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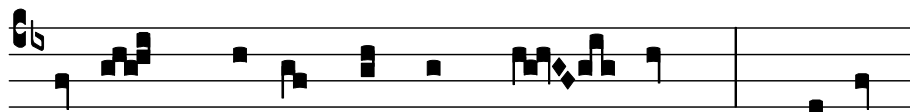

¶ *The Day of the Holy Innocents.*

At Matins.

Four boys who are Rulers sing the following in Silken Copes at the Quire Step.

Invitatory. VI.i.

Venite adoremus Dominum.

  come, * let us worship the Lord. † Who in
 his saints is glo-ri- ous. *Ps.* O come, let us sing. 28*.

Hymn. The merits of the Saints. **XX.**

In the j. Nocturn.

Herodes videns.

1. Ant.
I.i.



E-rod, when he saw * that he was mocked of the

The Holy Innocents.



Ps. Blessed is the man. (*j.*) [16].

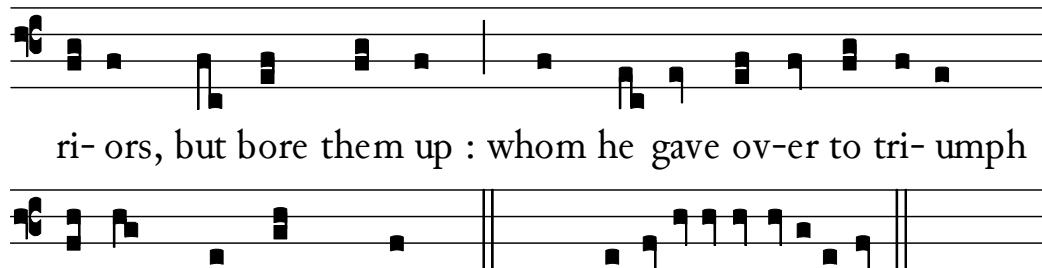
Christus infans.

2. Ant.

II.i.



Hrist, an infant, * did not despise his in-fant war-



Ps. Why do the heathen. (*ij.*) [17].

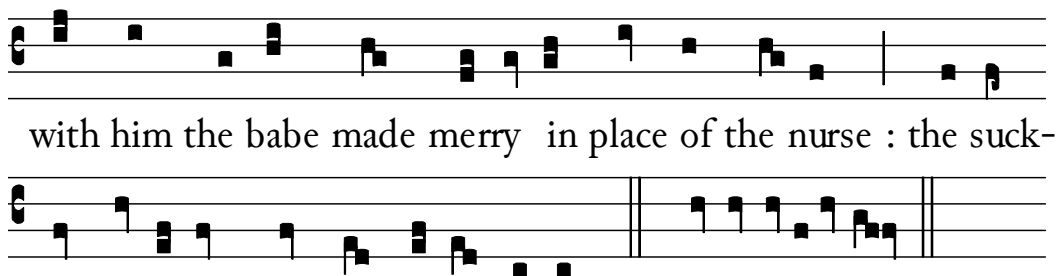
Arridebat parvulus.

3. Ant.

III.v.



HE in-fant * was laughing at the sword of the slay-er,



with him the babe made merry in place of the nurse : the suck-

ling awaited the dreadful as-sassin. *Ps.* In the Lord put I my
trust. (11./x.) [26].

V. Be ye glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous. *R.* And shout for joy, all
ye that are upright in heart.

On this day the Boy-Bishop will give the Blessing at all the Lessons.

¶ *Severianus. Lesson j.*

Herod's brutality hath today
revealed : how far jealousy
striveth, how far envy
leapeth, how far hatred is carried.
Which, while he was jealous of his
narrow temporal reign : laboured to
extinguish the rising of the eternal
King. Indeed Herod perceiving that
he was mocked of the wise men : sent
to Bethlehem, and killed all the
children that were in the same, and in
all the coasts thereof. Impiety
grieveth that it hath been duped :
cruelty rageth that it hath been
warded off. Guile roareth at having
been itself deceived : and fraud that it
hath been dashed against itself.
Herod shrieketh, falling himself into
the net which he hath spread : hence,
he unsheatheth the iniquity which he

had concealed. From faith in perfidy
he taketh up arms : with earthy fury
he seeketh whom he believeth not to
be born of heaven. Up to the bosoms
of mothers : he gathereth a camp of
soldiers. Among their breasts he
attacketh the citadel of tenderness.
In those tender breasts he testeth the
steel. He sheddeth milk sooner than
blood : he forceth them to experience
death before life, he casteth darkness
upon those just entering into the
light. Thus acteth that master of evil,
the minister of deceit, that craftsman
of anger, that inventor of wickedness,
that author of impiety, that robber of
piety, that foe of the innocent, enemy
of nature : evil to his own family,
worst to himself. Whom Christ fled
not that he would escape : but that

he would not be seen by him. But | thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Sub altare Dei.

1. Resp.
VII.



Eneath the al-tar * of God I heard the voices of

them that were slain say- ing, †Why dost thou not a-

venge our blood? and they re-ceived a di-vine an- swer,

Wait yet a little while long- er, un-til the num- ber

of your breth- ren be ful-fil- led. ✕ I saw

be-neath the al-tar of God the souls of those made saints

for the Word of God which they had kept, and cry- ing with

a loud voice, they said. †Why dost thou.

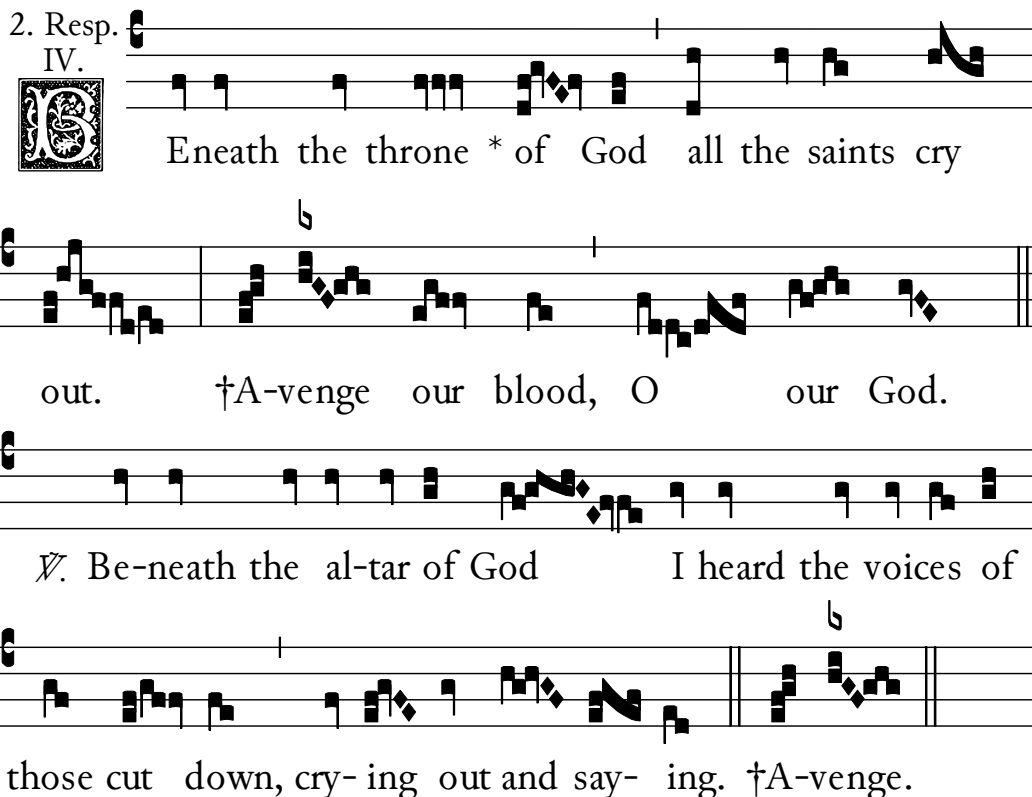
Lesson ij.

