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¶ *On the Birthday of one Martyr out of Eastertide.*

¶ *Note that ordinarily throughout the whole year on Feasts of ix. Lessons on the ferial Psalms is sung the Ant. This is a holy man, except on the Feast of St. Alban the Martyr when the Translation of St. Edward is celebrated with ix. Lessons in the same week and St. Edmund the King and Martyr when the Feast of St. Clement falls in the same week.*

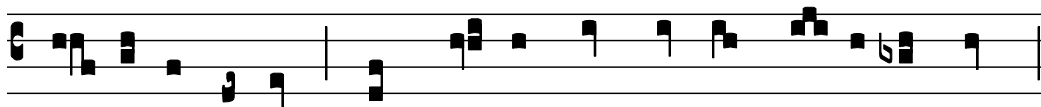
At Vespers.

Iste sanctus.

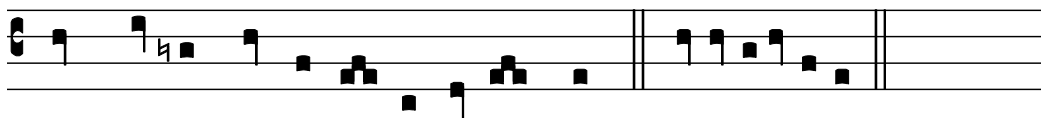
Ant.
VIII.i.



His is a ho-ly man * who strove for the law of God,



ev- en unto death : and fear-ed not the words of e-vil men :



founded as he was up-on a firm rock. Amen.

Psalms of the feria.

Or this Antiphon.

Beatus vir qui suffert.

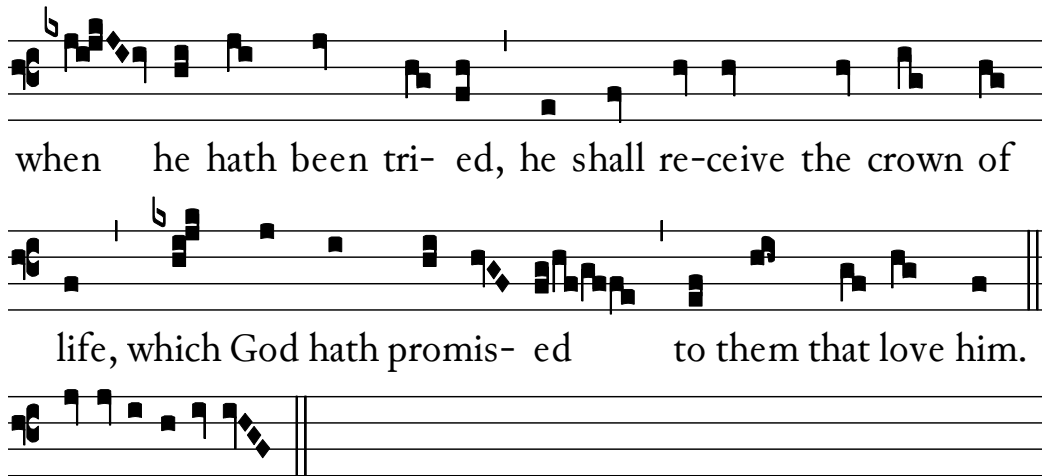
Ant.
I.vi.



Lessed is the man * who endur-eth temptation : for



On the Birthday of one Martyr out of Eastertide.



Amen.

Psalms of the feria.

Let the aforesaid two Antiphons be sung alternately on the Psalms during the week on Feasts of ix. Lessons of one Martyr when two such Feasts fall in the same week : in such a way that when the Antiphon Blessed is the man. is sung on the Psalms the following Chapter is said at both Vespers and at Lauds and at Terce.

Chapter.

THis is a holy man who strove
for the law of God, even unto
death : and feared not the words of

evil men : founded as he was upon a
firm rock. *R.* Thanks be to God.

Likewise when the Antiphon This is a holy man. is sung on the Psalms the following Chapter is said.

Chapter. James j. : 12.

Blessed is the man who endureth
temptation : for when he hath
been tried, he shall receive the crown

of life, which God hath promised to
them that love him. *R.* Thanks be
to God.

Or this Chapter.

Chapter. Ecclesiasticus xiiij. : 22.

Blessed is the man that shall
continue in wisdom, and that
shall meditate in his righteousness,

and that in his mind shall reason on
the all-seeing eye of God. *R.*
Thanks be to God.

¶ *At both Vespers and at Lauds and at Terce on Feasts of iij. Lessons without Rulers of the Choir a R̃. is never sung at First Vespers. On Feasts of ix. Lessons a R̃. is sung at First Vespers.*

¶ *Of one Martyr beheaded, the. R̃. is Now shall the holy man. [906].*

And these are the Feasts through the year on which the aforesaid R̃. is sung : namely on the Feasts of St. Marcellus, St. Blaise, St. Alban, St. Kenelm, St. Stephen, Protomartyr, St. Oswald, St. Donatus, St. Romanus, on the Beheading of St. John the Baptist, St. Firmin, St. Leger, St. Quentin, St. Edmund the King, and St. Chrysogonus.

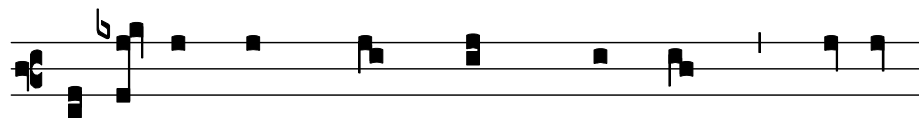
Nevertheless on Feasts of iij. Lessons without Rulers of the Choir that R̃. is not sung at First Vespers but only as the third R̃. at Matins when the iij. Nocturn is sung.

¶ *Of one Martyr not beheaded. R̃. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation. [905].*

¶ *This Melody is sung at First Vespers on Feasts of ix. Lessons out of Christmastide and Eastertide on this Hymn.*

Martyr Dei.

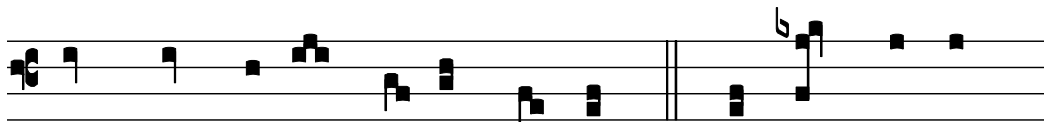
Hymn.
II.



Artyr of God, whose strength was steeled * To fol-



low close God's only Son, Well didst thou brave thy battlefield,



And well thy heav'nly bliss was won ! 2. Now join thy prayers

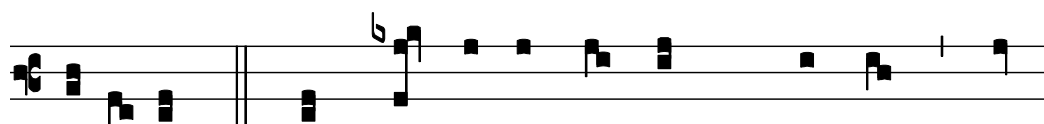


with ours, who pray That God may pardon us and bless ;

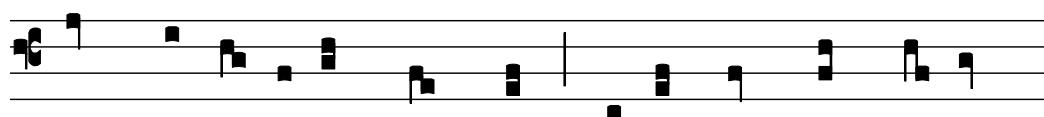
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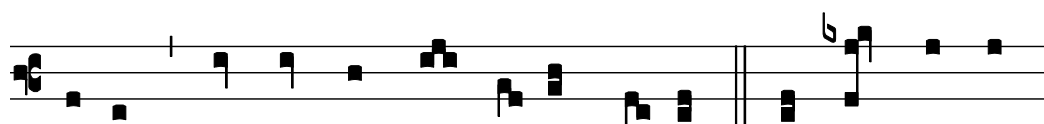
For prayer keeps e-vil's plague away, And draws from life its



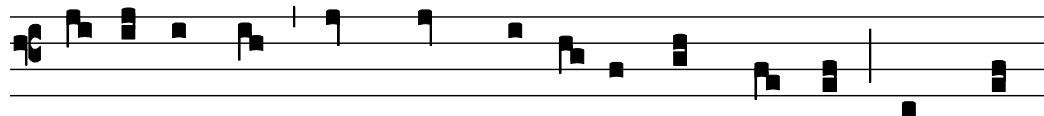
weari-ness. 3. Long, long a-go, were loosed the chains That



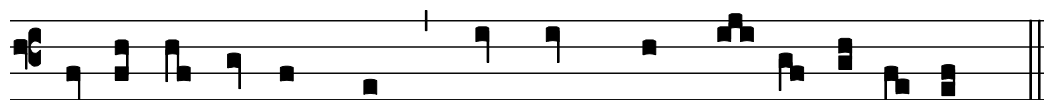
held thy bo-dy once in thrall ; For us how many a bond



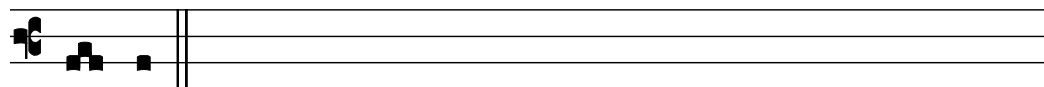
remains ! O Love of God, re-lease us all. 4. All laud to God



the Father be, All praise, E-ternal Son, to thee ; All glo-



ry, as is ev-er meet, To God the Ho- ly Pa-ra-clete.



A-men.

On the Birthday of one Martyr out of Eastertide.

But from Christmastide until the Purification let this Melody be sung at First Vespers and at Matins. At other times of the year on Feasts of ix. Lessons at Matins.

Hymn.

I.



Artyr of God, whose strength was steeled * To follow

close God's only Son, Well didst thou brave thy battlefield,

And well thy heav'nly bliss was won ! 2. Now join thy

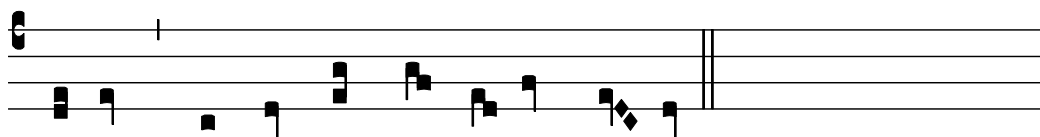
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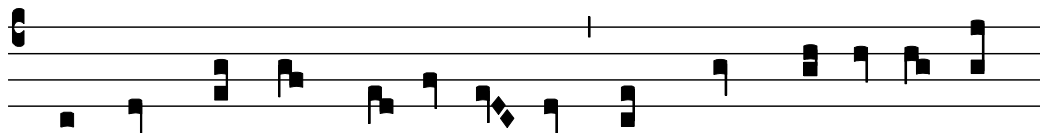
That held thy body once in thrall ; For us how many a bond

On the Birthday of one Martyr out of Eastertide.



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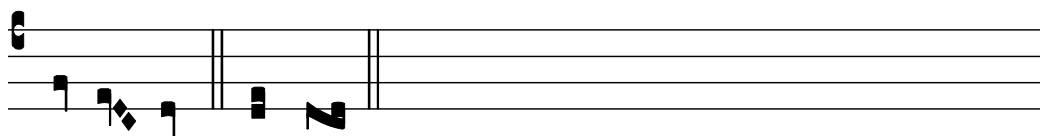
The ordinary Doxology.



4. All laud to God the Father be, All praise, E-ternal Son,



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

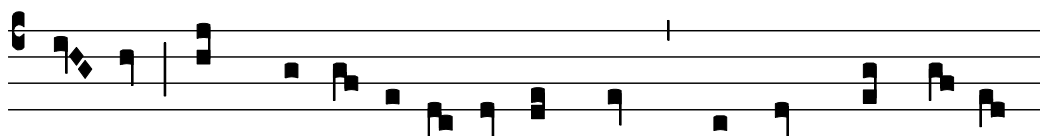


Pa-ra-clete. Amen.

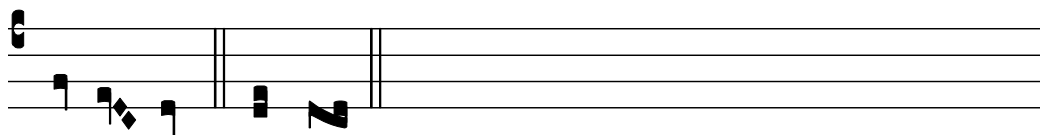
In Christmastide.



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



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



Pa-ra-clete. Amen.

On the Birthday of one Martyr out of Eastertide.

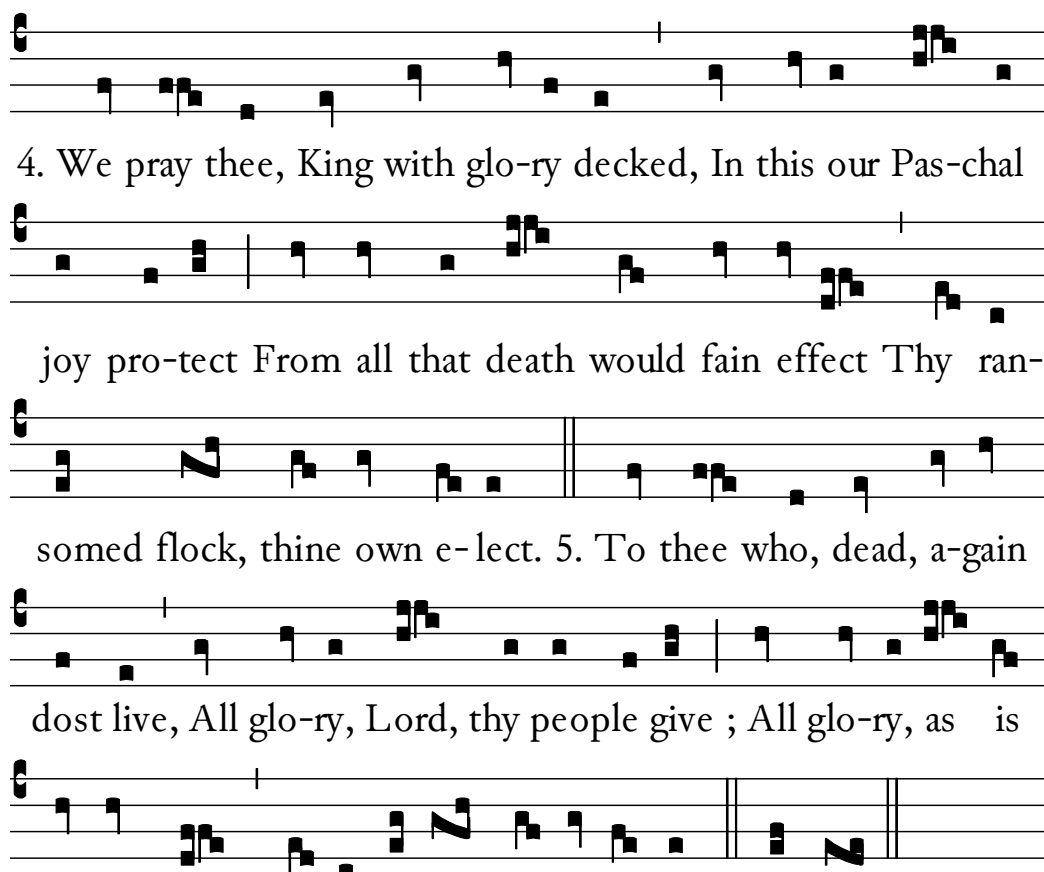
In Eastertide this Melody is sung on Feasts with Rulers of the Choir at First Vespers and at Matins only.

Hymn.
III.



Artyr of God, whose strength was steeled * To
follow close God's only Son, Well didst thou brave thy
battlefield, And well thy heav'nly bliss was won ! 2. Now
join thy prayers with ours, who pray That God may par-don
us and bless ; For prayer keeps e- vil's plague away, And
draws from life its weariness. 3. Long, long a-go, were loosed
the chains That held the bo- dy once in thrall ; For us how
many a bond remains ! O Love of God re-lease us all.

