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☩ *Daily during the Octave.*

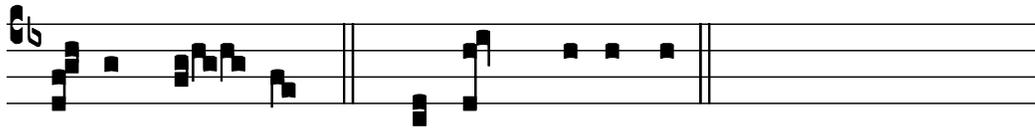
At Matins.

Christus apparuit nobis.

Invit.
IV.iii.



C Hrist * hath appear- ed unto us. †O come,

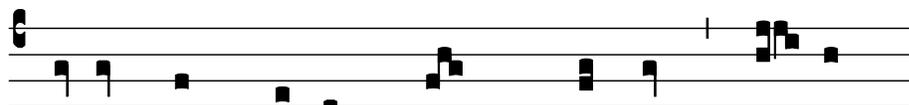


let us wor- ship. *Ps.* O come, let us sing. 17*.

☩ *Let the following Melody be sung on this Hymn within the Octave whether at Matins or at Vespers except on Sunday and on the Octave-Day.*

Hostis Herodes impie.

Hymn.
VIII.



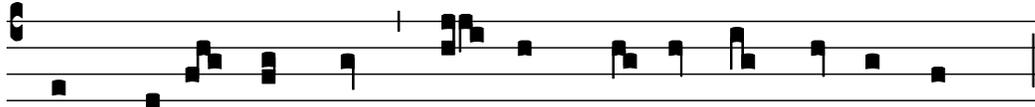
C HY, impious He-rod, should'st thou fear * Be- cause



the Christ is come so near ? He who doth heavenly kingdoms

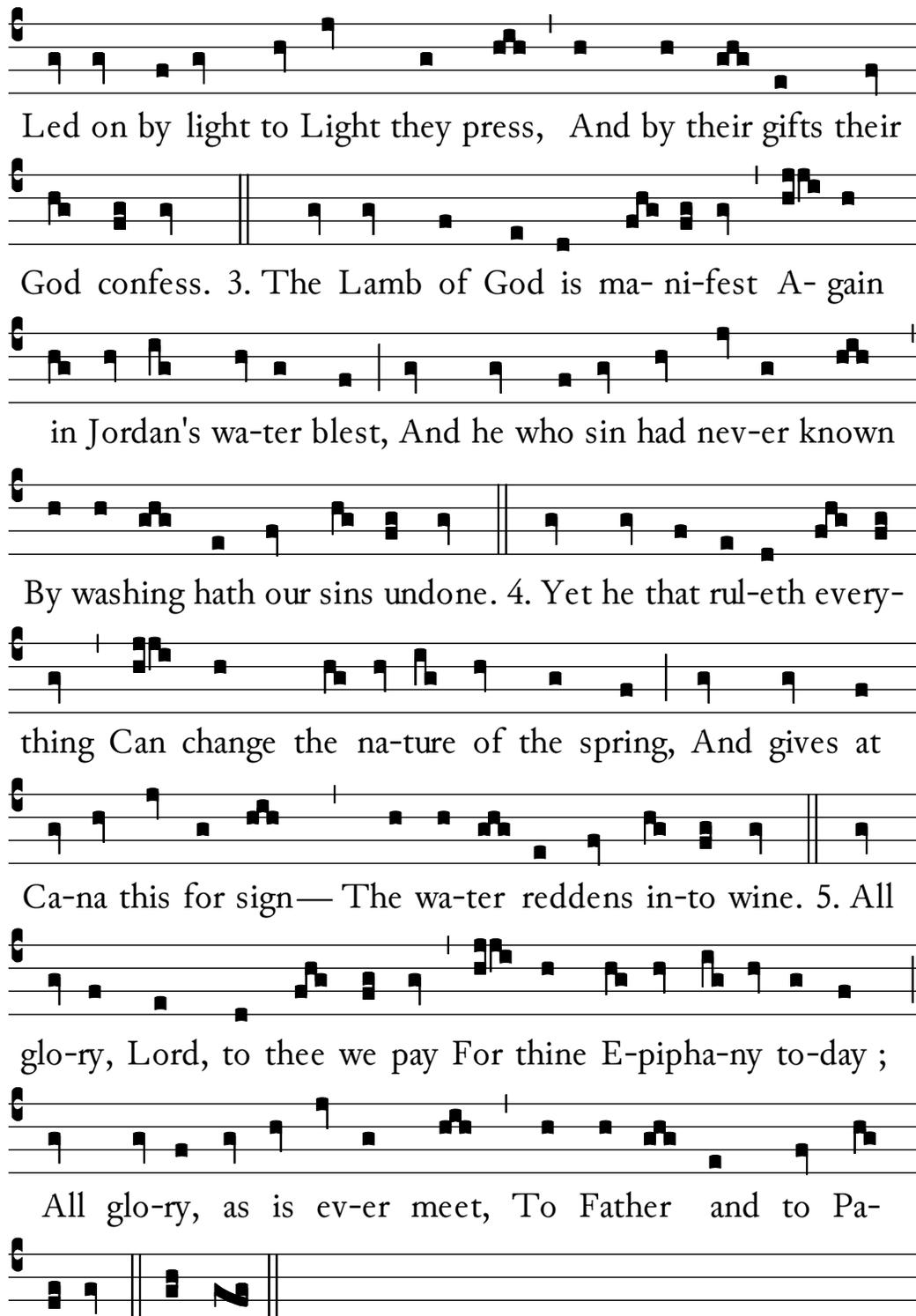


grant Thine earthly realm can nev-er want. 2. Lo, sag-es



from the East are gone To where the star hath newly shone :

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Led on by light to Light they press, And by their gifts their
God confess. 3. The Lamb of God is ma-ni-fest A-gain
in Jordan's wa-ter blest, And he who sin had nev-er known
By washing hath our sins undone. 4. Yet he that rul-eth every-
thing Can change the na-ture of the spring, And gives at
Ca-na this for sign— The wa-ter reddens in-to wine. 5. All
glo-ry, Lord, to thee we pay For thine E-pipha-ny to-day ;
All glo-ry, as is ev-er meet, To Father and to Pa-
raclete. Amen.

Ant. Bring unto the Lord. 585. *Ps.* The same. (*Ps.* 29./xxvii.) [220]. and the other Antiphons together with their Psalms are sung as on the first day : except for the sixth which will be The man is born. 592. *Ps.* Her foundations. (87./lxxxvj.) [361]. in place of the Psalm O come, let us sing. (95./xcv.)

¶ The Second Day.

At Matins.

℣. All they from Saba. 587.

Lessons from a Sermon of Blessed Leo, Pope.

Lesson j.

Rejoice in the Lord, dearly beloved, and again I say rejoice : seeing that in a brief interval of time after the solemnity of the Nativity of Christ the feast of his Manifestation begins to dawn. And he who on that day was born of a Virgin : on this is acknowledged by the world. Indeed the Word being made flesh thus ordered the beginning of his undertaking unto us : that Jesus' birth was manifested unto believers, and hidden from persecutors. Then indeed therefore the heavens declared

the glory of God, and into all lands went out the sound of truth : while a host of angels, the herald of the arising Saviour, appeared to the shepherds, and a star going before led the wise men to worship him, so that from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof the begetting of the true King might shine forth, while the true faith might come to be known to the kingdoms of the east by the wise men : and not be hidden from the Roman empire. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

℣. Shine ! Shine ! O Jerusalem. *j.* 588.

Lesson ij.

IN as much as the rage of Herod wanting to extinguish the beginnings of the King whom he feared : unknowingly served this

dispensation : that while he was intent on pursuing the savage deed, not knowing the child, he brought about the indiscriminate massacre of

the infants : the birth of the Ruler announced from heaven was marked everywhere the rumor was spoken : which signs from heaven made the news : and the impiety of the bloodthirsty persecutor to be quickly and diligently related. But then moreover the Saviour was also brought into Egypt that a nation, given over to ancient errors : now through salvation near at hand was summoned by hidden grace, and which had not yet cast away superstition from its mind : now accepted Truth as its guest. Rightly

R. All they from Saba. *ij.* 589.

Lesson iij.