Herod occupying an earthly kingdom : assaileth the heavenly one. Coveting the earthly he invadeth the divine : and with all his impiety pursueth Piety himself. Having heard of the birth of the King, he resolved upon crime, ready for atrocity. He seeketh not the causes of innocence : denieth justice, and confoundeth right and wrong. To whom wickedness is a companion, to whom odiousness is equity, iniquity is always a friend : who liveth by slaughter, who fortifieth himself by bloodshed, who cultivateth cruelty, to whom by fear all standeth, nothing existeth through love. Then Herod blindly seeketh Christ with swords : he searcheth for him with blood, hunteth with cruelty. In fear of a successor : he advanceth against the Creator. He pursueth the innocents : wishing Innocence himself to perish. He maketh the cause of the Innocent One into an offense against innocents. The gift of Him who was born : he turneth into a punishment of those who were born. At the birth of the Creator : he delivereth to be slain the newborn ones. The work of salvation : he decreeth to be the crisis of those who are to be saved. Of whom

indeed the tongue was silent, the eyes saw nothing, the ears heard nothing, the hands made nothing : before Herod, merely that they were born was a crime. Christ, prescient of the future, conscious of the secrets, judge of thoughts, searcher of minds : why did he desert those which he knew were being sought on his account, who for his sake he had known would be killed ? Born the King of heaven, why did he neglect his innocent soldiers ? Why did he disregard the army of those of the same age as he ? Why did he thus abandon those posted to keep watch at their cradles ? Brethren, Christ did not despise his soldiers but advanced them : to whom he gave to triumph before to live, which he made to take victory without a struggle, to whom he gave crowns before their members, to whom he willed should overcome vices by virtues, to possess heaven sooner than earth. Therefore Christ sent his soldiers ahead : he did not dismiss them. He recovered his battle array, he did not abandon them. Blessed are they which, as we see, were born to martyrdom : not to the world. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Sub throno Dei.

2. Resp. IV.



Eneath the throne * of God all the saints cry
out. †A-venge our blood, O our God.

℣. Be-neath the al-tar of God I heard the voices of
those cut down, cry-ing out and say-ing. †A-venge.

Lesson iij.

Blessed are they who have exchanged labours for rest, pain for consolation : sorrow for joy. They live, they live ! How do they live ? Because they merited to be slain for Christ. Blessed are the wombs : which bore such. Blessed are the breasts : which flowed forth to such. Blessed art the tears which were shed for such : by weeping they conferred the grace of baptism. Therefore the child smiled at the slayer : the sword was made fun of by the infant, in place of the nurse the

suckling child turned to the dread of the murderer. The mothers bore : whatever came forth of anguish and grief. For passing through the members of the sons the sword pierced the hearts of the mothers : and it was necessary that they would be sharers of the oppression, who were sharers in the suffering. Indeed the martyrs shall not be without joy : who shed the tears of martyrdom. At this point let the listener attend, and let him understand that martyrdom is not established by merit : but it

cometh through grace. With infants, where nature itself was still held captive, what power of will was present, what authority? Concerning martyrdom therefore we owe all to God: nothing to ourselves. To conquer the Devil, is to give up the

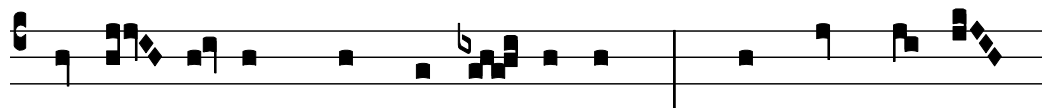
body, to disdain the flesh, to weigh the rack, to exhaust the torturer, to take glory from injuries, life from death: these come not of human strength, but are a divine gift. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Dignus a dignis.

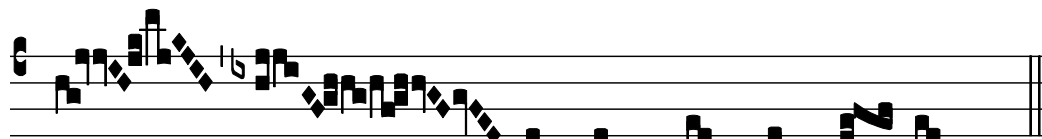
3. Resp.
I.



HE Wor- thy * by the worth-y is prais-ed. †And



the In-no-cent by the in-no-cent. ‡By their tes-ti-



mo- ny is he approv- ed.

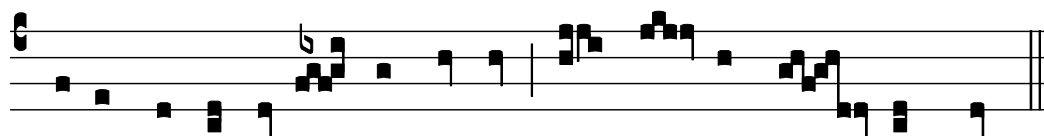


∇. For they re-ceive from Christ and render a-gain:

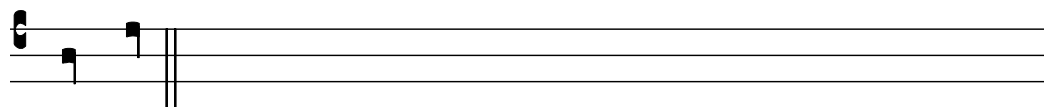


they at-tend on him and give back. †And the. ∇. Glo-ry

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



†By their.

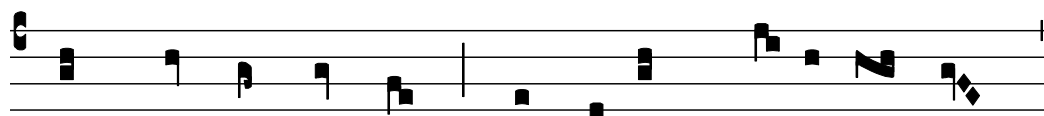
¶ *In the ij. Nocturn.*

Norunt infantes.

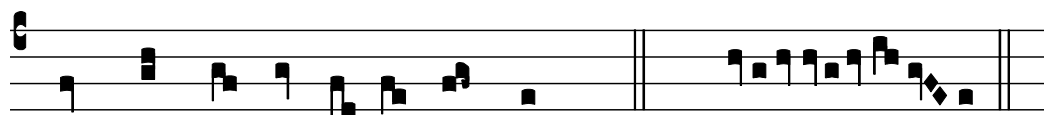
4. Ant.
IV.i.



HE infants knew * how to praise God, who had



known not how to speak : they be-came skil-led in praise,



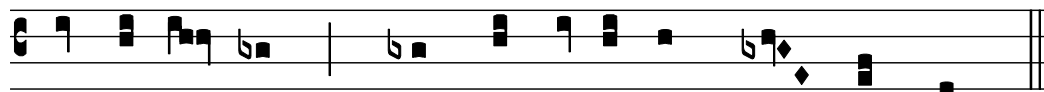
which had been igno-rant of speech. Ps. Lord, who shall dwell.
(15./xiv.) [30].