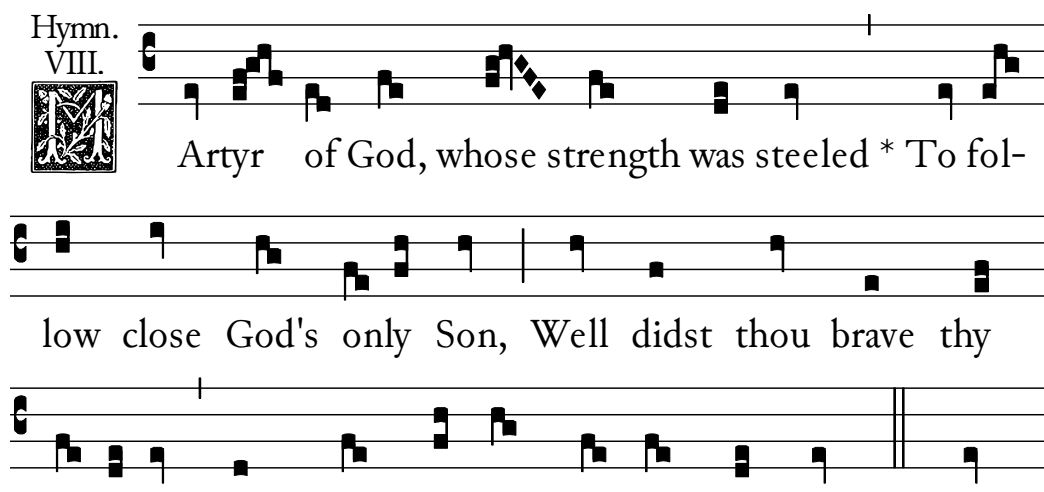
On the Birthday of one Martyr out of Eastertide.



4. We pray thee, King with glo-ry decked, In this our Pas-chal
joy pro-tect From all that death would fain effect Thy ran-
somed flock, thine own e-lect. 5. To thee who, dead, a-gain
dost live, All glo-ry, Lord, thy people give ; All glo-ry, as is
ev-er meet, To Father and to Pa-ra-clete. Amen.

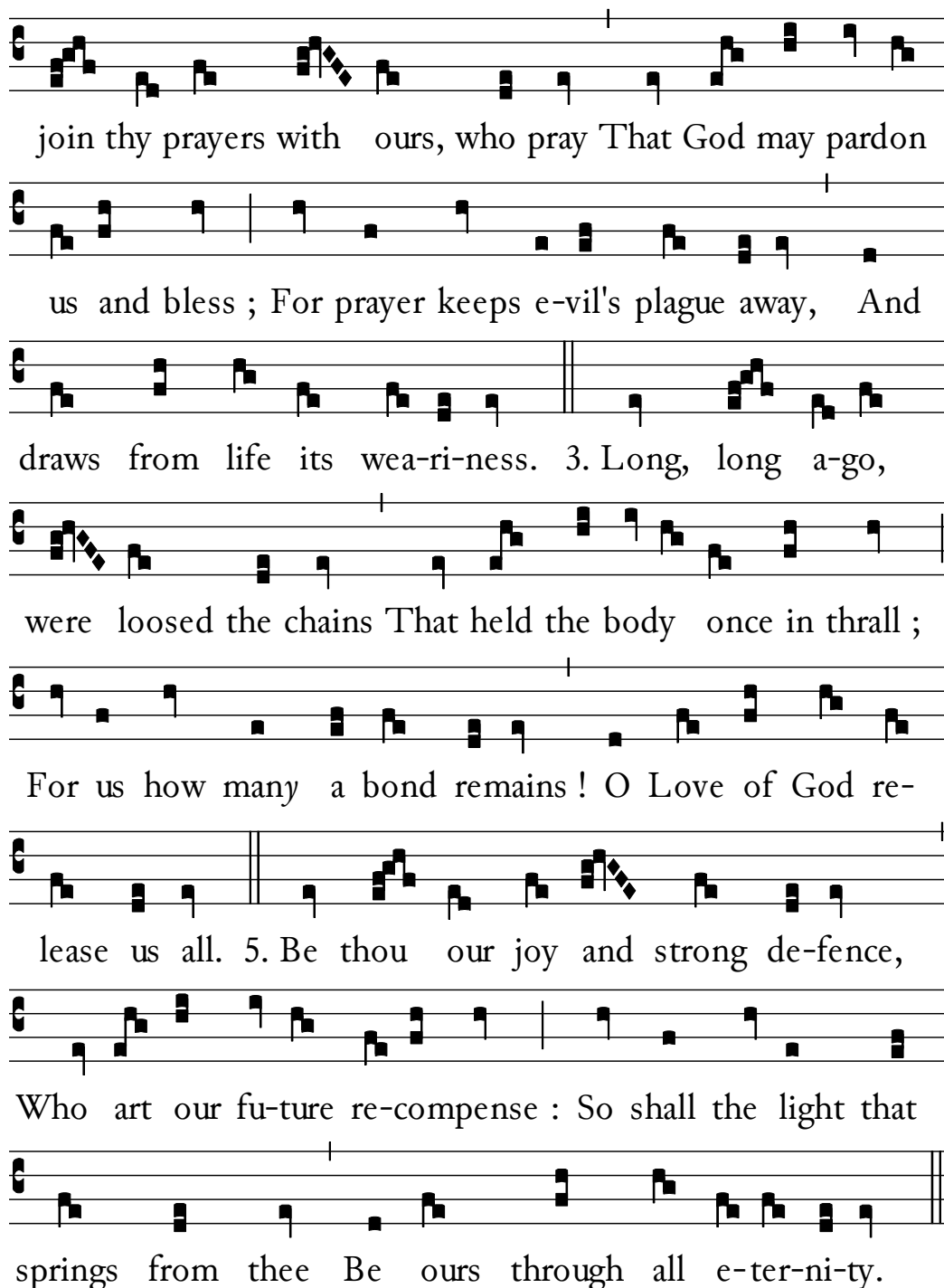
In Ascensiontide when the Choir is ruled, at First Vespers and at Matins.

Hymn.
VIII.



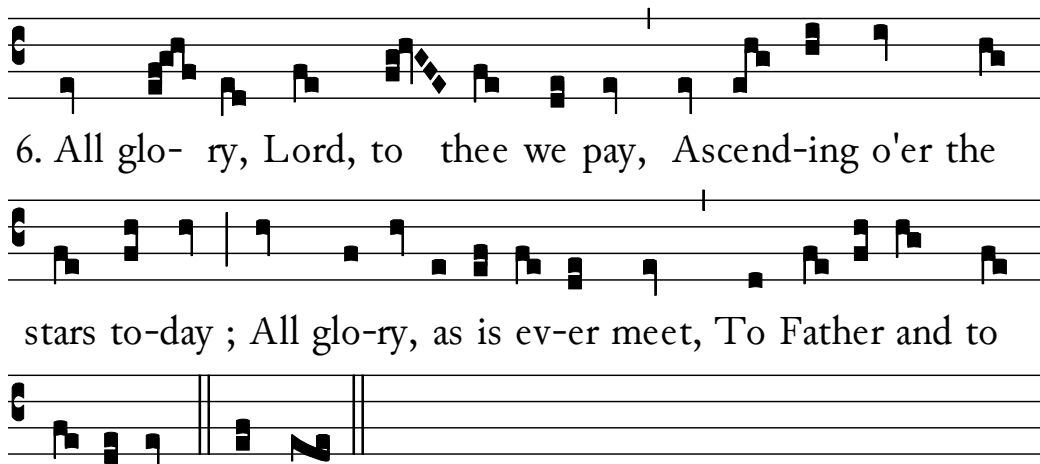
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On the Birthday of one Martyr out of Eastertide.



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draws from life its wea-ri-ness. 3. Long, long a-go,
were loosed the chains That held the body once in thrall ;
For us how many a bond remains ! O Love of God re-
lease us all. 5. Be thou our joy and strong de-fence,
Who art our fu-ture re-compense : So shall the light that
springs from thee Be ours through all e-ter-ni-ty.

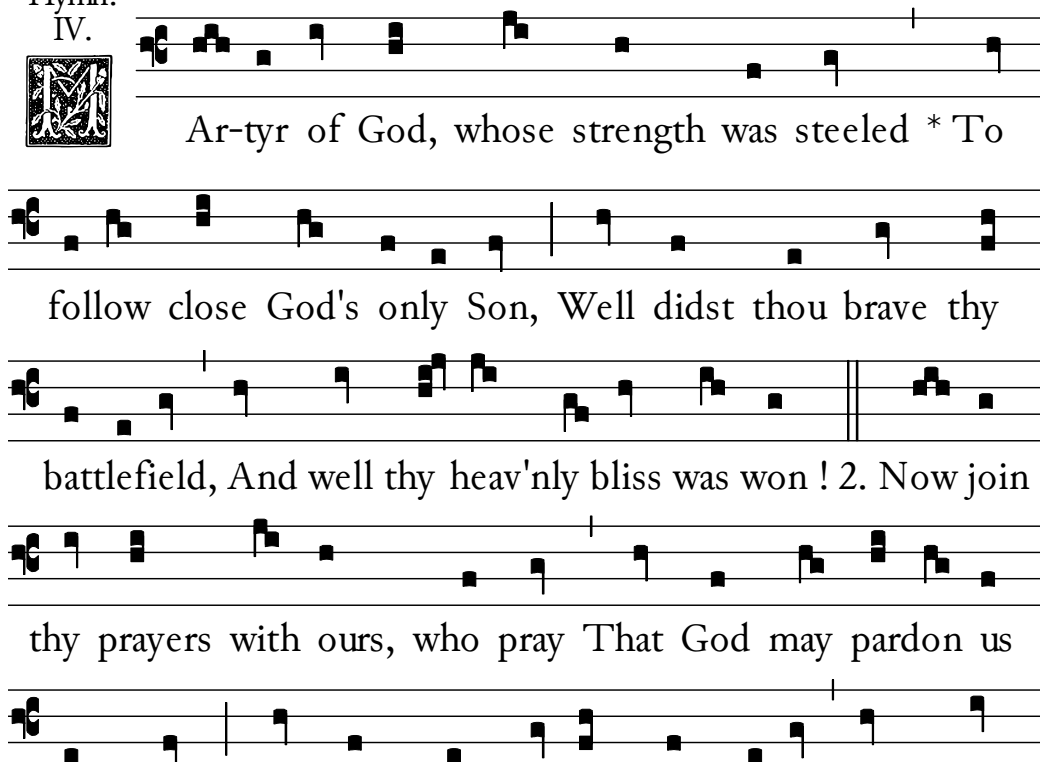
On the Birthday of one Martyr out of Eastertide.



6. All glo- ry, Lord, to thee we pay, Ascend-ing o'er the
stars to-day ; All glo-ry, as is ev-er meet, To Father and to
Pa-raclete. Amen.

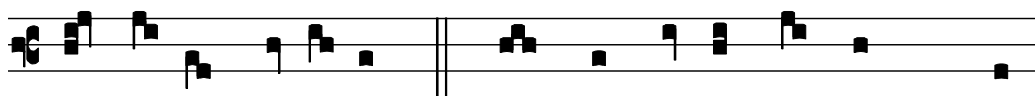
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Hymn.
IV.

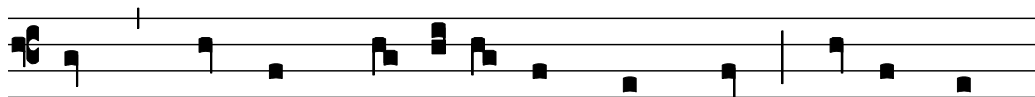


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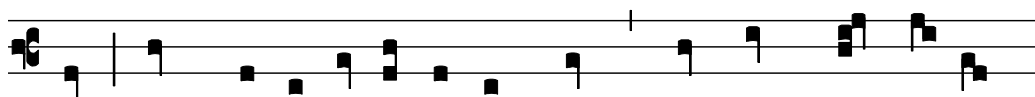


many- a bond remains ! O Love of God release us all.

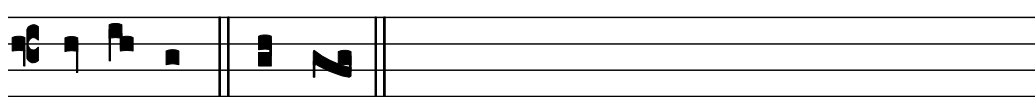
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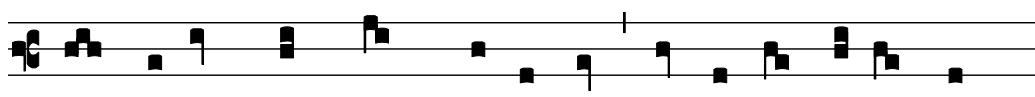


thee : All glory, as is ever meet, To God the Holy



Pa-raclete. Amen.

In Christmastide.

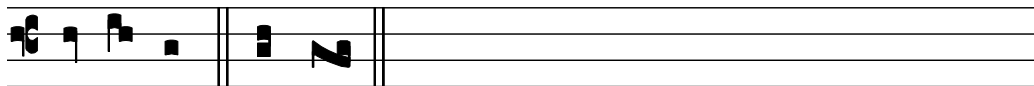


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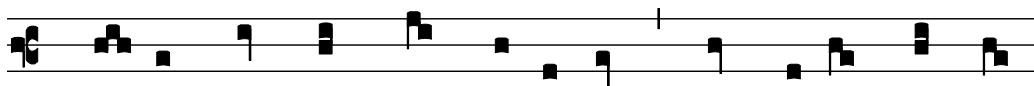
to thee : All glory, as is ever meet, To Father and to

On the Birthday of one Martyr out of Eastertide.



Pa-ra-clete. Amen.

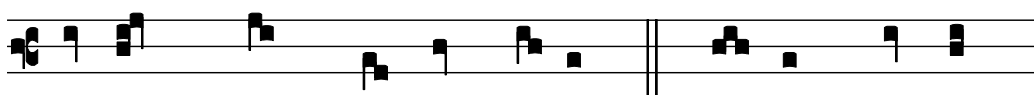
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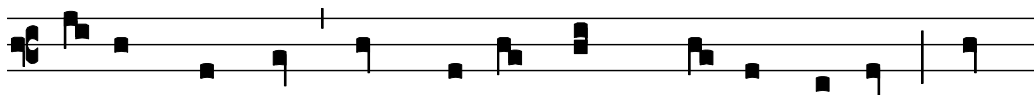
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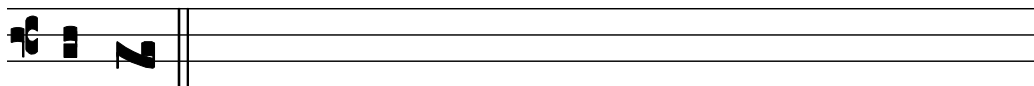
ransomed flock, thine own e-lect. 5. To thee who, dead,



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

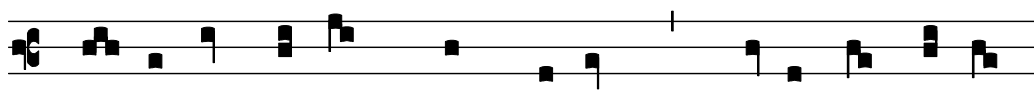


glo-ry, as is ev-er meet, To Father and to Pa-ra-clete.




Amen.

In Ascensiontide.




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


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re-compense : So shall the light that springs from thee



Be ours through all e-terni-ty. 5. All glo-ry, Lord, to



thee we pay, Ascending o'er the stars to-day ; All glo-ry,

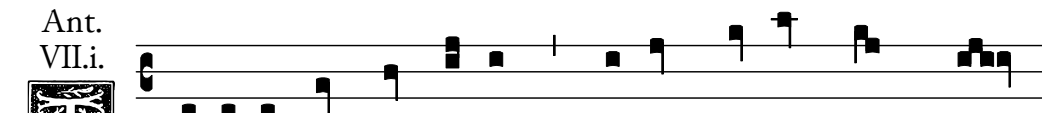


as is ev-er meet, To Father and to Pa-ra-clete. Amen.