FOR who were more blind, who had a more alien light : than those priests and scribes of the Israelites : which, wholly stubborn to the wise men, and to the inquiry of Herod where according to the testimonies of the scriptures the Christ would be born : answered this with prophetic words, which the star from heaven revealed ? One certainly could have overlooked the significance of the leading of wise men from Jerusalem through to the birthplace of the child (as a little later was done) : except that it had pertained to

therefore, dearly beloved, this day hath been consecrated by the appearing of the Lord, and hath obtained particular dignity throughout the whole world. Which ought to be worthy of the splendour shone brilliantly into our hearts, that the order of events that we revere, not only shall be believed : but also shall be understood. For as much as we ought to give thanks to God for the enlightening of the gentiles : it demonstrateth also the blindness of the Jews. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

the confounding of the hardness of the Jews, that not only by the leading of a star : but also by their profession they had come to know the nativity of the Saviour. Now therefore the prophetic word hath passed to the teaching of the Gentiles, and strange hearts have sought to learn what the ancient oracles foretold of Christ : while the faithlessness of the Jews hath brought forward truth by mouth : but retained falsehood by heart. They were indeed unwilling to recognize by eyes what was revealed by the sacred books, that he, whom

they did not worship in the lowliness
of humble infancy : later they would
crucify in the gleaming loftiness of his

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

R. The kings of Tharsis. *ijj.* 590.

Daily during the Octave and on the Octave is sung the Psalm Te Deum. [53].

And always before Lauds is said the V. All they from Saba. 587. *except when it is said
before the Lessons : then indeed is said the V.* The kings of Tharsis. 592.

¶ *At Lauds.*

This single Antiphon Before the morning star. 609.

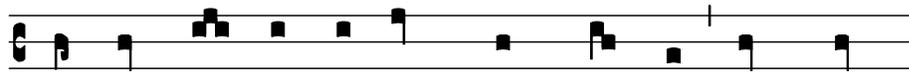
Ps. The Lord is King. (93./xcij.) [57].

Chapter, Hymn, and Versicle as on the first day. 611.

*These following Antiphons are sung during the Octave on the Pss. Benedictus. and
Magnificat. and no other : with frequent repetition, except on Sunday within the Octave.*

Stella ista sicut flamma.

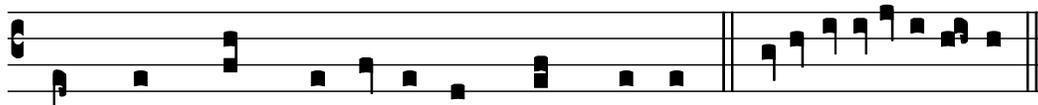
Ant.
VII.v.



Onder star * like a flame doth glimmer, and doth



point out God, the King of kings : the wise men saw it,



and to Christ they offer-ed their pre-sents. Amen.

During the Octave of the Epiphany.

Videntes stellam magi.

Ant.
VII.i.



Seeing the star, * the wise men re-joiced with exceed-



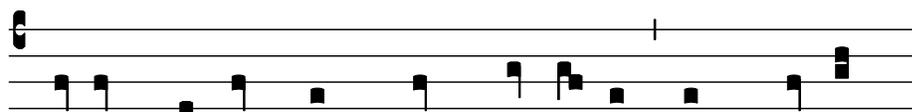
ing great joy : and enter-ing in-to the house, they offer-ed



unto the Lord gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Amen.

Vox de celis sonuit.

Ant.
IV.i.



voice re-sounded * from the heavens, and the voice



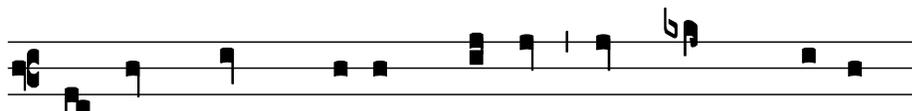
of the Father was heard : This is my be-lov-ed Son, in whom



I am well pleas-ed : hearken unto him. Amen.

Admoniti magi in somnis.

Ant.
I.i.

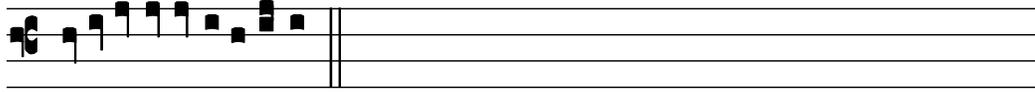


THE wise men, * be-ing warned * in dreams by an

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Angel, re-turnd by an-oth-er way into their own country.



Amen.

And let always be said within the Octave this Prayer O God, who on this day. 565.

Never indeed through the whole year let be omitted these words on this day. of the Prayer through the whole Octave. Nevertheless whenever such Prayers are said outside the Octave let these words be entirely omitted.

On Sunday within the Octave and on the Octave itself let be sung the Antiphons on the Pss. Magnificat. and Benedictus. as on the first day : and always with this Prayer, O God, who on this day.

No Memorial is made of All Saints at Vespers nor at Lauds of the day during the Octave when the Choir is ruled.

Let a Memorial of Saint Mary be made daily during the Octave at Vespers with this Antiphon When thou wast born. 511. and at Lauds with this Antiphon Behold, Mary hath borne. 512. together with the Versicle and Prayer as indicated above.

If any Feast of Saints of iij. Lessons should fall within the Octave, let nothing be made of the Feast except only a Memorial at Vespers and at Lauds and at Mass.

¶ At j.

Ant. Before the morning star. 609.

Ps. Save me, O God. (54./liij.) [124].

Ant. Thee all thy creatures. [133].

Ps. Quicunque vult. [134].

At Terce and at the other Hours.

¶ *At iij. and at the other Hours, the Antiphons, Chapters, Responsories, and Versicles are said as on the first day : with the Prayer O God, who on this day. 616.*

¶ *At Vespers.*

Ant. In the day of thy power. 283.

Ps. The Lord said. (110./cix.) [416].

Chap. Arise, shine. 619.

Hymn. Why, impious Herod. 582. or 623.

℟̄. All they from Saba shall come. *℞̄.* They shall bring gold and incense : and shall shew forth the praises of the Lord. *The Response should not be said aloud.*

On the Ps. Magnificat. let be sung one of the aforementioned Antiphons in order. 627.

Prayer. O God, who on this day. 565.

Memorial of the Martyrs Lucian and his companions.

At this Vespers let be made a Memorial of the Martyrs Lucian and his companions.

Ant. In heaven the souls. [950].

℟̄. Be glad, O ye righteous. [950].

Prayer from the Common of Many Martyrs not Bishops. [951].

Then let be made a Memorial of Saint Mary. [443].

¶ *The Third Day.*

On the Third day and the other days within the Octave let the Invitatory, Hymn, Antiphons and Psalms be sung as on the preceding day.

At Matins.

℟̄. The kings of Tharsis and of the Isles shall give presents. *℞̄.* The kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.

Lessons from a Sermon of Blessed Maximus, Bishop.

Lesson j.



E have heard, beloved brethren, in the reading of the Gospel the recitation of the saving mysteries of the present day, ye have heard in what way Christ the Lord who hath come secretly into

this world, little by little vouchsafed to reveal his majesty to mortals : although, beloved, the heavenly light was unable to hide among the shadows of the world. And indeed when the earth had not yet become

aware of his visitation : and heaven its joys and the whole world happiness, it was declared in silence to the amazed Chaldaens by a star. And while by what, or if you will in as much as, he was not yet able to be seen by the unbelievers of Judea : even then his glory was stirred up by signs in the heavens that the heathen perceived. For a new star : shewed forth the arrival of a new man. And thus it was indeed new, that God the Son was himself clothed in flesh without fleshly generation : and according to

man had a time of begetting which according to God had no beginning of birth. Without doubt it was new that for the only begotten of the Most High whom heaven could not contain : the lowly manger of a small hut sufficed. New it was, that he who ruled in the heavens with God the Father : contained by an earthly mother, should give himself to the crying of infancy in swaddling clothes. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

℞. Wise men came. *iiij.* 593.

Lesson ij.

