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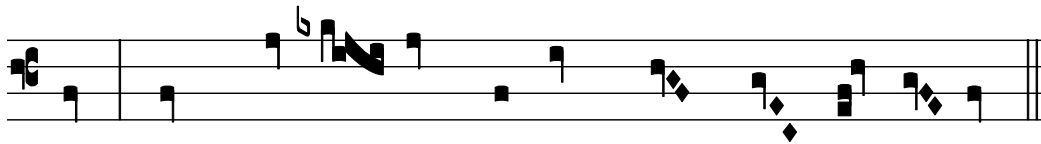
At Matins.

Assunt Thome martyris.

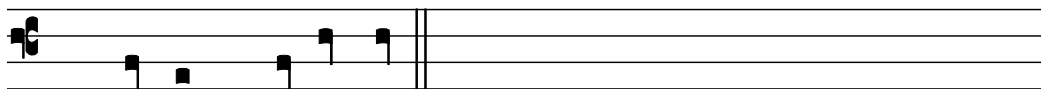
Invit.
II.



Ow is Tho-mas the Mar-tyr's so- lemni-



ty. †Let the vir- gin mother Church sing joy-ful- ly.



Ps. O come, let us sing. 7*.

Hymn. Martyr of God. [687].

☩ *In the j. Nocturn.*

Summo sacerdotio.

1. Ant.
I.v.



Upreme * priestly dig-ni-ty to Thomas was grant-

ed : When a new man suddenly former ways supplant-ed.

Ps. Blessed is the man. (1.) [18].

Monachus sub clerico.

2. Ant.
II.i.



He monk hides * his hair-cloth shirts under priestly

fashion : Than flesh stronger, he subverts stubborn flesh's

passion. *Ps.* Why do the heathen. (2.) [18].

Cultor agri Domini.

3. Ant.
III.ii.



Ho- mas * as a farmer clears thistles from God's

acre : And vines from the fox- es spares as a good care-

tak-er. *Ps.* Lord, how are they increased. (3.) [19].

℣. Thou hast crowned him, O Lord, with glory and honour. ℞. And madest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands. *Let the Response be made privately.*

The Passion of Saint Thomas, Martyr, set forth from the recollections of Saint John, Bishop of Chartres and previously Chancellor of the Church of Sarum.

Lesson j.

HN celebrating the birthday of the glorious martyr Thomas, beloved brethren, because we are not able to review all of the distinguishing marks of his life and conduct : let this brief discourse relate the manner and the cause of his passion. Therefore blessed Thomas, just as he stood forth with incomparable vigour in managing the duties of the office of Chancellor or Archdeacon : thus, after having received the Pastor's office, he became devoted to God beyond human

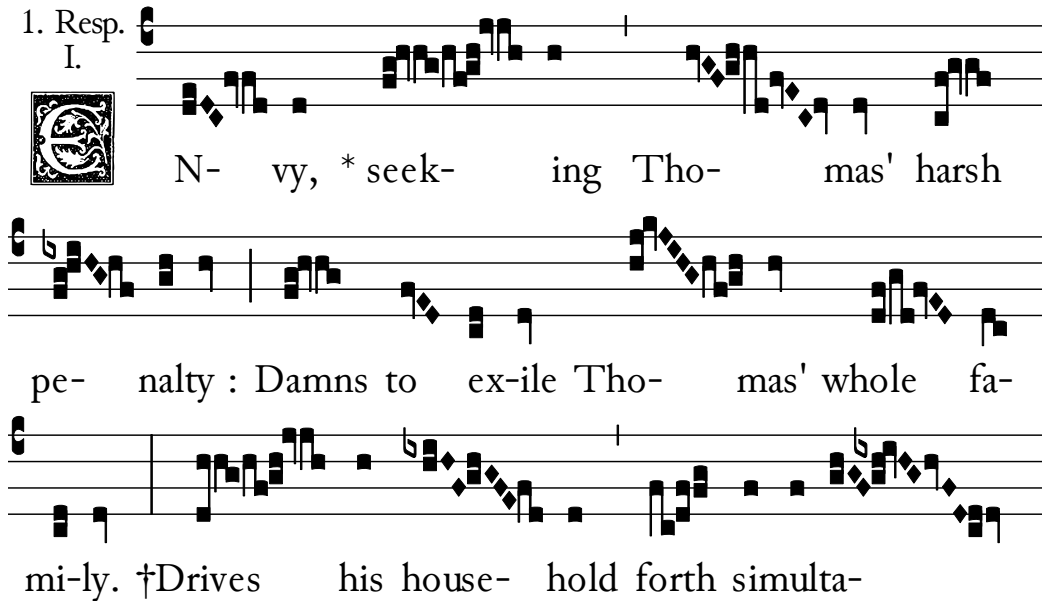
estimation. Indeed, having been consecrated, he was suddenly changed into another man. He secretly put on hair-cloth, and also wore breeches of hair-cloth all the way to his knees : and, concealing the habit of a monk under his proper clerical vestments, he compelled the flesh entirely to serve the spirit, desiring to please God in the exercise of all virtue without interruption. And, knowing himself to be the husbandman placed in the field by God, the keeper in the vineyard, the shepherd in the fold :

he eagerly fulfilled the ministry entrusted to him. The rights and dignities of the Church which the stately power had usurped unto itself : he endeavoured to restore and regain into their proper state. When a grave question had arisen between himself and the King of England over the rights of the Church and the affairs of the kingdom : to the assembled council were proposed regulations which the same King obstinately demanded should be concluded and confirmed in writing by both the Archbishop and his suffragans. The Archbishop steadfastly refused : asserting that manifestly in them

would be the subversion of the liberty of the Church. He was consequently afflicted with immense indignities, worn down with the most oppressive injuries : and assailed with innumerable injustices. Finally he was threatened with death : because the cause of the Church had not yet been clearly made known, and the persecution appeared to be personal, he was determined to withdraw from such malice. Driven therefore into exile, he was honourably received by the Lord Pope Alexander at Sens : and was earnestly commended to the Monastery of Pontigny. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

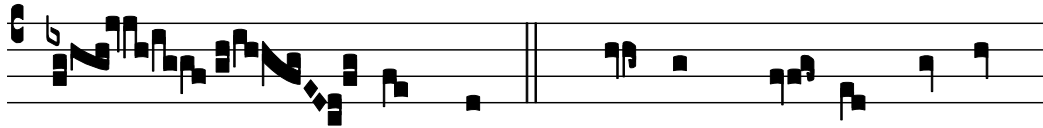
Studens livor.

1. Resp.
I.

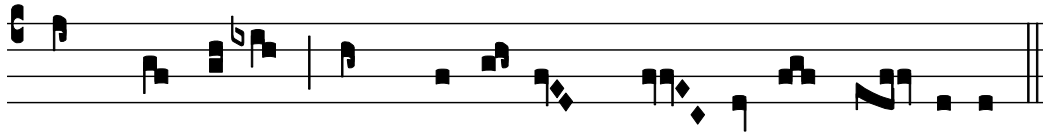


E N- vy, * seek- ing Tho- mas' harsh
 pe- nalty : Damns to ex-ile Tho- mas' whole fa-
 mi-ly. †Drives his house- hold forth simulta-

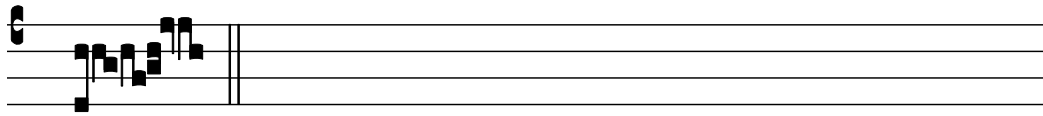
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neously. \forall . Rank and station, sex, age



and dig-ni-ty : Find no fa-vour, grace or immu- ni-ty.



†Drives.

Lesson ij.

IN the meantime all that had been given up by the Archbishop in England was seized, the estates laid waste, the possessions plundered : and a new form of punishment was devised : at once all of Thomas' family was denounced. Indeed all his friends and kinsfolk, of no matter whom or what the pretext happened to be : without distinction of situation or fortune, dignity or class, age or sex equally were banished. Even the elderly and decrepit, those crying in their cradles, and women on the point of childbirth, were driven into exile. Also, as many as had arrived at the years of discretion were forced to swear, touching sacred

objects, that, having crossed the sea, immediately they would present themselves to the Archbishop of Canterbury : so that, so often pierced by the sword of compassion, he would bend the imagined rigidity of his spirit to the will of the King. But the man of God, setting his hand to strength : continually sustained exile, injuries, insults and reproaches, and the denunciations of his parents and friends, for the name of Christ, not at all broken, but rather unchanged by the injustice. For so constant was the confessor of Christ : that he appeared to teach all his co-exiles, that for the courageous every land is home. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Thomas manum mittit.

2. Resp.
II.



Ho- mas, * steadfast, bat- tles coura-

geously : Scorns re-proach- es, laughs at all in- ju-ry.

†Naught to Tho- mas seem- eth his pea-

nalty. ✎ In all matters cries Tho-mas' con-stancy : For

the brave man all land may homelands be. †Naught to

Tho- mas.

Lesson iij.

THe king, therefore, hearing of his resolute steadfastness : directing intimidating letters through certain abbots of the Cistercian order to the general meeting, drove him from Pontigny by the disturbance. However, blessed Thomas, fearing lest holy men might suffer loss on his

account : retreated voluntarily. But before he went forth he was strengthened by a divine revelation : indicated to him by a heavenly sign, that he would be restored to his Church with glory, and that by the palm of martyrdom he would be transported to the Lord. Being

driven from Pontigny, the most Christian Louis, King of France, received him with great honour : and he was furnished with the utmost kindness until peace should be restored. However, frequently it was attempted, though in vain : not to extend to the traitor of the King of England any service of kindness. The highest furour of savagery went forth : and to pious ears horrendous cruelties. Seeing that indeed the catholic Church prayeth for heretics and schismatics and perfidious Jews : it was prohibited that any should assist

him with the support of their prayers. Thus for six years, living in exile, he was afflicted by diverse and countless injuries and like a living stone he was squared into the masonry of the celestial edifice by manifold hammering and pressure : where there was greater impulse that he would fall, all the more firmly and immovably was he proven to remain steadfast. Neither indeed, when so thoroughly tried, was gold able to be burned : or a house founded on solid rock to be thrown down. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

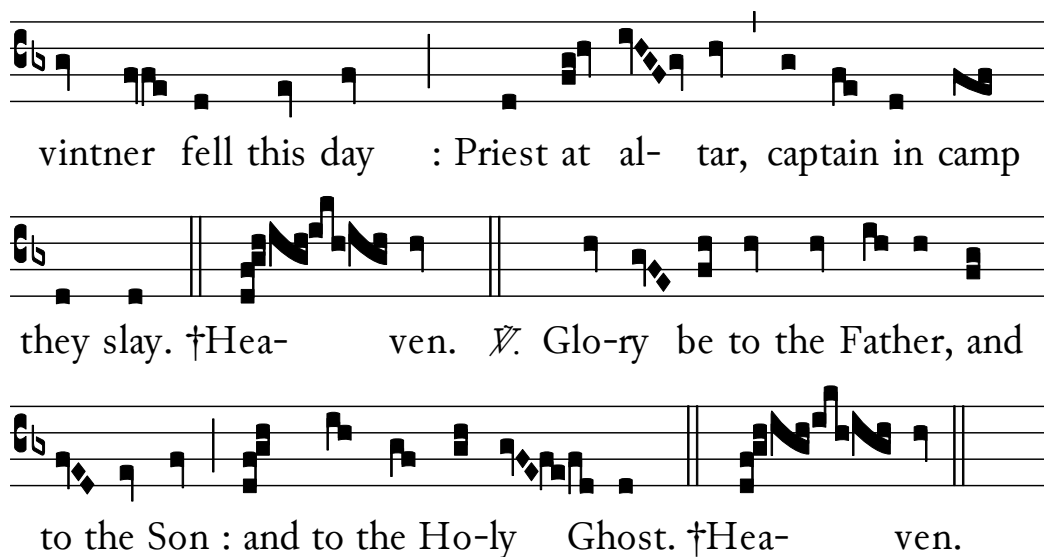
Jacet granum.

3. Resp.
V.



Ros- trate *li- eth the grain, which chaff be-
 tray : Slain, the right-teous, by sword of wick- ed
 sway. †Hea- ven gain- ing for humblest home
 of clay. ∕. Mid the vineyard the

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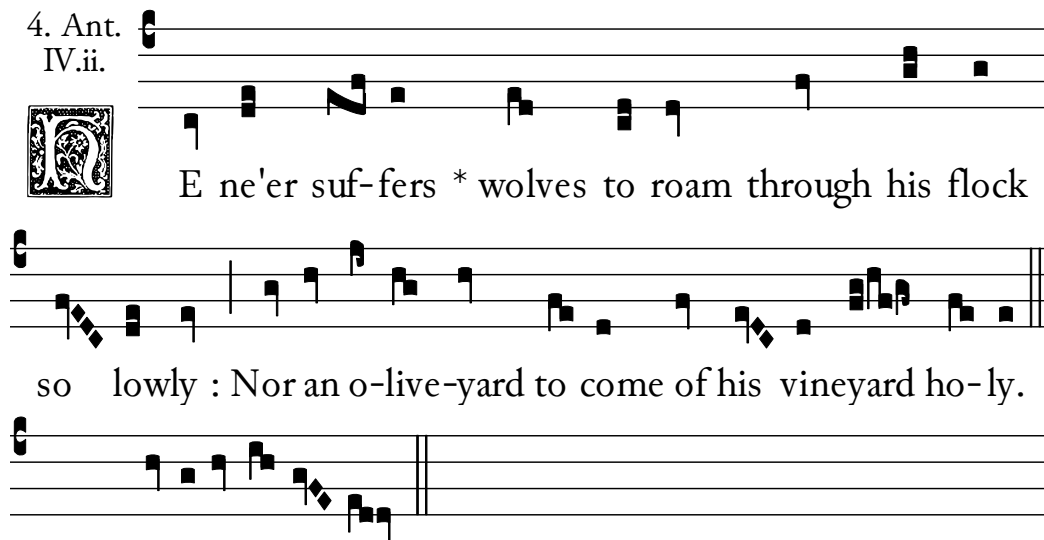


vintner fell this day : Priest at al- tar, captain in camp
they slay. †Hea- ven. ✠. Glo-ry be to the Father, and
to the Son : and to the Ho-ly Ghost. †Hea- ven.

¶ *In the ij. Nocturn.*

Nec in agnos sustinet.

4. Ant.
IV.ii.



E ne'er suf-fers * wolves to roam through his flock
so lowly : Nor an o-live-yard to come of his vineyard ho-ly.

Ps. Hear me when I call. (4.) [19].

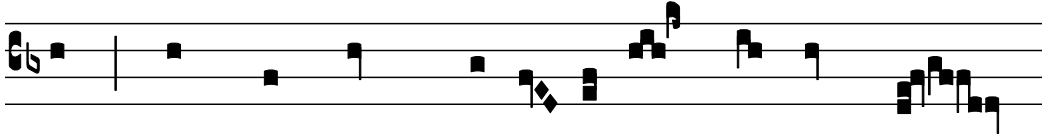
Exulat vir optimus.

5. Ant.

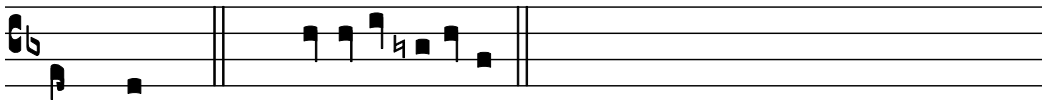
V.i.



He champi- on * of sancti-ty is ex-iled and earth-



less : Lest the Church's digni- ty yield to scoundrels



worthless. *Ps.* Ponder my words. (5.) [20].

Exulantis predia.

6. Ant.

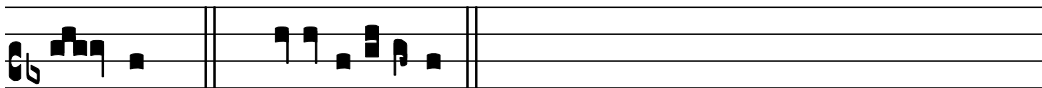
VI.i.



Hen the ex-iled's farmlands * 'mongst the foe di-



vid-ed : Yet the fo-rest, proof to fire, could not be ig-



nit- ed. *Ps.* O Lord our Governor. (8.) [24].

V. Thou hast set, O Lord, upon his head.

R. A crown of precious stones. *Let the Response be made privately.*

Lesson iv.