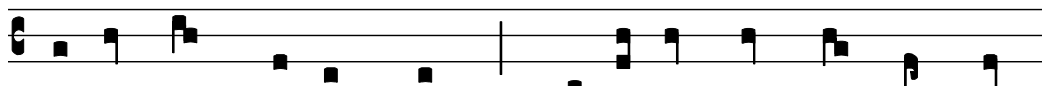
℞. Thou hast crowned him, O Lord, with glory and worship. ℞. And madest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands.

Hic est vere martyr.


Ant.
VII.i.




His is indeed a Martyr * who for the name of Christ



poured forth his life-blood : who feared not the threats of

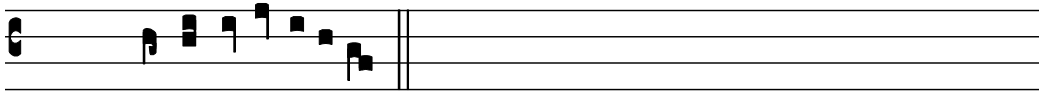


judges, nor sought for the glo-ry of earthly digni-ty,



but with joy attain-ed unto an earthly kingdom.

On the Birthday of one Martyr out of Eastertide.



Ps. My soul doth magnify. 68*.

Prayer.

BE favourable, O Lord, to our supplications, and through the intercession of Blessed *N.* thy Martyr, graciously bestow upon us thine everlasting mercy. 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.

Another Prayer.

GRant, we beseech thee, almighty God, that we who honour the birthday of thy blessed Martyr *N.*, may at his intercession be strengthened in the love of thy holy Name.

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.

When two Feasts of one and of another Martyr fall together on one day : then at the Memorial of the other Feast is sung this Antiphon.

Ant.
IV.i.



His is he * who knew righteousness and saw great

wonders, and made his prayer unto the Most High : and is

found in the number of the saints.

R. Thou hast set, O Lord, upon his head. *R.* A crown of precious stones.

On the Birthday of one Martyr out of Eastertide.


Prayer as appropriate.

¶ *At Matins.*

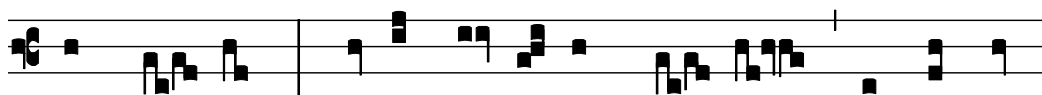
On Feasts of ix. Lessons and of iij. that have a Double Invitatory.

Justus florebit.


Invit.
IV.i.



HE righteous shall flourish, * planted in the house



of the Lord. †Let us be glad and re- joice in his ho-

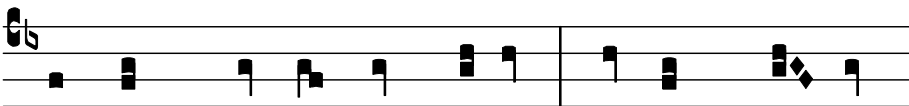


ly so-lem- ni- ty. Ps. O come, let us sing. 13*.

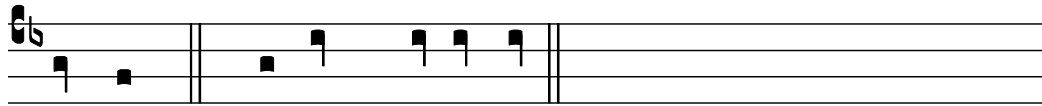
Another Invitatory on Feasts of iij. Lessons which have a Single Invitatory.

Regem martyrum Dominum.

Invit.
VI.iii.



HE Lord, the King of Martyrs. †O come, let us



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

Hymn. Martyr of God. [874].

¶ *In the j. Nocturn.*

In lege Domini.

1. Ant.
I.v.



N the law * of the Lord was his de-light day

and night. Ps. Blessed is the man. (1.) [16].

Predicans preceptum Domini.

2. Ant.
I.i.



Reaching * the commandment of the Lord,

he hath been established on his ho-ly mountain.

Ps. Why do the nations. (2.) [17].

Voce mea ad Dominum.

3. Ant.
VII.ii.



did call * upon the Lord with my voice : and he

heard me out of his ho-ly hill. Ps. Lord, how are they. (3.) [18].

℣. Thou hast crowned him, O Lord, with glory and worship. ℞. And madest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands.

Lesson j.

Hosoever wondereth with reverent love at the merits of the saints, and whosoever speaketh with frequent praise on the glories of the righteous, let him imitate their holy ways and their righteousness, for whoso findeth pleasure in the merits of any saint should find pleasure in a like obedience in the service of God.

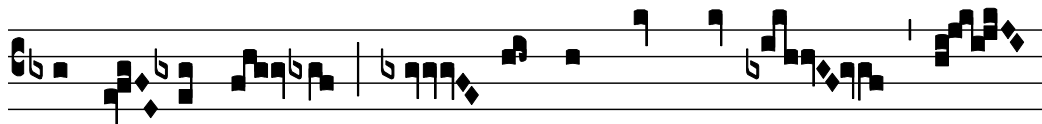
Wherefore, if he praise, let him imitate ; if he be unwilling to imitate, let him cease from praising : for whoso praiseth another ought to make himself worthy of praise, and whoso marveleth at the merits of the saints ought himself to be marvellous in his holiness of life. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Iste sanctus pro lege Dei.

1. Resp.
V.



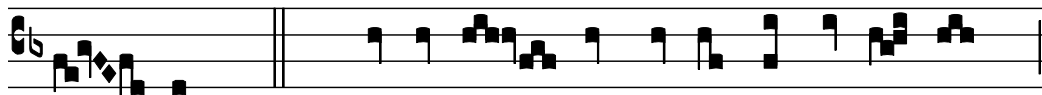
His is a ho-ly man * who strove for the law of God,



e-ven unto death : and fear-ed not the words of

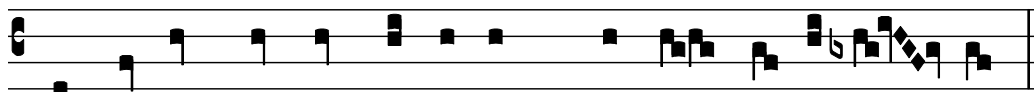


e-vil men. †Founded as he was up-on a

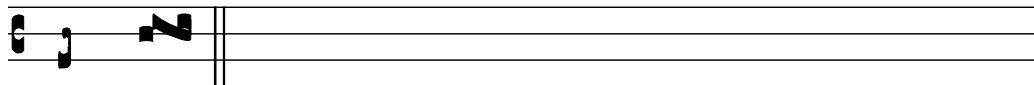


firm rock. ℣. Pro-protected by the rampart of a King :

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he was in no wise o-vercome by his ad-versa-ries.



†Founded.

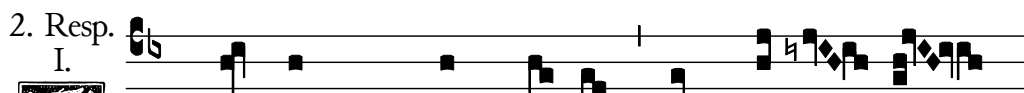

Lesson ij.

IF we love the righteous and faithful because we admire their righteousness and faith : we too can be what they are, if we do as they do. Neither is it difficult for us to imitate their deeds : for we behold such great deeds of old time that were rendered without foregoing example by those

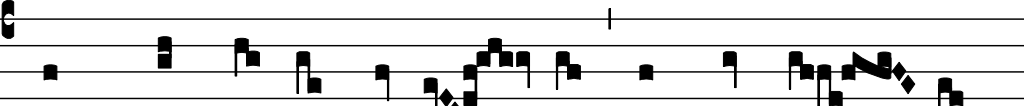
which were not themselves emulous of others : but nevertheless rendered unto us good examples of virtue to emulate, that if we profit from them, others will profit by us, and thus Christ will ever be glorified in his holy Church. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Justus germinabit.

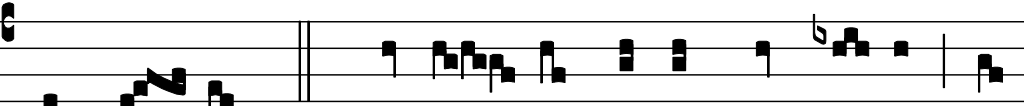
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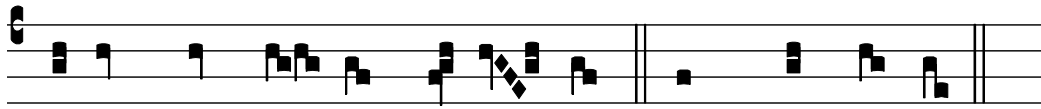
HE righteous * shall blossom as the li-ly.



†And shall flou-rish for ev-er in the pre-sence



of the Lord. ✠. Planted in the house of the Lord : in



the courts of the house of our God. †And shall flourish.

Lesson iij.

From the beginning of the world innocent Abel is slain, Enoch, pleasing to God, is translated, Noah is found righteous, Abraham is proven faithful, Moses is renowned as meek, Joshua as chaste, David as humble ; Elijah was taken up, Daniel was holy, the three Children were rendered triumphant : the Apostles, disciples of Christ, are reckoned as teachers of the faithful. Taught by them, Confessors fight bravely, Martyrs, made perfect, triumph : and the hosts of Christians clad in the armour of God, are ever vanquishing the Devil. In these are always like virtues : varied conflicts, and glorious victories. Wherefore, O Christian,

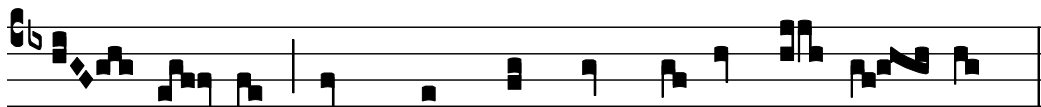
thou art an unmanly soldier : if thou thinkest to conquer without a fight, to triumph without a struggle. Put forth thy strength. Fight courageously, press fiercely in battle, fight, consider thine oath : attend to the conditions under which thou has accepted military service. The agreement which thou hast promised : the conditions which thou hast accepted : the service in whose Name thou hast enlisted. This pact indeed under which all that are admired have fought, this bond hath conquered all : this military service hath triumphed. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Iste cognovit justitiam.

3. Resp.
III.



His is he * who knew right-eousness, and saw



great won-ders, and made his prayer unto the Most High.

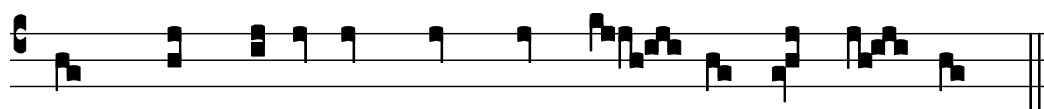
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†And is found in the number of the saints.



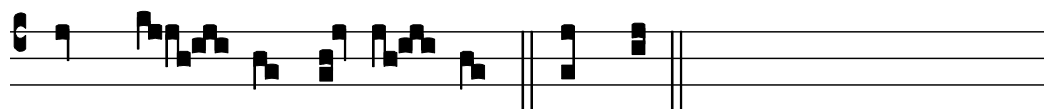
℣. This is he who hath despis-ed the life of the world :



and hath attained to the hea- ven-ly king-dom.



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

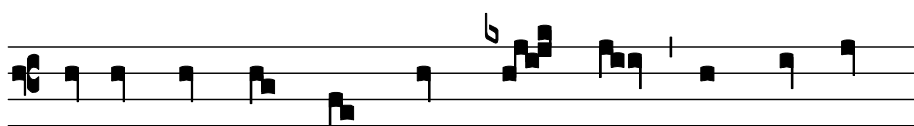


and to the Ho-ly Ghost. †And is.

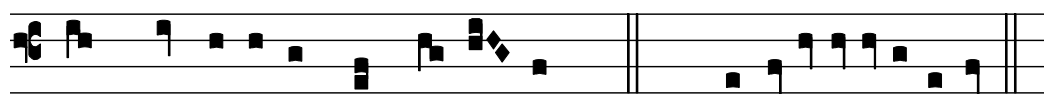
¶ In the ij. Nocturn.

Filii hominum scitote.

4. Ant.
II.i.



ye sons of men, * ye shall know that the Lord



hath magni-fi- ed his ho-ly one. Ps. Hear me when I call.
(4.) [515].

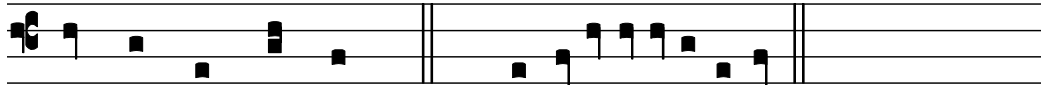
Scuto bone voluntatis tue.

5. Ant.

II.i.



Ith a shield * of thy lov-ing-kindness hast thou



crowned him, O Lord. *Ps.* Ponder my words.(5.) [248].

In universa terra.

6. Ant.

II.i.



N all the world * thou hast crowned him with



glo-ry and worship. *Ps.* O Lord our Governor. (8.) [22].

V. Thou hast set, O Lord, upon his head. *R.* A crown of precious stones.

However when the R. of the Second Nocturn of the Common History of one Martyr is sung on Feasts of iij. Lessons without Rulers of the Choir, then let not be sung before the Lessons the Versicle Thou hast set, O Lord. but the Versicle Thou hast crowned him, O Lord, with glory and worship. R. And madest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands. and this because of the Ninth Antiphon which is Thou hast set, O Lord.

Lesson iiij.

Consider, O Christian, God present with thee to fight an enemy. He favoureth that thou shouldst conquer : the Lord favour-eth that thou shouldst prevail. When

thou fightest he is near : when thou contendest he is present. As much indeed as thou receivest strength from his presence : so much doth weakness assail the enemy. Thou art

roused in strength : the enemy falleth
in weakness. Unto thee arms are
supplied from heaven : unto him evil
weapons are shattered. Unto thee the
sight of God summoneth increase of
strength : the majestic presence
depriveth the enemy of harmful
poison. To thee angels applaud, to
him they give dread. Upon thee is

bestowed strength : his malice is
weakened. By whom thou art upheld :
he is oppressed. By whom thou art
raised up : he is struck down. In thy
contest the Lord is engaged, the Lord
fighteth, the Lord doeth battle : and
to thee is ascribed the victory. But
thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Desiderium anime ejus.

4. Resp.
IV.



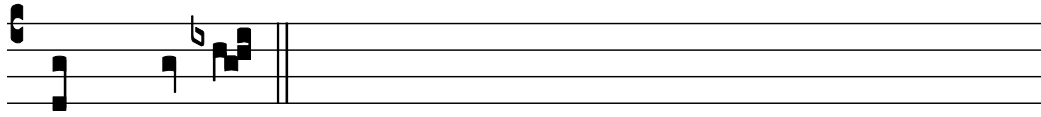
HE de-sire * of his heart hast thou granted him,

O Lord. † And the wish of his lips hast thou

not de-ni- ed him. ⁊. For thou hast gone be-

fore him with the bless-ings of goodness : thou hast plac-ed

upon his head a crown of pre- cious stones.



†And the wish.

Lesson v.

THY contest, O Christian : is a contest of God. Thy battle : is a battle of Christ. What dost thou fear, what dost thou dread, as if thou wouldst be defeated by strength ? Take up arms, go forth to battle, fight bravely : as one arriving to fight who hath not known defeat. He cannot be worthy of the Commander : who is himself unwilling to overcome the enemy. He is not able to be welcomed by the King : who hath flattered the enemy. Indeed he is unable to conquer the enemy : except he be willing to fight bitterly. Victory of the soldier is the destruction of the enemy : and destruc-

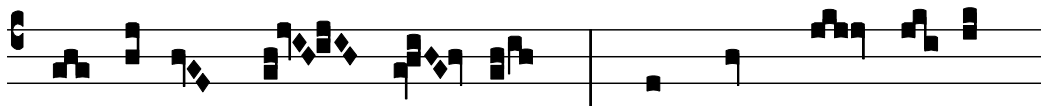
tion of the enemy is the glory of the emperor. In short, in the Christian battle : either having struck down the enemy the surviving soldier returneth happy from the battle : or by dying victorious he defeateth the enemy. Happily indeed he defeateth, who after the victory hath known no more defeat. Happily he defeateth, who after the victory relinquisheth both the Devil and the world. Happily he defeateth : who departing from the world, hath subdued the Devil which is in the present : and who in the future will give judgement with the Lord. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Domine prevenisti eum.