LET us therefore be joyful, brethren, and let us rejoice together : because for us Christ was born from a woman, for us he lay in a manger, for us he cried in the cradle, upon us he smiled in the star. Indeed he accomplished all for us : whatsoever the Saviour of men did with regard to man. And so saith the words of the Gospel, Behold indeed there arrived wise men from the east to Jerusalem. Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews ? We have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. How long, O most hard Jew, persisteth thee, with

dull ears, with closed eyes, and with unfaithful heart ? Behold now after those proclimations of the patriarchs, after the prophecies of the prophets : Christ was made known to the Gentiles. If thou refuse to believe in thy fathers, which from the beginning of the world sang the coming of the eternal King with countless sacred voices : believe finally rather by these which bear witness of the child not as yet after the time of the birth, but now with thee and to thee. How great a deadly loathing of obstinacy is in thy breast, that thou alone wouldst not accept what is spoken by all, thou

alone wouldst run away from what the universe believeth, thou alone would surely disdain to see what shineth forth from heaven ? Amongst thee a Virgin conceived : and thy virgin birth the outsider

discerneth. Angelic voices are not able to convince thee of thy salvation : yet a star led the Chaldeans towards thy Christ. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

R. Herod inquired of the wise men. *v.* 595.

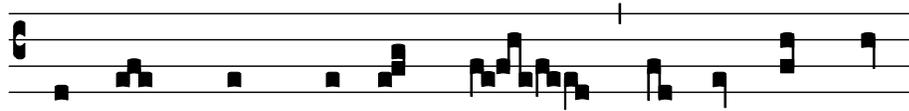
Lesson iij.

WHere (say the wise men) is he that is born King of the Jews ? We have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. In this was fulfilled that which was predicted in prophetic words, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see : and they that have not heard shall understand. For behold, the Chaldean which neither had known the report of Christ, nor had heard : saw the star of Christ, and understood him to appear by that star. Thus the wise men worship the Lord and offer him gifts : that it might be fulfilled which was said by the prophets, especially by David, Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people : ascribe unto the Lord glory and

honour. Unto the Lord and again unto the Lord he saith : the one to be the Lord according to God, and the other the Lord according to man, the mystical discourse declareth. He who indeed is God : is the Creator of the world. He however who is man : is the Redeemer of the world. How therefore, and not by privilege of whichever substance, is Christ Lord of all, who hath subjugated the whole to himself whether by creation or by redemption ? Ascribe (he saith) unto the Lord : glory and honour. Honour therefore, beloved, is because the Gentiles offer gifts : glory because they worship. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

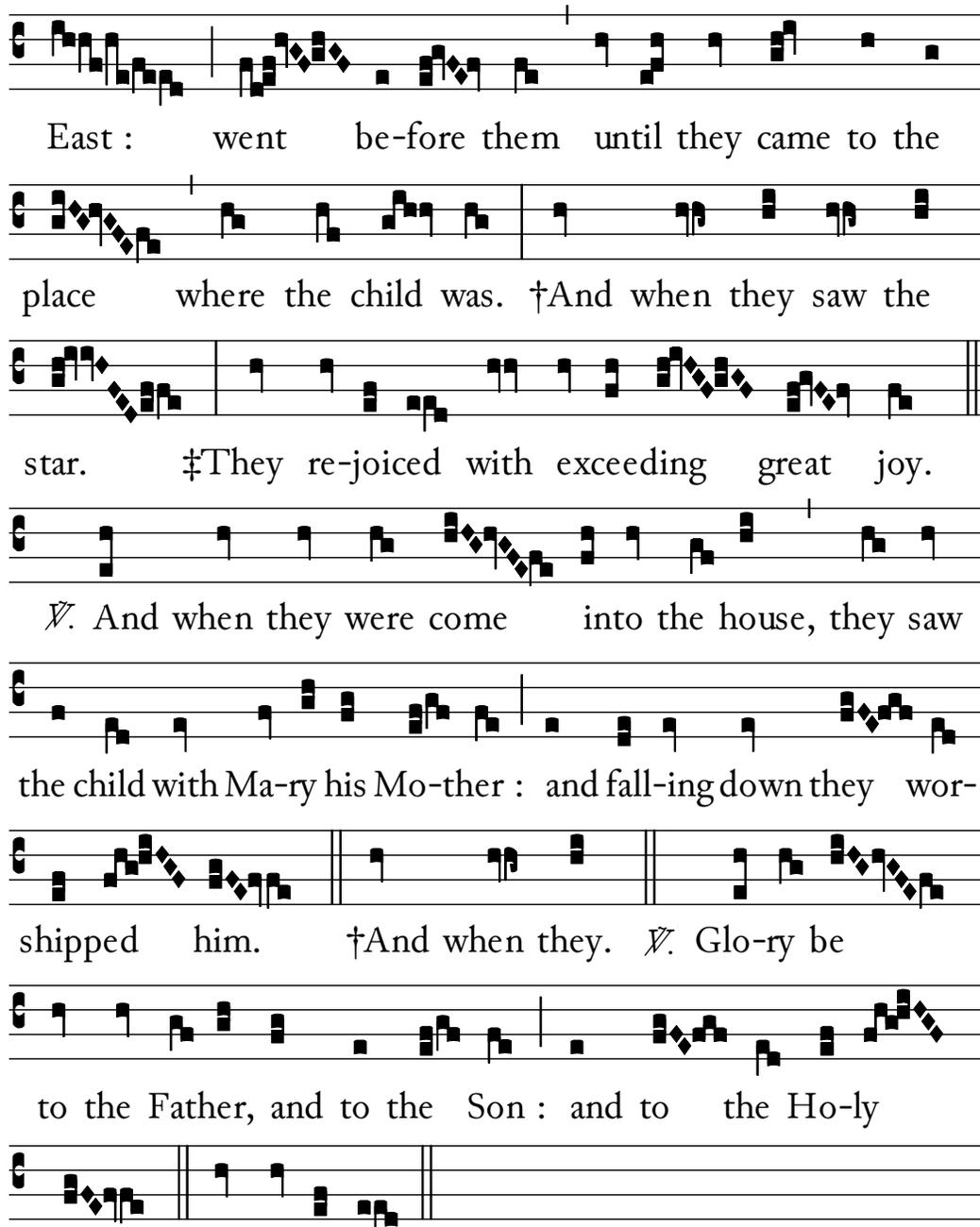
Stella quam viderant.

Resp.
VIII.



HE star * which the wise men had seen in the

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East : went be-fore them until they came to the
place where the child was. †And when they saw the
star. ‡They re-joiced with exceeding great joy.
∇. And when they were come into the house, they saw
the child with Ma-ry his Mo-ther : and fall-ing down they wor-
shipped him. †And when they. ∇. Glo-ry be
to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Ho-ly
Ghost. ‡They re-joiced.

The Versicle before Lauds and all the rest as is noted above on the first day. 609.

Memorial of the Martyrs Lucian &c.

Ant. The souls of the righteous. [973]. *℣.* Wonderful is God in his saints. [989]. *Prayer from the Common.* [990].

¶ *The Fourth Day.*

At Matins.

Before the Lessons *℣.* All nations whom thou hast made. *℞.* Shall come and worship before thee.

Lessons from a Sermon of Blessed Maximus, Bishop.

Lesson j.

 Aith the prophets, especially Isaiah, as ye have heard, beloved, Shine, shine, O Jerusalem, thy light is near indeed, and the majesty of the Lord is risen in thee. To be sure, plainly Jerusalem is to be a faithful city. Hence, brethren, we who have begun to enter into the gates of the heavenly Jerusalem, illuminated by the saving sacrament, in the sight of our God, in new joy, it is necessary that we rejoice : because on this day a new star hath revealed a new man to the world. Certainly this day Christ Jesus came

from the Father, God and man born of a woman : in which appearance the worshiping Chaldeans declared the faith of the Gentiles. Who although he would veil his divinity under the shadow of our body : nevertheless is that God which produced the heaven, and which became acquainted with the earth. Humbly indeed, but wonderfully he cometh : who together in the same did both take up true flesh, and shone forth the ineffable nature of the Deity. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

℞. This day when in the Jordan. *vij.* 599.

Lesson ij.

 Although earthly cradles received him that was born : still by no means was he testified by an earthly,

but by a heavenly sign. For he lay in a cradle : but it shone forth from the sky. He cried among the Jews : and

reigned among the Gentiles. In Bethlehem he was nursed by his mother, and in Chaldea he was worshipped by the wise men. Saith the most blessed Evangelist Matthew, Behold there arrived wise men from the east saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews ? How rightly they are said to hasten from the orient, who come worshipping the eternal Dayspring : of whom it is said, And the Dayspring from on high hath visited us : to give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death. Then the Chal-

deans subjoin, We have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. Behold, they say, we have seen his star. Rightly of that one, because even if all the other stars were created by him, yet properly this one of Christ was that which in particular announced his coming. And, indeed, the rest of the stars were made that the times and courses of the world might be distinguished : this one however was appointed to come forth when the time was come to shew himself the Lord of the world and of the kingdom of heaven.