FInally, by the intercession not
only of the Supreme Pontiff,

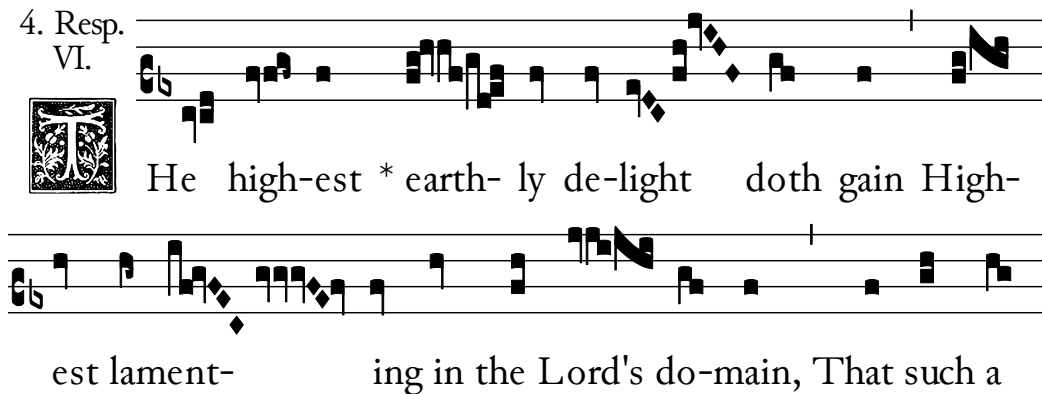
but also of the King of France : many
days were resolved upon for the

restoration of peace. But because the servant of God did not wish to accept terms that preserved neither the honour of God nor the integrity of the Church : those at variance withdrew by turns. The Supreme Pontiff, having pity on the desolation of the English Church : proposing to the intimidators, at last with difficulty obtained agreement that peace would be restored to the Church. The kingdoms therefore rejoiced, because the King had received the Archbishop into his favour : some believed that the negotiation was conducted truthfully, others conjectured otherwise. And so, in the seventh year of his exile, the noble shepherd returned to England : that either he might free Christ's sheep from the jaws of the wolves, or be himself imperiled for

the flock entrusted unto him. Thus he was received by the clergy and people with inestimable joy : all were shedding tears and saying, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. But after a few days he was again afflicted by damages and injuries beyond measure and number : and was prohibited by state edict to leave the close of his church. Anyone who extended a cheerful face to him or to his people : was censured as an enemy of the state. In all these trials his spirit was not broken : but still his hand was extended to the liberation of the Church. For this he sighed continually, on this account he persevered in vigils, fasts, and prayers : he desired above all to devote himself that this would be obtained. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

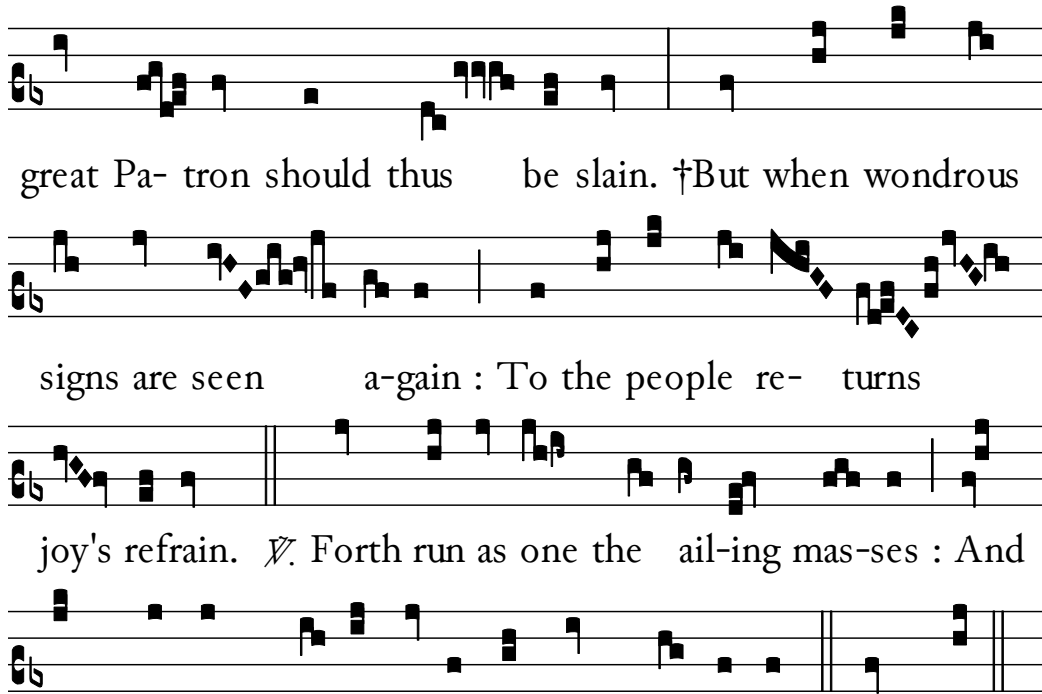
Ex summa rerum leticia.

4. Resp.
VI.



He high-est * earth- ly de-light doth gain High-
est lament- ing in the Lord's do-main, That such a

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great Pa- tron should thus be slain. †But when wondrous
signs are seen a-gain : To the people re- turns
joy's refrain. ✕. Forth run as one the ail-ing mas-ses : And
come seeking the be-ne-fits of heav'nly grac-es. †But when.

Lesson v.

However, on the fifth day of the Lord's Nativity : there came to Canterbury four courtiers, men indeed noble in birth : but notoriously evil in deeds. And, upon entering, they assailed the Bishop with insulting words : provoked him with jeers, and finally threatened him with grave warnings. The man of God answered modestly just what reason demanded to each : adding to them that many wrongs had been inflicted on the Church of God since the restoration of peace. Not wanting to be one who would correct errors,

neither was he able nor did he wish to dissemble himself of others, but to exercise the cure of his pastoral office. Therefore the foolish of heart were troubled : and uttering iniquities to the height, forthwith they went away. Which being gone away : the Bishop proceeded into the church, that the evening praise of Christ might be performed. The attendants of Satan followed behind, wearing armour with swords drawn : a large band of armed soldiers followed. With the way to the church being blocked by the monks : hastening, the priest of

God, and soon to be an offering for Christ, opened the door to the enemy, (saying) The church is not to be barricaded like a fortress. With them having broken in, and some saying, Where is the traitor, others protesting in furious voice, Where is the Archbishop : he advanced towards them, that undaunted confessor of Christ. To those threatening death, (he saith,) I myself do freely accept death for the Church of God : but from God's part I warn ye not to harm any of my people. Clearly he was imitating Christ saying in his passion, If ye seek me : let these go their way. Rushing forward, therefore, rapacious wolves upon the faithful shepherd, degenerate sons

upon their own father, most cruel lictors upon the victim of Christ : they cut off the crown of his consecrated head with their deadly swords, and casting down the anointed of the Lord, most cruelly spattered the brain and blood (which likewise in saying is horrible) across the pavement. Thus, therefore, the chaff hath crushed the grain of wheat, thus the vine-keeper is smitten in the vineyard, the general in the fortress, the shepherd in the sheepfold, the husbandman in the field : thus the righteous man was slain by the unrighteous, he exchanged his house of clay for a heavenly palace. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

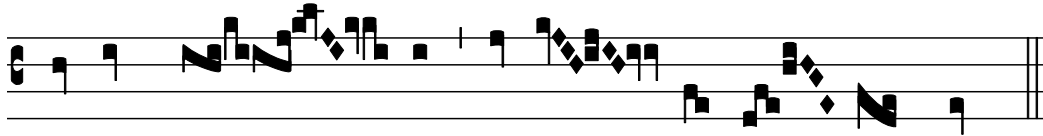
Mundi florem.

5. Resp.
VII.



Hat this * Flow- er of men by men must
die : Weeping Rachel, now cease thy plain- tive sigh !
†Thomas, slaughtered, is made in tomb to lie :

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Se-cond A- bel the for- mer fol- lows nigh.



Now this bloodshed and scattered organs sound : Fil-ling



heaven with peals of praise renowned. †Thomas.

Lesson vj.

IN truth, the final words of the Martyr, which were hardly able to be discerned because of the confusion of the clamour : according to the assertion of those standing by, were these. To God and blessed Mary, and Saint Denis, and to the patron saints of this church, I commend myself : and the cause of the Church. Moreover in all the torments which the invincible athlete of God endured, he neither uttered a cry, nor emitted a groan, neither opposing those striking his arm or his robe : but holding the inclined head immobile which he had exposed to the swords while the deed was accomplished, and as if prostrate in prayer, he fell asleep in the Lord.

However, the wicked men, returning to the palace of the holy Bishop, that they would more fully conform the passion of the servant to the passion of the Lord : divided his garments amongst them, gold and silver and precious vessels, and choice horses, and whatever precious things they were able to find, determining which things they would carry off. And the soldiers indeed did these things. As to the rest, who would repeat it without weeping ? So great was the grief of all, so much the lament of each : that thou wouldest have thought that prophecy fulfilled, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation and great mourning. Nevertheless, along with tribulation,

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the Divine Mercy unexpectedly gave comfort, and through certain visions, as if presaging by present signs of future miracles glorifying the martyr : indicated that mourning would be

followed after with joy, and the turmoil of the faint-hearted by thankfulness for blessings. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christe Jesu per Thome.

6. Resp.
VIII.



Earest * Je- sus, through Tho- mas' wounds so

red : Loose the fet- ters of our transgres- sions

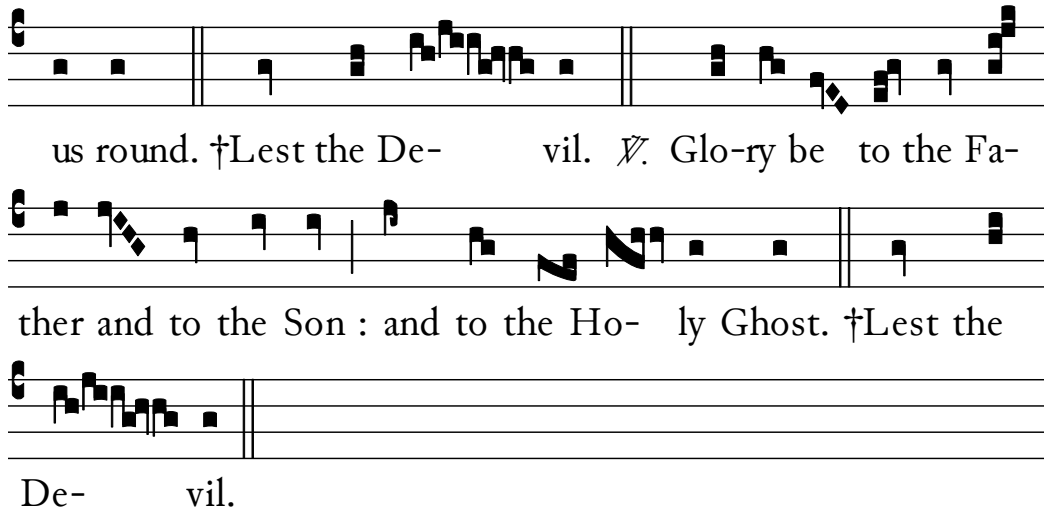
dread. †Lest the De- vil, hell, world, and sin in- bred,

The old A- dam, to hell our ush-

ers be. ⁊ Through thee, Tho-mas, once left-

-hand gifts are found : May the right hand of God embrace

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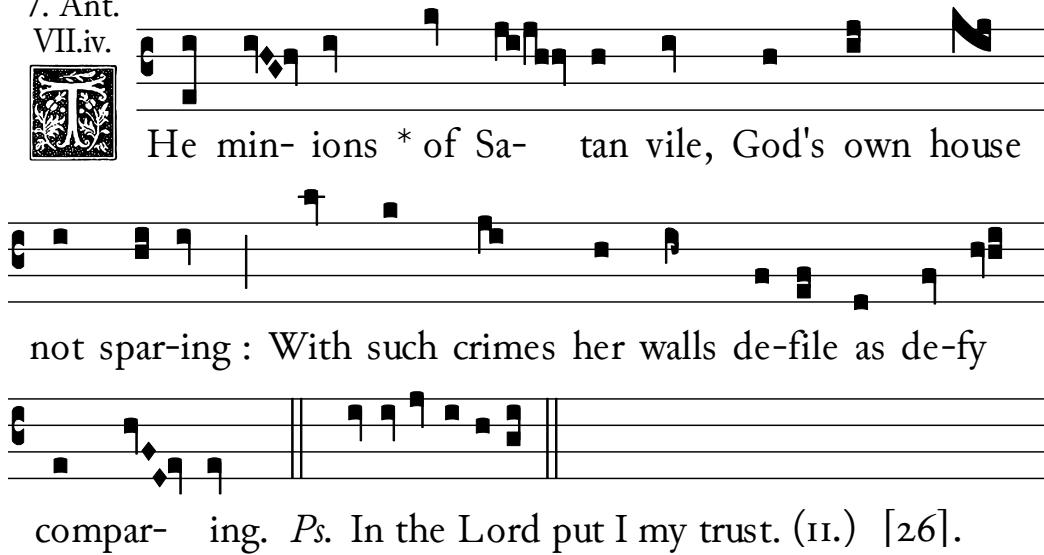


us round. †Lest the De- vil. ✕. Glo-ry be to the Fa-
ther and to the Son : and to the Ho- ly Ghost. †Lest the
De- vil.

C *In the Third Nocturn.*

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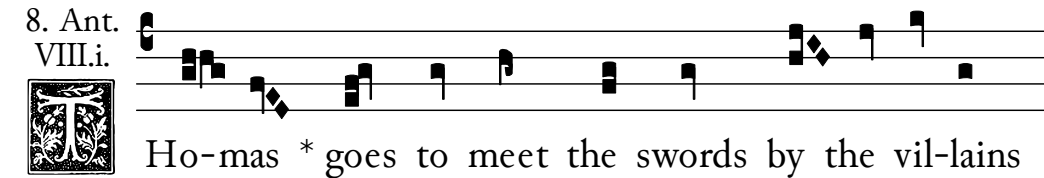
7. Ant.
VII.iv.



He min- ions * of Sa- tan vile, God's own house
not spar-ing : With such crimes her walls de-file as de-fy
compar- ing. *Ps.* In the Lord put I my trust. (II.) [26].

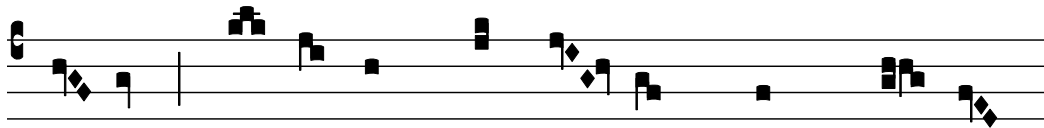
Strictis Thomas ensibus.

8. Ant.
VIII.i.

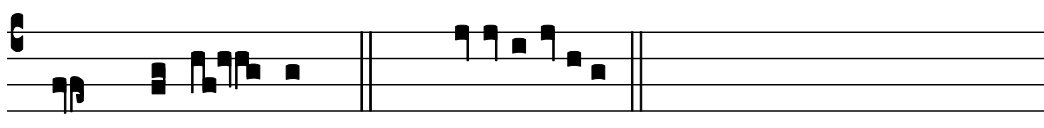


Ho-mas * goes to meet the swords by the vil-lains

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wield-ed : To no bribes nor wea-poned hordes nor to
death he yield-ed. *Ps.* Lord, who shall dwell. (15./xiv.) [30].

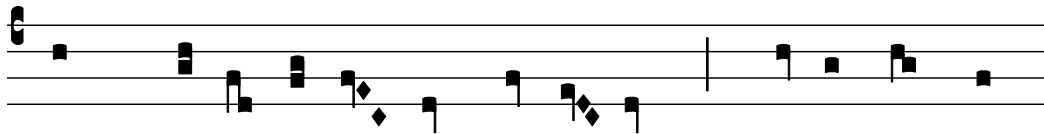


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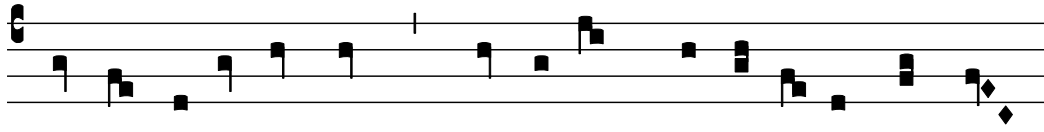
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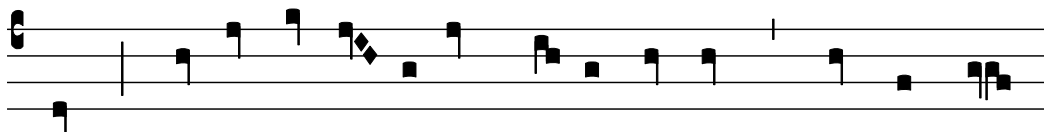
Less-ed * temple ! blessed that sacred ground ! Where



Saint Thomas' remembrance yet is found : Blessed country !



that such a bishop gave : That so loved him in ex-ile to the



grave : Blessed father ! assist thy poor in love, That we, bles-



sed, be joined with those a-bove. *Ps.* The King shall rejoice.
(21./xx.) [46].

℣. The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree. ℟. And shall spread abroad like a cedar in Libanus. *Let the Response be made privately.*

¶ *The Gospel according to John x. 11-16. Lesson vij.*



AT that time, Jesus said to his disciples, I am the good shepherd : the good shepherd giveth his life for his sheep. And that which followeth.

A Homily of blessed Gregory, Pope.

WE have heard, beloved brethren, from the reading of the Gospel for your instruction : and ye have heard of our peril. Behold, indeed, he which not by an accidental gift but by an essential is good : he saith, I am

the good shepherd. And moreover as to the form of goodness which we are to imitate : he addeth saying, The good shepherd : giveth his life for the sheep. He did what he taught : he showed what he commanded. The Good Shepherd laid down his life for his sheep : that his body and blood should be turned into our sacrament : and to satisfy the sheep which he hath redeemed by the nourishment of his own flesh. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Thome cedunt.