5. Resp.
VIII.

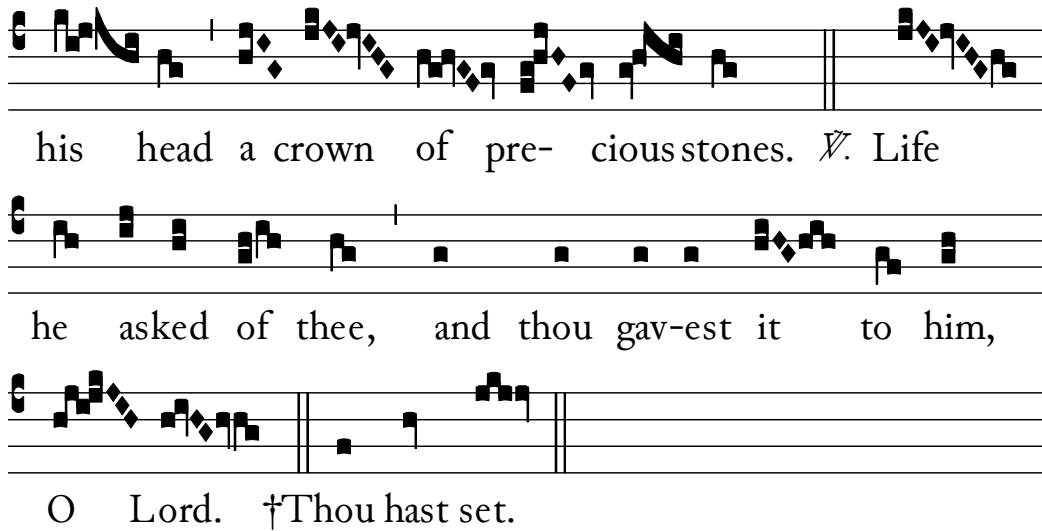


Lord, * thou hast pre-ven-ted him with



the blessings of good-ness. †Thou hast set up-on

On the Birthday of one Martyr out of Eastertide.



Lesson vj.

Some indeed after a battle the Lord keepeth for other palms : others, their martyrdom completed, he now crowneth. Some victors he keepeth as examples : others now perfected he transmitteth to heaven. Some he wisheth to see frequently contending : others, their suffering now completed, he setteth triumphant in the heavenly kingdom. The esteem of Christ the Emperor is lauded by all : who in their own time and often have conquered the enemy : and to whom it seemeth he shall give only to fight. As much as the spirit is stirred up against the enemy, strength is exercised, devotion is prepared : even so a soldier going to war is crowned by the first battle or

honoured by numerous trophys of palms. So they contended which are accustomed to love in a Christian manner : so they have done battle, whichever thou list. Indeed the three children in Chaldea, whilst they disdained the terrors of the barbarian king, spurned the horrors, scorned the threats : they thus subdued that same king and his flames. Daniel too, worshipper of God, lover of truth, defender of righteousness, while in supplication to God, disdained the edict of the king : thus he both subdued the raging of lions, and exulted in the destruction of enemies. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria et honore.

6. Resp.
VII.



Hou hast crowned him, * O Lord, with glo-
ry and wor- ship : and mad-est him to have do-
min- ion of the works of thy hands. †Thou hast
put all things in subjection under his feet.
✠. For thy mag- ni-fi-cence is lifted high a- bove
the heavens, O God. †Thou hast. ✠. Glo- ry
be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Ho-
ly Ghost. †Thou hast.

¶ *In the iij. Nocturn.*

Justus Dominus.

7. Ant.

VII.ii.



HE right-eous Lord * hath lov-ed righteousness :



his counte-nance hath be-held equi-ty. *Ps. In the Lord. (11./x.)*
[26].

Habitabit in tabernaculo tuo.

8. Ant.

IV.i.



E shall dwell * in thy ta-bernacle : he shall rest up-



on thy ho-ly hill. *Ps. Lord, who shall dwell. (15./xiv.)* [30].

Posuisti Domine.

9. Ant.

IV.v.



Hou hast set, O Lord, * upon his head a crown



of pure gold. *Ps. The King shall rejoice. (21./xx.)* [50].

℣. The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree. *Let not be said farther whenever this is said, except at the Nones after the Chapter only :* ℞. He shall spread abroad like a cedar in Libanus.

The Gospel. According to John. xij. : 24.

Lesson vij.

AT that time. Jesus said unto his disciples, Verily, verily I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone. And that which followeth.

*A Homily of Blessed Augustine, Bishop.
(Treatise on the Gospel of John, LI.)*

THE Lord said that he himself is the grain that shall be destroyed, and shall be multiplied. He shall be destroyed by the infidelity of the Jews : and shall be multiplied in the faith of all peoples. Now indeed exhorting to follow in the path of his own passion : He that loveth his life shall lose it. Which may be under-

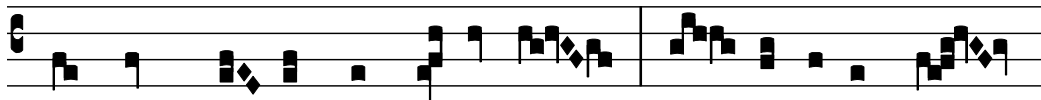
stood in two ways. He that loveth shall lose : that is, if thou lovest thou lovest. If thou desirest to possess life in Christ, be not afraid of death for Christ. Likewise, another way. He that loveth his life shall lose it. Do not love for fear of losing. Do not love in this life : that thou not lose it in eternal life. This also which I have said last : is seen more nearly to have the meaning of the Gospel. For there followeth, And he that hateth his life in this world : shall keep it unto life eternal. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Corona aurea.

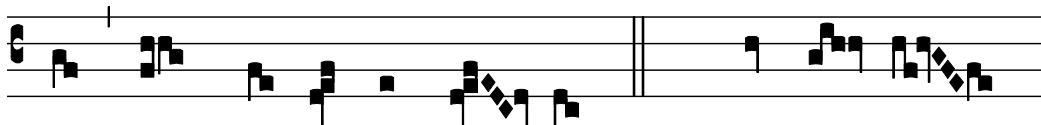
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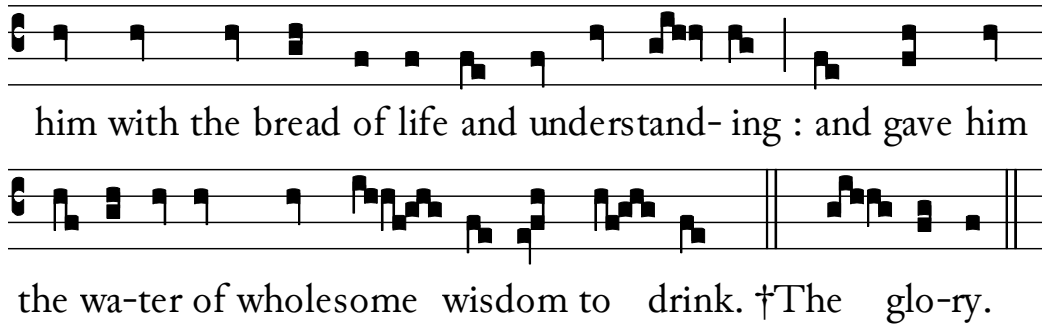
crown * of gold upon his head, engrav-



ed with the sign of ho-li-ness. †The glo-ry of ho



nour, and the work of pow- er. ✠. The Lord fed



Lesson viij.

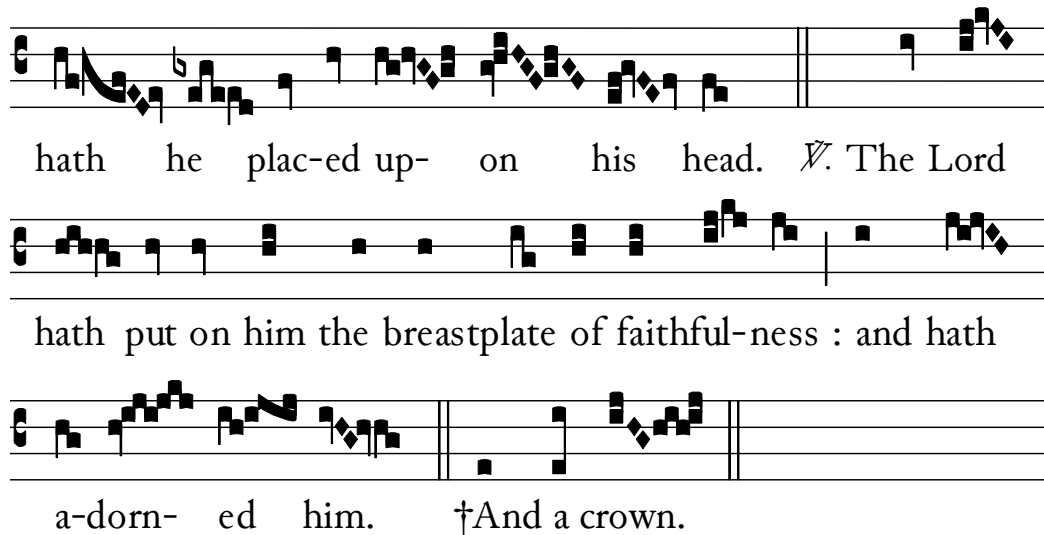
Therefore what is said above, He that loveth, is to be understood in this world : himself certainly shall lose it. But he that hateth his life, to be sure in this world : himself shall keep it unto life eternal. A great and surprising declaration : how by loving his own life a man should perish : by hating he should not perish. If thou lovest badly : then thou hatest. If thou hatest well : then thou lovest. Happily those who have hated life while keeping it : by love shall not lose it. See that thou deceive not thyself in order to court self-

destruction, by thus understanding : that thou ought to hate thy life in this world. Hence indeed certain spiteful and perverted people who are in themselves cruel and wicked murderers : give themselves to flames : suffocate in water, dash themselves from a precipice and perish. This Christ hath not taught, who on the contrary actually at the Devil's suggesting a precipice : hath said Get thee, behind me, Satan. It is written : Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Stola jocunditatis.

8. Resp.
VII.





Lesson ix.

TO Peter moreover he said, signifying by what death he should glorify God, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest : but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee : and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. Wherein he sufficiently expressed, that it is not by himself but by another that one must be slain : who followeth the footsteps of Christ. When therefore the matter hath come to the crisis, that this situation is put forth, either to act contrary to the precept of God, or to depart from this life, of which two a man is compelled to choose one or the other, the persecutor threaten-

ing him with death : then let him choose rather to die beloved of God than to live with offense. In that case let him hate his life in this world : that he may keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me. What is Let him follow me, except Let him imitate me ? Christ also suffered for us, saith Peter the Apostle, leaving us an example, that we should follow his steps. Behold what is said, If any man serve me, let him follow me. What profit, what wages, what reward ? And, he saith, where, I am : there also shall my servant be. He must be loved freely if the wage of working in his service be to be with him. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *Of one Martyr not Beheaded.*

The Gospel according to Luke. xiiij. : 26.

Lesson vij.

AT that time. Jesus said unto his disciples, If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And that which followeth.

A Homily of Blessed Gregory, Pope. 27.

(On the Gospels, Book ij.

Homily xxxvij.)

IF we consider, dearly beloved brethren, what and how great are

the things promised unto us in heaven : all that we have upon earth becomes worthless to the soul. For in fact earthly goods compared with the happiness of heaven are a burden not a help. Earthly life compared with eternal life : should rather be called death than life. For what indeed is the daily decline into corruption : other than a certain extension of death ? But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson viij.

BUT what tongue can declare, or what mind is able to comprehend those heavenly joys ; how great are the delights to be amongst the choirs of angels, to appear before the glory of the Creator with the most blessed spirits, to behold the present countenance of God, to behold the infinite light, to be afflicted with no fear of death, to rejoice in the gift of never-ending incorruption ? For the soul kindleth at the very hearing of these things : already it hath a longing to be where it hopeth to rejoice without end. But great re-

wards can not be won save by great labours. Whence also Paul, that great preacher, saith : No man shall be crowned except he strive lawfully. Therefore let the greatness of the reward delight the mind, but let not the conflict of toils affright. Wherefore the Truth saith unto them coming unto him : If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson ix.

BUT it is pleasing to linger over what way we are commanded to hate our parents and blood relations : which are commanded to love even our enemies. And certainly Truth saith concerning a wife, What God hath joined together : let not man put asunder. And Paul saith, Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church. Behold the disciple preacheth loving a wife : while the Master saith, Who doth not hate his wife : cannot be my disciple. Now doth the judge annouce one

thing : and the herald proclaim another ? Or are we able to hate and to love at the same time ? But if we weigh carefully the force of the commandment : we are capable of doing both through discernment. Even if we love those which are united to us by blood relationship and which we have known as neighbours : and any such adversaries we suffer on the way to God : hating and shunning, we should not know them. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Other Lessons for one Martyr.

¶ *The Gospel according to Luke. ix. : 23.*

Lesson vij.

AT that time. Jesus said unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

A Homily from divers Treatises.

BEcause our Lord and Redeemer, came as a new man into the world : he spread abroad in the world new commandments. Indeed to our old life nutured in sin : he opposed the contrast of his newness. What indeed knew the old man, what the carnal man, save to keep his own, to

steal from others if he could, to covet them if he could not ; but the heavenly Physician applieth medicines suitable for each evil. For as in the art of medicine cold is cured by heat, and heat by cold : so our Lord opposeth medicines contrary to sins, so that to the inconstant he prescribeth restraint, to the grasping liberality, to the wrathful meekness, to the proud humility. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson viij.

Certainly he propounded new commandments when he said to his followers, Except a man shall forsake all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple. As if he would plainly say : Ye who according to the old life desire the goods of others : by the new way of life give bountifully of your own. However let us hear what the Lord saith in this lesson. If any man will come after me, let him deny himself. There it is said that we must deny our possessions : here it is said that we must deny ourselves.

And perchance it is not hard for a man to leave his goods : but it is very hard for him to leave himself. Of course it is little to deny that which he hath : but it is in fact very much to deny that which he is. Moreover the Lord commanded us when coming unto him that we should leave our goods : because whosoever we be when we come to the contest of faith, we undertake a struggle against evil spirits. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson ix.

Evil spirits possess nothing in this world of their own. Naked therefore should we wrestle with the naked. For if anyone that is clothed wrestle with with one naked : he is quickly thrown to the ground, because he hath whereby he may be grasped. Indeed what are all earthly things, except certain garments for the body ? Who therefore approacheth to do battle against the Devil : let him cast aside his garments, lest he should succumb. Let him possess nothing with fondness in this world, let him require nothing of things tending to pleasures : lest whence clothed according to his will,

he thence be carried to ruin. Nor yet is it enough to leave our possessions : unless we also leave ourselves. What is it that we say, and let us leave ourselves ? For if we leave ourselves, whither shall we go outside of ourselves ? Or who is he that goeth if he leaveth himself ? But we are one thing having fallen through sin : another having been restored through nature. The one thing which we have done, the other which we have become. Let us leave behind us whatsoever sinning we have done : and let us remain what we have become by grace. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Likewise other Lessons for one Martyr.

A Homily of Blessed Gregory, Pope.

(On the Gospels, Book ij. Homily xxxv.)

Lesson j.

Seeing that today we honour the heavenly birthday of a martyr, my brethren, we ought not to consider ourselves strangers to his virtue of patience. For if, with the Lord's help, we are striving to preserve the virtue of patience, we both live in the peace of the Church, and yet we also hold the palm of martyrdom. There are indeed two

kinds of martyrdom, one in the mind, the other in the mind and in action at the same time. And so we can be martyrs, even if we are not slain by the striking of a sword. Indeed death through an open act of persecution is unmistakably martyrdom ; however to bear insults, to love haters, is martyrdom in one's secret thought. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson ij.