R. This blessed day. *vij.* 600.

Lesson iij.

THus the wise men say, We have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. Behold Christ, whom those, not having, wish to have and strive to find. The Jew fleeth from his God : the pagan seeketh. What the neighbour doth not recognize : the foreigner understandeth. The Gentile seeth the star of Christ and cometh : the Jew seeth and refuseth. As it was read, He came unto his own : and his own received him not. Truly Judea, stubborn and blinded by its unbelief, did not see what the star illuminated :

nor was it able to hear what the angels shouted out. Therefore they were inquiring of the wise men and saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews ? Herod was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. The king was disturbed, fearing for his reign, I believe, not knowing that Christ came not to attack but to save his kingdom : and that no one would inflict death who was the life of all. And when the wise men travelled, the star which they had seen in the east (as was read) went before them : until it came and stood over where the

young child was. It came (it says) and stood over where the young child was. Can it be that it was seen, and yet cried not out and proclaimed, This is the child whose birth is borne witness

from heaven : This is that great King, which cometh to unite the heavenly dominion with the kingdom of the earth ?

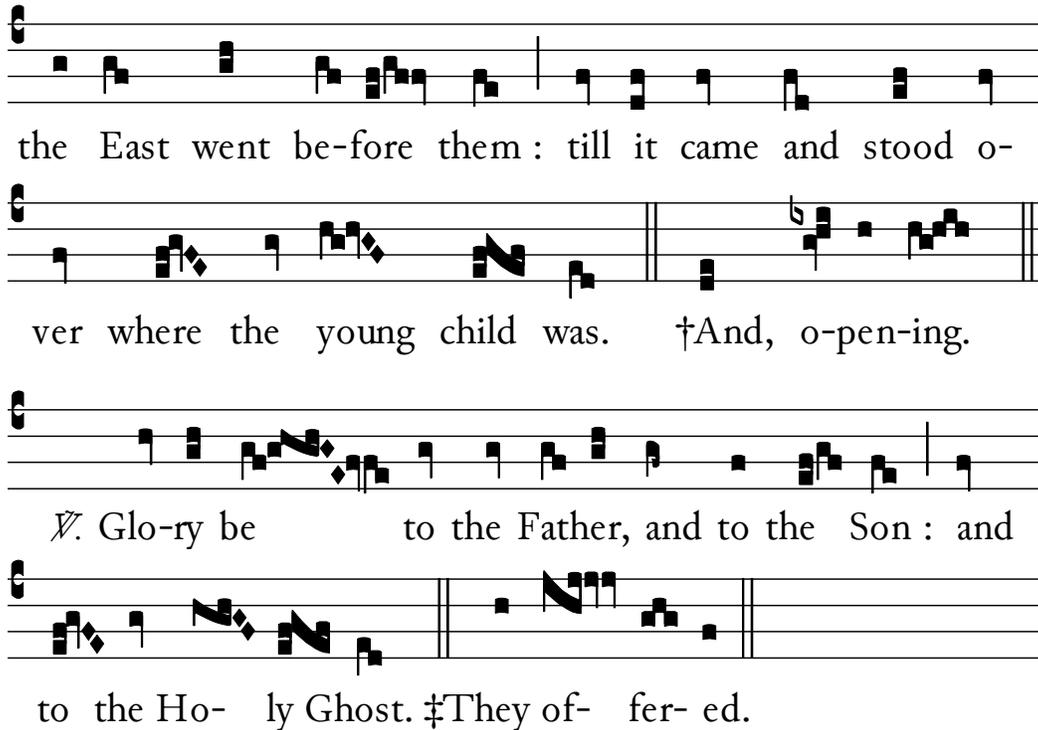
Videntes stellam magi.

3. Resp.
IV.



EE- ing the star, * the wise men re-joic- ed with
 exceeding great joy : and enter-ing into the house they
 found the child with Ma- ry his Mother, and fall-ing
 down they wor-ship-ed him. †And, o-pen-ing their trea-
 sures. ‡They of- fer- ed him pre- sents, gold, frankin-
 cense, and myrrh. §. The star which they had seen in

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the East went be-fore them : till it came and stood o-
ver where the young child was. †And, o-pen-ing.
∇. Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son : and
to the Ho- ly Ghost. ‡They of- fer- ed.

¶ On the fifth, sixth, and seventh days : let the same order of Versicles and Responsories be kept as on the preceding days.

¶ *The Fifth Day.*

At Matins.

Lessons from a Sermon of Blessed Maximus, Bishop.

Lesson j.

IT is fitting for us, brethren, and for our salvation, that the Sunday Feasts and the mysteries of our Saviour run together, concerning whose nativity we were glad, and also in whose manifestation we are joyful : because as the Son of God is glorious by the begetting, so by the appearing he is wonderful. For

and in fact it is wonderful that Christ hath come forth from a Virgin : nor less magnificent that it hath been revealed from heaven. Very wonderful that the earth hath received a new man : no less to be astounded that this new man hath been newly revealed by a star from heaven. Amongst the Jews Christ cried in a manger to

the shepherds : and in Chaldea to the eyes of the wise men it glittered amongst the stars. Among the Jews he appeared lowly in swaddling clothes : among the Gentiles it shone forth in glory. And indeed it was necessary that heavenly testimony should precede the Lord of heaven : and that a sign of light should reveal

the author of light. This is a great and tremendous mystery, brethren, in that one and the same is announced God from the Father, and man from the mother : one and the same the son of a woman and the Son of Majesty, one and the same partaking of man and Lord of angels. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson ij.

WHO indeed can estimate the worth of so great a sacrament, and how great is the glory, in so far as he that sucketh the breasts is he that feedeth all things, and he that excelleth in nature all creatures dwelling in heaven, for the salvation of the earth is nourished with milk from the earth ? Therefore none can dispute, no one doubt, that Christ while abiding in earth shone forth in heaven : because thus he cometh to earth that hath not relinquished heaven. And that is why angels praise this virginal boy, shepherds wonder at, heaven attesteth to, wise men venerate : because his mysterious nativity hath gladdened both earth and heaven with everlasting joy. Therefore, at the coming of this heavenly King and

ruler of men under the mystery of flesh, the hateful Herod trembleth : unfaithful Judea abjureth. Herod trembleth at the dignity of the infant King : because he doth not know the goodness of the Begotten. Judea abjureth Christ whom it foretellet, because fearing their impiety, it fleeth from the justice of the righteous judge : and blinded of their crimes by ignorance, it alone is not able to see what shineth upon all from heaven. And while all the teaching of the patriarchs and the prophets and the eloquence of the holy saints hath not turned the hearts of the Jews to the recognition of the Son of God : the beam of one star hath aroused the faith of the Gentiles. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson iij.

WHat is so great an exchange, brethren, or what is such a revolution? Amongst the Jews the prophet speaketh and is not heard: with the Gentiles the star is silent, yet persuadeth. Truly as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand. For behold, the Chaldeans, to whom such a mystery had never been preached, recognized the birth of Christ: and Christ himself for whom they anxiously searched everywhere, is revealed by heaven. Certainly not by anysoever dark and downcast

common men was this to have been either understood or seen: but by the Chaldeans, amongst whom superstition and error reigned. Entering into this world, Christ found the first fruits of saving faith: and between Jews and Gentiles was made a certain struggle of faithlessness and belief. Indeed, at the birth of Christ Chaldea rejoiced: and all Jerusalem with their leaders was tormented. The Jew pursued: the wise man worshipped. Herod whet the sword: the Chaldean prepared gifts. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

II *The Sixth Day.*

At Matins.

Lessons from a Sermon of Blessed Maximus, Bishop.—

Augustine, Sermon 37. of the Season.

Lesson j.

