endured the reigns of seven kings: serving God in faith and in works of faith. And so the day of his

calling being imminent (as it is certain that it was revealed not only to himself but also to some others): blessed Dunstan assembled church entrusted unto him by God, instructed in word, and by apostolical authority absolved it from all sins. Then, having entrusted to all his peace and charity: he said his final On the very day of the farewell. Ascension, therefore, he slowly began to be deprived of his strength: and he was borne to his bed with a prevailing faintness. In which during the whole friday together with the following night lying ill: early in the morning on the sabbath, with the hymns of matins now having been finished, he ordereth the holy congregation to be at hand. whom again commending the spirit: he received the viaticum of the sacraments of Christ. Whence, giving thanks to God, among words of prayer, he delivered his spirit into the hands of the Creator: and rested in peace.

The three final Lessons from the Exposition of the Gospel A man travelling into a far country. in the Common. [1044].

The rest from the Common of One Confessor and Bishop. [1019].

■ Saint Aldhelm, Bishop and Confessor.

(xxv. May.)

Let nine Lessons be made.

Prayer.

God, who on this day didst raise up thy holy bishop Alhelm to eternal joys : we beseech thee

through his merits, that thy mercy may lead us thither. Through Jesus Christ.

■ On the same day let be made a Memorial of Saint Urban, Pope and Martyr at j. Vespers.

In Eastertide with this Antiphon Light perpetual. major. [832]. \mathcal{N} . Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous. [832].

However at other times of the year with this Ant. This is indeed a martyr. in the Common. [894]. V. Thou hast crowned him with glory. [893].

Prayer.

Rant unto us, we beseech thee, almighty God: that we who honour the birthday of blessed Urban

thy martyr and bishop: may be holpen through his intercession with thee. Through.

¶ At Matins.

First Lesson.

(See Bede in the History of the English, Book. 5, Chap. 19.)



Lessed Aldhelm was born from the most distinguished race of the English, and

with ancestors arising from kings. For his father, Kenten by name, a man devoted to God and vigorous in the affairs of the world, was a brother to King Ine. This Kenten therefore, with worthy birth and equally noble character, having chosen a wife to

himself, gained this offspring acceptable to God. To whom not idlely (as we believe) nor without divine inspiration, he gave the name Aldhelm. For Aldhelm in English, in Latin is translated old helmet: because the head being protected by the helmet of salvation brought back the noblest victory from the enemy in heaven. His boyhood years having

elapsed, when Aldhelm first put on his youth: he was delivered by his father and his uncle to the teacher of a school, to be formed in liberal studies. Where he flourished so much in a short time, that not only was he esteemed equal to the teachers which he had, Greeks and Latins, but indeed was thought to be preferred.

Second Lesson.

He teachers were astonished at such a responsive nature and such a retentive mind. He persevered with those who marvelled, and strove to draw out from hearing what was worthy, and not to consign what was drawn out to oblivion. Among these, however, he is wont to honour them as superiors, to decline boasting: to act in all things not only industriously but also humbly. When therefore he shut growing in age adolescence and evaded youth: the young man, shewing wherein his character would strive, in Malmesbury monastery first was made a monk, then a priest and abbot, he devoted himself deeply to spiritual exercises, and invited his subjects to the same habitude by word and example. Abstaining from food and water, he indulged in sleep only as much as nature demanded. Devoting himself to silence, giving himself to the work of reading, a follower of peace, a fleer of quarrels, a lover of patience, a pursuer of meekness. What more? To sum up is to say that there was nothing in him that was not sweet smelling unto God.

Lesson iij.

Inally, charity began all his works, and perfected his humility. The fame of Blessed Aldhelm, embellished by many praises, had already passed over the sea, had gone beyond the Alps, and had penetrated even to Rome. Being aroused by which, Sergius the apostle by letters invited him thither. He, having received the happy invitation:

hastened to embark on the journey to Rome. Where both the pope received him with honour : and the Lord glorified him by miracles. Indeed it was customary for him to carry his ceremonial mass vestments with him, to the extent that, according to the place and the time, he would make masses for himself. When therefore on a certain day he

had celebrated Mass in the Lateran church, and had thrown off his chasuble: he held it out behind him, thinking that he might deliver it to one of the attendants. But seeing that the diligence of those serving was wanting: divine providence soon

arrived. For immediately a ray of the sun breaking through the window received the fillet, and supported it for a long time. Which chasuble, of course to commemorate the miracle: to this day adorneth the church of Malmsbury.