FOR that there are two kinds of martyrdom, one in our hidden works, another in public, Truth, beareth witness which asked the sons of Zebedee : Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of ? To whom answering at once, We are able, the Lord immediately replied,

Ye shall drink indeed of my cup. What indeed do we understand by the cup but the anguish of the passion ? Concerning which he saith elsewhere : Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson iij.

AND the sons of Zebedee, that is James and John, did not both die by martyrdom, and yet each heard that he would drink of the cup. For John by no means ended his life by martyrdom, but nevertheless proved to be a martyr, because the suffering

which he did not receive in his body he kept in his mind. And we, therefore, after this example are able to be martyrs without a sword, if we truly keep patience to mind. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *Of one Martyr not Beheaded.*

Beatus vir qui suffert.

9. Resp.
VII.



Blessed is the man * that endur-eth tempta-

tion : for when he is tri- ed, he shall re-ceive the

crown of life. †Which the Lord hath promis- ed to

them that love him. ⁊. He shall re-ceive a bles-sing from

the Lord, and mer- cy. †Which the Lord. ⁊. Glo-

ry be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the

Ho- ly Ghost. †Which the Lord.

¶ *Of one Martyr Beheaded.*

Percepturus jam vir sanctus.

9. Resp.
I.



OW shall * the ho- ly man se-cure rest for

his la-bour, as he stands firm in confessing the

Christian faith. †Like a gen- tle lamb, he submits his

neck to the sword. ⁊. As his

bo- dy is destroy-ed he re-joices to be a- live with God.

†Like a. ⁊. Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son :

and to the Ho- ly Ghost. †Like a.

¶ *And this preceding R. is sung on Feasts of ix. Lessons of a Martyr beheaded at First*

Vespers, and at Matins let it be the ix. R̃. and on Feasts of iij. Lessons of a Martyr beheaded it is sung only in the iij. Nocturn.

Before Lauds.

℣. Pray for us, O blessed N. R̃. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

This Versicle is always said before Lauds on a Feast of one Martyr of ix. Lessons. However when there are only iij. Lessons then is said the ℣. Thou hast set, O Lord, upon his head. R̃. A crown of precious stones.

or

℣. The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree. R̃. He shall spread abroad like a cedar in Libanus.

¶ *At Lauds.*

Qui me confessus.

1. Ant.
I.i.



Ho-so-ev-er shall confess me * be-fore men : him will



I confess also be-fore my Father. *Ps.* The Lord is King.

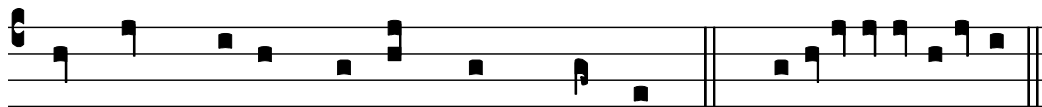
(93./xcij.) [57].

Qui sequuntur me.

2. Ant.
III.iv.



E that fol-loweth me * walketh not in darkness : but



shall have the light of life, saith the Lord. *Ps.* O be joyful.

(100./xcix.) [58].

Si quis michi ministraverit.

3. Ant.
I.ii.



F a-ny man * serve me, him will my Father honour,



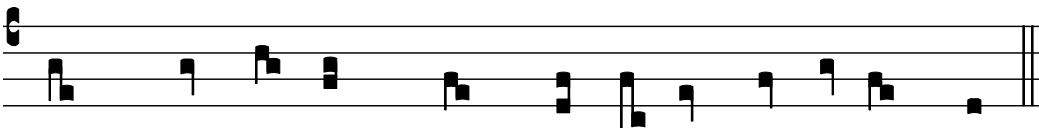
who is in heaven, saith the Lord. *Ps.* O God, thou art my God.
(63. &. 67./lxij. &. lxvj.) [59].

Quis michi ministrat.

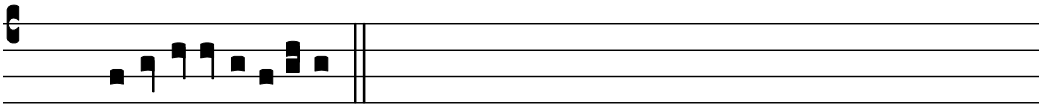
4. Ant.
I.i.



F a-ny man serve me, * let him follow me :



and where I am, there shall al-so my servant be.



Ps. O all ye works. (*Daniel iij.*) [61].

Volo Pater ut ubi.

5. Ant.
I.iv.



will, Father, * that where I am, there also may my



servant be. *Ps.* O praise the Lord. (148-150.) [63].

On the Birthday of one Martyr out of Eastertide.

When the Antiphon Blessed is the man. is sung on the Psalms at Vespers the following Chapter is said at both Vespers and at Lauds and at Terce.

Chapter.

THis is a holy man who strove
for the law of God, even unto
death : and feared not the words of

evil men : founded as he was upon a
firm rock. *R.* Thanks be to God.

Likewise when the Antiphon This is a holy man. is sung on the Psalms at Vespers the following Chapter is said.

Chapter. James j. : 12.

Blessd is the man who endureth
temptation : for when he hath
been tried, he shall receive the crown

of life, which God hath promised to
them that love him. *R.* Thanks be
to God.

Or this Chapter.

Chapter. Ecclesiasticus xiiij. : 22.

Blessd is the man that shall
continue in wisdom, and that
shall meditate in his righteousness,

and that in his mind shall reason on
the all-seeing eye of God. *R.*
Thanks be to God.

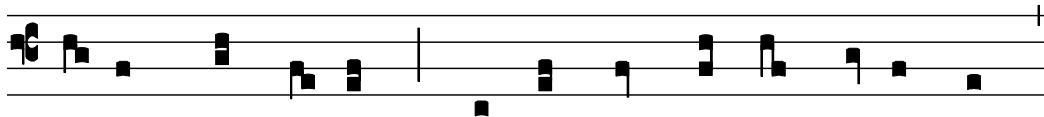
¶ *Let this Melody be sung at Lauds on Feasts of ix. Lessons out of Christmastide and Eastertide on this Hymn.*

Deus tuorum militum.

Hymn.
II.

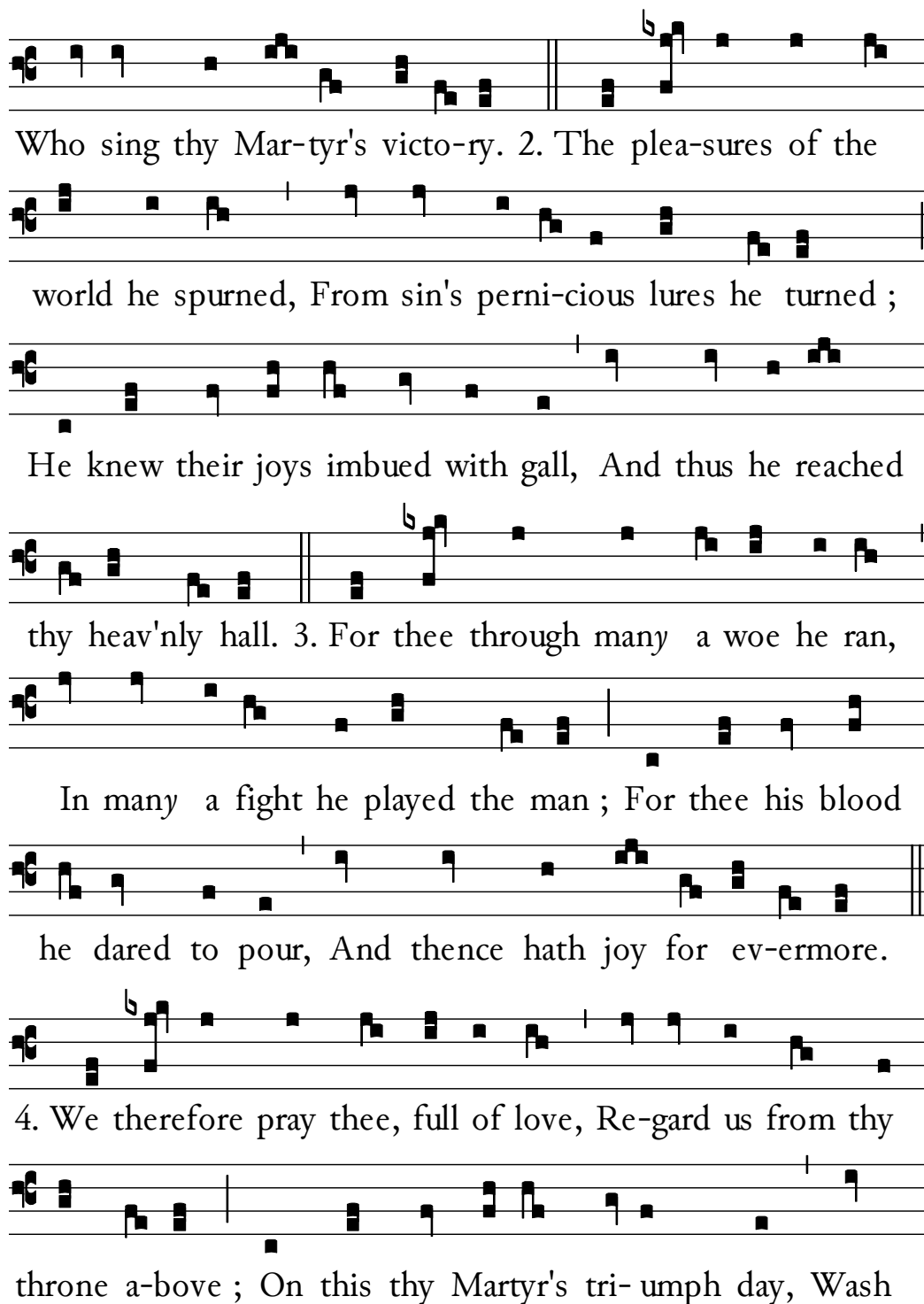


God, thy soldiers' crown and guard, * And their ex-

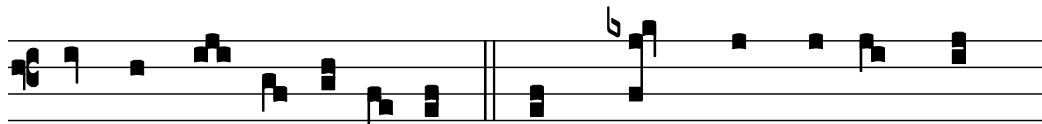


ceeding great re-ward ; From all transgressions set us free,

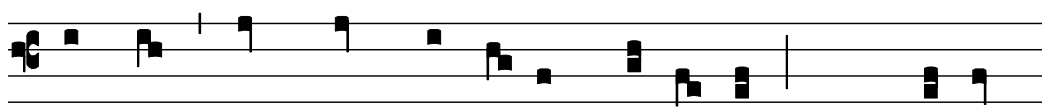
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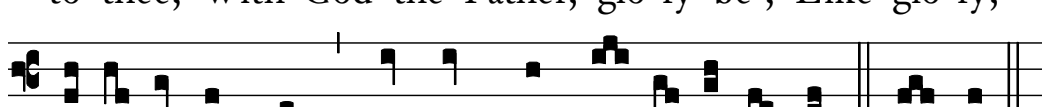
Who sing thy Mar-tyr's victo-ry. 2. The plea-sures of the
world he spurned, From sin's perni-cious lures he turned ;
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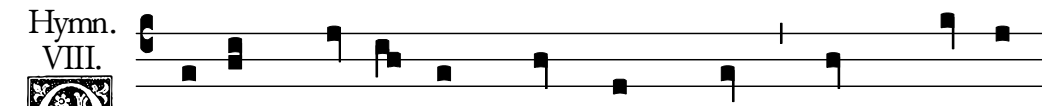
to thee, With God the Father, glo-ry be ; Like glo-ry,




as is ev-er meet, To God the Ho- ly Pa-ra-clete. A-men.

 *At Second Vespers and at Lauds when Second Vespers is not observed throughout the whole year on Feasts of ix. Lessons out of Christmastide and Eastertide on this Hymn.*

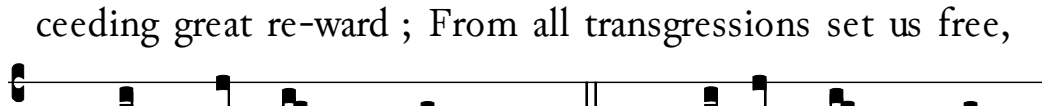
Hymn.
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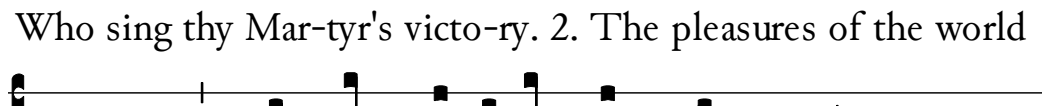
God, thy soldiers' crown and guard, * And their ex-



ceeding great re-ward ; From all transgressions set us free,

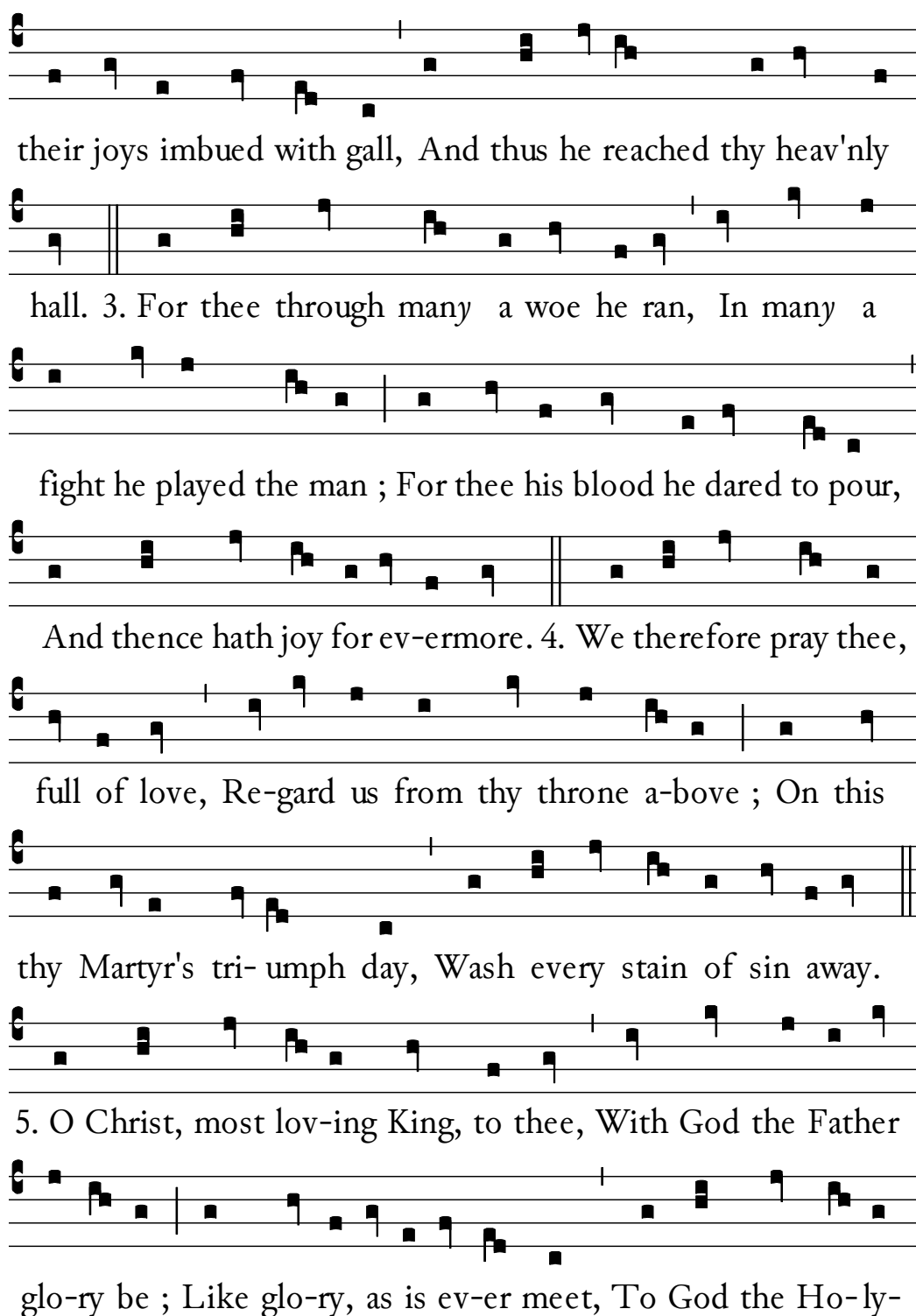


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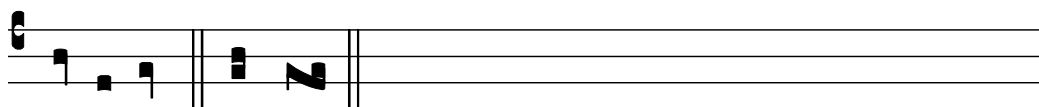
he spurned, From sin's pernicious lures he turned ; He knew

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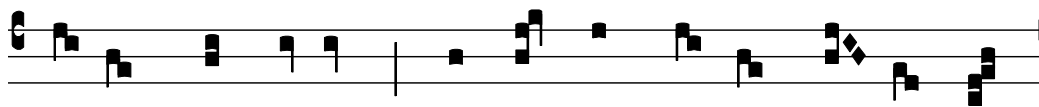
Pa-raclete. Amen.