Ranted, beloved brethren, that with regard to the solemnity of this day the tradition is ancient and diverse: nevertheless the faith is united in holiness of devotion. And although some there be which value our Lord Jesus Christ being worshipped by wise men coming from the east at the leading of a star, others however

assert his changing water into wine, and some indeed support his being baptized by John: of all these that are believed of the Son of God, of all these is our feast. On the other hand in so far as gifts were certainly allowed to be offered by the wise men of the Gentiles in worship of the Lord: the calling of the Gentiles was prefigured. In so far as waters are

transformed into wine : a mystery of our religion is denoted. Truly in so far as Jesus was baptized in the flowing waters of the Jordan : the waters were consecrated to our baptism. Therefore, brethren, it is right that we should mention something now concerning baptism itself as thereby the Lord hath bestowed holiness upon you : that ye

should likewise recognize the humility of our Saviour, and the glory of the mystery. In the desert John preached the baptism of repentance to the sinful people : not that he would destroy the crimes committed, but that he would correct the erring. For the remission of sins : was preserved by Christ's grace. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson ij.

A great multitude therefore of different people came to the Jordan desiring to be washed, which were of so many wicked deeds, of such ruined lives : that the venerable Baptist compared them to the seed of a viper. Amongst this sort of men, the Lord of heavenly powers, the one which looketh upon the earth and maketh it tremble, Christ Jesus : doth not disdain to hasten humbly and calmly to baptism by his servant. But what wonder of meekness of the Saviour, if he himself hath inclined his hands to the Prophet, who hath suffered himself to be crucified by his enemies ? Therefore hurrying to the

waters : before so great a gathered multitude, John hath burst forth in voice, Behold the Lamb of God, behold him which taketh away the sin of the world. This is to say, Cease now, cease from my baptism by which repentance is accepted : behold the baptist by whom offenses are dismissed. Cease further from being willing to be baptized by your fellow-slave : our Lord of all which baptizeth to life is present. Follow that one, believe in that one, by that bath of salvation beseech humbly with all reason : by whom I also wish your baptist himself to be baptized. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson iij.

Jesus indeed did not refuse the testimony of this voice : but by such means willed that all be

completed as ordained : nonetheless he demandeth himself to be baptized by John. Then the devout Baptist :

trembling of his ability of baptizing saith, I have need to be baptized of thee : and comest thou to me ? That is, because I am a creature : thou art the Creator. I a servant : thou the Lord. I an image : thou the truth. But Jesus saith, Suffer it to be so now. For thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. That is, what now of that dost thou recall ? The purpose is to support the fulfillment of humanity. Then that one, which dreaded to presume : swiftly complied to the order of authority. Jesus is therefore baptized : not for himself but for us. He was baptized not that he would be purified by the

waters : but that he himself would sanctify the waters. The new man was baptized : that he might establish the sacrament of a new baptism. The heavens, it saith, were opened unto him. I hold that it be a wonder among the heavens, concerning these things which were performed upon the earth : as the scriptures saith, In which the angels desire to look into. How indeed could the Powers of heaven and the Dominions, the Cherubim and Seraphim not be amazed, when they saw the Lord of Hosts being baptized in the river by a man ? But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Sunday in the Octave of the Epiphany.

If Sunday falls within the Octave, let there be ix. Lessons of the Epiphany and let the Versicles and Responsories of the Nocturns be sung in their order as on the Day of the Epiphany, in such a way that the ninth Responsory be sung be two of the Superior Grade. Let the same way be kept for the final Responsory on the Sunday within the Octaves of the Ascension, the Assumption, the Nativity of Blessed Mary, the Nativity of the Lord, and the Dedication of the Church ; together with the Invitatory Christ hath appeared. 623. Ps. Venite. 17.*

The Hymn Why, impious Herod. 582. The Antiphons and Psalms are sung as within the Octave.

At both Vespers let all be made as on the first day : except for the Responsory which shall not be sung, with the Prayer O God, who on this day. 616.

At Matins.

Lessons from a Sermon of Blessed Leo, Pope.

Lesson j.



Lthough I know, dearly beloved, that by no means hath the cause of today's festival escaped your notice, and that according to custom the words of the Gospel have revealed it to us : yet that nothing may be omitted from our office, I shall venture to say on the subject what the Lord hath bestowed upon me, that in our common gladness, as so much the more devout may be the piety of all, by as much more shall the solemnity be understood. The providential mercy of God having disposed to rescue the perishing world in the latter times : predetermined the salvation of all the Gentiles in Christ. In order that, because all the nations had earlier turned aside from the worship of the

true God by wicked error, and even God's peculiar people Israel had well nigh entirely fallen away from the enactments of the Law : all were shut up under sin that he might have mercy upon all. For as righteousness was everywhere failing and the whole world was given over to vanity and wickedness, unless the Divine Power had not deferred its judgment : the whole of mankind would have received the sentence of damnation. But wrath was changed to kindness. And that the greatness of the Grace would be displayed more clearly, it then pleased God to bring forth the sacrament of remission to abolish the sins of men : since no one was able to boast of his own merits. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson ij.

NOW the manifestation, dearly beloved, of this ineffable mercy came to pass when Herod was holding the royal power in Judea where the legitimate succession having failed, and the power of the High-priests having been overthrown, an alien-born had gained sovereignty :

that the rising of the true King might be attested by the voice of prophecy which had said, A prince shall not fail from Judah, nor a lawgiver from his thigh, till he come for whom it is reserved, and he shall be the expectation of nations. Concerning which an innumerable succession was

once promised to the most blessed patriarch Abraham to be begotten not by fleshly seed but by fertile faith : and therefore it was compared to the stars in multitude : that as father of

all the nations, he might hope not for an earthly but for an heavenly progeny. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson iij.

Therefore, for the creating of the promised posterity, the heirs designated under the figure of the stars are awakened by the rising of a new star : that the ministration of heaven might do service in that wherein the testimony of heaven had been adduced. A star more brilliant than the other stars stirreth wise men that dwell in the far east : and from the brightness of the wondrous light, these men, not unskilled in observing such things, understand the importance of the sign. This doubtless was brought about in their hearts by

divine inspiration, in order that the mystery of so great a vision might not be hidden, and that what was an unusual appearance to their eyes, might not be obscure in their minds. In short they set about their duty with devotion, and prepare themselves with such gifts : that in worshipping the One they may demonstrate their belief in the Three, gold honoring the the kingly person, myrrh the human, incense the divine. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson iv.

AND so they enter the chief city of the Kingdom of Judea : and in the royal city they ask that he should be shewn them, whom they had learnt was begotten to be King. Herod is dismayed, he feareth for his safety, he trembleth for his power : he inquireth of the priests and teachers of the Law what the Scripture hath predicted about the birth of

Christ. It cometh to his notice what hath been prophesied : truth enlighteneth the wise men, unbelief blindeth the masters. Carnal Israel understandeth not what it readeth, seeth not what it revealeth. It maketh use of the pages : whose utterances it doth not believe. Where is thy boasting, O Judea ? Where is thy nobility drawn from father Abraham ?

Behold, the elder serveth the younger : and by strangers entering into the lot of thine inheritance, by their reading of that testament which

thou keepest only in the letter, thou becomest a slave. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson v.

LET the fulness of the Gentiles enter into the family of the patriarchs : and let the sons of promise receive in Abraham's seed the blessing (which his sons according to the flesh renounce). In the three magi let all people worship the Author of the universe, and let God be known not in Judea alone, but in all the world : so that everywhere his Name may be great in Israel : for while the dignity of the chosen race is proven to be degenerate by unbelief in its descendants, it is made common to all alike by our belief. Now when the wise men had worshipped the Lord and had finished all their

devotions : according to the warning of a dream, they returned not by the same route by which they had come. For it behoved them now that they believed in Christ, not to walk in the paths of their old manner of life : but having entered on a new way to keep away from the errors they had left, that Herod's treachery also would be made empty : which impiety of deceit he planned through the deception of service to the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence when his crafty hopes were overthrown, the king's wrath rose to a greater fury. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson vj.

FOR reckoning the time which the wise men had indicated, he poured out his cruel rage on all the young boys of Bethlehem, and in a general massacre of the whole of that city slew the infants : thinking that if not one babe were not slain there, Christ too would be slain. But He who was putting off the shedding of

his blood for the world's redemption till another time : was borne up and brought into Egypt by his parents' aid, and thus sought the ancient cradle of the Hebrew race, and in the power of a greater providence dispensing the princely office of the true Joseph, in that He, the bread of life and the food of reason coming down from

heaven, removed that worse than all famines under which the Egyptians' minds were labouring. Nor without any reason was the sacrament of that unique sacrifice prepared : in which

by the slaying of the lamb first was fore-shadowed the health-bringing sign of the cross and the Lord's Passover. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



Lesson vij.

Lesson from the Holy Gospel according to John j. : 29-□4.