Erigitur itaque infantium.

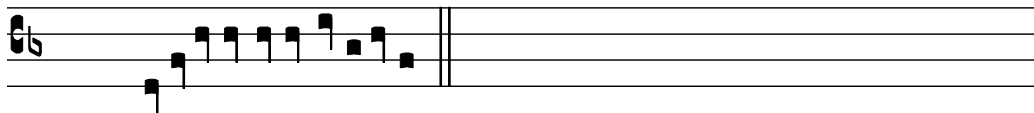
5. Ant.
V.i.



ND so a ge-ne-ration * of-in-fants was rais-ed



up into praise : which of offenses knew no guilt.



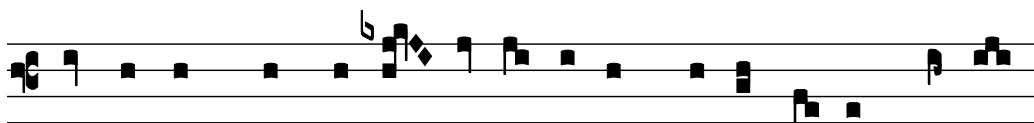
Ps. Preserve me, O God. (16./xv.) [33].

Dignus a dignis.

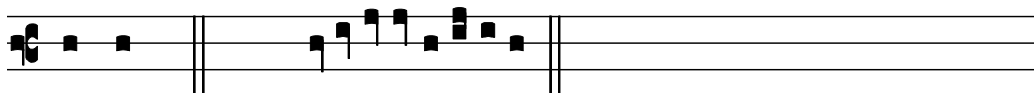
6. Ant.
VI.



HE Wor- thy * by the worthy is praised : and the



Inno-cent by the tes- timo-ny of the inno-cents is ap-



prov-ed. *Ps.* The earth is the Lord's. (24./xxij.) [124].

V. Let the righteous rejoice before God. *R.* And be delighted with gladness.

¶ *A Sermon of Blessed John the Bishop. Crysostom, Serm. 31. Lesson iiij.*

A new word is declared by the infants : to the glory of the Lord the innocents first openeth the voice. They are made eloquent in praise : which had been ignorant of speech. They offer the first offerings of speech to the Lord : by mouth they offer new fruit in sacrifice, in libation they pour out the first of words. Indeed the infants which by their age were by no means able to speak : resounded the grace of God with gladness. They knew how to praise


Christ, who had not known how to speak. They became skilled in praise : which had been ignorant of speech. They shewed forth the Lord in praise : they proclaimed Christ by their pleas. As yet without a master, the children became eloquent : learned without a teacher, skilled without an instructor. The infants, not knowing Christ, preached the Lord, which by no means had human persuasion taught : but which divinity inspired through innocence. Indeed

they which cease from human things are drawn up with divine things : because human things in themselves are unable to be useful, unless they be lifted up by divine solace. It is necessary indeed to yield earthly things, when heavenly things are proclaimed : for natural things to be silent, when virtues are speaking. And so a generation of infants was raised up into praise : which of offenses knew no guilt. The Worthy

by the worthy is praised : and the Innocent by the testimony of the innocents is approved. For they receive from Christ and render again : they attend on him and give back. Indeed at once they which have given receive again : and he who hath taken away giveth back. At the same time, I say, they are restored by Christ : while their praises are returned to him by the infants. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Effuderunt sanguinem.

4. Resp.
IV.



Hey have poured forth * the blood of the saints
like wa- ter. †Round a-bout Je- ru-sa-lem : and
there was none to bu- ry them. ✠. Avenge, O
Lord, the blood of thy Saints, which is pour- ed forth.
†Round a-bout.

Lesson v.

WE have spoken of the glory of the innocents. What shall we mention in praise of the sucklings ? The praise of which we are unable to find : unless we shall examine they themselves which have praised. Who are they, where are they, I ask, which have now obtained glory, which had been unable to speak ? Neither indeed were they able to attain the age which nature had not given : nor by such ones was able to be performed what instruction denied. For in fact they speak praises to the Lord : the sucklings who were slaughtered by Herod. Let them speak by blood : because by tongue they are not able. By suffering they sing : who have not known speech. In their death they proclaim : what in living they could not. Nor is it new what is said, that innocent blood returneth praise to God, or rather

showeth forth their sufferings : together with Abel let their blood cry out to heaven, and from the altar let the souls of the slain cry out to God. He hath gathered to the infant martyrs praise : to those which had been denied natural speech. He hath allowed those to cry out with blood : the voice of which was not granted speech. Their blood is permitted to speak, whose tongue doth not yet allow it. They engage in conversation with the Lord, those to whom human words are denied. Moreover by those innocents which were slain : were the words fulfilled of the prophet saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, weeping and lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children : and would not be comforted, because they are not. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Isti sunt sancti.

5. Resp.

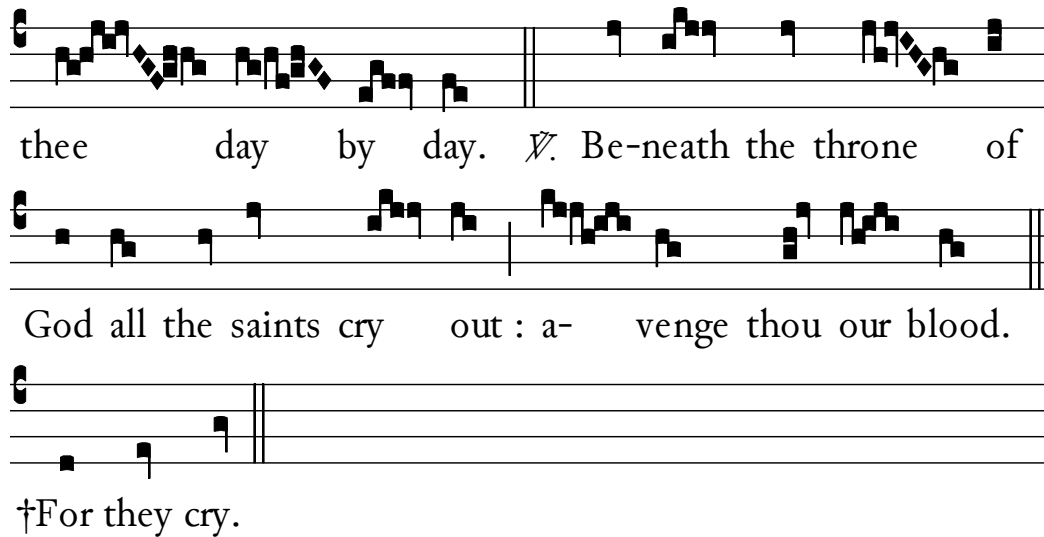
III.



Hese are the saints * who suffer-ed for thy sake,



O Lord, a-venge thou them. †For they cry unto



Lesson vj.