7. Resp.
I.

N- to * Tho- mas all things sub-

mit and yield : Sick men, dead men, and

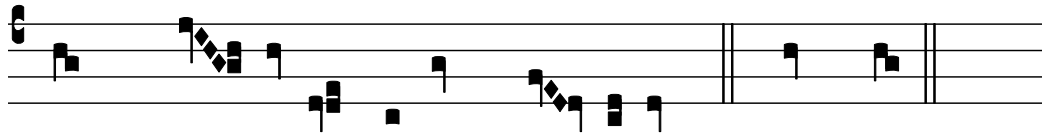
possessed are healed. †Fire, wind, wa- ter,

earth through him are steeled.

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✠. Thomas fil-leth with grace both town and field : For



Saint Tho- mas all creatures du- ly yield. †Fire, wind.

Let the eighth and ix. Lessons be read from the Passion of Saint Thomas : and not from the Exposition of the Gospel.

Lesson viij.

IN fact, blessed Thomas, precious athlete of God, was worthy to be glorified. If indeed the cause, more correctly, seeing that the cause maketh the martyr : which of the holy martyrs ever became the title more gloriously ? Striving for the Church, in the Church he likewise suffered, in a sacred place, in the season of the Lord's sacred Nativity, among fellow priests and in the arms of monks : thus in the bishop's struggle all the circumstances came together in such a way : that they would for ever illuminate the honour of the long-suffering man, and would reveal the impiety of the persecutors, and would for ever taint their names with disgrace. Truly indeed, divine retribution fell upon the martyr's persecutors : such that in a short time they were removed from the midst

and were not see again. Some indeed were suddenly snatched off without confession and last rites, some tearing their own fingers or tongues into pieces with their teeth, some with the whole body streaming with pus and wasting away, and tormented before death with unheard of sufferings, some destroyed by paralysis, some made demented : some expiring with insanity, they left behind clear indications that unjust persecution and deliberate murder shall pay the penalty. Therefore let Mother Church rejoice that a new martyr hath carried back triumph from the enemies, let her rejoice that a new Zechariah hath been sacrificed in the temple for her freedom : let her rejoice that the blood of a new Abel hath cried out to the Lord for her against the bloody men. Indeed the

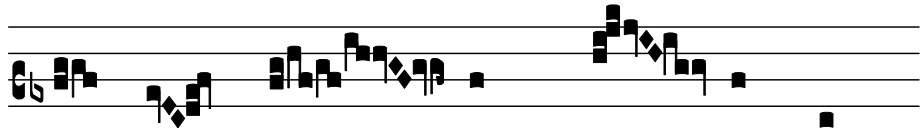
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voice of blood poured out, the voice
of brain splattered by the swords of
the deadly courtiers : and earth and

heaven together have been filled with
the famous cry. But thou, O Lord,
have mercy upon us.

Novis fulget Thomas.

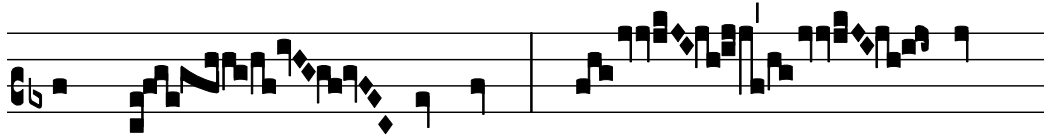
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VI.



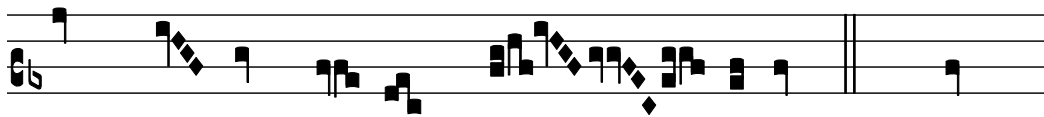
Ith new * won- ders Tho- mas shines



glo- riously, He the neu- tered re- news



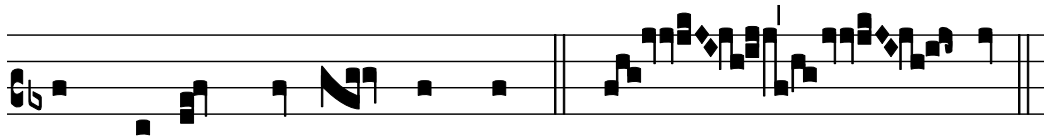
in po- tency. †Glad- dens



blind men with vi- sion's cla- ri-ty. ∕ Cleans



those ble- mished with blots of lepro- sy, From death's bond-



age he sets the dead man free. †Glad- dens.

Lesson ix.

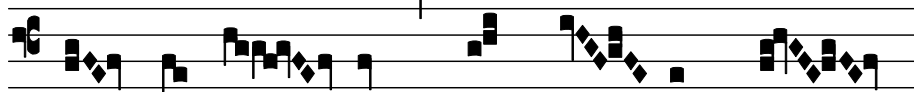
INdeed, at the cry of this blood the earth was violently shaken and did quake, but also the powers of heaven were moved to such a degree that, as if in retribution for innocent blood, nation rose against nation and kingdom against kingdom, more correctly, the kingdom was divided against itself : and terrors from heaven and great signs were made. Yet, right from the time of his martyrdom, the martyr began to shine with unusual miracles : the blind seeing, the lame walking, the deaf hearing, speech restored to the mute. Thereafter, cleansing lepers, strengthening the paralyzed, curing dropsy and all sorts of incurable maladies : reviving the dead. Furthermore, wonderfully commanding demons, and all the elements : the power of his hand extended to unusual and also unheard of signs. For those deprived of eyes and genital members : were found worthy by his merits to receive new members. However, certain ones who presumed to denigrate the

miracles of the saint : were suddenly stricken and compelled to declare them, even against their will. At last the martyr prevailed indeed at every point against all his rivals : so that within a few days one saw repeated in the servant what was written of the Only-begotten, Those shall come unto thee that slandered thee : and shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet. Moreover Thomas, the extraordinary athlete of God, suffered in the year of the incarnation of the Lord (according to Dyonisius) one thousand one hundred and seventy one : on the fourth of the kalends of January, a Tuesday, about the eleventh hour, so that the nativity of the Lord into toil became his birth into rest, to which may we be deemed worthy to be led through the same our God and Lord Jesus Christ : who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end, amen. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Jesu bone per Thome.

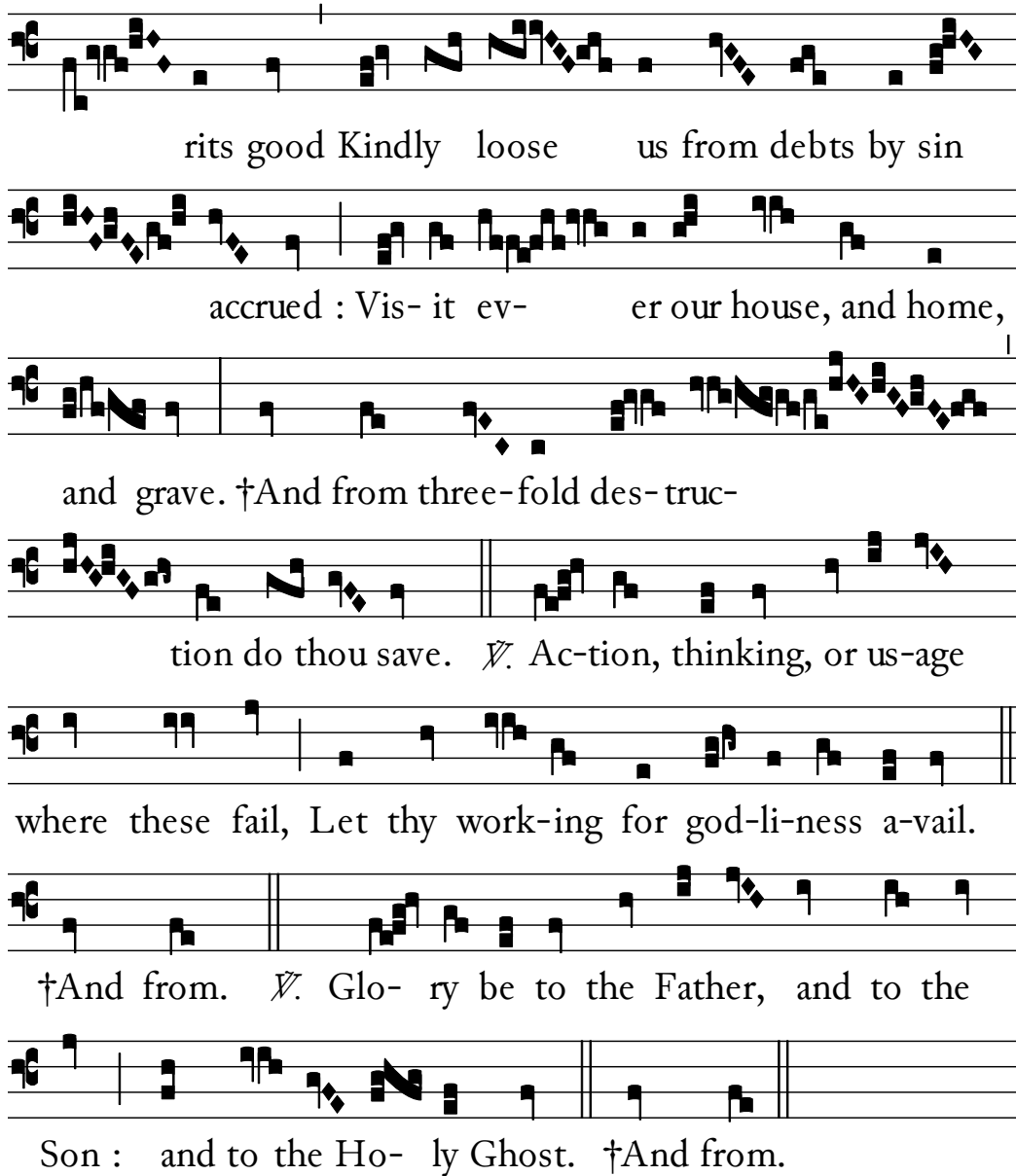
9. Resp.

II.



Aith-ful Je- sus, * by Tho- mas' me-

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rits good Kindly loose us from debts by sin
accrued : Vis- it ev- er our house, and home,
and grave. †And from three-fold des- truc-
tion do thou save. ∞. Ac- tion, thinking, or us- age
where these fail, Let thy work- ing for god- li- ness a- vail.
†And from. ∞. Glo- ry be to the Father, and to the
Son : and to the Ho- ly Ghost. †And from.

Before Lauds.

∞. Pray for us, O blessed Thomas.

∞. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

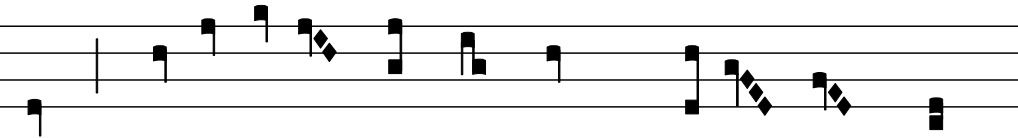
¶ *At Lauds.*

Granum cadit.

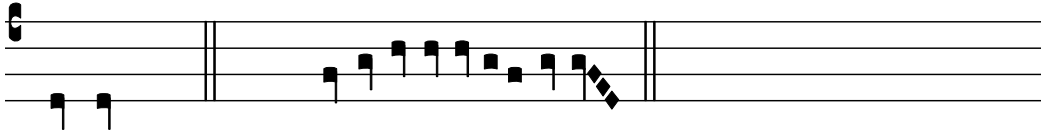
1. Ant.
I.v.



Ow the kernel * in the earth fal- len bears a-bun-



dance : A-la-baster great of worth, broken, yields its



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

Totus orbis martyris certat.

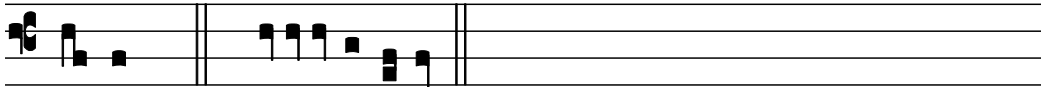
2. Ant.
II.i.



Ll earth striv- eth * for the love of so great a mar-



tyr : Whose sure signs all people move to great awe and



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

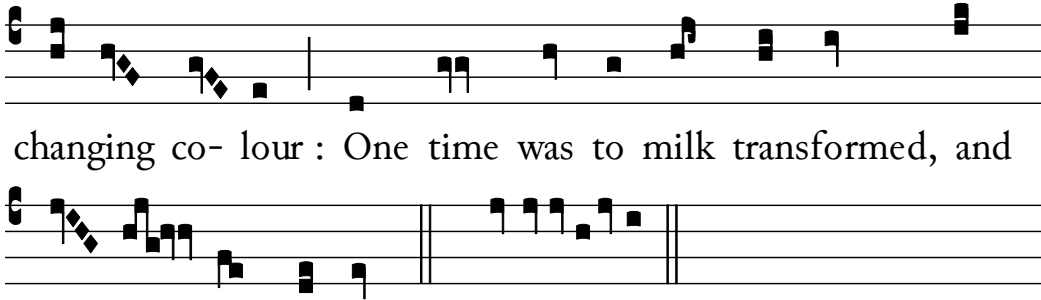
On the Day of Saint Thomas, Martyr.

Aqua Thome quinquies.

3. Ant.
III.iv.



Thomas' wa- ter, * as though charmed, five times



changing co- lour : One time was to milk transformed, and

to blood each other. *Ps.* O God, thou art my God.

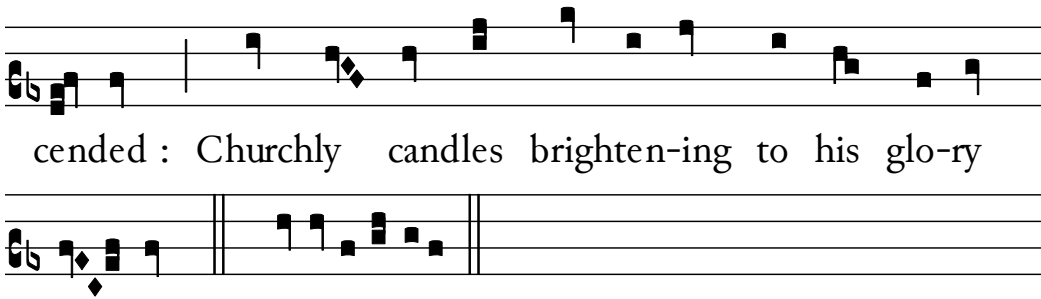
(63. & 67./lxij. & lxvj.) [55].

Ad Thome memoriam.

4. Ant.
VI.



Thomas' feast * re-member- ing, four times light des-



cended : Churchly candles brighten-ing to his glo-ry

splen- did. *Ps.* O all ye works of the Lord. (*Daniel iij.*) [56].

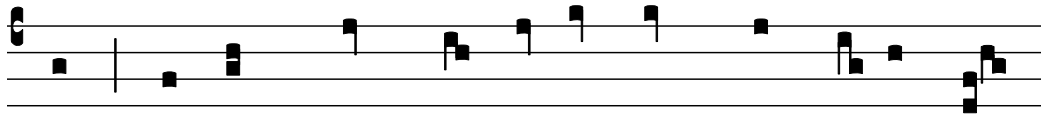
Tu per Thome sanguinem.

Ant.
VIII.i.

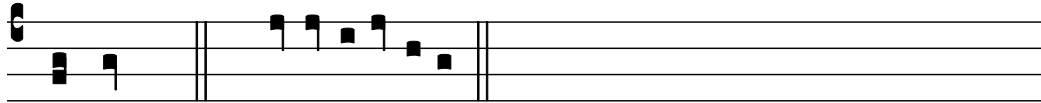


Y the martyr * Thomas' blood for thy glo- ry giv-

On the Day of Saint Thomas, Martyr.



en : Bring us, Christ, thou Son of God, where he lives in



heaven. *Ps.* O Praise the Lord. (148-150.) [58].

Chapter. Hebr. v. 1.

Very high priest taken from
among men is ordained for men
in things pertaining to God, that he

may offer both gifts and sacrifices for
sins. *R.* Thanks be to God.

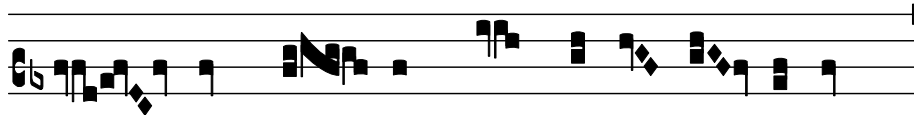
Hymn. O God, thy soldiers' crown and guard. [925].

V. The righteous shall blossom as the lily.

R. And shall flourish for ever before the Lord. *Let the Response be made privately.*

Opem nobis o Thoma.

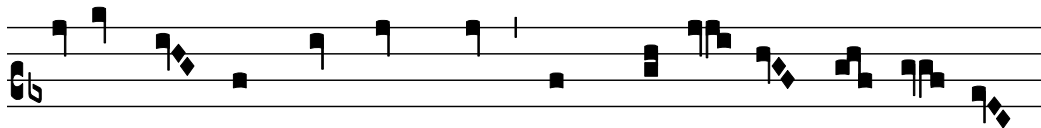
Ant.
VI.i.



Or our suc- cour, O Thomas, in- tercede,



Guide the stand- ing, de- liv- er those in need : And correct



us in con- duct, life, and deed, And di- rect us that we in



peace pro-ceed. *Ps.* Blessed be the Lord. 64*.