AT that time. John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. And that which followeth.

Homily of the Venerable Bede, Priest.

13. of Book One.

John the Baptist and precursor of the Lord and Saviour, who for a long time by word had preached to the people : that He was now coming near to him, as ye have heard according to the reading of the holy Gospel, brethren, next pointed him out with a finger saying, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. Behold the Lamb of God, behold the innocent and free

from all sin, in as much as he was indeed bone of Adam's bones : and flesh of Adam's flesh, but he derived no spot of blame from sinful flesh. Behold him which taketh away the sin of the world, behold one which appeareth righteous among sinners, meek among the wicked : that is, appearing like a lamb among wolves, and also hath power to act justly towards sinners and the wicked. Moreover in what way he taketh away the sins of the world, by what manner he justifieth the wicked : the Apostle Peter sheweth, who saith, Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition

from your fathers : but with the precious blood of Jesus Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. And in the Apocalypse of John the Apostle, whose Gospel this is,

Him that loved us (it saith), and washed us from our sins in his own blood. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson viij.

NOT only however did he wash us from our sins in his blood, when he gave his blood on the cross for us, or when each one of us by the mystery of that most holy passion was purified by the waters of baptism : to be sure likewise day by day he taketh away the sins of the world, and daily he washeth us from our sins in his blood, when the memory of his blessed passion is replicated at the altar, when the creature of bread and wine is transformed into the sacrament of his flesh and blood by the ineffable sanctification of the Spirit. And thus his body and blood is shed and slain by the hands of the unfaithful to their ruin : but is taken by the mouth of the faithful unto

salvation. Which figure the Lamb rightly sheweth unto us in the law of the passover, which once delivering the people from Egyptian slavery : in memory of their liberation through all the years, his own people was in the habit to sanctify for the same by a sacrifice, until he should come to whom so great a sacrifice gave testimony. And he was offered to the Father for us as a sacrifice and for a sweet savour, and the mystery of his passion that was offered by the lamb was transferred into the creature of bread and wine : having been made a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedech. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson ix.

THere followeth John's giving testimony of the Lord : This (he saith) is he, of whom I said : After me cometh a man which is preferred before me : for he was before me. After me cometh a man : who

was born into the world after me. After me shall a man begin to preach to the world, who was made before me : the power of whose majesty so much surpasseth me as the sun the morning star, though appearing after

it. For he was before me, because in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. In After me cometh a man : understand the time of his human nativity which is after John. In Which is preferred before me : consider the supremacy of his royal power which presideth even over angels. In For he was before me :

understand the eternity of his divine majesty whereby he is equal to the Father. After me cometh a man, which is preferred before me : for he was before me. After me he cometh in humanity who therefore surpasseth me in dignity : because he was before me in divinity. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon me.

¶ *At Lauds, this single Antiphon. Before the morning star. 609.*

At both Vespers and at Matins the Antiphons on the Psalms Benedictus. and Magnificat. as on the day of the Epiphany, and similarly the Prayer.

If Sunday does not fall within the Octave then on the fourth day within the Octave let be read the preceding Gospel, namely John seeth Jesus.

¶ *At both Vespers let all be made as on the first day, except for the Responsory which will not be sung, with the Prayer O God, who on this day.*

¶ *At Lauds let only one Antiphon be sung on the Psalms. And on the Ps. Benedictus. let the Antiphon be sung as on the first day : likewise with the Prayer.*

¶ *At Prime and at all the other Hours of the day let all be made as within the Octave.*

However on the days that follow after the Sunday within the Octave let the order of the days be preserved : in such a way that on Monday the preceding History always be begun again.

When however any Simple Feast of ix. Lessons falls on the Octave Day, let it be deferred until the next vacant feria of that week where it may conveniently be celebrated. Let the same rule be made for the Octaves of the Ascension of the Lord and the Dedication of the Church.

¶ On the Octave Day of the Epiphany.

At j. Vespers.

Ant. In the day of thy power. 283.

Ps. The Lord said. (110./cix.) [416]. and the other Antiphons and Psalms.

Chapter. Isaiah 25. : 1.

 Lord, thou art my God : I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name : for thou hast done wonderful	things ; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. <i>R.</i> Thanks be to God.
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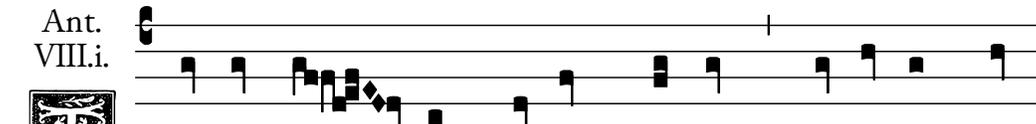
R. In the form of a dove. 602.

Hymn. Why, impious Herod. 582.

V. All they from Saba shall come. *R.* They shall bring gold and incense : and shall shew forth the praises of the Lord. *The Response should not be said aloud.*

Baptizat miles regem.

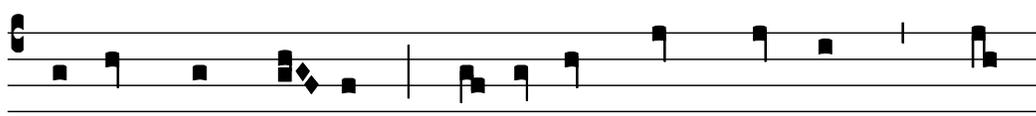
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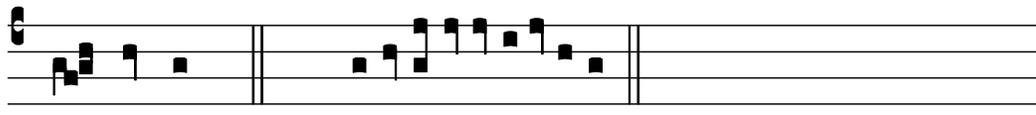
 HE soldier * doth baptize the King, the servant his



Master, John his Sav-iour, the wa-ter of Jordan was amaz-ed,



the dove bare wit-ness : the Father's voice was heard : This



is my Son. *Ps.* My soul doth magnify. 61*.

Prayer.

God, whose only begotten Son was made manifest to us in the substance of our flesh, grant, we beseech thee : that through him our souls may be internally renewed,

whom we acknowledge externally like unto ourselves. Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop and Confessor.

Ant. O Confessor of the Lord. [1009].

V. The Lord loved him and adorned him. *R.* He clothed him with a robe of glory.

Prayer.

BE favourable, O Lord, to our supplications : and at the intercession of blessed Hilary thy confessor and bishop, whose

deposition we celebrate : graciously bestow upon us perpetual mercy. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Memorial of Saint Mary.

Ant. When thou wast born. [442]. *and the rest as above.*

¶ *At Matins.*

Invitatory. Christ hath appeared. 623.

Hymn, Antiphons, and Psalms as within the Octave : nevertheless let the Melody of the Hymn be sung as on the aforesaid first day. The Versicles and Responsories in the first and third Nocturns are said as on the first day.

Let nine Lessons be made.

Lesson j.

Our festival, that we may honour the celebration worthily : we ought to learn the reason. Epiphany, which we observe this day, named from the Greek : in our tongue signifieth

presenting or appearing. Therefore this day also was called the presenting or appearing : because on this day Christ our God revealed himself by clear signs. This is the day indeed, whether it was confirmed by the wise

men following that star worshipping our Lord Christ : or by those waters in Galilee which by the Lord had

been turned into wine. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson ij.

REcently therefore we have celebrated the day on which the Lord was born : today however we honour that whereon he was manifested. And thus it revealed him : when in an unheard of and wonderful work he turned the waters into wine. For just as he was cloaked in nature by works of divinity : thus was it changed. And so by the same action which the Creator had : likewise the Restorer hath brought about :

because he was able to transfer his work easily from one to another, who himself could bring this forth out of nothing. For while the celebration of the wedding was being conducted, and (as is said in the Gospel) seeing that the wine had run short for the feast, the Lord ordered the vessels to be filled with water : which when they had been filled he commanded to be drawn. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson iij.