IN Rachel I observe two separate things : weeping, and disdain for consolation. While the situation is lamented by the mother : on the other hand, in hope of glory kindly consolation is disdained. The emotion of pity is declared in tears : but for the glory of the slain, rejection of consolation is declared. Emotion and faith battle in the mother : humanity contendeth with devotion. Humanity crieth bitterly : but devotion is consoled. To a mother indeed it was reasonably permitted to weep : to whom it was not reasonably permitted to want consolation. O blessed glory of sucklings : to which it hath befallen to be consecrated to martyrdom. Christ approveth the new army : he

crowneth the suckling legions that have gained the victory. They are made triumphant for Christ : which had been equal in age. The infants, I say, are made mighty without competition : victors without battle. They have learned to conquer : which knew not how to fight. They prove to be victors : which had been unwarlike in age. By martyrdom the reward was purchased, by blood they secured glory : for temporal death they exchanged everlasting life. Neither hath that brief lifetime feared death nor hath it dreaded it. Indeed it was not able to be afear'd : which had not learned how to fear. The infant Christ transmitteth the infants to heaven. He offereth new gifts to the Father : the first offerings of

produce are presented to the Creator. He showeth the future crop to be abundant : when he presenteth so much abundance in seed. Hostile brutality hath brought martyrdom to many infants : when it seeketh to kill the new born Christ. He presenteth kindness, while it slayeth. In fact it

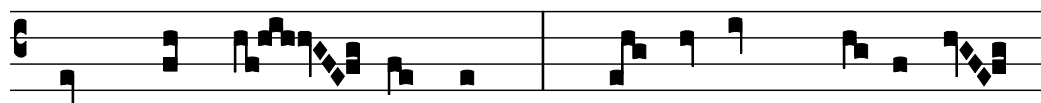
would have been jealous of their glory : if only it had loved. But some are of earthly battle : others of heavenly victory. In the battle of Christ, by dying one is alive, falling one is lifted up : victory is secured through untimely death. But thou O Lord have mercy upon us.

Norunt infantes.

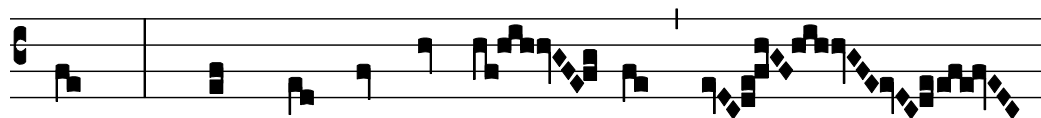
6. Resp.
VIII.



HE in-fants knew * how to praise God, who had



known not how to speak. † They be-came skil-led in



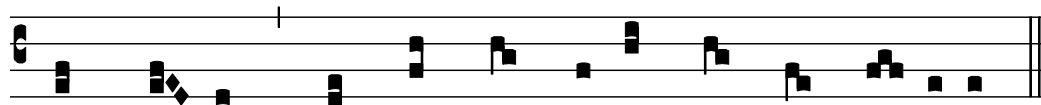
praise. ‡ Which had been ignorant of



speech. §. The blood is permitted to speak, whose

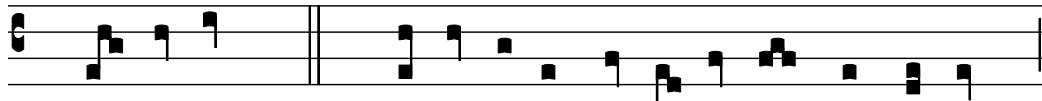


tongue doth not yet allow it : they engage in conversation




with the Lord, those to whom human words are denied.

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†They be-came. ✠. Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son :




and to the Ho-ly Ghost. ‡Which had been.

¶ *In the Third Nocturn.*

Dicunt infantes Domino.

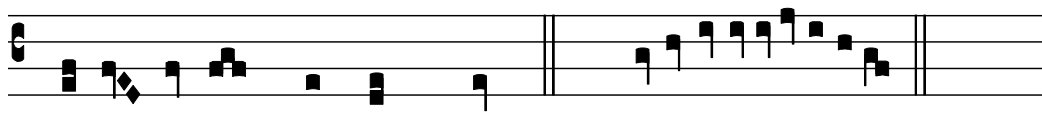
7. Ant.
VII.i.



HE infants speak praises * to the Lord, who were



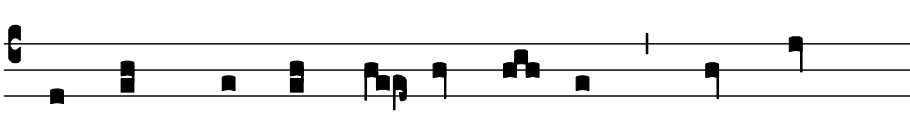
slaughter-ed by He-rod : in their death they pro-claim




what in liv-ing they could not. *Ps. Rejoice in the Lord.*
(33./xxxij.) [234].

Licuit sanguine loqui.

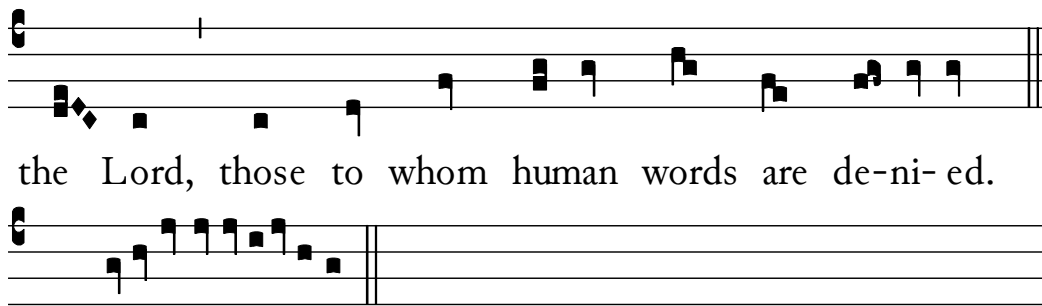
8. Ant.
VIII.i.



HE blood * is per mit- ted to speak, whose tongue



doth not yet al-low it, they engage in conversa-tion with



the Lord, those to whom human words are de-ni-ed.

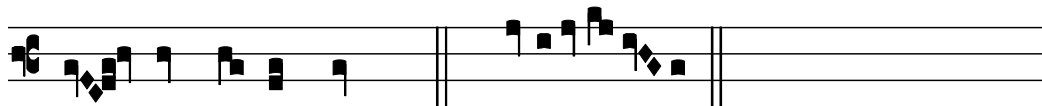
Ps. I will always give thanks. (34./xxxiiij.) [235].

Vindica Domine sanguinem.

9. Ant.
IV.i.



- venge, O Lord, the blood of thy Saints,



which is poured forth. *Ps.* O God, the heathen. (79.lxxviiij.) [348].

℟. The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God. ℞. And there shall no torment touch them.

¶ *Lesson from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, ij. : i-18.*



AT that time. The angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, sayintg, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word. And so forth.

*Homily of the Venerable Bede, Priest.
vij. j. book.*

*The words of the Gospel are read by a
Priest in a Surplice.*

IN the precious death of the innocent martyrs of Christ : is represented the precious death of all the martyrs of Christ. Indeed that the infants were slain : signifieth that through the merit of humility, is attained the glory of martyrdom. That they were killed in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof : sheweth

that not only in Judea where the Church had its beginning, but also in all the coasts of that same Church in whatsoever part of the world it was spread, persecution by the faithless would be raging, and the patience of the blessed would be crowned. Those which were slain at two years of age : indicate those perfect in teaching and devotion. Those however under that age : fortell the simple or ignorant ones which nevertheless hath not a feigned faith but are likewise in steadfast constancy.