Prayer.

God, for whose Church the glorious Pontiff Thomas fell by the swords of impious men : grant, we beseech thee, that all who implore his assistance may obtain the healthful effect of their petition.

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.

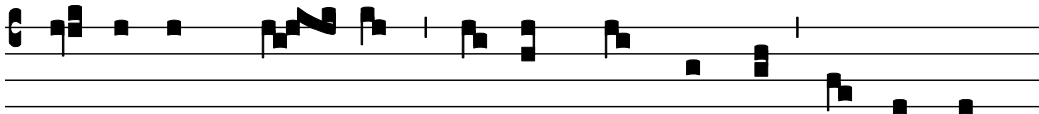
Memorial of the Nativity.

Beatus venter.

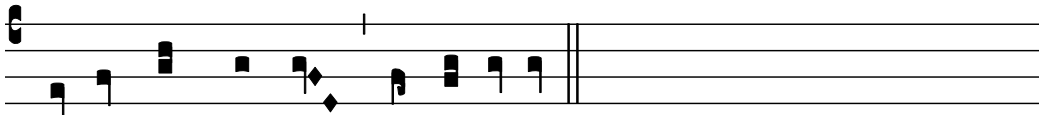
Ant.
VIII.ii.



Less-ed * is the womb that bare thee, O Christ : and



bles-sed are the paps that gave suck to thee, O Lord and



Saviour of the world, al-le-lu-ya.

V. Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

R. God is the Lord, who hath shewed us light.

Prayer.

Grant, we beseech thee, almighty God : that the new birth in the flesh of thy Only Begotten may

deliver us, whom the ancient bondage holdeth under yoke of sin. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.*

Amen.

Memorial of Saint Stephen.

Where there hath already been a Procession of the same.

Adhesit anima mea.

3. Ant.
VIII.i.



Y soul hath cleaved * fast unto thee : for-as-much



as my flesh hath been stoned for thee, O my God.

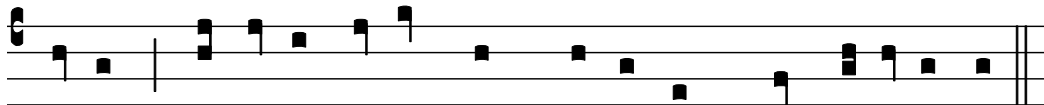
Where there hath been no Procession.

Stephanos vidit celos

4. Ant.
VIII.i.



Tephen * saw the heavens o-pen-ed, he saw and enter-



ed in : blessed is he to whom the heavens shall be open-ed.

℣. Thou hast set, O Lord, upon his head. ℞. A crown of pure gold.

Prayer.

GRant unto us, we beseech thee,
O Lord, to imitate what we
revere, that we may learn to love even
our enemies : forasmuch as we
celebrate the nativity of him who
knew how to pray even for his

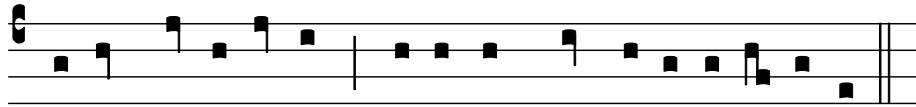
persecutors to our Lord Jesus Christ
thy Son. Who liveth and reigneth
with thee in the unity of the Holy
Ghost, one God, world without end.
℞. Amen.

Memorial of Saint John.

Where there hath already been a Procession of the same.

Hic est discipulus meus.

Ant.
III.iv.

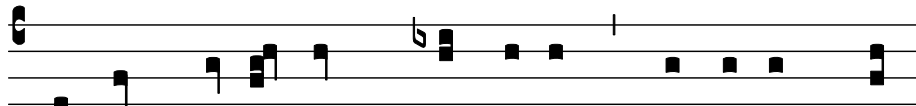


His is my disciple : * so I will that he tarry till I come.

Where there hath been no Procession.

Ecce puer meus.

3. Ant.
I.i.



E-hold my ser-vant, * mine e-lect, whom I have cho-



sen : I have put my Spi- rit up-on him.

℣. Greatly to be honoured is blessed John.

℟. Who leaned on the breast of the Lord at supper.

Prayer.

Mercifully enlighten thy Church,
we beseech thee, O Lord : that
being illuminated by the doctrines of
blessed John thy Apostle and

Evangelist, she may attain to
everlasting gifts. Through Christ our
Lord. ℟. Amen.

Memorial of the Innocents.

Where there hath been a Procession of the boys.

Innocentes pro Christo.

Ant.

II.i.



He inno-cent infants * in place of Christ were put
to death, by a wicked ty-rant were all those sucklings mur-
der-ed : after the Lamb they follow without a-ny stain : and
sing they ev-er, Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord.

Where there hath been no Procession.

Laverunt stolas suas.

Ant.


I.v.




Hey have washed their robes : and made them
white in the blood of the Lamb.

℣. Wonderful is God in his saints. ℞. And glorious in his majesty.

Prayer.

 God, whose praise the martyred Innocents confessed this day, not by speaking but by dying : mortify all evils of vice in us, that thy faith which our tongue

professeth, our life may also shew forth by its deeds. Who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

 *At j.*

Ant. Now the kernel. *j. of Lauds.* 533.

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

 *At iij.*

Ant. All earth striveth. *ij. of Lauds.* 534.

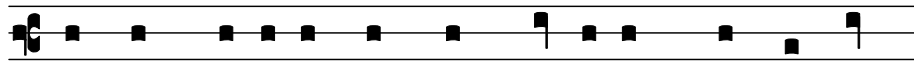
Ps. Teach me, O Lord. (119. iij./cxviij. iij.) [161].

Chapter. Every high priest. 940.

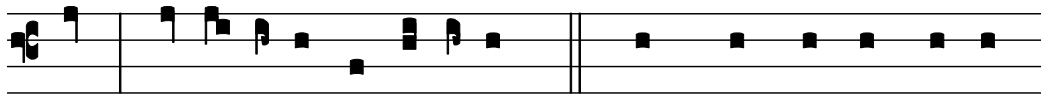
Chapters, R. and V. from the Common of One Martyr and Bishop [940]. such that the *R.* is sung with Alleluya. at all the Hours.

Gloria et honore.

Resp.
VI.



Hou hast crown-ed him with glo-ry and worship, O

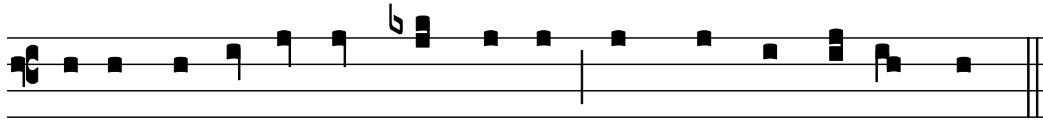


Lord. †Alle- lu-ya, al-le-lu-ya. *ij.* *V.* And hast set him to have

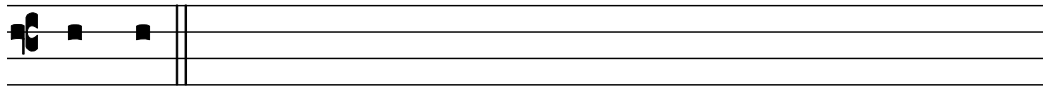


dominion of the works of thy hands. †Alle- lu-ya. *V.* Glo-ry

On the Day of Saint Thomas, Martyr.



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



Thou hast.

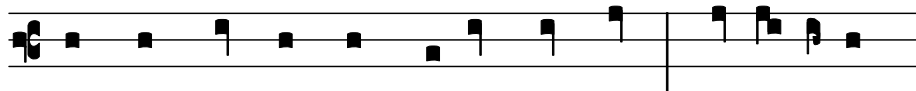
¶ *At vj.*

Ant. Thomas' water. *ij.* of *Lauds.* 534.

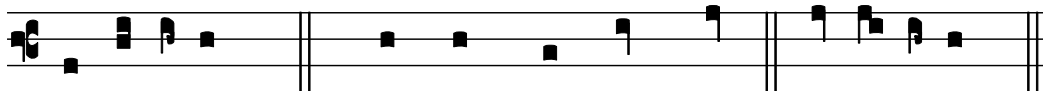
Ps. My soul hath longed. (119. *vj./cxviiij. vj.*) [179].

Posuisti Domine.

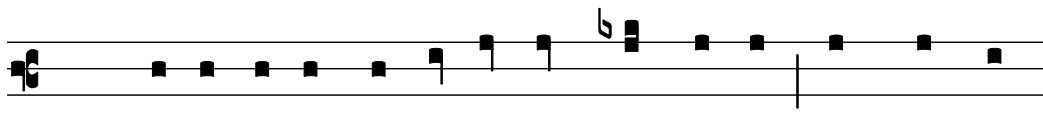
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VI.



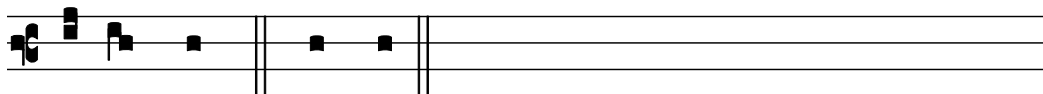
Hou hast set, O Lord, upon his head. †Alle-lu-ya,



al-le-lu-ya. *ij.* ∕. A crown of pure gold. †Alle-lu-ya.



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



Ho-ly Ghost. Thou hast.

¶ *At ix.*

Ant. By the martyr Thomas' blood. *v.* of *Lauds.* 535.

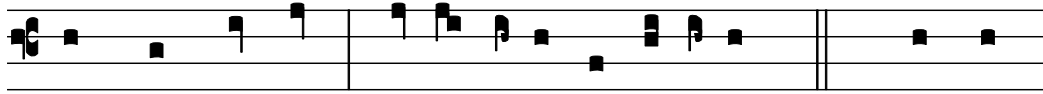
Ps. Thy testimonies are wonderful. (119. *ix./cxviiij. ix.*) [195].

Justus ut palma.

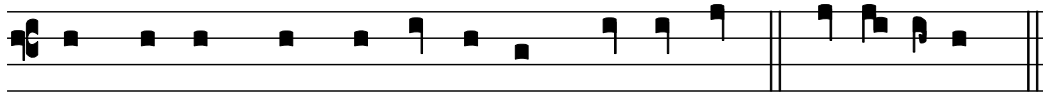
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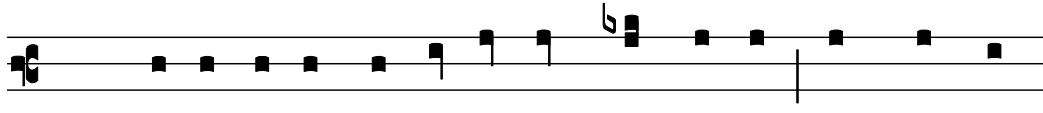
He righteous shall flourish like a palm-tree in the



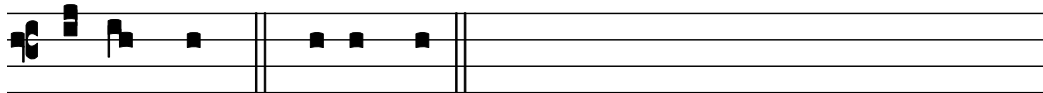
house of the Lord. †Alle- lu-ya, al-le-lu-ya. *ij.* *℣.* He shall



spread abroad like a ce-dar in Le-ba-non. †Alle- lu-ya.



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



Ho-ly Ghost. The righteous.

¶ *At Vespers.*

Ant. In the day of thy power. 373.

Ps. The Lord said unto my Lord. (*cix.*) [375]. *℣.*

Chapter. *Hebr. v. 1.*

¶ Very high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he

may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. *℣.* Thanks be to God.

On the Day of Saint Thomas, Martyr.

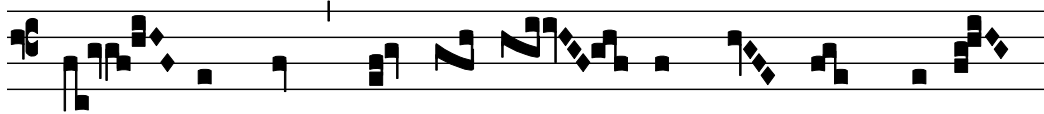
Let the following Responsory be sung by three of the Superior Grade, as on the other Double Feasts throughout the year.

Jesu bone per Thome.

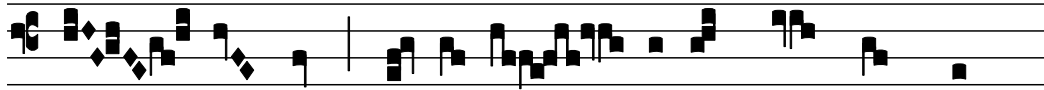
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II.



Aith-ful Je- sus, * by Tho- mas' me-



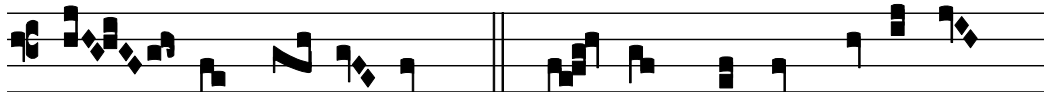
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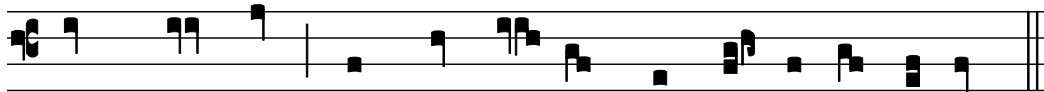
accrued : Vis- it ev- er our house, and home,



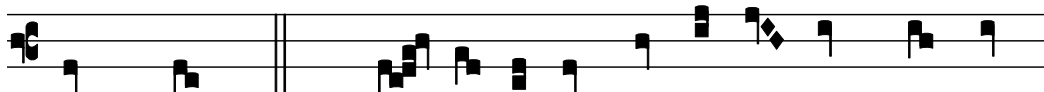
and grave. †And from three-fold des-truc-



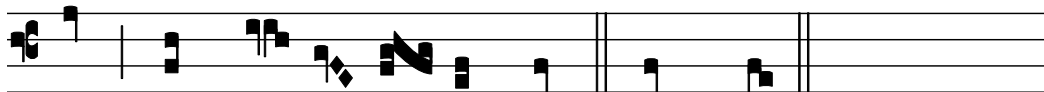
tion do thou save. ✎ Ac-tion, thinking, or us-age



where these fail, Let thy work-ing for god-li-ness a-vail.



†And from. ✎ Glo- ry be to the Father, and to the



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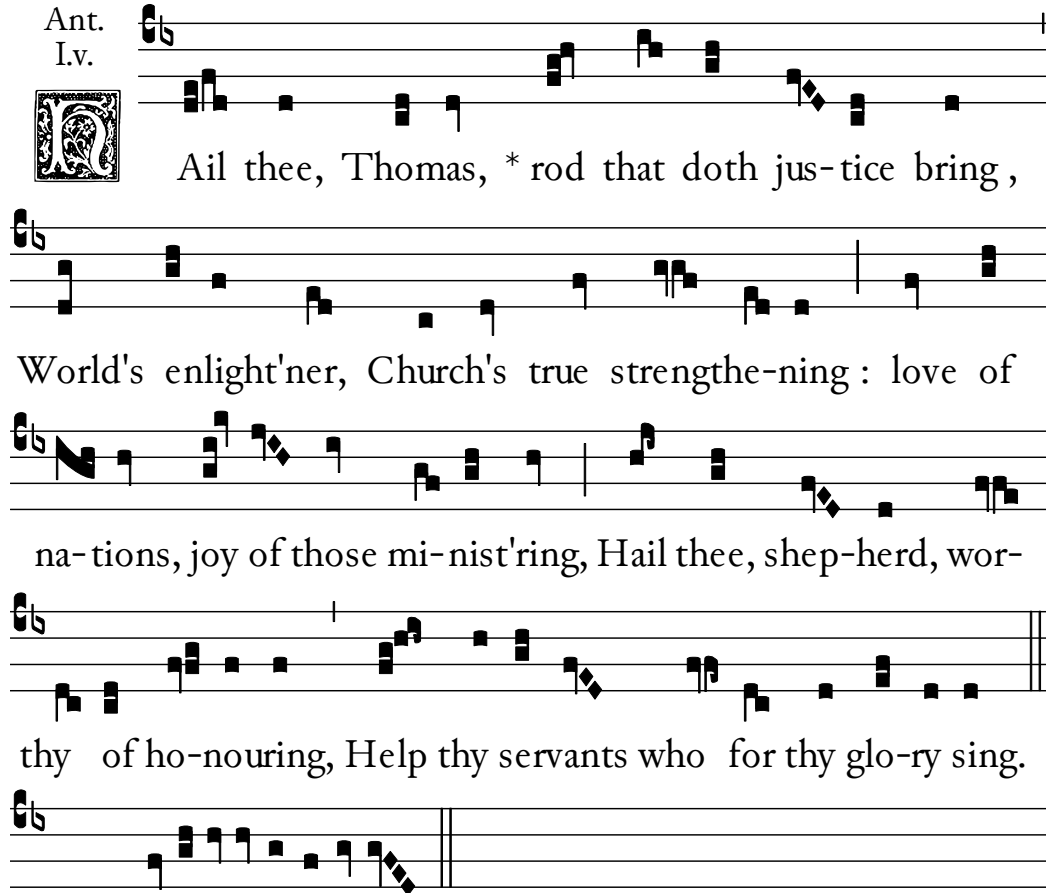
Hymn. O God, thy soldiers' crown and guard. [925].