¶ If this Feast shall occur after Pentecost then let middle Lessons be made of Saint Urban at Matins: but otherwise only a Memorial.

Lesson iiij.

Lessed Urban the bishop was of the Roman people, and was born of a noble family. He came to be the eighteenth vicar of blessed Peter the Apostle. For after the blessed bishop Calixtus, in the time of the emperor Macrinus, passed away to Christ by the triumph of martyrdom: the most holy, now

elderly, Urban received the seat of the city of Rome and the infula. And he remained for eight years, eleven months, and twelve days. Thus during the time of his pontificate Macrinus and his sons began to flourish: and he remained even to the times of Alexander.

Lesson v.

Lessed Urban, exalted to the highest dignity: was afflicted by many calamities and tribulations of this world for the name of Christ. He made use of no favours, since he carried all adversity for the sake of the love of Christ. He was an admirable

confessor before his episcopate: and in the episcopate he was examined once and again seven times for the name of the Saviour, and was judged. He made many sacred vessels suitable for holy altars: he also hallowed the sacred ministry with skilled industry.

Lesson vj.

Inally, by his preaching and tradition he converted many to the belief and baptism of Christ: he also incited Valerian, the illustrious

spouse of blessed Cecilia, and his brother Tyburtius, even to the palm of martyrdom. And indeed many others, through his wholesome admonitions. were crowned martyrdom. At length he himself, being oppressed by many punishments Almachius by the prefect of the city: arrived at the throne of heaven. Whose venerable body, after the course of many years, was transferred to France by the

generosity of Pope Nicholas, and together with the bones of the blessed martyr Tyburtius, was entombed in the Basilica of Saint Germain, near Auxerre, with worthy veneration. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

The three final Lessons of Saint Aldelm without Exposition of the Gospel.

Lesson vij.

IT happened by chance at Rome that a child born of an incestuous mother and an uncertain father might injure the exalted apostolical reputation: because (as is often the case) he was believed by vulgar opinion to have been begotten from the pontiff. Aldhelm, being anxious that many associations would be branded on a prelate allied with such a scanda: ordered the child, nine days old, to be presented. Then he ordereth him to confess: whether Sergius might be considered a partner

of the incest. The infant answered in the most fluent speech that the bishop was not an accomplice in the offense: that he had nothing of relations with the second sex. Thus Aldhelm, with his friend the pontiff, disgraced infamy: and heaped up favour upon himself. O wonderful man, man worthy of praise, whom nature serveth against nature: that the ray of Phoebus might support the chasuble, and that the new-born infant might shew forth a fluent tongue.

Lesson viij.

Ldhelm, after he had fully obtained the blessing and conversation of the pope: turning back his feet, was delighted to return to his native land. But in the succeeding years in the monastery, while he was building a church for

the holy Mother of God, and now the building had already grown up to the laying of the beams: one of the beams, whether by the negligence of those hewing them or by divine providence, was found to be shorter than the others. Now the saint,

greiving for want of wood: reverted to his accustomed intercessions. He prostrateth himself alone praying to God: and strange to say that beam is soon found elongated. Whence it is easy to see how much this man

prevailed with God: by whom he did such a marvelous miracle. For it is fitting that the creature should humbly obey him: who faithfully layeth himself before the Creator.

Lesson ix.

M the seven hundred and fifth year of the incarnation of the Word, bishop Hedda being laid with his fathers, seeing that his diocese could not be governed suitably by one because of the greatness of its circuit: it was divided into two. One was given to Daniel, a strong man in ecclesiastical affairs : Aldhelm is chosen for the other. Who, granted that he understood that he was oppressed not so much by the honour as by the burden : was nevertheless not against the counsel of the holy bishops, who ejoined this upon him. He kept, therefore the manner [of the cross that he might both resist with

humility and overcome by obedience. When therefore he had received the pontifical degree, and had adorned himself for four years with magnificent manners : being seized with infirmity at a distance from Malmesbury, he happilly put off the earthly man, being brought to paradise by the hands of angels. From thence he was taken to the monastery, and there was buried with worthy honour : in which place remaining bodily awaiting the day of blessed resurrection, through frequent miracles he sheweth on earth how gloriously he liveth in heaven.

■ At the Memorial of Saint Urban, Pope, at Matins.

In Eastertide, Ant. Light perpetual. minor. [825]. V. Your sorrow. [826].

However at other times of the year Ant. Except a corn of wheat. in the Common. [935]. V. Thou hast set, O Lord. [937].

Prayer. Grant unto us, we beseech thee, almighty God. as above. {551}.