That they were slain, but Christ who was sought had escaped alive : suggesteth at least that bodies are indeed able to be destroyed by the ungodly, but Christ for whom the whole persecution raged, could in no wise be taken from them, whether living or slain : but truly they are called to witness, because whether we live, we live unto the Lord : and whether we die, we die unto the Lord : for whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Isti sunt sancti.

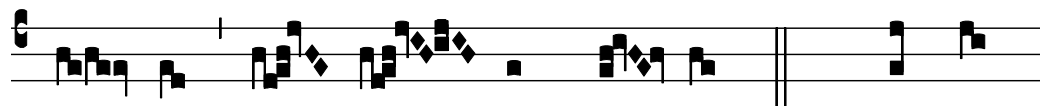
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VIII.



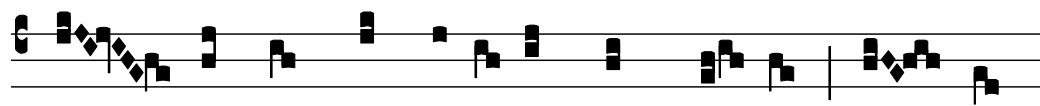
Hese are the saints which have not



de-fil- ed their gar-ments. †They shall walk with me



in white, for they are wor- thy. ✠. These are



they which are not de-fil- ed with wo-men : for they



are vi- gins. †They shall walk.

Lesson viij.

Moreover in the prophecy of Jeremiah is said, In Rama, that is, on high, was there a voice heard, lamentation and great mourning : this clearly denoteth that the mourning of the holy Church : by which she grieveth the unjust death of her members, doth not, as the enemies prattle, pass away into emptiness, but is taken up even to the throne of the heavenly Judge, and like that of the protomartyr Abel, so also the blood of the other martyrs crieth out from the earth unto the Lord. That Rachel is said to have lamented over her children, and not wished to be consoled because they are not : signifieth the Church indeed to lament the removal of the saints from this world, but she doth not wish therefore to be consoled, such that those which have overcome the world by death should return again, bearing

with her the strife of the world. Because without doubt they are not again called back into the world, from whose hardships they have once escaped to Christ for their crowning. By this, that the Lord, that he would not be slain by Herod, was taken away by his parents into Egypt, offereth an example, that the faithful should not hesitate to flee from the madness of persecutors where there is an opportunity to do so : seeing that they will remember that their God and Lord had done this. Accordingly he himself who would teach his own, When they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another : first did what he taught, fleeing from a man as a man, in the land which the star of heaven had pointed out to the Magi a little earlier. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Adoraverunt viventem.

8. Resp.
VII.



Hey worshipped him * that liv- eth for ev-er and
ev- er. †Casting their crowns be-fore the throne
of the Lord their God. ⁊. And they fell
down upon their fac-es be-fore the throne : and blessed
the one who liv-eth for ev- er and ev- er. †Casting.

Lesson ix.

That the children as had been slain in place of the Lord, not long after Herod met his death, and Joseph advised by the angel returned the child Jesus with his mother to the land of Israel : signifieth that all persecutions which shall be brought against the Church, will be avenged by the death of the persecutors themselves, the same persecutors will be punished, peace will be returned to the Church, and the saints which

were in hiding will return to their places. It is right, beloved brethren, that the first fruits of the martyrdom be venerated by today's feast, and let us think attentively of the eternal feast of the martyrs which is in heaven : and by following in their footsteps as much we are able, let us take care to become ourselves participants in the same heavenly feast (the Apostle testifying) because if we have been companions of His passion,

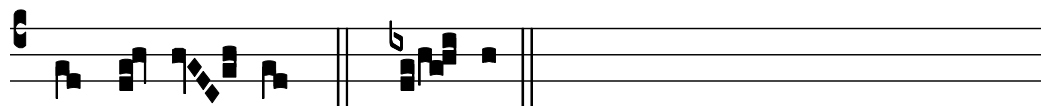
we shall be at the same time companions of His consolation. Neither should we so much mourn their death : as be glad of their securing the palm of righteousness. For the heavenly Jerusalem which is the mother of us all, when they have been driven out, had quickly received them into another life, by ministers of gladness in the way : and also had introduced them into the joy of the Lord to be crowned as his for ever. They stand (as John saith) before the throne of God being crowned : which once lay before the thrones of earthly judges, worn down by punishments. They stand in the sight of the Lamb, and on no account will they there be

separated from contemplating his glory : from whose love they could not here be separated by sufferings. In white robes they gleam, and they hold palms in their hands : who have the rewards of their works, while they take back again their bodies, which for the Lord's sake they suffered to bear all sorts of punishments and to be destroyed, glorified through resurrection. With a loud voice they sing of salvation from God : because they recall with great giving of thanks, that not by their virute but by his aid, have they overcome in the struggle with the tribulations besetting them. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

R. 9. An hundred and forty four thousand. *as above at Vespers 372. : and it is sung together with its Prose and with this Verse.*



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



the Ho-ly Ghost. †There-fore.

¶ *This Prose is sung in the Church of Sarum on account of the solemnity of the boys : elsewhere, however, in Parish Churches of course, the Prose is only sung at Vespers. But the Verse is sung at Matins where a Procession is not made.*

Then the Boy-Bishop in his seat intones the Te Deum. [53].

Before Lauds.

Then the Boy-Bishop immediately says the Versicle.

℣. But the righteous shall live for evermore. ℟. Their reward also is with the Lord.

¶ *At Lauds.*

Herodes iratus.

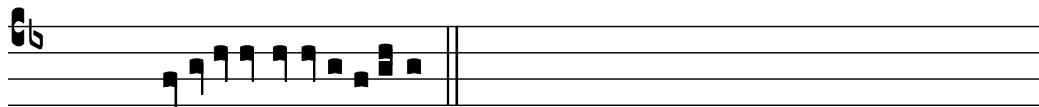
1. Ant.
I.i.



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



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



Ps. The Lord is King. (93./xcij.) [57].

A bimatu et infra.

2. Ant.
II.i.



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



He-rod slay, on account of the Lord. *Ps.* O be joyful.

(100./xcix.) [58].

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Vox in Rama.

3. Ant.
II.i.



N Rama was there a voice heard, * lamentation

and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children.

Ps. O God, thou art. (63. & 67/lxij. & lxvj) [59].

Sub throno Dei.

4. Ant.
VIII.ii.



Eneath the throne of God * all the saints cry out :

Avenge our blood, O our God. *Ps.* O all ye works.

(*Daniel iij.*) [61].

Laudes reddant pueri.

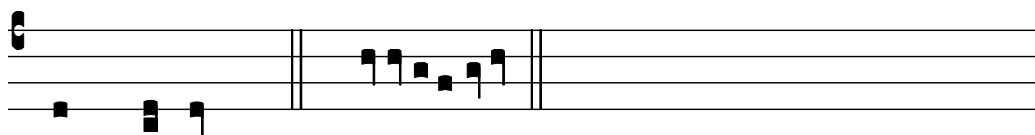
5. Ant.
I.iv.



Hildren now give * praises to thee, O King of Sa-ba-

oth : for through the tri- umph thou hast gained, the Inno-

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cents re-joyce. *Ps.* O praise the Lord. (*cxlviiij-cl.*) [63].

Chapter. Apocalypse xiv. : 1.