V. The righteous shall blossom as the lily.

R. And shall flourish for ever before the Lord. *Let the Response be made privately.*


Salve Thoma virga justicie.

Ant.
I.v.



Ail thee, Thomas, * rod that doth jus-tice bring,
World's enlight'ner, Church's true strengthe-ning : love of
na-tions, joy of those mi-nist'ring, Hail thee, shep-herd, wor-
thy of ho-nouring, Help thy servants who for thy glo-ry sing.

Ps. My soul doth magnify. 53*.

 God, for whose Church the glorious Pontiff Thomas fell by the swords of impious men : grant, we beseech thee, that all who implore his assistance may obtain the healthful effect of their petition.

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.

Memorial of the Nativity.

Virgo Dei Genitrix.

Ant.
I.v.



Virgin Mother of God, * he whom the whole world
containeth not, enshrin-ed himself in thy womb and was
made man : true faith in thine Offspring hath freed the world
from transgres-sion, and thy virgi-ni- ty re-maineth
in-vi- o-late.

℣. The Word was made flesh. ℟. And dwelt among us, alleluya.

Prayer.

Grant, we beseech thee, almighty
God : that the new birth in the
flesh of thy Only Begotten may
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Amen.

Memorial of Saint Stephen.

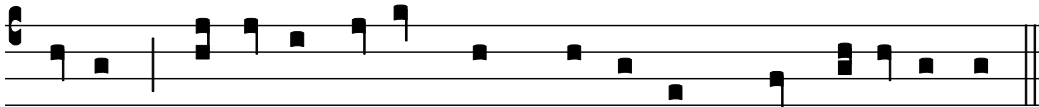
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Stephanos vidit celos.

4. Ant.
VIII.i.



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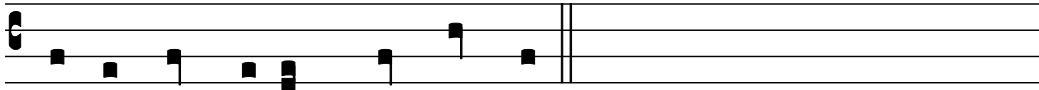
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Ecce video celos apertos.

Ant.
IV.v.



Ehold, I see * the heavens open-ed : and Je-sus



standing at the right hand of God.

℣. Thou hast crowned him with glory and worship, O Lord.

℟. And hast made him to have dominion of the works of thy hands.

Prayer.

GRant unto us, we beseech thee,
O Lord, to imitate what we
revere, that we may learn to love even
our enemies : forasmuch as we
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℟. Amen.

Memorial of Saint John.

Where there hath been a Procession of the same.

Ecce puer meus.

Ant.
Ii.



E-hold my ser-vant, * mine e-lect, whom I have cho-



sen : I have put my Spi- rit up-on him.

Where there hath been no Procession.

Sunt de hic stantibus.

Ant.
Ii.



Here be some standing here, * which shall not taste



of death : till they see the Son of man in his Kingdom.

℣. Greatly to be honoured is blessed John.

℟. Who leaned on the breast of the Lord at supper.

Prayer.

Mercifully enlighten thy Church,
we beseech thee, O Lord : that
being illuminated by the doctrines of
blessed John thy Apostle and

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Memorial of the Innocents.

Where there hath been a Procession of the boys.

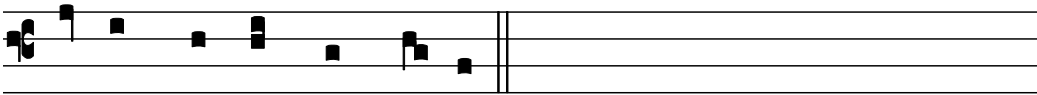
Laverunt stolas suas.

Ant.

I.v.



Hey have washed their robes : and made them



white in the blood of the Lamb.

Where there hath been no Procession.

Ambulabant mecum in albis.

Ant.

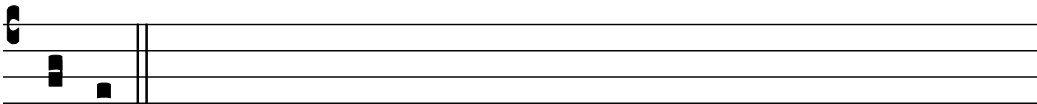
IV.i.



Hey shall walk * with me in white, for they are



worthy : and I will not blot out their names out of the book




of life.

℣. Be ye glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous.

℟. And shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

Prayer.

 God, whose praise the martyred Innocents confessed this day, not by speaking but by dying : mortify all evils of vice in us, that thy faith which our tongue

professeth, our life may also shew forth by its deeds. Who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. ℟. Amen.

¶ *The Sixth Day in the Nativity of the Lord.*

At Matins.

The Invitatory, Hymn, Antiphons and Psalms are sung as on the Day of the Nativity of the Lord. 327.

℣. As a bridegroom. ℞. The Lord cometh forth out of his chamber. Let the Response be made privately.

Let there be three Lessons with Rulers of the Choir.

¶ *The Gospel according to Luke. ij. 33-40. Lesson j.*

AT that time, His father and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. And that which followeth.

*A Sermon from the Commentary of the
Venerable Bede, Priest.*

JOseph is called the father of the Saviour, not because in accordance with the Photinians he was his real father : but because from regard to the reputation of Mary he was esteemed by all to be his father. Nor indeed was it forgotten, what the Evangelist hath recounted, that he was conceived of the Holy Ghost and begotten of the Virgin : but the belief of the multitude indicateth (what is

the true word of the account) that Joseph is called the father of Christ. He however might be called his father in that light which he is rightly regarded as the husband of Mary, that is, not from any carnal connection, but by reason of the very bond of wedlock, a far closer relationship than that of adoption. For, that Joseph was not to be called Christ's father, was not because he had not begotten him by cohabitation, since in truth he might be a father to one whom he had not begotten from his wife but had adopted from another. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

℞. This day the King of heaven. j. 333. Or ℞. Blessed is Mary. vij. 349. if it should be a Sunday.

Lesson ij.

AND Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother : Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against. Rightly for the rising again : because he is the light and the glory of the people of Israel, because he saith, I am the resurrection, and the life : he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. But how in destruction, unless because, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense, that is, a fall : to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient. Concerning which He him-

self saith, If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin. But now they have no cloke for their sin. Which, not only in himself, but likewise in his proclamations, were set for the fall and the rising again of many : is witnessed by the Apostle who saith, Unto God we are a sweet savour of Christ : in them that are saved, and in them that perish. He indeed, as proclaimed by the Apostle, which heareth the word is followed by love : by a sweet savour riseth again and is saved. He who followeth after with reluctance : himself by the same savour falleth down and is dead. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

R̄. This day unto us from heaven. *ij.* 335. *Or R̄.* Blessed is the womb. *viiij.* 351. *if it should be a Sunday.*

Lesson iij.

ACCEPT thou also the sign which is spoken against, the faith of the Lord of the Cross of which the Jews say to the Apostle Paul, For as concerning this sect, we know that everywhere it is spoken against. And the Apostle himself, But we (he saith) preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness. A sword shall

pierce through thine own soul also. No one teacheth of blessed Mary the account that she departed from this life by death of a sword : particularly as not the soul but the body is accustomed to be killed by a sword. From whence remaineth and is understood that sword of which is said, And a sword is in their lips, that is, the anguish of the Lord's passion

hath passed through her soul : who although she saw Christ the very Son of God die a voluntary death, and doubted not that he who was begotten of her flesh would overcome death, was not able to see him

crucified without feeling pain. For even the sword which pierced the soul of Joseph is sung : by which is understood nothing better than fearful tribulation of mind. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

R. He came down from heaven. *ijj.* 336. *Or R.* The Word was made flesh. *ix.* 353. *if it should be a Sunday.*

Ps. Te Deum. [48]. *And it is said daily until the Octave Day of the Epiphany and within its Octave, except on the Vigil of the Epiphany if that should fall on a day other than a Sunday.*

Before Lauds.

V. The Word was made flesh. *R.* And dwelt among us. *with Alleluya.*

¶ *At Lauds.*

Quem vidistis pastores.

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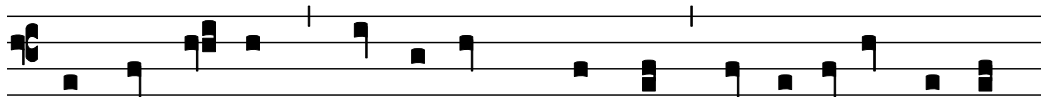
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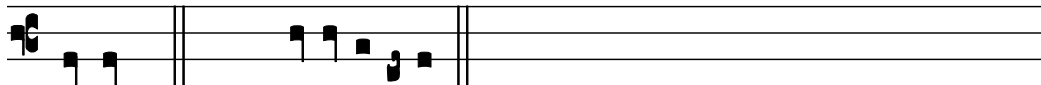
Hom saw ye, * O shepherds ? speak : tell us who hath



appeared upon the earth. We have seen the child, with the



choir of Angels, the Saviour, the Lord, al-le-lu-ya, al-le-



lu-ya. *Ps.* The Lord is King. (93./xcij.) [53]. *and the customary Psalms.*

The Sixth Day in the Nativity of the Lord.

Let Ps. The Lord is King. and the accustomed Psalms be sung. In such a way that the first three Psalms be sung under a single pitch : and the fourth Psalm may always be raised if it be necessary. Which is to be observed through the whole year at Lauds and at Vespers when a single Antiphon is sung on the Psalms : whether a service be from the Temporale or from the Feasts of the Saints. Let it be done in the same way at Vespers when a single Antiphon is had on the Psalms.

Chapter. Galat. iv. 1.

<p>THe heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all. But is</p>	<p>under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. <i>R.</i> Thanks be to God.</p>
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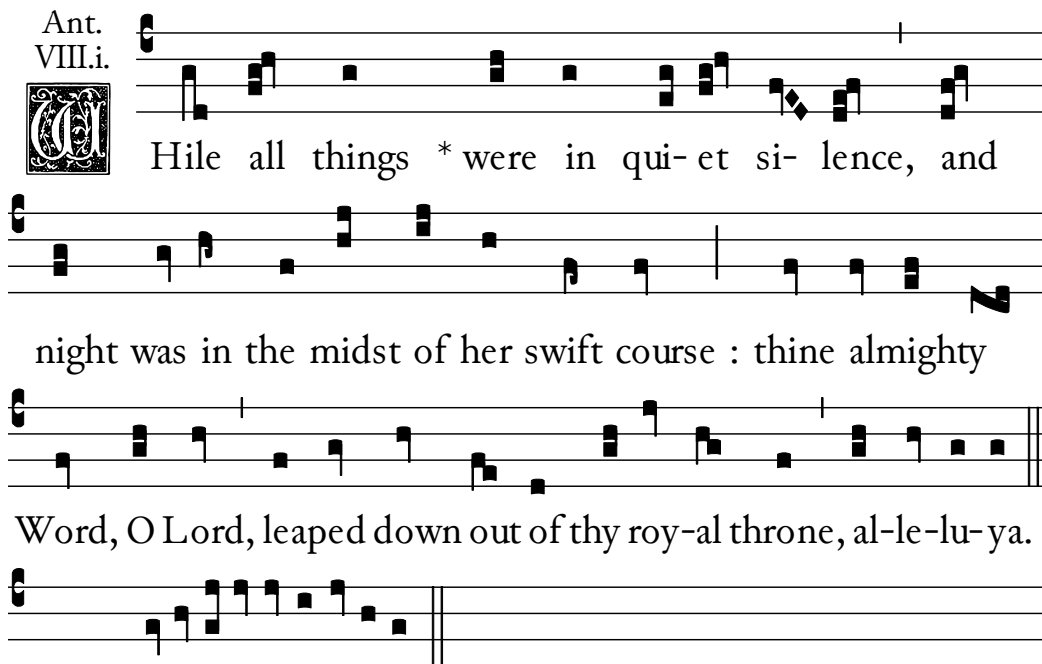
This Chapter is said only at this Matins.

Hymn. From lands that see. 362.

V. Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. *R.* God is the Lord, who hath shewed us light. *Let the Response be made privately.*

Dum medium silentium.

Ant.
VIII.i.



M Hile all things * were in qui- et si- lence, and
 night was in the midst of her swift course : thine almighty
 Word, O Lord, leaped down out of thy roy-al throne, al-le-lu-ya.

Ps. Blessed be the Lord. 68.*

The Sixth Day in the Nativity of the Lord.

Prayer.

O almighty and everlasting God,
direct our actions according to
thy good pleasure, that in the name
of thy beloved Son we may be found

worthy to abound in good works.
Who liveth and reigneth with thee in
the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God,
world without end. *R.* Amen.

Let this Prayer be said only at this Matins, and at Prime only in its place. At the other Hours let the Prayer be said as on the Day of the Nativity of the Lord.

Memorial of the Nativity.

Pastores dicite.

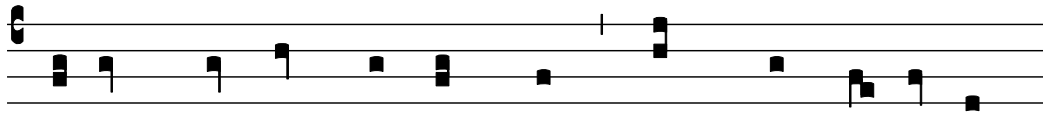
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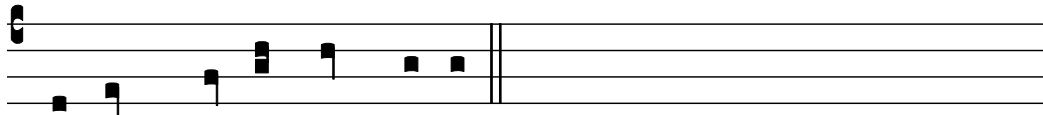
E shepherds, * tell us what ye have seen, and de-



clare the ti-dings of the birth of Christ : We have seen the



infant wrapt in swaddling clothes, and choirs of angels



prais-ing the newborn Saviour.

V. He hath called upon me. *R.* Thou art my father.

Prayer.

Grant, we beseech thee, almighty
God : that the new birth in the
flesh of thy Only Begotten may

deliver us, whom the ancient bondage
holdeth under yoke of sin. Through
the same Jesus Christ thy Son, our

The Sixth Day in the Nativity of the Lord.

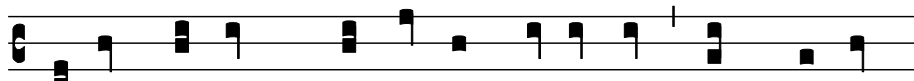
Lord. *R.* Amen.

Memorial of Saint Stephen.

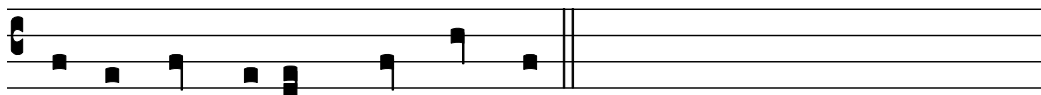
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Ecce video celos apertos.

Ant.
IV.v.



Ehold, I see * the heavens open-ed : and Je-sus

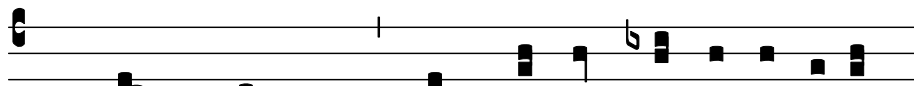


standing at the right hand of God.

Where there hath been no Procession.

Beatus Stephanus.

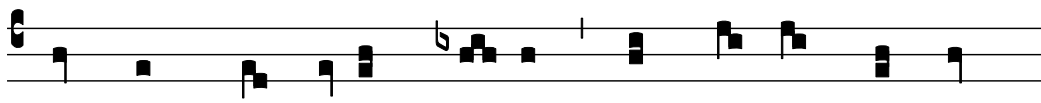
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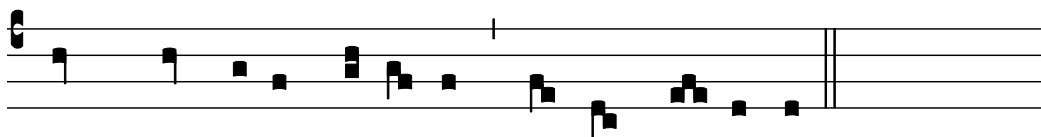
Les-sed * Ste-phen, strengthen-ed by contin-u-al



ex-ercise in the law of God : like a fruitful tree planted



by streams of healing wa-ters, was the first to bring



forth the fruit of martyrdom in his due season.

R. The righteous shall blossom as the lily.

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℞. He shall flourish for ever before the Lord.

Prayer.

GRant, unto us, we beseech thee,
O Lord, to imitate what we
revere, that we may learn to love even
our enemies, forasmuch as we
celebrate the nativity of him who

knew how to pray even for his
persecutors to our Lord Jesus Christ
thy Son. Through the same Jesus
Christ thy Son, our Lord. ℞. Amen.

Memorial of Saint John.

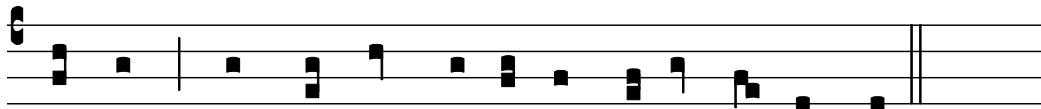
Where there hath already been a Procession of the same.