All the rest at both Vespers and at Matins and at the other Hours from the Common of One Confessor and Bishop. [1019].

If this Feast shall fall in the Octave of the Ascension of the Lord nothing shall be made of it that year.

■ Saint Augustine, Bishop and Confessor, Apostle to the English.

(xxvj. May.)

Inferior Double Feast. Nine Lessons.

Prayer.

O God, who granted blessed Augustine to be bishop and teacher of the English people : grant unto us, we beseech thee : that we

who proclaim his merits on earth: may perceive his prayers with thee in heaven. Through Jesus Christ.

¶ At Matins.

Lesson j. Bede in the Historia of the English, Book. 1. Chap. 23. and excerpted from there.



Lessed Gregory, bishop of the Roman see, in the fourth year of his

pontificate, sent Augustine, the servant of the Lord, and divers other God-fearing monks with him: to preach the word of life to the English

nation. Who, being strengthened by the encouragement of the same blessed Gregory, with the servants of Christ who were with him, proceeded in the work of the Word: and arrived in Britain. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson ij.

He most powerful Ethelbert was at that time King of Kent. Now there is on the east side of Kent the by no means small isle of Thanet: upon which the servant of the Lord Augustine and his companions

landed, being, as is said, about forty men. Now, being instructed by blessed Gregory, they brought with them interpreters of the nation of the Franks.

Lectio iij.

Management Sending Augustine, sending to Ethelbert, gave notice that they

were come from Rome, and brought an excellent message : that he would promise eternal joys of heaven to those obeying without any wavering, and a kingdom enduring without end with the living and true God. Who, hearing these things: ordered them to remain in that island which they had discovered, and to be furnished with necessaries, until he should see what he would do with them. After several days the king came to the island, and, sitting down in the open

air, commanded Augustine and his companions to come and confer with. To whom they came, endowed with divine power, bearing a silver cross for a banner, and the image of the Lord our Saviour painted on a board: and, singing joyously, they supplicated together for their salvation and for those unto whom they had come. But thou, O Lord.

Lesson iiij.

Nd when blessed Augustine preached the word of life at the command of the king, sitting down: he answered, saying, The promises that thou bringest are beautiful: but because they are new and uncertain, I cannot as yet grant assent to them. But seeing that ye are strangers come from afar, and (as I observe to appear to me) have desired to impart to us

also those things which ye believe to be true and most beneficial, we desire not to be troublesome to you, but that ye receive a kindly hospitality: and we undertake to supply all those things necessary for your sustenance. Nor forbid we that by preaching ye may unite all that ye shall be able to, to the faith of your religion. But thou.

Lesson v.

He king gave them a home in the city of Canterbury, which was the metropolis of his kingdom. It is said that as they drew nigh to the city in their accustomed manner with the holy cross and the image of the great King, our Lord Jesus Christ:

they chanted this litany with harmonious voice, We beseech thee, O Lord, in all thy mercy, that thy fury and thy wrath may be taken away from this city and from thy holy house: for we have sinned.

Lesson vj.

Hen they entered into the abode given to them : they began to imitate the apostolic life of the primitive Church, evidently by continual prayers, by being devoted to vigils and fastings, by preaching the Word of life to any such whom they might, themselves in all respects living according as they taught. What more? The king, seeing the most pure life and the wonders of the saints, and taking great delight in their promises, believing, baptized. And all the people, rejecting the rite of paganism: turned to the Lord. In the mean time the man of the Lord Augustine came to Arelas : and was ordained Ethereus, the archbishop of the same city (according to the orders which he had received from the Holy Father Gregory) archbishop of the English nation. And returning to Britain he

received the episcopal seat in the royal city: with the king supporting, he restored the old church, consecrated it in the name of the Holy Saviour, of course our Lord Jesus Christ, and also established there a residence for himself and his successors. At whose urging King constructed from Ethelbert the foundations the church of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul to the east, not far from the city itself: in which the bodies of Augustine himself and all the bishops of Canterbury together with the kings might be laid to rest. Blessed Augustine, therefore, having completed the days of his office in peace, died on the seventh of the kalends of June, with the same king ruling, with our Lord Jesus Christ reigning: who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever, amen.

The three final Lessons from the Exposition of the Gospel A man travelling into a far country. in the Common. [1044].

All the rest from the Common of One Confessor and Bishop of that season. [825]. or [1019].