I looked, and lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand,

having his Father's name written in their foreheads. *R.* Thanks be to God.

Hymn. O glorious King. **XX.**

V. Wonderful is God in his saints. *R.* And glorious in his majesty. *The Response is not said aloud.*

Hi sunt qui cum mulieribus.

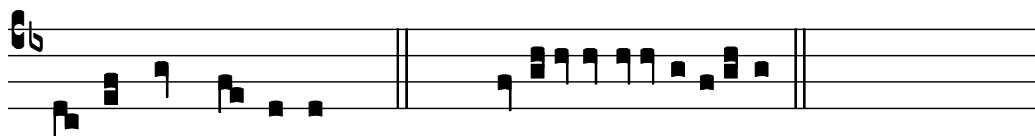
Ant.
Li.



Hese are they * which were not de-fil-ed with



wo-men, for they are virgins : and follow the Lamb whither-



so- ev-er he go-eth. *Ps.* Blessed be the Lord. 48*.

Prayer.

God, whose praise this day the Martyr-Innocents did confess, not by speaking but by dying : mortify all evil vices within us, that our lives may also declare the faith

which our tongues profess. Who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

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Nesciens mater virgo.

Ant.
VI.



He Virgin Mother, knowing no man, * brought forth,

without tra-vail, the Re-deemer of the world : he who is

King of the Angels, he a-lone was nourished by heaven-

-fil-led breasts.

℟. 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 of
thine only-begotten Son in the flesh
may deliver us : who are held by the

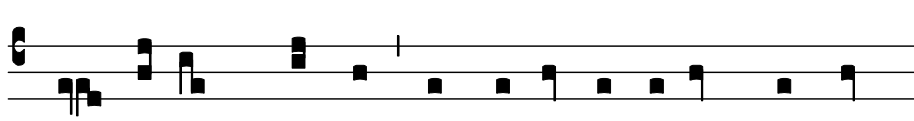
ancient bondage under the yoke of sin.
Through the same Jesus Christ Our
Lord. ℞. Amen.

Memorial of Saint Stephen.

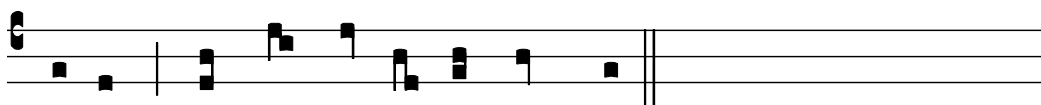
Where a Procession of the same has been made before.

Lapidverunt Stephanum.

Ant.
VIII.i.



Hey stoned * Stephen, as he cal-led upon the Lord

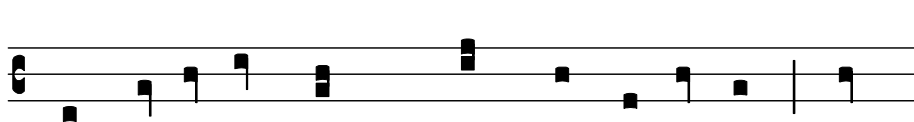


say-ing, Lay not this sin to their charge.

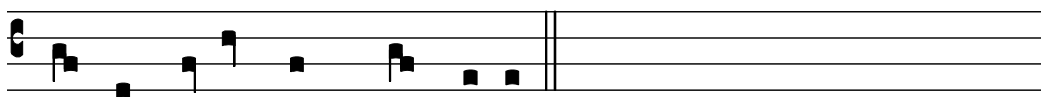
Where a Procession has not been made.

Lapides torrentes.

Ant.
VII.i.



He shower of stones * was sweet unto him : him



doth every righteous soul follow.

℟. The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree. ℟. He shall spread abroad
like a cedar in Libanus.

Prayer.

Grant us, O Lord, we beseech
thee, so to imitate that which
we hold in honour, that we may learn
to love our enemies, as we celebrate
the birthday of him who prayed even

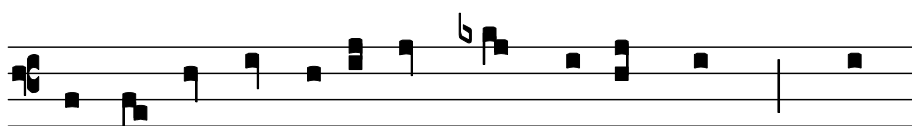
for his murderers to thy Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord. Who liveth and
reigneth with thee in the unity of the
Holy Ghost, one God, world without
end. ℟. Amen.

Memorial of Saint John.

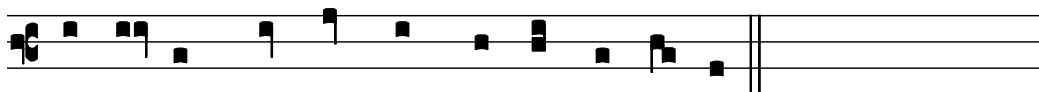
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Valde honorandus est.

Ant.
I.i.



Reatly to be honoured * is blessed John : who



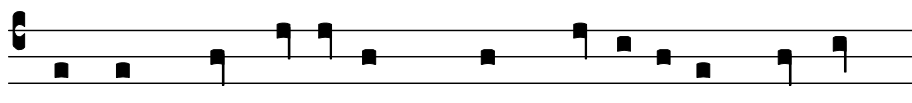
leaned on the breast of the Lord at supper.

℟. They declared the works of God. ℞. And wisely considered of his doings.

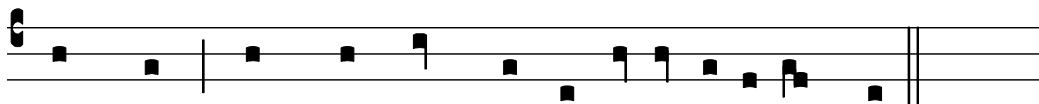
Where however a Procession has not been made.

Hic est discipulus.

Ant.
III.iv.



His is the disciple * which testi-fi-eth a-bout



these things : and we know that his testimony is true.

℟. Greatly to be honoured is blessed John. ℞. Who leaned on the breast of the Lord at supper.

Prayer.



F thy loving-kindness, O Lord,
we beseech thee to enlighten
thy Church : that, being illumined by
the teachings of blessed John thine
Apostle and Evangelist, she may

attain to everlasting gifts. 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.

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The Memorials said : the Boy-Bishop says the Blessing over the people, as indicated above after Compline. 375.

¶ *At j.*

Ant. Herod, being wroth. *j. of Lauds.* 400.

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

¶ *At iij.*

Ant. From two years old. *ij. of Lauds.* 400.

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

Chap. I looked, and lo. 402.

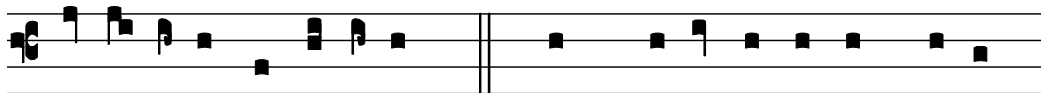
The Responsories and Verses of the Common of Many Martyrs are sung at all the hours with Alleluya. and the Responses to the Versicles are sung without Alleluya.

Letamini in Domino.

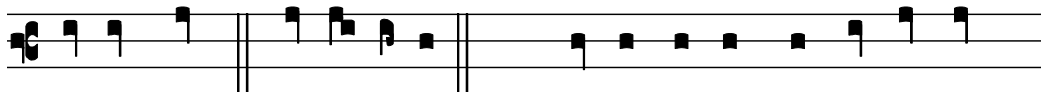
Resp.
VI.