Sunt de hic stantibus.

Ant.
I.i.



Here be some standing here, * which shall not taste



of death : till they see the Son of man in his Kingdom.

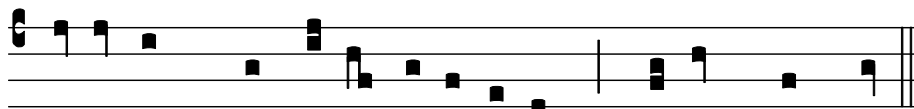
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Sic eum volo.

Ant.
VIII.ii.



O I will * that he tar-ry till I come : follow thou me.



℞. Greatly to be honoured is blessed John.

℞. Who leaned on the breast of the Lord at supper.

Prayer.

Mercifully enlighten thy Church,
we beseech thee, O Lord : that
being illuminated by the doctrines of

blessed John thy Apostle and
Evangelist, she may attain to
everlasting gifts. Through Christ our

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Lord. *R.* Amen.

Memorial of the Innocents.

Where there hath been a procession of the boys.

Ambulabant mecum in albis.

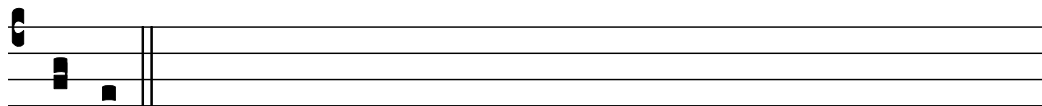
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IV.i.



Hey shall walk * with me in white, for they are



worthy : and I will not blot out their names out of the book



of life.

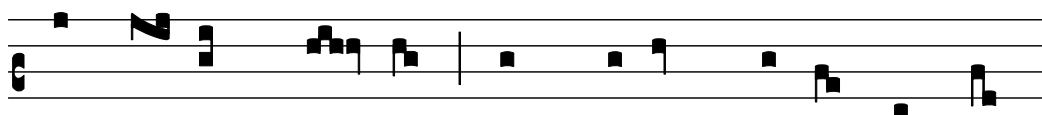
Where there hath been no Procession.

Cantabant sancti canticum novum.

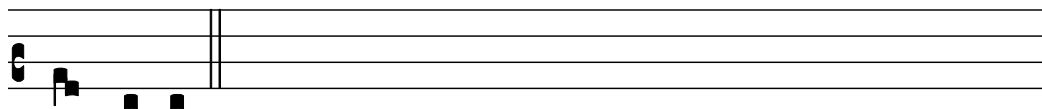
Ant.
VIII.ii.



He Saints sung * a new song be-fore the throne



of God and the Lamb : and the earth re-sounded with



their voices.

V. Wonderful is God in his saints. *R.* And glorious in his majesty.

Prayer.

God, whose praise the
martryed Innocents confessed
this day, not by speaking but by
dying : mortify all evils of vice in us,
that thy faith which our tongue

professeth, our life may also shew
forth by its deeds. Who livest and
reignest with God the Father in the
unity of the Holy Ghost, one God,
world without end. *R.* Amen.

Memorial of Saint Thomas.

Where there hath previously been a Procession of the same.

Pastor cesus.

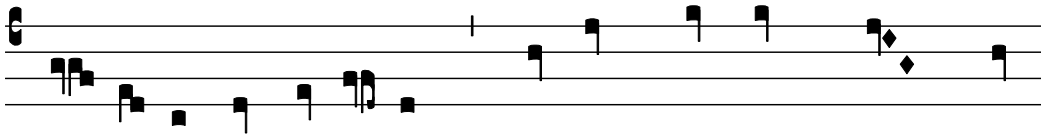
Ant.
I.v.



He shep-herd * slain in the midst of his flock,



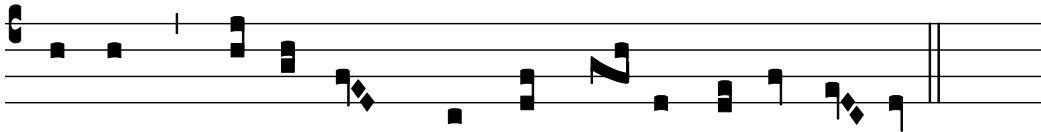
Bought peace for them at the price of his blood : O happy



sor-row in sad re-joic-ing, The flock breatheth through the



death of their shepherd, La-men-ting, the mo-ther applaudeth



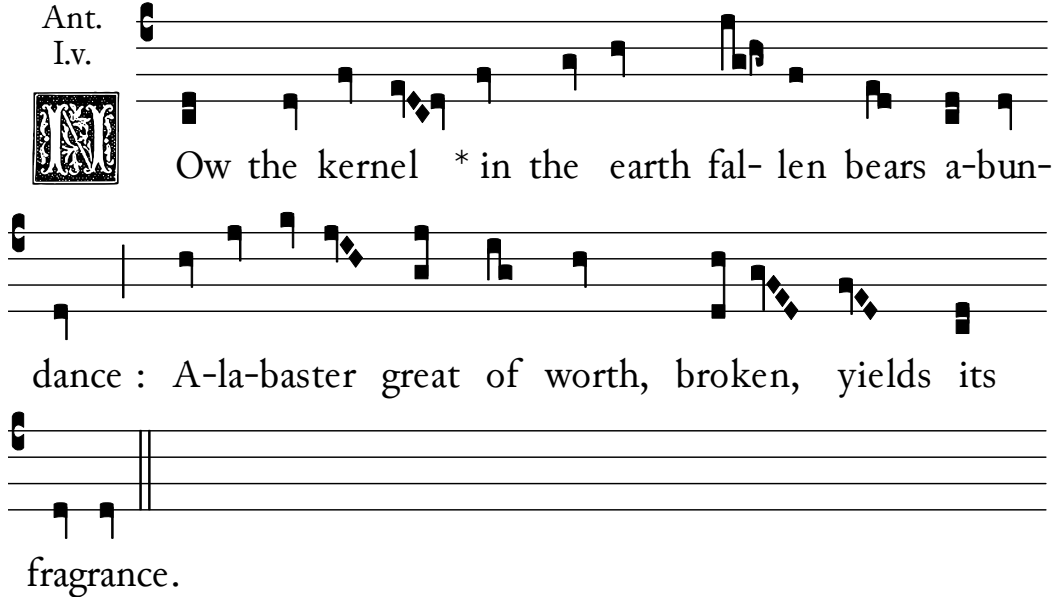
her son, Who be-neath the sword liv- eth on as vic-tor.

The Sixth Day in the Nativity of the Lord.

Where there hath been no Procession.

Granum cadit.

Ant.
I.v.




Ow the kernel * in the earth fal- len bears a-bun-
dance : A-la-baster great of worth, broken, yields its
fragrance.

℣. Pray for us, O blessed Thomas.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Prayer.

 God, for whose Church the glorious Pontiff Thomas fell by the swords of impious men : grant, we beseech thee, that all who implore

his assistance may obtain the healthful effect of their petition. Through Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

¶ *At j.*

Ant. Whom saw ye. *j. of Lauds.* 360.

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

Ant. Thee they rightly praise. [118].

Ps. Quicunque vult. [119].

¶ *At iij. vj. and ix.*

The Chapter, ℟. and ℣. are said as on the Day of the Nativity of the Lord 369 with this Prayer, Grant, we beseech thee. 366.

¶ If Sunday falls on the *vj.* day in the Nativity of the Lord let there be *ix.* Lessons : the first *vj.* from the Sermon of blessed Maximus the Bishop on the Nativity of the Lord, namely The sacrament of today's mystery. and let there be added *iiij.* Lessons from the Exposition of the Gospel, namely His father and his mother. as above. 452.

¶ Let the Invitatory, Hymn, Antiphons, *℣℣.* and *℟℟.* be sung as on the Day of the Nativity of the Lord. 327.

Lesson j. Sermon of Blessed Maximus.

THe sacrament of today's mystery, beloved brethren, as ye have always relied upon and do believe : is the restoration of human salvation, the nativity of virtues and the fall of vices. Today, inasmuch as Christ Jesus our Lord, in which is the fullness of divinity, taketh up our frail flesh : a new man hath sprung forth. Today hath glittered that second Adam, not a resident but the Lord of paradise : whom the beauty of the forbidden tree might not deceive, the serpent might not beguile, the woman might not seduce. Today a light hath come

forth in the darkness to the true of heart : today that which heaven and the heaven of heavens itself rejoiced to hold : the world while unaware hath received. And neither indeed hath a certain temporal thing, nor that which had not been before, suddenly emerged unto us from a woman : but God, which was always with the Father and always reigned, through a new mystery hath willed to appear by a Virgin unto mankind. Indeed a new man : yet the everlasting Lord. A new Christ : yet the King of all the ages. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson ij.

Himself was born of Mary within the bounds of time : which Only Begotten hath proceeded from the Father before all ages. This was foretold by the patriarchs, proclaimed by the prophets : announced by the angels, commended by the apostles. Of one and the same thou readest, In

the beginning was the Word : and the Word was made flesh. Rejoice therefore now, and exult O thou Gentile, turn at last to thy God : thou hast gained the gift which Abraham rejoiced to have seen in spirit. Thou hast merited through Christ : that of which the once chosen nation of the

Hebrews was not able to merit. Indeed we read how Israel, fearing and trembling, wondered, because Moses, leader of the people, hidden in a cloud : and on the top of the highest mountain, alone spake with

the Lord. Thus to thee in truth Christ is born, and for us hath he relinquished such great dignity : that he might speak with men, and that by men he might be seen. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson iij.

AT that time whomever of the people would have approached up to that Mountain of Sinai : was punished by immediate destruction. Therefore whomever shall not come near to this mountain which today is born to the world : shall die. Then indeed one people was instructed in the faith : now indeed all people are called to life. Our venerable fathers have seen : innumerable and great wonders. Heaven hath rained on them angelic food : the hardest stone hath furnished sweet cups. The perpetual course of the Jordan hath

turned itself backwards to its source : resounding trumpets have toppled the most strong walls of the enemy. The sun likewise having been stayed in the heaven : hath supplied the longer day to the triumph of the people. This indeed never before hath been granted to be seen in the world : that the Only Begotten of the Most High, which powers of archangels receive in trembling, presenteth himself as a man amongst men, and flesh which was taken up from man was transformed into God. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson iv.

EMbrace thou, therefore, the dignity of eternal majesty : and do not destroy the hidden purpose of thy Lord ; because indeed Christ was born for all, but to the faithful he hath given salvation. Thus, if it seemeth to thee, because of the frailty of thy senses, that it be unworthy to believe that the Son of God was born

from a woman : then ponder the Virgin which hath given birth. If it seemeth to thee that the garments in which he was wrapped are perhaps worthless : then wonder at the angels and the multitude of the heavenly army, which are singing praises together. If thou scornest the crib in which the infant lay : then lift up

thine eyes for just a moment, and observe the new star from heaven, that declareth to the world the birth of the Lord. If thou dost not believe these things worthless : then believe that they are wonderful. If thou quibblest over these things that are lowly : then venerate those things which are high and heavenly. Indeed, with these replies and with the authority from the Lord our Saviour, thou hast learned what is lowly and

what is glorious. Everything that pertaineth to the mystery of thy salvation : the sacred Gospels have made known to thee. Thou hast in these things whence thou mayest both believe that the Lord Jesus was born a man : and not be able to doubt that he was God, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God : for ever and ever, amen. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson v.

AT the Lord's coming, beloved brethren, all dread of ancestral transgression hath been released : into which erstwhile having been beset by devilish trickery, mortality hath entered. Indeed the Judge of heaven and earth cometh unto us : who, cut down by the catalogue of our offenses, through his compassion hath absolved our guilt. That Lord cometh which, releasing the yoke of

our ancient captivity by way of the womb : would gladden the mourning of the world with everlasting liberty. That gentle King cometh which, advancing in righteousness by steps through the expanse of the whole realm of heaven : disdaineth the raving enemy, shall crush tyranny. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson vj.

TOday, inasmuch as Mary hath given birth, the Son of God is born for us : in order that, having been brought forth of true flesh by conception, he might bestow on mankind which he created both fatherly compassion and brotherly

affection. And he was indeed born of an inviolate woman, that the human birth might bear witness equally of God and of man : and that perpetual virginity might shew forth God. For as he was unable to be born of the flesh except by flesh : so the flesh of

God was not able to come forth from the womb of a woman, except without fathering. On account of which the angel saith unto blessed Mary, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee : therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee : shall be called the Son of God. The Holy Ghost (it saith) shall come upon thee. Therefore to thee, my brother, the angelic words uphold the power of

the Holy Ghost : so that thou, being dilled by the conjecture of fleshly arguments, mightest not confound this heavenly mystery with earthly reasoning. Rather, dost thou not suppose that he hath been able to fashion a new child in the womb of the Virgin : which when he made the first man, sought neither the seed of the father nor the flesh of the mother ? But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

And let there be added three Lessons from the Exposition of the Gospel, His father and his mother. 550.

At Lauds and the other Hours let all be as it is indicated previously 552. : whether this day be a Sunday or not.

If Sunday shall fall on the Day of Saint Stephen or Saint John, or the Holy Innocents or Saint Thomas, or Saint Silvester, or the Day of the Circumcision, let all of the service be of the Feast, and nothing of the Sunday.



¶ *Saint Silvester, Pope and Confessor.*

At Vespers.

Antiphons and Psalms as on Second Vespers of the Nativity. 372.

Chapter. Behold a great priest. [1019].

R. Soldier of Christ. [1048].

Hymn. He whose confession. [1020].

V. The Lord loved him. [1029].

Ant. O Confessor of the Lord. [1030].

Ps. Magnificat. 53*.

Prayer.

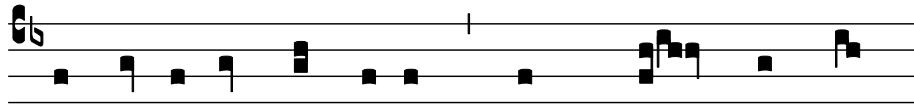
Grant, we beseech thee, almighty God, that the venerable feast of blessed Silvester thy Confessor and Pontiff, may further in us both devotion and salvation. Through

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.

Memorial of the Nativity.

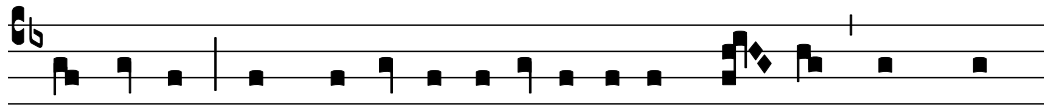
Virgo hodie fidelis.

Ant.
VI.




His day a faithful Virgin * brought forth the Word

Saint Silvester, Pope and Confessor.



in-carnate : and remained a virgin after child- ing, in whose



praise we all do sing, Blessed art thou a-mong women.

℣. The Word was made flesh. ℟. And dwelt among us, alleluya.

Prayer.

Grant, we beseech thee, almighty God : that the new birth in the flesh of thy Only Begotten may deliver us, whom the ancient bondage


holdeth under yoke of sin. Through the same Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord. ℟. Amen.

Memorial of Saint Stephen.

Where there hath already been a Procession of the same.

Beatus Stephanus.

Ant.
I.v.



BLes-sed * Ste-phen, strengthen-ed by contin-u-al

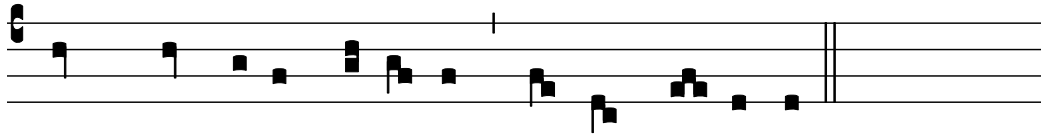


ex-ercise in the law of God : like a fruitful tree planted



by streams of healing wa- ters, was the first to bring

Saint Silvester, Pope and Confessor.



forth the fruit of martyrdom in his due season.

Where there hath been no Procession.

Constitutus a Deo.

Ant.
II.i.



Ordained * of God to preach his pre-cepts, in



ho-ly fear he strove to serve : his service faithful-ly



comple-ted, he was found worthy to ascend His ho-ly hill.

℟̄. Thou hast crowned him, O Lord, with glory and honour.

℞̄. And hast set him over the works of thy hands.

Prayer.

Quant unto us, we beseech thee,
O Lord, to imitate what we
revere, that we may learn to love even
our enemies : forasmuch as we
celebrate the nativity of him who
knew how to pray even for his

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Memorial of Saint John.

Where there hath been a Procession of the same.

Sic eum volo.

Ant.
VIII.ii.



O I will * that he tar-ry till I come : follow thou me.

Where there hath been no Procession.

Johannes apostolus.

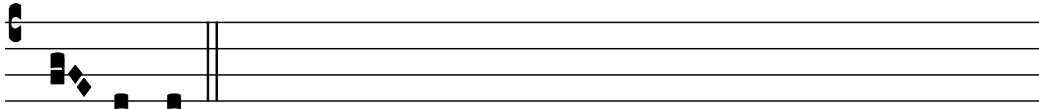
Ant.
I.v.



Ohn, * the Apostle and E-vange-list, a vir-gin



cho-sen by the Lord, is amongst the oth-ers more



be- lov-ed.

℣. Greatly to be honoured is blessed John.

℟. Who leaned on the breast of the Lord at supper.