What wonderful miracle : the heavenly power worketh secretly amidst the hands and the eyes of the servants. A work is done : and yet how it is done is not discerned. The method lieth hidden : the effect appeareth. Whence is that, unless because all which God wisheth he effecteth, unless because in him the wish alone is the power ? Whence unless because his power is so magnificent, that not without cause is testified by the prophet of the same in the ordering of all creation, He spake the word and they were made,

he commanded and they were created ? This is wonderful indeed : but what is not wonderful in all his works which the Lord hath shewed ? But that this itself pertaineth to a higher mystical meaning : what signified those of the marriage, with whom Christ was present, unless indeed those to whom Christ himself was joined with the church, which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber : to them espoused the promise rightly came, where wine from water certainly was accomplished by divine work, that is, the

conversion of the faithful from the Gentiles ? But thou, O Lord, have

mercy upon us.

Let the Middle Lessons be made of Saint Hilary, Bishop, together with the Versicles and Responsories of the first Nocturn of the Common of the History of One Confessor and Bishop. [1012].

Lesson iv.

Blessed Hilary, Bishop of the city of Poitiers : was born in the region of Aquitaine. Among Gallican families his was endowed above others with excellence : imparted by splendour of heart, as if the morning star had shone forth divinely. Indeed while as yet disposed to the lay life, even so he persevered in striving by discipline for the rule of the church : so that even then he was already conspicuous by his manners of life, who afterwards appeared an irre-

proachable priest in the temple of Christ. For now some he taught of the faith of the Holy Trinity, now others he admonished to pious works of religion : now others he invited to the joyful promises of the heavenly kingdom. And so while the deserved esteem of the blessed man increased daily : the light of the church was unable to be hidden under a bushel, even if it had wished to be hidden. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson v.

IN as much as divine providence predestined him to the dignity of sacred ministry, being in harmony with the goodwill of the people, he was chosen priest and guardian of the church : and was advanced to the honour of the pontificate. After this his glory shone forth in all world : and he faithfully and constantly contended for defense of the holy faith. When therefore at the time of the Emperor Constantine, the Arian

heresy sprung forth from its venomous root of perfidy : the holy man of God was girded with arms as though a standard-bearing warrior charged in through the middle of the line of battle : thus he was amid the wild roaring and hostile swords of the heretics, and he persevered in his victorious struggle. Indeed the heretic was unable to put forth any cloud of errors before his insurmountable eloquence : for thus his

speech was propounded, that no cunning was able to be accomplished against him. Whence it happened that the tremendous disturbers of the

catholic faith, to be sure Valens and Ursacius, persuaded the emperor : so far as to condemn him to exile. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson vi.

AND so banished to Phrygia, he gave thanks for the increase of strength : because by being thus departed far away from his own land for the name of Christ, by as much he came nearer to heaven. When having completed four years in the same exile : thereupon he was compelled by edict of the emperor to come to Seleucia with the other Eastern bishops to debate against the Arians. Who when he entered into a certain town : Florence, a Gentile girl, a servant of God coming forth, crying aloud gave witness. Whom with Florentius her father and all her family believed : and merited to be baptized by the blessed man. When however he arrived at Seleucia, and at that very place where the examination

of the victorious prelate had condemned the heretical depravity : thereafter from the successful synod he was directed to the imperial legation, after which the illustrious warrior of God proceedeth to the same, that damnable faithlessness would not be raised against the dogmas of religion by his absence. Indeed Valens and Ursacius, terrified by guilt of conscience, persuaded the mind of the emperor to this, that he be strongly urged to return to Gaul. Howby the world, by error often almost completely disordered by the acts of the synod : had now been persuaded by him to the way of truth, is confessed by the tongue of many. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



The three final Lessons from the Exposition of the Gospel.

According to Matthew iij. : 1□-17. Lesson vij.

AT that time. Jesus cometh from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. And that which followeth.

Sermon from the Commentary of the Venerable Bede, Priest.

Homily 9. Book 1.

THE reading of the holy Gospel, brethren, which we have lately heard : giveth us a notable example of perfect humility both in the Lord and in the servant. In the Lord certainly : because although Lord of all, he deigned not only to be baptized by a man servant, but even to come to him to be baptized. In the servant also, because although he knew that he was destined to be the forerunner and also baptizer of his Saviour : being mindful nevertheless especially of his weakness, he humbly declined the office enjoined upon himself, saying, I

have need to be baptized by thee, and comest thou to me ? But because every one that humbleth himself shall be exalted, and the Lord appeared from God the Father in the humble form of a man for the sake of instructing men, it soon appeared how greatly he stood out above men, indeed even above angels and above every thing that is created, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And that most faithful and most humble servant John, who desired to be baptized by the Lord rather than to baptize the Lord : merited both himself to baptize the Lord and with the eyes of his mind opened to see beyond other mortals the Spirit descending upon Him. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lesson viij.

TO be sure since we have only briefly touched upon these things : now to set all forth more extensively, let us consider the beginning of this sacred reading. Then cometh Jesus (it saith) to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. The Son of God came to be baptized by a man, not because of a troublesome necessity to be washed of any sin of his own, Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth : but by the pious dispensation to be washed of the entire contagion of our sin whereby in many things we offend all, and If we say that we have no sin, we

deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. He came to be baptized in water who of himself was the Creator of water : that to us who were conceived in iniquity and were brought to life in transgressions, he might intimate the mystery of the second nativity that is sought for which is celebrated by water and the Spirit. He condescended to be washed in the waters of the Jordan, who was clean of all filth : that he might sanctify all streams of water for washing away the filth of our wickednesses. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Ninth blessing. In the unity of the Holy Ghost : may the Father and the Son bless us.

Lesson ix.

BUT because we learn from the reading of the Gospel of the most humble dispensation of the Lord : let us also look with aroused concentration at the most humble obedience of the servant. There followeth, But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me ? He became frightened that He had come to him to be baptized in the water : to whom no fault was which by baptism would be wiped away, nay

more that by the grace of his spirit would take all culpability from the believers of the world. Whence it is rightly understood which here John saith, I have need to be baptized of thee : this is what is told by John the Evangelist was said by him when He came to him, Behold the Lamb of God, behold him which taketh away the sin of the world. Indeed by him we must all be baptized : who for this reason came into the world to take away the sins of the world. Indeed by

him John needed to be baptized, that is to be cleansed from the contagion of original sin, who, however much none was was greater than he among those born of women, yet as one born of a woman was not without the

blemish of sin : and therefore as with others born of women, he had need to be cleansed by him who, although God, appeared in the flesh born of a Virgin. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Before Lauds.

℣. All they from Saba shall come. ℞. They shall bring gold and incense : and shall shew forth the praises of the Lord.

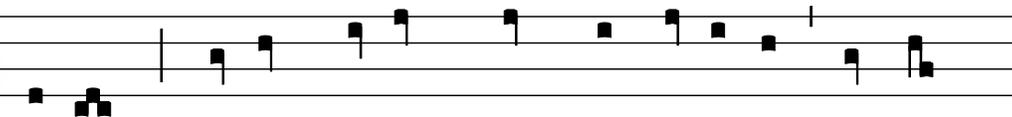
¶ *At Lauds.*

Veterem hominem.

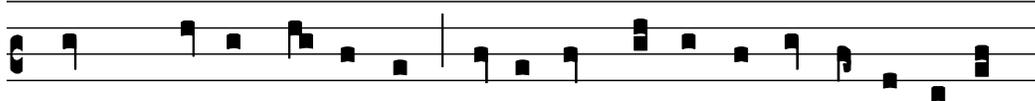
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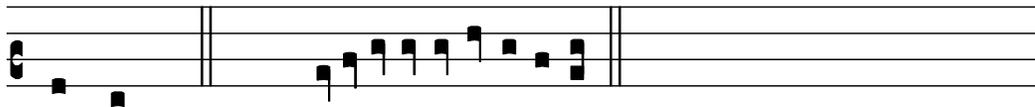
O re-new * the old man, the Sav-iour came to



baptism : that our na-ture which was corrupted he might



through wa-ter re-co-ver : array-ing us in an incorruptible

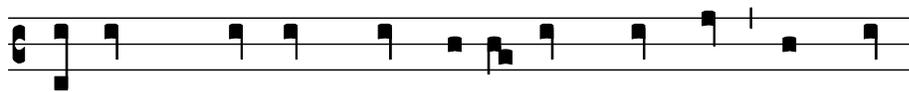


garment. Ps. The Lord is King. (xcij.) [49].

On the Octave Day of the Epiphany.

Te qui in spiritu.

2. Ant.
VII.iv.



thou * who with the Spi-rit and with fire dost pu-



ri-fy mankind's conta-gi-on, thee as God and Re-deemer



do we all glo-ri-fy. *Ps.* O be joyful. (*xcix.*) [50].