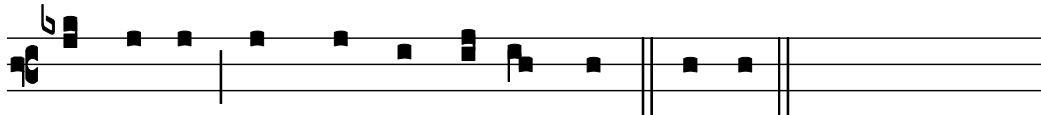
E glad, O ye righteous, and re-joyce in the Lord.



†Alle-lu-ya, al-le-lu-ya. *ij.* ⁊. And be joyful, all ye that are



true of heart. †Alle-lu-ya. ⁊. Glo-ry be to the Father, and



to the Son : and to the Ho-ly Ghost. Be glad.

The Boy-Bishop in his Seat at all the Hours says the Prayer with Dominus vobiscum. and with Benedicamus Domino.

¶ *At vj.*

Ant. In Rama was there a voice heard. *iiij. of Lauds.* 401.

Ps. My soul hath longed. (119. vj./cxviii. vj.) [197].

Chapter. Apocalypse 14. : 4.

T Hese are they which were not defiled with women : for they	are virgins. <i>R.</i> Thanks be to God.
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¶ *At None.*

Ant. Beneath the throne of God. *iiij. of Lauds.* 401.

Ps. Thy testimonies. (119. ix./cxviii. ix.) [215].

Chapter. Apocalypse 14. : 4, 5.

T Hese were redeemed from among men, being the first- fruits unto God and to the Lamb.	And in their mouth was found no guile. <i>R.</i> Thanks be to God.
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¶ *At Vespers.*

Antiphons and Psalms as on Second Vespers of the Nativity. 283.

Chapter. Apocalypse xiv. : 1.

I looked, and lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand,	having his Father's name written in their foreheads. <i>R.</i> Thanks be to God.
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R. An hundred and forty four thousand. 372.

¶ *This Responsory is begun by a single Boy at the Quire Step in a Silken Cope, and its Verse is sung by all the boys in Surplices in the place of the boys, together with the Prose if it is decided : and likewise with Gloria Patri.*

Hymn. O glorious King. **XX.**

V. Wonderful is God in his saints. *R.* And glorious in his majesty. *The Response is not said aloud.*

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Ecce vide Agnum.

Ant.
I.v.



Ehold, I saw * the Lamb standing upon the mount

Si-on : and with him thousands of saints : and they had

his Name, and the name of his Fa-ther writ- ten

on their foreheads. *Ps.* My soul doth magnify. 46*.

Prayer.



God, whose praise this day the
Martyr-Innocents did confess,
not by speaking but by dying :
mortify all evil vices within us, that
our lives may also declare the faith

which our tongues profess. Who
livest and reignest with God the
Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost,
one God, world without end. *Rx.*
Amen.

Memorial of the Nativity.

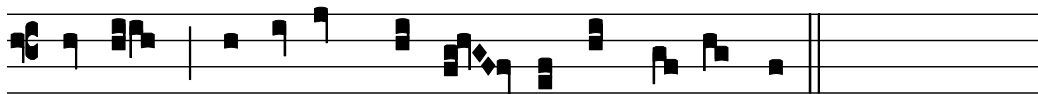
Virgo verbo concepit.

Ant.
II.i.



Virgin by a word * conceived, a Virgin she re-

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mained : a Virgin she bare the King of all kings.

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

Prayer.

Grant, we beseech thee, almighty
God, that the new birth of
thine only-begotten Son in the flesh
may deliver us : who are held by the

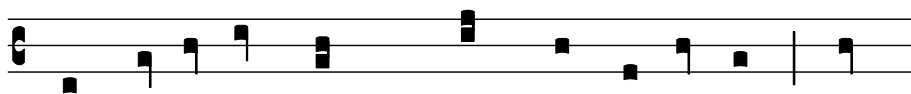
ancient bondage under the yoke of sin.
Through the same Jesus Christ Our
Lord. ℟. Amen.

Memorial of Saint Stephen.

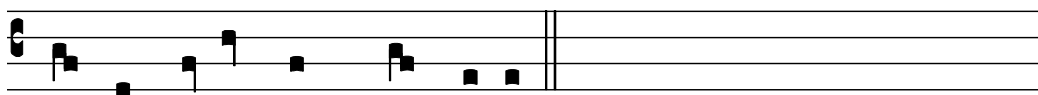
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Lapides torrentes.

Ant.
VII.i.



He shower of stones * was sweet unto him : him



doth every righteous soul follow.

Where however a Procession was not made.

Adhesit anima mea.

Ant.
VIII.i.



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



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

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

Prayer.

GRant us, O Lord, we beseech thee, so to imitate that which we hold in honour, that we may learn to love our enemies, as we celebrate the birthday of him who prayed even

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

Memorial of Saint John.

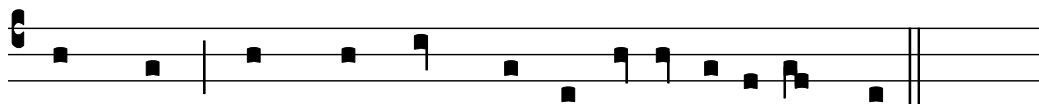
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Hic est discipulus.

Ant.
III.iv.



His is that disciple * who giv-eth testimony of



these things : and we know that his testimony is true.

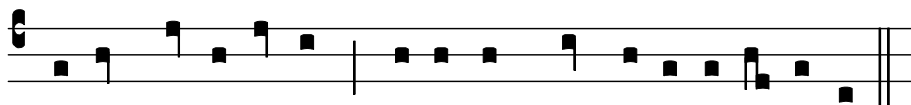
Where however a Procession was not made.

Hic est discipulus meus.

Ant.
III.iv.



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



℟. Greatly to be honoured is blessed John. ℞. Who leaned on the breast of the Lord at supper.

Prayer.

OF thy loving-kindness, O Lord,
we beseech thee to enlighten
thy Church : that, being illumined by
the teachings of blessed John thine
Apostle and Evangelist, she may

attain to everlasting gifts. 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.

*Afterwards the Boy-Bishop receives the staff from the Crucifer : and sings the Ant. O
thou head of the Church. as at First Vespers. 375.*

*And likewise the Boy-Bishop blesses the people in the aforementioned way. And thus is
concluded the Office of the boys on this day.*

Procession to the Altar of St. Thomas the Martyr.

*Then is made a Procession to the Altar of St. Thomas the Martyr without changing
Vestments, and without Tapers in the hands : while singing this Responsory begun by the
Cantor.*

Jacet granum.

Resp.
V.



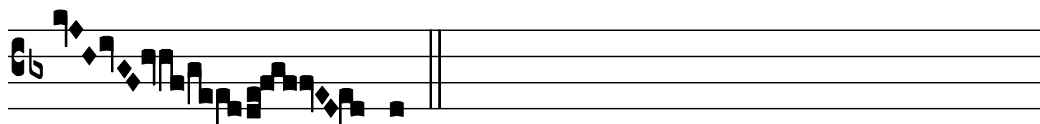
HE grain * of wheat li- eth smo- ther-ed by the



chaff : the just man slain by the sword of sin- ners.