If this Feast shall fall on the Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord let it be celebrated there: however let Vespers be made of the Ascension, with a solemn Memorial of Saint Augustine. If however it shall fall on the day of the Ascension of the Lord let it be deferred until the morrow: and at ij. Vespers of the Ascension let a solemn Memorial be made of Saint

Augustine. If this Feast shall fall within the week of Pentecost let it be deferred until after the Feast of the Holy Trinity: as is indicated on the Saturday after Pentecost.

■ Saint Germanus, Bishop and Confessor.

(xxviij. May.)

Let three Lessons be made without Rulers of the Choir.

Prayer &c. from the Common of One Confessor and Bishop with these three Lessons. [1019].

Lesson j.



Lessed Germanus, then, bishop of Paris, a native of the territory of Autun, was

honourably begotten of honourable parents, his father Eleutherius, and his mother Eusebia. Whose mother, for the reason that she had conceived this one after another within a brief space of time, being moved by

womanly embarassment, desired to destroy the infant before giving birth. And, having received a potion, that a stillborn child would be ejected: when she was not able to harm it, she lay on her belly, by which weight she was not able to suffocate whom by poison she had not been able to destroy.

Lesson ij.

Ut in celebration of this saint how great is this praise, seeing that many and stupendous things might be done ineffably within a moment? Moreover, how prodigal he was of alms, cannot be set forth, not even if the voice of all the people were to join itself into one. Who,

often content with a single chasuble or tunic: clothed the poor naked man with whatever was left, that the generous giver might warm the needy left out in the cold. How great the outpouring of redemption was: shall by no means be explained either by place or by number. But thou.

Lesson iij.

Nasmuch as he was enlarged with holy influence: he thus foretold the day of his blessed passing. For some days before, calling a notary to him: he ordereth him, in the chamber above his bed, to write only

this: the fifth of the kalends of June. But with all not knowing what this might mean: afterwards his holy departure made known that he had been about to depart from this world. For neither did the Lord suffer this to be hidden from the soul of his servant. Finally, on the same day,

with the battle being finished: the blessed man departed to Christ.

The rest from the Common of One Confessor and Bishop. [1019].

■ Saint Petronilla, Virgin, not at Martyr.

(xxxj. May.)

Prayer.

God, who hast established the soul of blessed Petronilla thy virgin in heaven: make us, at her intercession, to be released from the

bonds of our sins, and always to be defended from all adversity. Through Jesus Christ.

Let three Lessons with a Nocturn be made if it shall fall after the Octaves of the Holy Trinity and of Corpus Christi. If however it shall fall within the aforesaid Octaves of the Holy Trinity or Corpus Christi: let three Lessons be made with a Double Invitatory and the Ps. Te Deum. without a Nocturn.

And it is understood that all Feasts of Three Lessons falling within the Octaves of the Trinity and Corpus Christi hade a Double Invitatory except the Feast of Saint Etheldreda, Virgin, and Saint Leo which are said with a Nocturn: on account of the Vigil, unless the Octave of Corpus Christi is made with Rulers of the Choir, then of Feasts of iij. Lessons falling within the same Octaves let only a Memorial be made, except when middle Lessons are made on Feasts of ix. Lessons.

Lesson j.



Arcellus, a disciple of the blessed apostle Peter, to the brethren and classmates

Nereus and Achilles, eternal salvation in Christ. Ye well know that Petronilla was made paralyzed by the will of the Apostle Peter. For I remember that ye were among his many disciples that were restored by him. It happened that Titus was

saying to the apostle, When all the infirm are healed by thee: why permittest thou Petronilla to lie paralyzed? But the apostle said, It is thus expedient for her. But that the impossibility of her safety might not be esteemed to be excused through my words: he said to her, Rise up, Petronilla, and minister to us. And immediately she arose healthy.

Lesson ij.

Nd seeing that she was beautiful, Count Flaccus came

with soldiers to take her to him as his wife. To whom Petronilla said, Have you come to an unarmed girl with armed soldiers? If you wish to have me as a wife: make honest matrons and virgins to come to me after three days, that I may come with them to thy house.

Lesson iij.

Nd it came to pass that, having received a space of three days, the holy virgin was occupied in fastings and prayers: having with her the holy virgin Felicula her foster-sister, perfect in the love of God. And so, on the third day, the holy priest Nichomedes coming to her: celebrated the mysteries of Christ.

Now the most holy virgin, as soon as she had received the sacrament of Christ: reclining herself on the bed, gave up the ghost. It came to pass that all the crowd of matrons and virgins which had been hired by Flaccus: were to celebrate the funeral rites of the holy virgin. But.

All the rest from the Common of One Virgin, not a Martyr. [1115].