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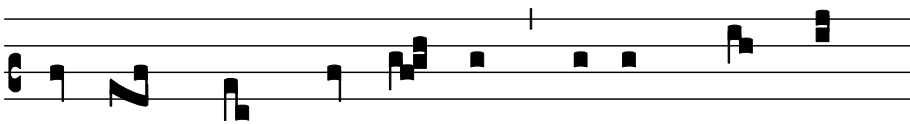
Evangelist, she may attain to
everlasting gifts. Through Christ our
Lord. ℟. Amen.

Memorial of the Innocents.

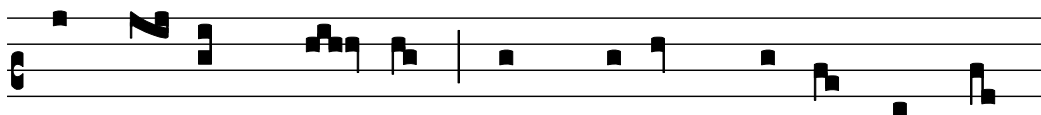
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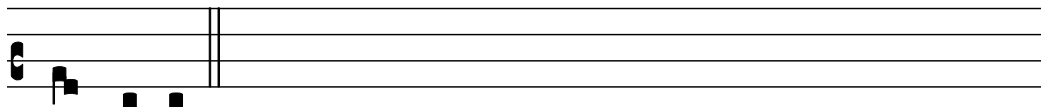
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VIII.ii.



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of God and the Lamb : and the earth re-sounded with



their voices.

Where there hath been no Procession.

Herodes iratus.

Ant.
I.i.



E-rod, be-ing wroth, * slew ma-ny children :



in Bethle-hem of Ju-dah, the ci-ty of Da-vid.

℣. Be ye glad in the Lord, and rejoyce, ye righteous.

℟. And shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

Prayer.



God, whose praise the
martryed Innocents confessed
this day, not by speaking but by

dying : mortify all evils of vice in us,
that thy faith which our tongue
professeth, our life may also shew

forth by its deeds. Who livest and
reignest with God the Father in the

unity of the Holy Ghost, one God,
world without end. *R.* Amen.

Memorial of Saint Thomas.

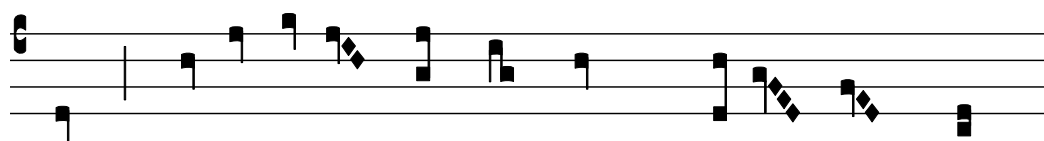
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Granum cadit.

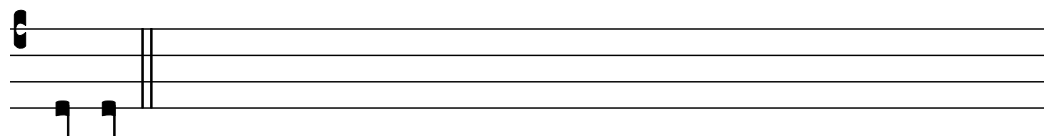
Ant.
I.v.



Ow the kernel * in the earth fal- len bears a-bun-



dance : A-la-baster great of worth, broken, yields its



fragrance.

Where there hath been no Procession.

Totus orbis martyris certat.

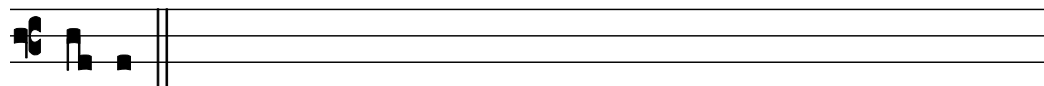
Ant.
II.i.



Ll earth striv- eth * for the love of so great a mar-



tyr : Whose sure signs all people move to great awe and




ardour.

℣. Pray for us, O blessed Thomas.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Prayer.


 God, for whose Church the glorious Pontiff Thomas fell by the swords of impious men : grant, we beseech thee, that all who implore his assistance may obtain the healthful effect of their petition.

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. ℟. Amen.

¶ *At Matins of Saint Silvester.*

Let the Invitatory, Hymn, Antiphons, Psalms, VV. and RR. be sung from the Common of One Confessor and Bishop. [1031]. Let there be Nine Lessons.

Lesson j.

 ilvester, Bishop of the city of Rome, when he was an infant, was by his mother, a widow named Justa, handed over to Cyrinus a priest : and imitating whose life and morals, he achieved the highest summit of Christian religion. When he became a youth he diligently exhibited hospitality of the whole soul : which treasures were filled up not with the riches of the earth, but with good will. And so much thanks he gave to God : that not only by Christians, but likewise by pagans was he esteemed with very great affection. Moreover in his thirtieth year he was made a deacon

by Saint Melchiad, Bishop of the city of Rome : not long after, all the Christian people in the city themselves requested that he be made a priest. Therefore Saint Silvester was ordained a priest ; the Lord had conveyed so much grace to him : that there was none which did not esteem him from affection, and he was approved to be a true servant of God. He was indeed of an angelic aspect, shining speech, holy works, sound body, good nature, great counsel, catholic faith, most patient hope, widespread charity. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson ij.

AND thus, when Saint Melchiad the Bishop departed to the Lord, Silvester was chosen by all the people : indeed none could be found which did not acclaim his election. To be sure, Saint Silvester was objecting with the excuse of his age : by as much as he charged himself unworthy, by so much was he proclaimed worthy by all. Why say more ? By these and other like assertions he was persuaded of the people : by the authority of God he was elevated Bishop of the city of Rome. And that he merited to be this : he shewed forth by his works. He was indeed of a most pious and wholly sweet visage : moreover he went among the rich and the poor, such that the poor would regard him as an equal, however the rich themselves would

esteem him as it were above riches. Indeed he attended not to persons of power but to those of good habits : and as much as he honoured whomever was eminent, by so much had he learned to live with the pious. Therefore, according to the word of God, he himself shewed concern amid the destitute and foreigners : as he believed Christ to be in those, and even as to Christ himself he rejoiced to gather necessities for them. Nevertheless seeing that it is tedious to hurriedly describe his holy sayings and wonderful writings : a small number of the many divine miracles, which the Lord made through him to the glory of His name, are worthy to be recalled. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson iij.

CONSTANTINE Augustus, when he held the monarchy of the world, and had given very many of the Christians over to slaughter : was stricken by God with the leprosy of elephantiasis. To which, when with a multitude of doctors none was able to assist with a cure by reason : there came forth those which said that a pool must be made, which should be

filled with the blood of innocent boys, into which the naked Augustus would be lowered, that he might be cleansed from all the leprous sores. Therefore a despatch was sent, and as many as three thousand infants were brought away. However, on the appointed day, with the emperor coming in order that the innocent blood would be shed : there ran to meet him an

innumerable multitude of women, and all tearing their hair and baring their breasts, making howls and groans, prostrating themselves before him, and with all their strength instilled great dread in him. Now Augustus, inquiring, learned these to be the mothers of the sons whose blood would be shed : in which himself by reason of healing was to be washed and cured. Then the Emperor shuddering, at the crime, and being harangued by the people, ordered the return of the sons to their mothers, and payed out a very great gift : that those weepers that had come to a foreign country, might readily return to their own. Then on the following night : Augustus saw in

a vision the holy apostles appearing and saying to him, We are Peter and Paul, Apostles of God. Seeing that therefore thou hast shrunk from the shedding of innocent blood : we have been sent by the Lord Jesus Christ, to give thee counsel to be restored to health. Send therefore to Silvester, Bishop of the city of Rome : who hath fled from thy persecutions, who remaineth in hiding in Mount Soracte. By means of whom, when he shall persuade thee, and thou shalt believe in the one God : in the pool of divinity thou shalt be cleansed by him from all contagion of leprosy. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Let the middle Lessons be of the Nativity of the Lord with this V̇. He hath called unto me. Ṙ. Thou art my Father. Let the Response be made privately.

¶ *Sermon of Blessed Fulgentius, Bishop.*

Lesson iv.

Rightly (saith the Prophet), be telling of his salvation from day to day. What is from day to day, if not the Son from the Father ? The Son, then, is from the Father, day from day : but yet the Father and the Son are not two days, but the day is one. The Son is from the Father, God from God : nevertheless the

Father and the Son are not two gods, but God is one. Thus the day of eternity is the Father and the Son as is at once recognized by us : however in the day of time only the Son is found. Indeed, the Father and the Son have made the eternal day for our body and soul : however, in the day of time the Son alone taketh up our

body and soul. Christ the Only Begotten, in the eternal day, remaineth in the form of God : Christ the Only Begotten, in the day of time, accepteth the form of a servant. Christ in the eternal day remaineth wealthy that he may restore us : Christ in the day of time became poor that he might redeem us. Christ in the eternal day is from God the Father : Christ in the day of time is God the man of the Virgin Mother. Christ in the eternal day is the Word sent forth from the heart of the Father : Christ in the day of time is the Word made flesh from the womb

of the Virgin Mother. Christ in the eternal day is true God from true God : Christ in the day of time is the Bridegroom coming forth out of his chamber. In the eternal day Christ createth the angels : in the day of time Christ saveth men. In the day of eternity Christ feedeth the holy angels in heaven : in the day of time Christ restoreth men on earth. That the bread of angels man would indeed eat, the Creator of the angels was made man : he both feedeth, and remaineth whole. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Resp. Whom saw ye. *iv.* 340.

Lesson v.

How good to behold is the bread which angels eat, that of itself they are satisfied in the homeland : and that we feed on by faith that we not fall down in the way. That bread which he himself giveth to angels for the joy of steadfastness : himself giveth to men for the remedy of health. And what is the food of angels : is made a remedy for us. Nevertheless, most beloved brethren, pay close attention here to the greatness of grace : and recognize what God hath deigned to propose to

man. Christ, indeed the Son of God, very God of very God, and one with the Father, by nature God, continually of himself feedeth the holy angels : but yet the Son of God hath not taken up the nature of an angel. Moreover, that God should commend his love in us : his Son hath taken on our nature from us. And God the Only Begotten which is the bread of angels, which indeed would make himself bread for man : hath at the same time taken up the soul and the body of man, both true :

both holy : both pure. He hath taken our soul without iniquity : he hath taken our flesh with mortality. He hath taken a righteous soul : by which righteousness might be restored to our soul. To be sure, therefore, he was worthy to have

mortal flesh : that immediately after dying himself, he might conquer death, and also immediately after he himself might rise again, through which our bodies likewise might reawaken. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Resp. O great mystery. *v.* 343.

Lesson vj.

A great mystery, most beloved brethren : a great proof of divine love. Man, disdainig God, hath withdrawn from God : God, loving man, hath come to mankind. He hath loved the impious : that made righteousness. He hath loved the infirm : that made soundness. He hath loved the perverse : that made the right. He hath loved the dying : that made the living. And what further might one say, seeing that the begotten God hath loved the nature of mankind so much that not only would he be released from the power of the bad angel, in truth he himself would be placed even above all the good angels at the right hand of the Father ? The nature, indeed, which in the first man had been taken captive by a bad angel : now itself in the second man reigneth above all the

good angels. The nature which in the first man fouled the world with sin : itself in the second man hath cleansed the world from sin. The first man of the earth, earthly : the second man of heaven, heavenly. A woman in depraved mind hath deceived the first man : an incorrupt Virgin in virginity hath conceived the second man. In the first man, the spouse was seduced by the wickedness of the devil corrupting the mind : but in the second man the Mother, by the grace of God hath preserved sound mind and body. By mind he hath gathered together the most steadfast faith : by flesh he hath taken away lust all together. Since, then, man is miserably damned for sin : for that reason the man-God is wonderfully born without sin. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Resp. The angels praise thee. *vj.* 344.

However, only when this Feast shall fall on a Monday : then is sung V̄. As a bridegroom. R̄. The Lord cometh forth out of his chamber. with these Responsories :

R̄. This day the King of heaven. 333.

R̄. This day unto us from heaven. 335. and

R̄. He came down from heaven. 336.

¶ *Let it be understood that whenever there are Middle Lessons, whether they be from the Temporale or from the Feasts of Saints : the V̄. and R̄. will always be said according to the order of the Nocturns, and let this be observed from one Sunday to another Sunday, in such a way that always on Sundays when the Middle Lessons occur, the V̄. and R̄. are said of the First Nocturn unless proper R̄. are to be had, and except on the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and except within octaves of any Saint without Rulers of the Choir. For then the V̄. and R̄. are said according to the order of the Nocturns every day within the Octave, even on a Sunday, until the Octave Day, and then the History is always recommenced. If however any Feast of iij. Lessons of one Confessor and Bishop for which there should be Middle Lessons shall fall on a Sunday and a Feast of iij. Lessons of a Confessor and Abbot occur on any feria of the same week then on the second Feast is said the V̄. and R̄. of the First Nocturn, and not of the Second Nocturn : and this is lest the two R̄R̄. that were not said be omitted because of the one that was said earlier. Similarly, it will happen likewise when any Feast of iij. Lessons of Many Martyrs and a Feast iij. Lessons of Many Confessors fall in one week. Indeed whenever in Matins of ix. Lessons three Middle Lessons occur : then this type of service should be begun from the V̄. of the Middle Nocturn until the Nocturn is completed and not from the Antiphon of the Middle Nocturn as certain people do. In this way all the Antiphons will be of the Feast of ix. Lessons : however the Middle R̄R̄. with their V̄V̄. are able to be of the j. Nocturn or the second or the third just as the occasion demandeth. And because the Antiphons in the Nocturns are always said in the same History : for that reason this type of service should be begun from the V̄. when the Middle Lessons are taken from the other History the middle V̄. is also said because the place of the middle V̄. is retained whether it be from the j. Nocturn or the second or the third of the other History. : thus the order of the R̄. should be observed : so that at the middle lessons of whatever service should be made : from one Sunday until the next Sunday the beginning is always made on a Sunday with the V̄. and R̄R̄. of the first Nocturn, except within Octaves without Rulers of the Choir : then*

in fact from the First Day until the Octave Day this order is to be observed.

On Double Feasts of Saints which have Memorials of those Feasts of Saints attached, as in the Feasts of Saints James, Bartholomew, Augustine the Doctor, and Saint Matthew the Apostle : those Memorials are to be made audibly and not to be omitted : nevertheless when these Feasts are celebrated on Sundays : then the Memorials of the additional Saints, together with the Memorials of the Sunday and of the Trinity, are to be made in silence.

On the Feast of Saint Augustine the Doctor, at ij. Vespers of Saint John and of Saint Sabina, let Solemn Memorials be made. Nevertheless, if the Feast of Saint Augustine shall fall on a Sunday : let a Memorial of Saint John be made as indicated above, and a Memorial of the Sunday in silence.

If a Double Feast shall fall on a Saturday, let Memorials be made of the Sunday and of the Trinity in silence, and no procession to the Cross.

At ij. Vespers on the Days of the Purification and the Nativity of Blessed Mary, and the Sunday in White, and the Holy Trinity, and Corpus Christi : let no Memorials be made at all of a Feast of iij. Lessons falling on the morrow, except if a Feast of ix. Lessons shall fall in conjunction : then let a Memorial be made of one or the other, but not in the same way that a Memorial of the Octave of Saint John the Baptist is made in the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul : thus, neither is it customary to make a Memorial of the Trinity on the Feast of Corpus Christi : unless it be with Rulers of the Choir. Memorials of Double Feasts and of Octaves with Rulers of the Choir, and of Commemorations also on Double Feasts shall be Solemn Memorials.

The three final Lessons are said of Saint Silvester such that only the Seventh Lesson is read from the Exposition of the Gospel.

According to Matthew. xxv. 14-23.



AT that time, Jesus spake unto his disciples this parable. A certain man travelling into a far country called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And that which

followeth.

A Homily of Blessed Gregory, Pope.

THE reading of the holy Gospel, beloved brethren, warneth us anxiously to consider : lest we who in this world are seen to have received somewhat more, should therefore be judged more severely by the Author

of the world. Indeed, when the gifts are increased : the accounting of the gifts also increaseth. As much therefore as each ought to be humble and also more ready to serve, and each according to his gift : the more he seeth that an account shall be rendered of how much each is obligated. Behold, a man who is departing abroad summoneth his servants : and distributeth talents to them for business. To be sure, after a long time he returneth : putting down an account, he rewardeth those that have worked well by bringing gain : but he condemneth the servant

that is lethargic of doing good works. Who therefore is the man that is departing abroad, except our Redeemer, who in the body which he had assumed departed into heaven ? Earth indeed is the proper place for the body, which is taken as it were into another country : while it is established in heaven by our Redeemer. But this man setting out for foreign parts handed over to his servants his goods : because He granted spiritual gifts to his faithful. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Let the Eighth and Ninth Lessons be read from the Life of Saint Silvester.

Lesson viij.