†Exchang- ing his house of clay for hea-



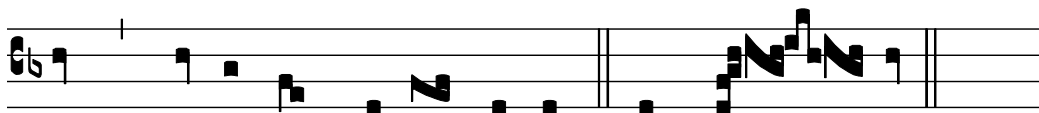
ven.

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Three Clerks sing the Verse.



℣. The vine-keeper fall-eth in the vineyard : The leader in his



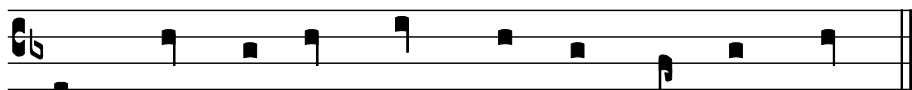
camp, the husbandman in the field. †Exchang- ing.

Then the Prose is sung by all who wish in Surplices before the Altar.

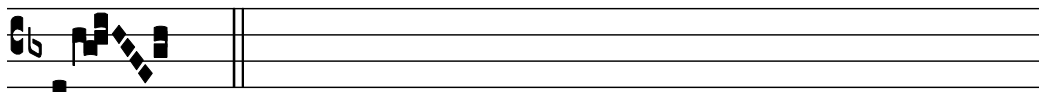
Clangat pastor.

Prosa.

V.

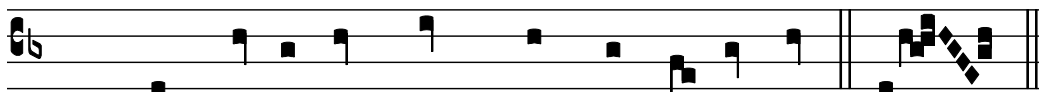


ET the Shepherd sound out on trumpet- horn.

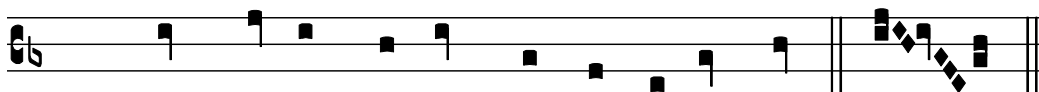


℟.

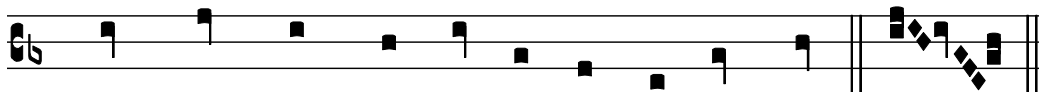
The Choir repeats the melody of the Prose after each Verse on the vowel ℟.



℣. That the vineyard of Christ has to be free. ℟.

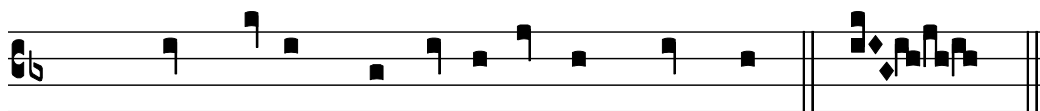


℣. Which he took on in the mantle of flesh. ℟.

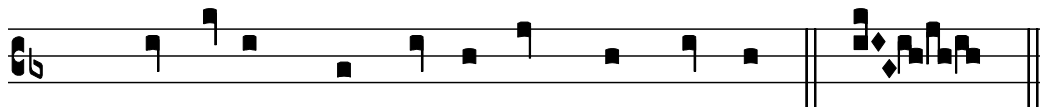


℣. And hath made free by the blood of his Cross. ℟.

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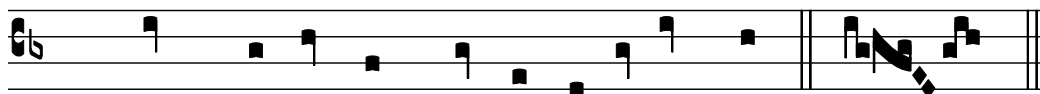
℣. Wrongdo-ing, adversa-ry of the sheep. ℑ.



℣. Bloodi-eth by murder of the shepherd. ℑ.



℣. The marble floors of Christ's sanctu-a-ry. ℑ.



℣. With the red of the consecra-ted gore. ℑ.



℣. The Martyr decked in life's crown of laurel. ℑ.



℣. Like a wheat-grain winnowed from the chaff. ℑ.



℣. Is gather'd into heaven's gra-na-ry. †Exchang- ing.


¶ And it is understood that throughout the whole year this Prose is not sung except only in this Procession and in the Procession before the Mass if it falls on a Sunday.

At this Procession is not sung Gloria Patri. but while the Prose is sung a Priest censes the Altar : and then the image of Blessed Thomas the Martyr and afterwards says in a moderate voice the Versicle, Pray for us, O blessed Thomas. ℣. That we may be

made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Prayer.

 God, for the sake of whose Church the glorious Bishop Thomas fell by the swords of ungodly men : grant, we beseech thee, that all who implore his aid may obtain the saving fulfilment 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.

While returning is sung a R. or an Antiphon of St. Mary. XX

Where however a Procession of St. Thomas is not made : then is made first a Memorial of the same before the Memorial of the Nativity and the other Memorials with this Antiphon.

Pastor cesus.

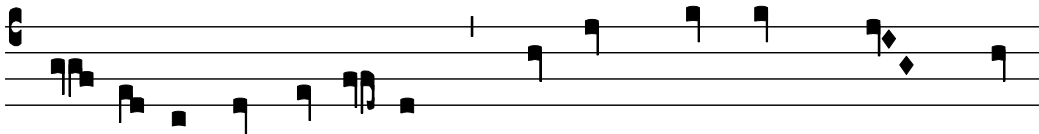
Ant.
I.v.



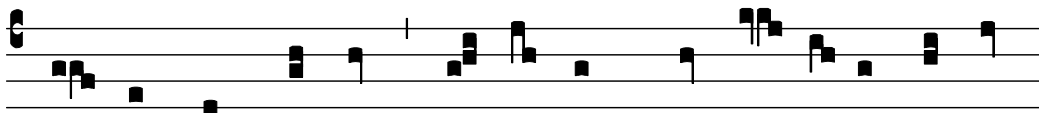
HE shep-herd * slain in the midst of his flock,



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

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

V. and Prayer as above.

¶ The following Antiphons are sung at the Memorial of the Innocents during the Octave, which having been sung, then are sung the Antiphons of Lauds : and afterwards those of the Nocturns.

Laverunt stolas suas.

Ant.

I.v.



Hey have washed their robes : and made them



white in the blood of the Lamb.

Ambulabant mecum in albis.

Ant.

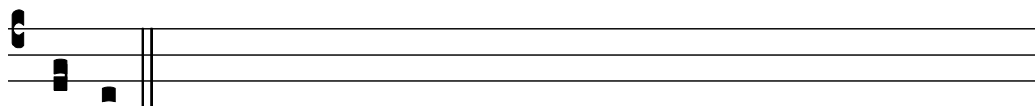
IV.i.



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.

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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.