¶ *From the Nativity of the Lord until the Purification when the Choir is ruled let this Melody be sung at Lauds and at Second Vespers.*

Hymn.
III.



God, thy soldiers' crown and guard, * And their ex-



ceeding great reward ; From all transgressions set us free,



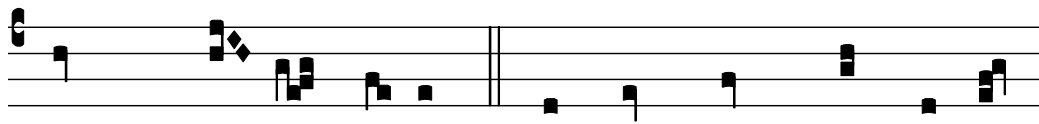
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he ran, In many a fight he played the man ; For thee his
blood he dared to pour, And thence hath joy for ev- ermore.

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every stain of sin a-way. 5. All honour, laud, and glo-ry
be, O Je-su, Vir-gin-born, to thee ; All glo-ry as is
ev- er meet, To Father and to Pa- ra-clete. Amen.

On the Birthday of one Martyr out of Eastertide.

¶ *However in Eastertide let this Melody be sung on Feasts with Rulers of the Choir at Lauds and at Second Vespers on the Hymn.*

Hymn.

III.



God, thy soldiers' crown and guard, * And their ex-

ceed-ing great reward ; From all trangres-sions set us free,

Who sing thy Mar-tyr's victo-ry. 2. The plea-sures of the

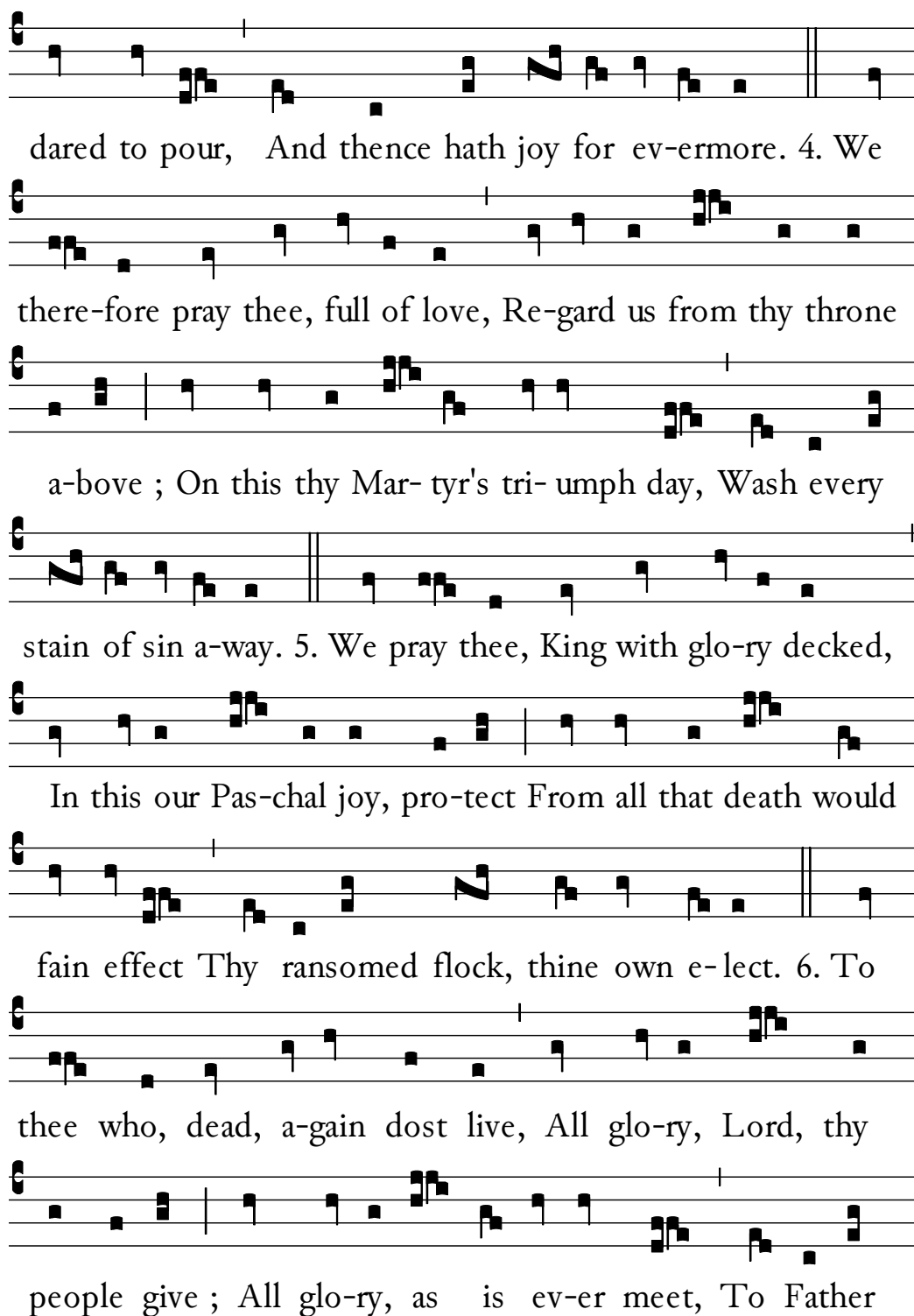
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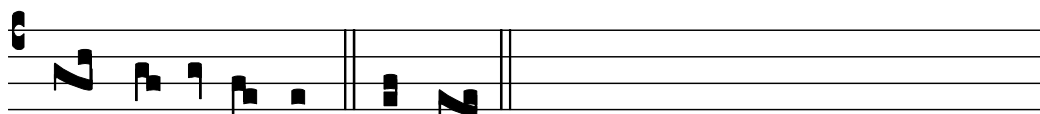
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a-bove ; On this thy Mar- tyr's tri- umph day, Wash every
stain of sin a-way. 5. We pray thee, King with glo-ry decked,
In this our Pas-chal joy, pro-tect From all that death would
fain effect Thy ransomed flock, thine own e-lect. 6. To
thee who, dead, a-gain dost live, All glo-ry, Lord, thy
people give ; All glo-ry, as is ev-er meet, To Father

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and to Pa-ra-clete. Amen.

In Ascensiontide when the Choir is ruled, at Lauds and Second Vespers.

Hymn.
VIII.



God, thy soldier's crown and guard, * And their



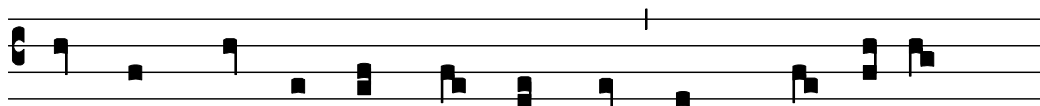
exceeding great reward ; From all transgressions set us free,



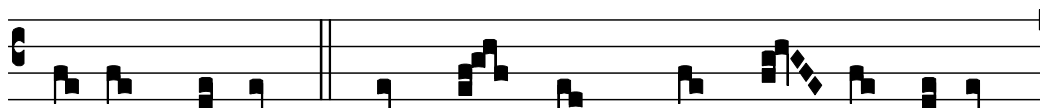
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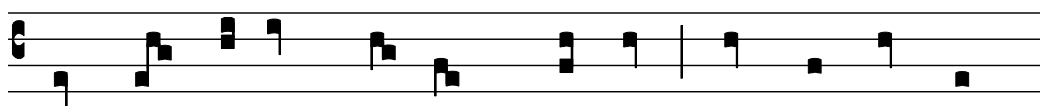
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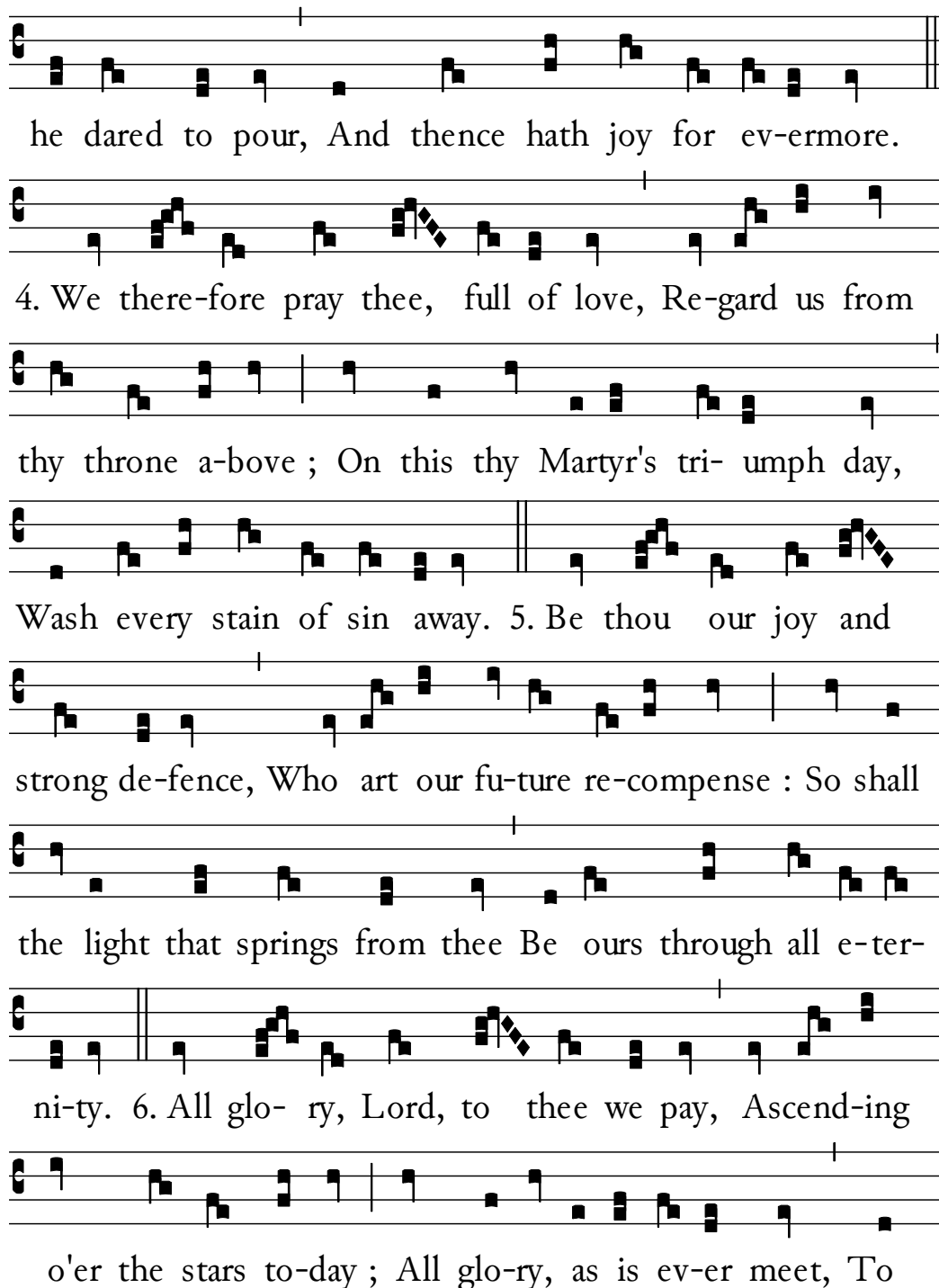


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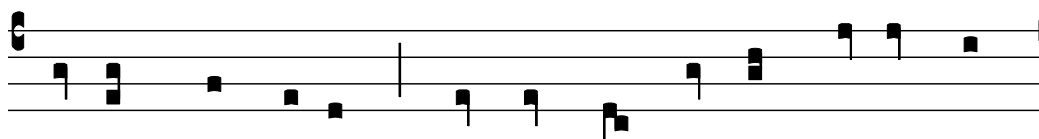
Father and to Pa-raclete. Amen.

¶ On feasts of iij. Lessons without Rulers of the Choir throughout the whole year let this Melody be sung at Lauds.

Hymn.
VIII.



God, thy soldiers' crown and guard, * And their ex-



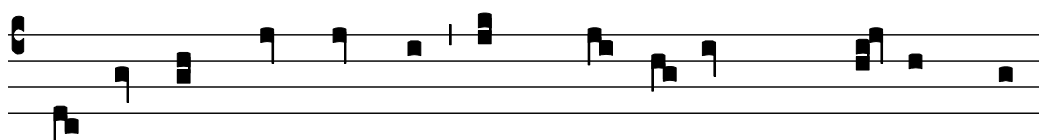
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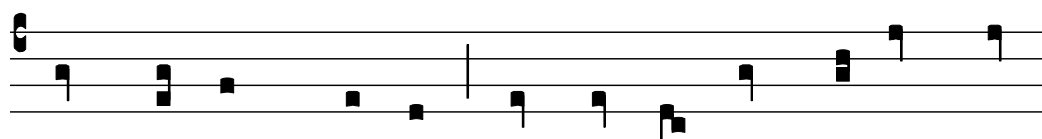


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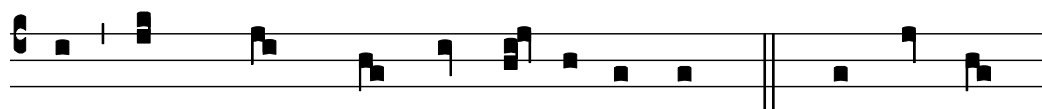


hall. 3. For thee through many a woe he ran, In many a

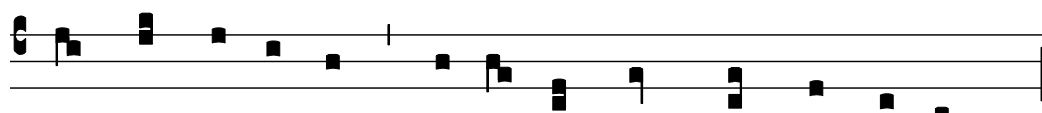
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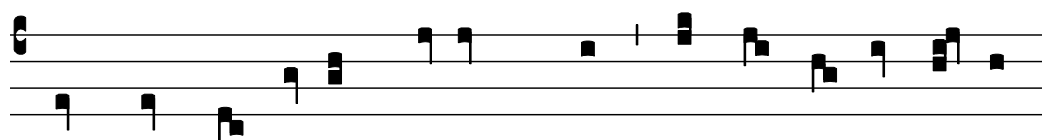
fight he played the man ; For thee his blood he dared to



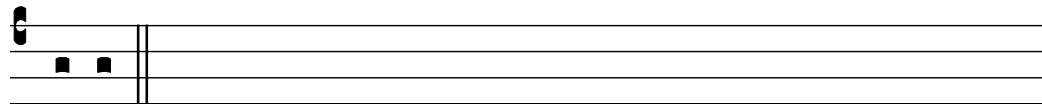
pour, And thence hath joy for ev-ermore. 4. We therefore



pray thee, full of love, Re-gard us from thy throne a-bove ;

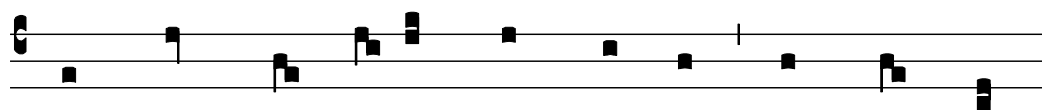


On this thy Martyr's tri-umph day, Wash every stain of sin

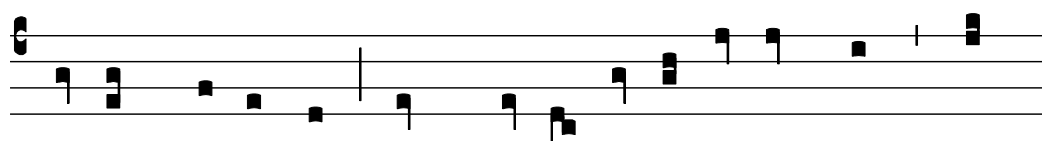


away.