Constantine therefore arising : according to what had been commanded him, sent to Silvester. Who, when he saw the soldiers encircling : believed himself to be called to the crown of martyrdom. And making prayer and commending to God his spirit, and giving peace to all : he came to the king. Which Augustus, rising up, with eager spirit received him : then he diligently related to him all which had been said and done. To be sure, after the end of his narration, Augustus inquired who these gods Peter and Paul were :

which had visited him. To whom Saint Silvester said, Peter and Paul are not gods, but servants of God : who through faith were pleasing to him, who were made chief apostles by him. And this Augustus received with rejoicing : he said, I ask if any visible image of them might be had : that might be shewn to me. Then Saint Silvester ordered his deacon : that the images of the apostles should be exhibited. At which, when he had regarded : with a mighty shout Augustus began to say, Nothing truly could be more like these likenesses :

than the vision which I beheld. These men told me that I should send to thee, that by thee I might recognize the pool of divinity : in

which, when I had bathed all my sores, afterwards I would be healed. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson ix.

TO which Saint Silvester replied, Hear O King. The pool is for thy salvation : that thou might come to know the one God the Creator of heaven and earth, and that thou might believe that the Son of God came from heaven to earth for the salvation of mankind. To which Augustus responded, Unless I had believed that I had been punished : I would not have sent for thee. Therefore Saint Silvester proclaimed to Augustus one week of fasting : and, blessing him, made him a catechumen. And at the end of the sabbath : Augustus proceeded to the washing of baptism. Whom Saint Silvester, pouring over the holy anointing of Christ : asketh if with his whole heart he believeth in the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost. Which, seeing that he asserted to believe : immersed him in the font, saying with a loud voice, O God which cleansed the leper Naaman the Syrian in the Jordan, and

who restored to Paul the Apostle by baptism the eyesight which he had lost, and made for us out of a persecutor a teacher : cleanse thou this thy servant Constantine, prince of all the earth, that thy holy Church may be glorified by him having been made from a persecutor into a believer and a defender. To which all did answer, Amen : and suddenly, as it were a brilliant light, intolerable to the eyes, shone forth for nearly an hour in their midst. After this, Constantine, arising, cleansed from the font : acknowledged that he had seen Christ. And, clothed in white garments, he who had been cleansed from the ordeal of leprosy gave this law, Christ to be the true God : and he ordered this to be promoted by all the cities of Rome. And if anyone should be shown to have blasphemed against Christ, he was to be punished. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Let the Ninth R̄. be sung by two in Surplices at the Quire Step.

Before Lauds.

℣. Pray for us, O blessed Silvester.

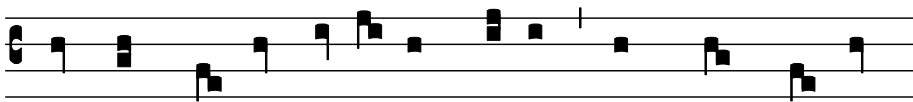
℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

¶ *At Lauds and at all the other Hours let all be as for One Confessor and Bishop [1049]. with the aforementioned Prayer. 564.*

Memorial of the Nativity.

Hodie intacta virgo.

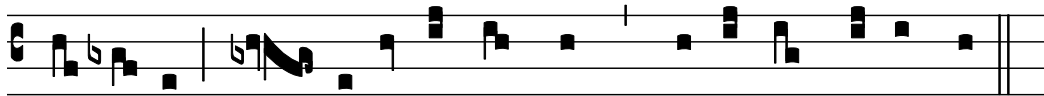
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VI.



His day * an unde-fil-ed Virgin hath born to us



the Godhead, tenderly cloth-ing his bo-dy, whom she meetly



nur-tur-ed : let us all a-dore him, who cometh to save us.

℣. Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

℟. God is the Lord, who hath shewed us light.

Prayer.

Grant, we beseech thee, almighty God : that the new birth in the flesh of thy Only Begotten may deliver us, whom the ancient bondage

holdeth under yoke of sin. Through the same Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord. ℟. Amen.

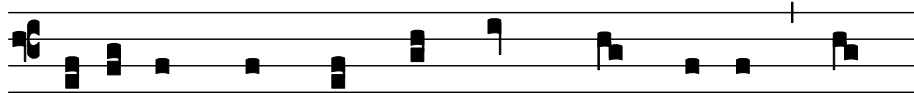
Memorial of Saint Stephen.

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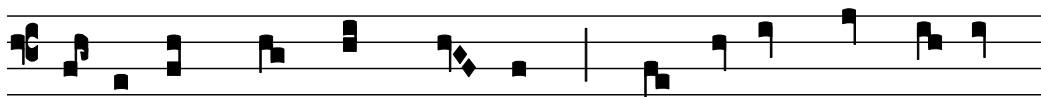
Constitutus a Deo.

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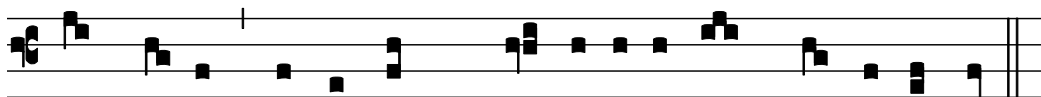
II.i.



Rdained * of God to preach his pre-cepts, in



ho-ly fear he strove to serve : his service faithful-ly



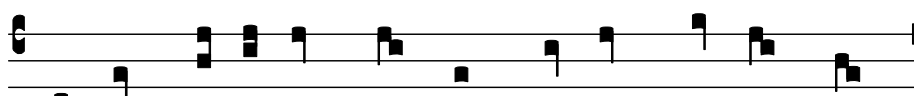
comple-ted, he was found worthy to ascend His ho-ly hill.

Where there hath been no Procession.

In tribulatione.

Ant.

III.i.



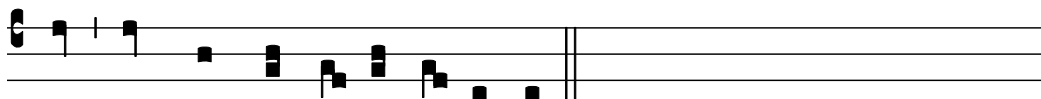
- mid the tumult * of stones ov-er whelming him,



though ten thousands of the people were set a-gainst him, he



was not af-raid : for he saw his de-fender, Je- sus, there to save



him, and lift him up into heaven.

℣. Thou hast set, O Lord, upon his head. ℞. A crown of precious stones.

Prayer.

GRant unto us, we beseech thee,
O Lord, to imitate what we
revere, that we may learn to love even
our enemies : forasmuch as we
celebrate the nativity of him who
knew how to pray even for his

persecutors to our Lord Jesus Christ
thy Son. Who liveth and reigneth
with thee in the unity of the Holy
Ghost, one God, world without end.
℞. Amen.

Memorial of Saint John.

Where there hath been a Procession of the same.

Johannes apostolus.

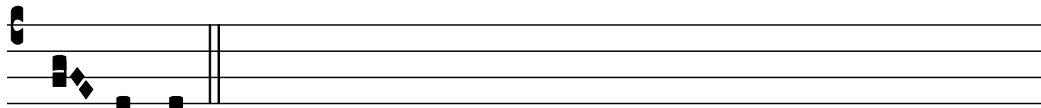
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Ohn, * the Apostle and E-vange-list, a vir-gin



cho-sen by the Lord, is amongst the oth-ers more

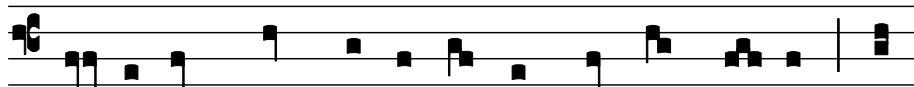


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Supra pectus.

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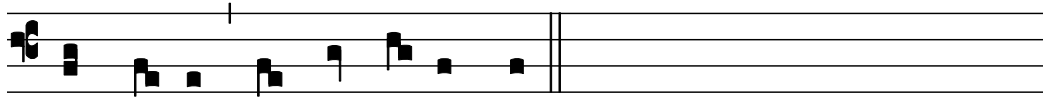


E-clin-ing * on the bo-som of the Lord Je- sus : he

Saint Silvester, Pope and Confessor.



drank the flowing stream of the Gospel from the Lord's sa-



cred bo-som as from a fountain.

℣. Greatly to be honoured is blessed John.

℟. Who leaned on the breast of the Lord at supper.

Prayer.

Mercifully enlighten thy Church,
we beseech thee, O Lord : that
being illuminated by the doctrines of
blessed John thy Apostle and

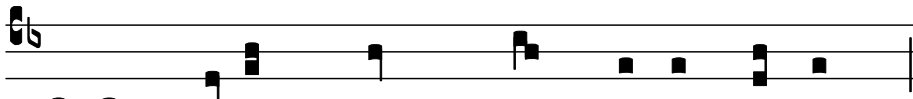
Evangelist, she may attain to
everlasting gifts. Through Christ our
Lord. ℟. Amen.

Memorial of the Innocents.

Where there hath been a Procession of the Boys.

Herodes iratus.

Ant.
I.i.



E-rod, be- ing wroth, * slew ma-ny children :



in Bethle-hem of Ju-dah, the ci-ty of Da-vid.

Saint Silvester, Pope and Confessor.

Where there hath been no Procession.

A bimatu et infra.

Ant.
II.i.




Rom two years old and under, * ma-ny children did



He-rod slay, on account of the Lord.

℣. Wonderful is God in his saints. ℞. And glorious in his majesty.

Prayer.

 God, whose praise the martryed Innocents confessed this day, not by speaking but by dying : mortify all evils of vice in us, that thy faith which our tongue

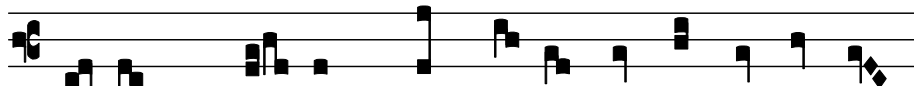
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Memorial of Saint Thomas.

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Totus orbis martyris certat.

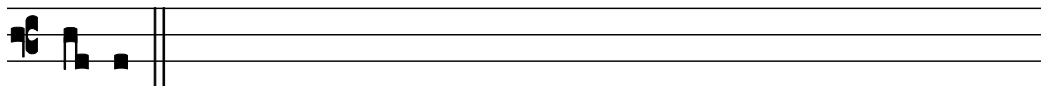
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Ll earth striv- eth * for the love of so great a mar-



tyr : Whose sure signs all people move to great awe and

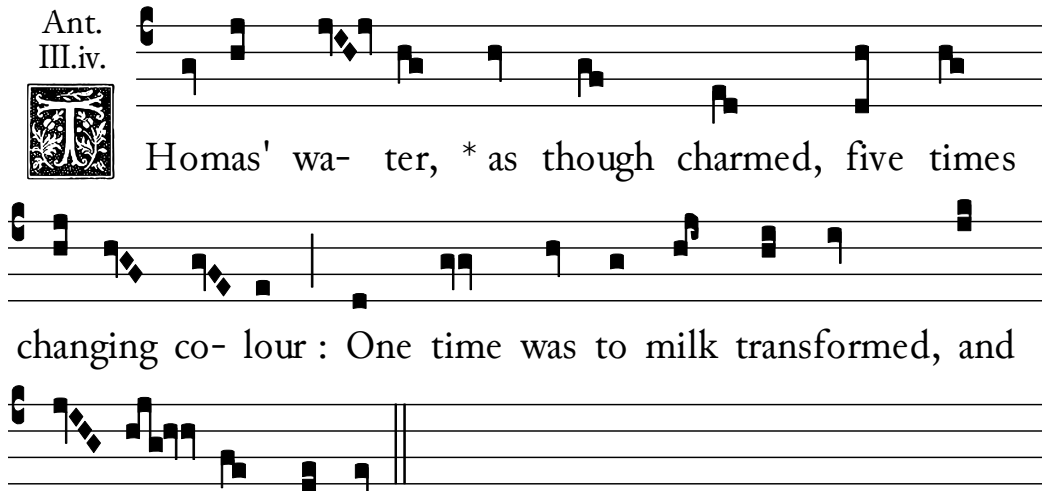


ardour.

Where there hath been no Procession.

Aqua Thome quinquies.

Ant.
III.iv.



T Homas' wa- ter, * as though charmed, five times
changing co- lour : One time was to milk transformed, and
to blood each other.

℣. Pray for us, O blessed Thomas.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Prayer.

Ⲡ God, for whose Church the glorious Pontiff Thomas fell by the swords of impious men : grant, we beseech thee, that all who implore his assistance may obtain the healthful effect of their petition.

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. ℟. Amen.

¶ *At j.*

Ant. Behold a great priest. [1049].

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

Ant. Thee they rightly praise. [118].

Ps. Quicunque vult. [119].

¶ *At iij.*

Ant. There was none found. [1049].

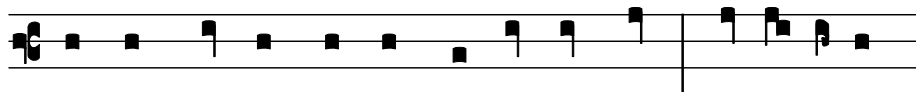
Chap. The Lord gave him the blessing. [1050].

The R̄. and V̄. are said from the Common of One Confessor and Bishop : with Alleluya. [1064].

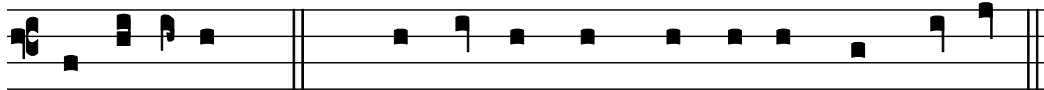
Amavit eum Dominus.

Resp.

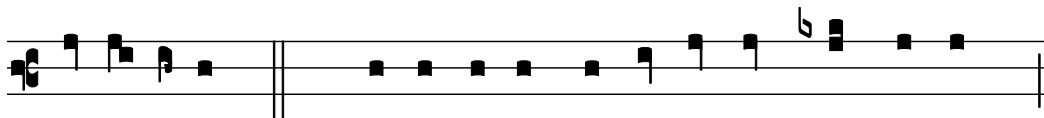
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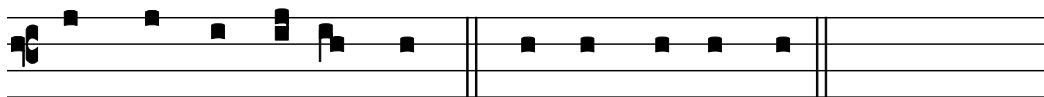
He Lord lov-ed him and a-dorned him. †Alle-lu-ya,



al-le-lu-ya. ij. V̄. He clothed him with a robe of glo-ry.



†Alle-lu-ya. V̄. Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son :



and to the Ho-ly Ghost. The Lord lov-ed him.

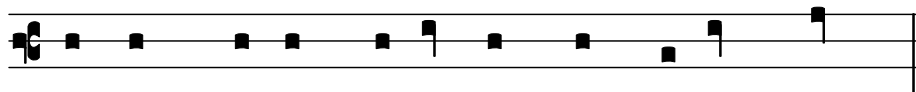
¶ *At vj.*

Ant. A faithful and wise steward. [1049].

Chap. The Lord acknowledged him. [1065].

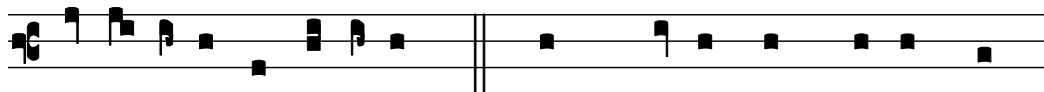
Justum deduxit.

Resp.
VI.

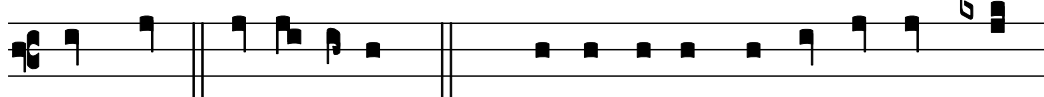


He Lord guid-ed the righteous in the right paths.


Saint Silvester, Pope and Confessor.



†Alle-lu-ya, al-le-lu-ya. *ij.* ∕. And shewed him the kingdom



of God. †Alle-lu-ya. ∕. Glo-ry be to the Father, and to



the Son : and to the Ho-ly Ghost. The Lord guid-ed.

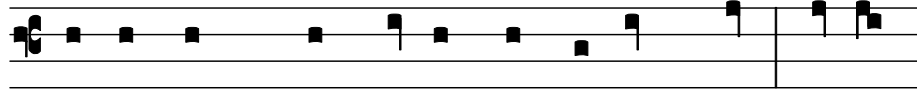
¶ *At ix.*

Ant. A good and faithful servant. [1050].

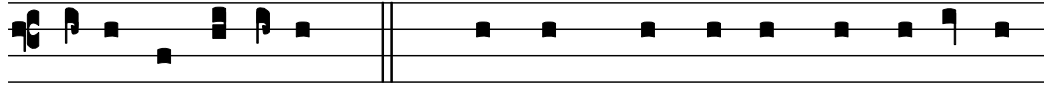
Chap. He magnified him. [1066].

Justus ut palma.


Resp.
VI.



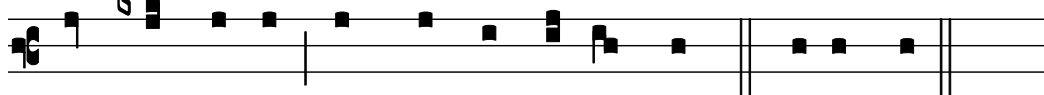
T He righteous shall flourish like a palm tree. †Alle-



lu-ya, al-le-lu-ya. *ij.* ∕. He shall spread abroad like a ce-dar



in Li-ba-nus. †Alle-lu-ya. ∕. Glo-ry be to the Father,



and to the Son : and to the Ho-ly Ghost. The righteous.