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5. O Christ, most lov-ing King, to thee, With God the



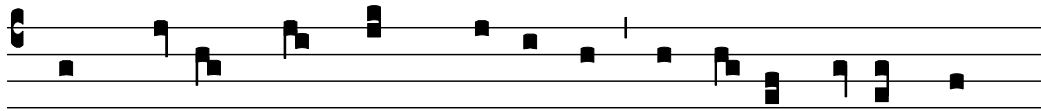
Father, glo-ry be ; Like glo-ry, as is ev-er meet, To



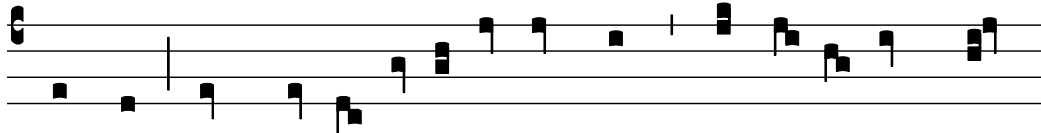
God the Ho-ly Pa-raclete. Amen.

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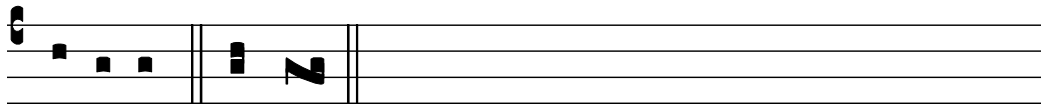
In Christmastide.



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

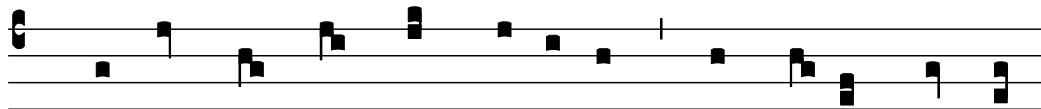


to thee ; All glo-ry, as is ev-er meet, To Father and to



Pa-raclete. Amen.

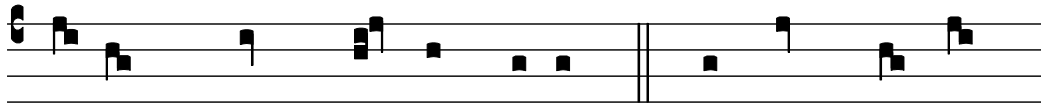
In Eastertide.



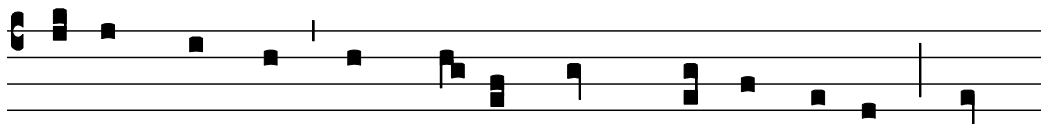
5. We pray thee, King with glo-ry decked, In this our Paschal



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

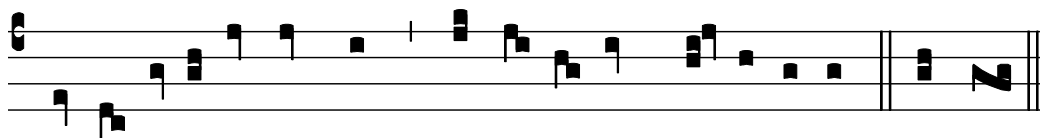


ransomed flock, thine own e-lect. 6. To thee who, dead,



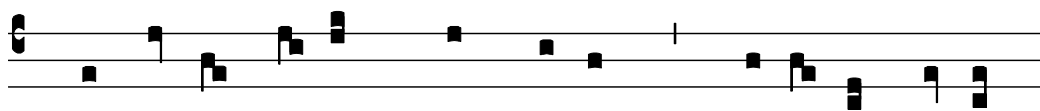
a-gain dost live, All glo-ry, Lord, thy people give ; All

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glo-ry as is ev-er meet, To Father and to Pa-raclete. Amen.

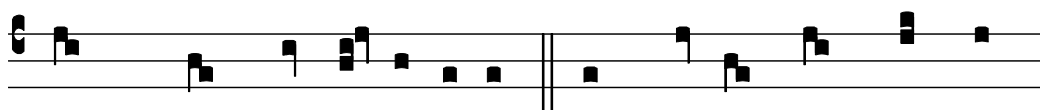
In Ascensiontide.



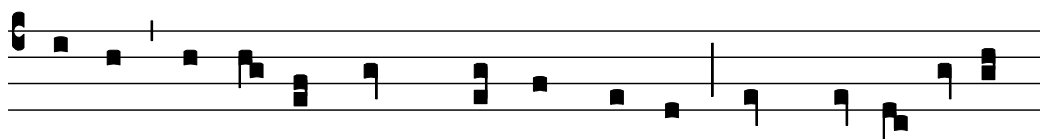
5. Be thou our joy and strong de-fence, Who art our fu-ture



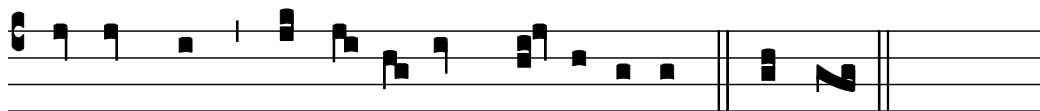
re-compense : So shall the light that springs from thee Be



ours through all e-terni-ty. 6. All glo-ry, Lord, to thee



we pay, Ascending o'er the stars to-day ; All glo-ry as is



ev-er meet, To Father and to Pa-raclete. Amen.

℣. The righteous shall blossom as the lily. ℟. And shall flourish for ever before the Lord.

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Nisi granum frumenti.

Ant.
V.ii.



X-cept * a corn of wheat fall into the ground and



die : it a-bid-eth a-lone. *Ps.* Blessed be the Lord. 61*.

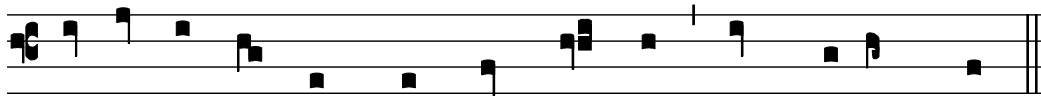
Likewise another Antiphon.

Qui vult venire.

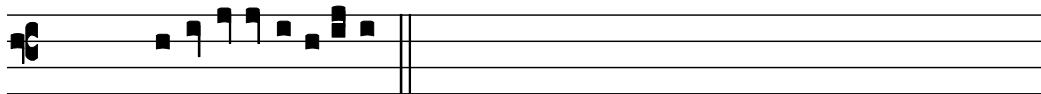
Ant.
I.i.



Ho will come * after me, saith the Lord, let him



de-ny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.



Ps. Blessed be the Lord. 49*.

The aforesaid two Antiphons are sung by turns during the week on Feasts of one Martyr whether of iij. or of ix. Lessons on the Psalm Benedictus. or at the Memorial of the same, in such a way that the Antiphon Except a corn of wheat. is always sung first.

Prayer.

BE favourable, O Lord, to our supplications, and through the intercession of Blessed *N.* thy Martyr, graciously bestow upon us thine everlasting mercy. 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.

Another Prayer.

GRant, we beseech thee, almighty
God, that we who honour the
birthday of thy blessed Martyr *N.*,
may at his intercession be
strengthened in the love of thy holy

Name. 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. Whosoever shall confess me. [907].

Ps. Save me, O God. (54./liij.) [127].

¶ *At iij.*

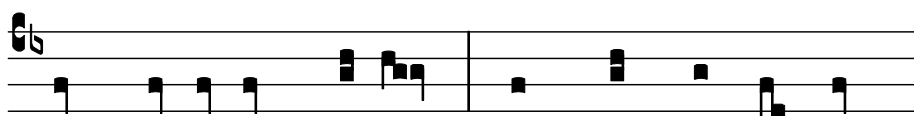
Ant. He that followeth me. [907].

Ps. Teach me, O Lord. (119./cxviij. 33.) [179].

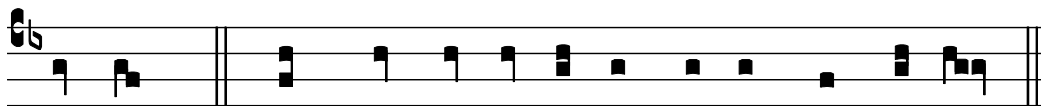
Chapter as above at Lauds. [909].

Gloria et honore.

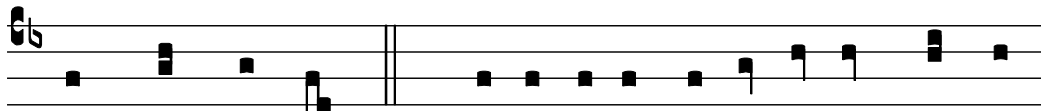
Resp.
VI.



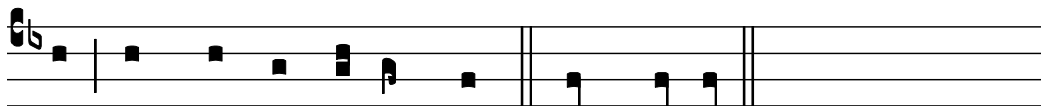
Ith glo-ry and honour. †Hast thou crowned him,



O Lord. *ij.* *℟̃.* And hast set him ov-er the works of thy hands.



†Hast thou crowned. *℟̃.* Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the



Son : and to the Ho-ly Ghost. With glo-ry.

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

¶ *At vj.*

Ant. If any man serve me, him will my Father. [908].


Ps. My soul hath longed. (119./cxviiij. 81.) [197].

Chapter. Ecclesiasticus xlv.

T His is he who knew righteousness, and saw great wonders, and made his prayer unto the	Most High : and is found in the number of the saints. ℞. Thanks be to God.
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Posuisti Domine.

Resp.
VI.



THou hast set, O Lord. †Upon his head. *ij.* ℣. A crown of pure gold. †Upon. ℣. Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Ho-ly Ghost. Thou hast.

℣. The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree. ℞. He shall spread abroad like a cedar in Libanus.

¶ *At ix.*

Ant. I will, Father. [908].

Ps. Thy testimonies. (119./cxviiij. 129.) [215].

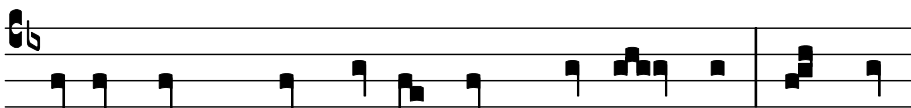
Chapter. Ecclesiasticus xlv.

A robe of joyfulness hath the Lord put upon him, and a	crown of beauty hath he placed upon his head. ℞. Thanks be to God.
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Justus ut palma.

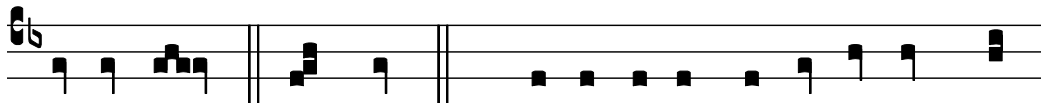
Resp.
VI.



HE righteous shall flourish like the palm tree. †In the



house of the Lord. *ij.* *℣.* He shall spread abroad like a ce-dar in



Li-ba-nus. †In the. *℣.* Glo-ry be to the Father, and to

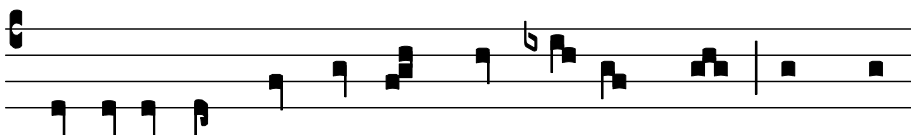


the Son : and to the Ho-ly Ghost. The righteous.

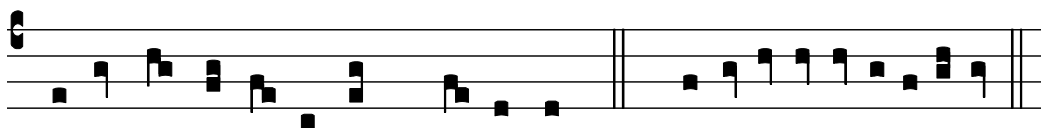
℣. The righteous shall blossom as the lily. *℞.* And shall flourish for ever before the Lord.

¶ *At ij. Vespers.*

Ant.
Li.



Ho-so-ev-er shall confess me * be-fore men : him will



I confess also be-fore my Father. *Ps.* Amen.

Ferial Psalms.

Chapter and Prayer as above. [909].

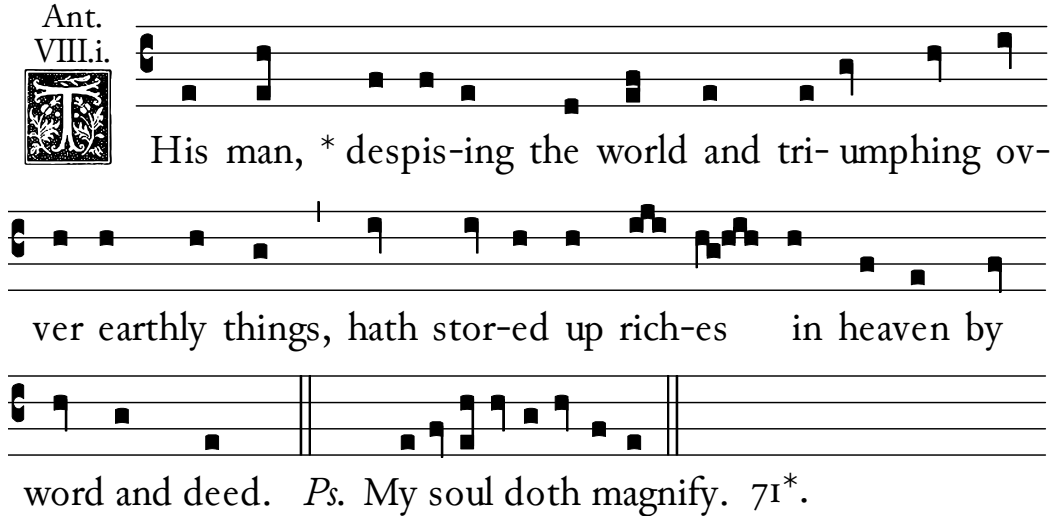
Hymn. O God, thy soldiers' crown. [909].

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℣. The righteous shall blossom as the lily. ℞. And shall flourish for ever before the Lord.

Hic vir despiciens mundum.

Ant.
VIII.i.

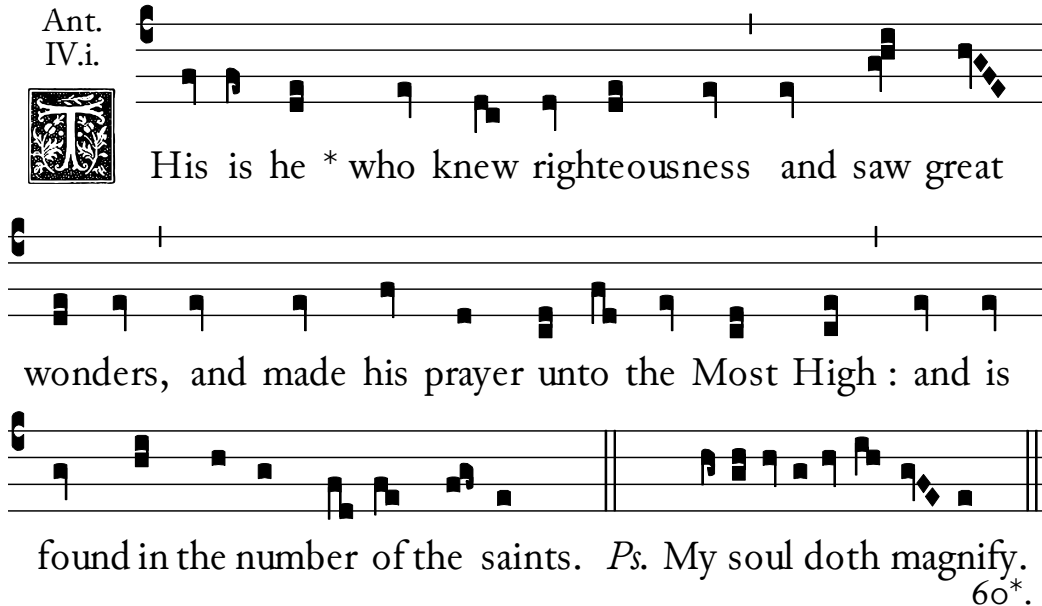


His man, * despis-ing the world and tri- umphing ov-
ver earthly things, hath stor-ed up rich-es in heaven by
word and deed. Ps. My soul doth magnify. 71*.

Likewise another Antiphon.

Iste cognovit justiciam.

Ant.
IV.i.



His is he * who knew righteousness and saw great
wonders, and made his prayer unto the Most High : and is
found in the number of the saints. Ps. My soul doth magnify.
60*.

¶ These two aforesaid Antiphons are sung by turns during the week on Feasts of ix. Lessons of one Martyr on the Psalm Magnificat. at Second Vespers or at the Memorial of

the same.

¶ Likewise other Chapters of one Martyr, and they are said by turns with the above Chapters during the week at First Vespers and at Lauds and at Terce and at Second Vespers.

Chapter. Ecclesiasticus xiv. : 20.

Blessed is the man that shall
continue in wisdom, and that
shall meditate in his righteousness,

and that in his mind shall reason on
the all-seeing eye of God. *R.*
Thanks be to God.

¶ At vi. Chapter. *Ecclesiasticus xv. : 3.*

With the bread of life and
understanding shall she feed
him, and give him the water of saving

wisdom to drink. *R.* Thanks be to
God.

¶ At ix. Chapter. *Ecclesiasticus xv. : 3.*

He shall be stayed upon her, and
shall not be moved : and shall
rely upon her, and shall not be
confounded. Whe shall exalt him

above his neighbours : and the Lord
our God shall cause him to inherit an
everlasting name. *R.* Thanks be to
God.

All the rest as is indicated above.

¶ On the Birthday of one Martyr and Bishop let all be sung of the History of one Martyr not a Bishop as above with the Chapters indicated below : and with the Prayer written below : at both Vespers and at Lauds and at Terce.

Chapter. Hebrews 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.

Prayer.

God, who hast sanctified unto
us this joyful day for the
commemoration of thy blessed

Martyr and Bishop *N.*, be favourable
to the prayers of thy servants, and
grant that we may be succoured

through the merits and intercession of him whose feast we celebrate today. 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.

A Homily of Blessed Gregory, Pope.
(On the Gospels, Book j. Homily xvii.)

Lesson j.

WE ought to consider, dearly beloved brethren, what is said to the holy Apostles, and through the Apostles to us, Ye are the salt of the earth. If therefore we are salt : we ought to season the minds of the faithful. Ye therefore that are shepherds : consider, because ye feed the creatures of God. Concerning which animals indeed, is said to God by the Psalmist, Thy animals shall dwell therein. And often we see that rock-salt is placed

with brute animals : that by the same rock-salt they shall lick and be made better. As therefore rock-salt is amongst brute animals, so ought priests to be among the people. To cure it is necessary that every priest should say to each, in whatever way he shall admonish, that whoever is connected with the priest : as if by a touch of salt, is seasoned with a savour of eternal life. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson ij.

AND indeed we are not the salt of the earth : if we season not the hearts of them which hear us. Which indeed seasoning he truly imparteth to his neighbour : who faileth not in preaching. But what are the souls of men, unless we shall say the food of God : which have been seasoned for this, that they may be transferred to his body, that is that they may tend to the increase of the eternal Church.

If therefore the food of God is the people : the seasoning of the food must be the priests. But because when we cease from making use of holy prayer and learning : the salt hath lost its savour, and no longer hath power to season the food of God. And thus it is not accepted by the Author, because being driven out by our folly, it is too little seasoned. Let us consider therefore who have

ever been converted by our tongue, who by our rebuke hath been corrected from his perverse works through penance, who on account of our teaching hath forsaken wantonness : who hath turned away from avarice, who from pride. Let us con-

sider what profit we gain for God : who having received a talent from him have been sent on business. And indeed he saith, Occupy till I come. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson iiij.

BEhold, now he cometh : behold, he inquireth our profit by trading. What kind of profit of souls shall we shew him from our business ? How many, to his appearance sheaves of souls, of our harvest of preaching shall we bring forth ? Set before our eyes that day of great severity : in which the Judge shall come to reckon with his servants the talents he hath entrusted to them. Behold he shall be seen in terrible majesty : between the choirs of angels. There to such examination shall the multitude of all the elect and reprobate be drawn : and the works

that each one hath done shall be revealed. There is Peter with the converted of Judea following in train : there Paul, leading the whole world (as it is said) converted. There Andrew, after him Achaia : John, Asia, Thomas, India, leading the converted into the presence of the King. There all of the flock belonging to the Lord, the rams shall appear with profits of souls : which flocks by the preaching of his saints are drawn after them, submissive unto God. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson iiij.

Since so many shepherds with their flocks shall come before the eyes of the Eternal Shepherd : what shall we wretched ones say, which after our business return empty to our Lord, and which have held the name of shepherds : and we have not

our sheep to show which we ought to be nuturing ? Here we have been called shepherds : and there we do not lead flocks. But can it be that, if we neglect, almighty God shall forsake his sheep ? By no means. For he hath promised the same by

the prophet ; he feedeth them himself, and all which he hath preordained to life : he instructeth by the sting of lashes and the spirit of contrition. Through us indeed the faithful come to holy baptism, by our prayers they are blessed : and by the

imposition of our hands they receive from God the Holy Ghost, but while they ascend to the heavenly kingdom : behold, we by our negligence descend to the abyss. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson v.

THE Elect, expiated at the hands of priests are entering into the heavenly homeland : and the priests themselves by reprobate life hasten to infernal punishments. To what therefore : to what shall I liken bad priests : unless to the water of baptism, which washeth away the sins of the baptized and sendeth them to the heavenly kingdom, and itself descendeth into the sewer ? Let us fear this, dearly beloved brethren. Let our action agree with our ministry itself. Let us daily think of forgiveness for our sins, lest our life remain bound in

sin : for which almighty God continually unbindeth others. Let us consider without ceasing what we are : let us consider our business, let us consider the burden which we take up. Let us every day make an account with ourselves : which we will have to do with our Judge. And thus we ought to undertake our cure : that we not neglect the care of our neighbour. That whosoever cometh unto us be seasoned with the salt of our tongue. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson vj.

When we see someone idle and lascivious, let him be advised to restrain his wicked desire by marriage : that by this which is permitted, he shall learn to overcome that which is not permitted. When we see one joined in marriage, let him be reminded : that while he thus

exerciseth the cure of the world : he neglect not the love of God. Thus will he please his wife : and not displease the Creator. When we see a cleric, let him be admonished as to how he should live : since he presenteth an example of secular life. Lest if anything in him be justly

blameworthy : through his own fault the reputation of our religion be burdened. When we see a monk, let him be reminded to retain his reverence in dress, in deed, and in word : let him always look into his thoughts : and let him forsake those which are completely of the world : and which by character display him to the human eye : let him show this demeanour before the eyes of God. He accordingly that is now holy : let him be admonished to increase. He

however that is still unjust, let him be admonished to reform. Insofar as every one that cometh to the priest, let him go back seasoned with the salt of his words. These things, dearly beloved brethren, anxiously consider with yourselves : these things lay out before your neighbours, trust that the fruit of the business which ye have undertaken ye shall render to almighty God. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *On the Feast of any exiled Martyr or Bishop
or Confessor of ix. Lessons.*

The Gospel according to Luke. xix. : 12.

AT that time. Jesus said unto his disciples this parable. A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And that which followeth.

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

(On Luke Book. v. Chap. 78.)

THIS is a nobleman : to whom the blind man cried out so much the more, Son of David, have mercy on me. And to whom coming to Jerusalem : they sang together, Hosanna to the Son of David : Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. A distant region : is the

church of the Gentiles, of which same man of noble birth is said, But I am appointed king by him : and is spoken of by the Father, Desire of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thy inheritance, and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession. Which inheritance and possession evidently : for two reasons, is called a distant region. Either because he crieth out to the Lord from the ends of the earth : or because salvation is far from sinners. And although God is present everywhere : yet, far from the understanding of them which honour idols, the true God is absent. But

those who were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds. The number of pennies

pertaineth to the law : because of the Decalogue. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson viij.

NOW the householder called his ten servants : because he chose his disciples imbued by the letter of the law. He giveth them ten pounds : because the words of the law shall be understood spiritually. Indeed after his passion and resurrection he opened their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures. For the pound, which the Greeks call *μναμ* is weighed at one hundred pieces. Thus also every word of the Holy Scriptures, because it suggesteth the perfection of heavenly life : as if it glittereth like the number of an hundred weight. And he said unto them, Occupy till I come. The words, so to speak, of the law and the prophets revealed by mystical interpretation, bring ye to the people : and from them receive the confession of faith and moral

uprightness. But his citizens had hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. Moreover of the citizens, the wicked Jews, he saith : and of which it is elsewhere borne witness, But now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. Which not only have hated him even unto death of the cross : but also after his resurrection have unleashed persecution on the Apostles, and have scorned the preaching of the heavenly kingdom. And it came to pass, that when he was returned having received the kingdom, signifieth the time when in majesty most manifestly and most eminently he shall come in glory : who to them appeared in humility, when he said, My kingdom is not of this world. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson ix.

THen he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. Not that he

did not know : to whom it was most truly spoken : Lord, thou knowest all things : rather he knew ; he spake, that all might know what he did. Then indeed all works and thoughts :

all shall be plainly revealed. Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. The first servant : the order of teachers was sent unto the circumcision. Who received one pound for doing business, because he was sent to preach one Lord : one faith, one baptism : one God. But this same pound, gained ten pounds : because by teaching he joined to it the people under the law. And he said unto him : Well done, thou good servant, because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. The servant is faithful in a little, who doth not adulterate the

word of God : but as of God, in the sight of God he speaketh in Christ. For whatever we perceive of gifts in the present time : is few and little in comparison to the future : for we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. The ten cities moreover are souls coming to the word of the Law and the grace of the Gospel : wherewith at that time glorified by right they shall be put forward, which he shall commend by the same money of the Word as worthy to God. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *At iij.*

Chapter. Every high priest. as above. [928].

¶ *At vj.*

Chapter. Hebrews v. : 4.

NO man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God as was Aaron : as the scripture

saith : Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedech. *R.* Thanks be to God.

¶ *At ix.*

Chapter. Ecclesiasticus xxiv. : 2.

IN the congregation of the most high shall she open her mouth, and triumph before his power : and in the midst of her own people she shall

be exalted : and shall be admired in the holy assembly. *R.* Thanks be to God.

¶ *On the Feast of one Martyr and Bishop not exiled.*

The Gospel according to Matthew. x. : 26.

AT that time. Jesus said unto his disciples, there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed ; and hid, that shall not be known. And that which followeth.

A Homily of Rabanus, Priest.

AND how in the present age : are they ignorant of many vices. For of the future time it is written : when God shall judge the hidden things of men : and will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts. And the meaning is, Be not afraid of raging persecutors and mad blasphemers : for the day of judgement shall come, in which your power and their wickedness shall be shewn. What I tell you in darkness, speak ye in light : and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops : what ye have heard in secret proclaim openly : what ye have learned secretly speak publicly : what I have taught ye in the small region of Judea : proclaim boldly in all the cities and throughout the whole world. Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul. If any such kill the body, they are not able to kill the soul. In truth the soul

is invisible and incorporeal : accompanying, I say, the grosser substance of our body. Or at all events in time he shall be punished and he shall understand sufferings : when he shall take back the former body : when that with which he hath sinned, with the same he is also punished. Fear him which is able to destroy both body and soul into hell fire. The name hell is not found in the ancient books : but is first set forth by the Saviour. Let us inquire therefore what be the occasion of this word. That the idol Baal was near Jerusalem at the base of Mount Lebanon : in which floweth Shiloh : we read not once only. This valley and small level plain was watered and woody and full of delights : and in it was a grove consecrated to the idol. But the people of Israel had come to such madness : that forsaking the nearby temple : they offered sacrifices, and indulgence conquered the severity of religion : and they burned their sons or consecrated them to devils. And that place was called Gehenna, that is the valley of the sons of Hinnom. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson ij.

ABout this the books of Kings and Chronicles and Jeremiah write most fully. It is that place that God threatens to fill up with the bodies of the dead, for it is by no means called Tophet and Baal : but is called Poliandrium, that is tomb of the dead. Thus the future suffering and eternal punishment by which sinners will be slaughtered : are indicated by the name of this place. Now, that there are two kinds of gehenna : of excessive fire and cold, we read most fully in Job. Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing ? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. It is itself the word of the Lord : and that which followeth dependeth upon the

former. Let the prudent reader always take heed of superstitious interpretation : that the Scriptures not be accommodated to thy feeling : but rather join thine understanding to the Scriptures : and understand that which followeth. He hath said above : Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul ; now accordingly is spoken, Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing ? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. And the meaning is, If small and common animals shall not fall except apart from God the Creator : and providence is made for all things : and that which, apart from the will of God should be destroyed, shall not perish : ye who are eternal should not fear that ye live outside the providence of God. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson iij.

AND this sense was also spoken of earlier. Behold the fowls of the air, for they sow not, neither do they gather into barns : yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they ? And after this : Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow : and so forth. Wherefore if God so clothed the grass

of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith ? Those two sparrows are interpreted as soul and body : likewise the five sparrows, which according to Luke are sold for two coins, refer to the senses. But how that understanding should be linked to the

whole Gospel discourse : is not a small difficulty. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Therefore be not afraid : ye are better than many sparrows. Clearly the higher meaning of our statement hath been expressed : that we ought not to fear those who can kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul. Because if without the wisdom of God even little animals do not fall : how much more a man that is supported by apostolic dignity ? For when he saith : The very hairs of your head are all numbered : he sheweth the infinite providence and ineffable affection of

God towards men : that nothing lieth hidden from our God : and also that not even small and idle sayings escape his knowledge. They deride the understanding of the Church in this place, which deny the resurrection of the body : as if we are the hairs that are numbered and cut off by a barber : let us assert that every one shall rise again : seeing that the Saviour hath not said, all your hairs are saved, but they are numbered. Where the number is : knowledge of the number is demonstrated, not the condition of the same number. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.