Baptista contremuit.

3. Ant.
VII.iv.



HE Baptist * quak-ed with fear and dar-ed not touch



the sacred head of God : but cri-ed out with trembling,



Sancti-fy me, O Saviour. *Ps.* O God, thou art. (*lxij.*) [51].

Caput draconis Salvator.

4. Ant.
VII.iv.

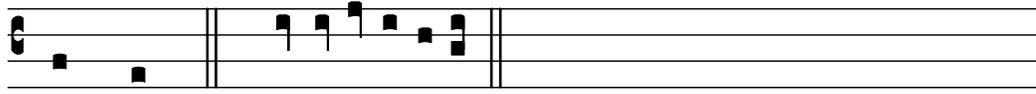


HE head * of the serpent hath the Saviour crush-ed in

On the Octave Day of the Epiphany.



the riv-er Jordan : from his domi-nation hath he rescu-ed



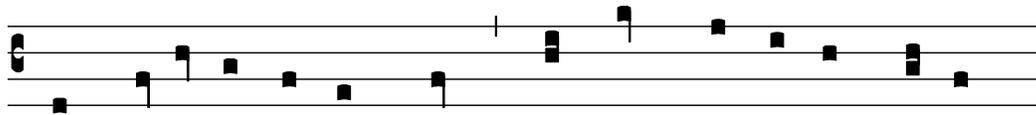
all men. *Ps.* O all ye works of the Lord. (*Daniel iij.*) [52].

Magnum mysterium.

5. Ant.
VII.iv.



mighty * myste-ry is this day proclaim-ed : for



the Cre-a-tor of all things hath in the Jordan purged



our wickednesses. *Ps.* O praise the Lord. (*cxlviij.-cl.*) [53].

Chapter. Isaiah 25. : 1.

 Lord, thou art my God : I will		things ; thy counsels of old are
		exalt thee, I will praise thy
name : for thou hast done wonderful		be to God.

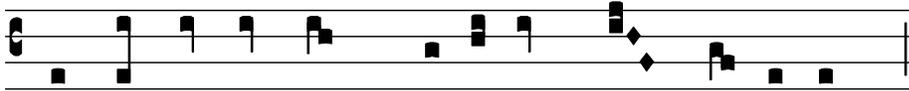
Hymn. Sent down by God. 611.

V. The voice of the Lord commandeth the waters. *R.* The glorious God maketh the thunder, the Lord ruleth the sea. *The Response should not be said aloud.*

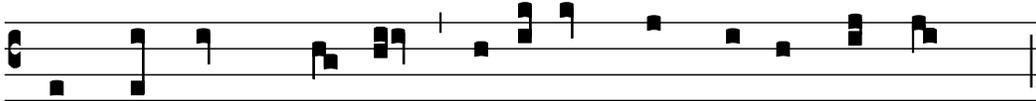
On the Octave Day of the Epiphany.

Precursor Johannes.

Ant.
VII.iv.



HE Forerunner John * re-joiceth with the Jordan :



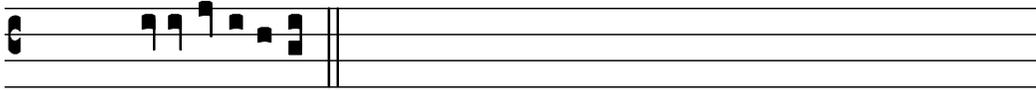
at the Lord's bap-tism re-joicing came into the world :



remission was made for our sins : by the sancti- fy-ing



wa-ters, to him let all cry out, Have mer-cy upon us.



Ps. Blessed be the Lord. 58*.

Prayer.



God, whose only begotten Son was made manifest to us in the substance of our flesh, grant, we beseech thee : that through him our souls may be internally renewed,

whom we acknowledge externally like unto ourselves. Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *℞.* Amen.

Memorial of Saint Hilary.

Ant. Well done, thou good and faithful servant. [1042].

℞. The righteous shall flourish. [1042].

Prayer. Be favourable, O Lord. 649.

Memorial of Saint Mary. [76].

¶ *At j.*

Ant. To renew the old man. 655.

Ps. Save me, O God. (54./liij.) [124].

Ant. Thee all thy creatures. [133].

Ps. Quicunque vult. [134].

¶ *At iij.*

Ant. O thou who with the spirit. 656.

Ps. Teach me, O Lord. (119./cxxiij. iij.) [173].

Chap. O Lord, thou art my God. 657.

The Responsories and Versicles are said as on the Day of the Epiphany at all the Hours, together with this Prayer O God, whose only begotten Son. 658.

¶ *At vj.*

Ant. The Baptist quaked with fear. 656.

Ps. My soul hath longed. (119./cxviiij. vj.) [190].

Chapter. Isaiah xxviiij. : 5.

Ⓜ Lord, thine arm is lifted high :		crown of hope, which is adorned with
the God of hosts shall be for a		

¶ *At ix.*

Ant. A mighty mystery. 657.

Ps. Thy testimonies. (119./cxviiij. ix.) [207].

Chapter. Isaiah xij. : 3-4.

Ⓜ With joy shall ye draw water out		Lord, call upon his name. <i>R.</i> Thanks
of the wells of salvation. And		
in that day shall ye say, Praise the		

¶ *At Second Vespers.*

Ant. In the day of thy power. 283.

Ps. The Lord said. (110./cix.) [416].

On the Octave Day of the Epiphany.

Chapter. *Isaiab 25. : 1.*

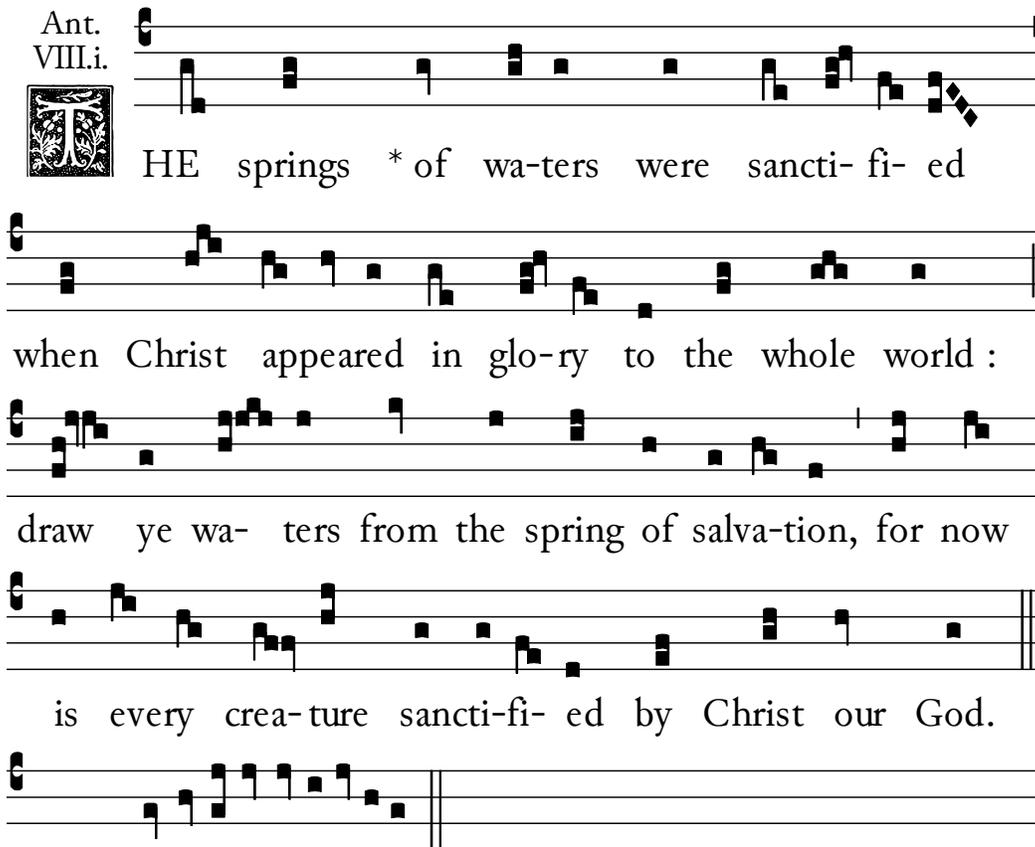
 Lord, thou art my God : I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name : for thou hast done wonderful	things ; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. <i>R.</i> Thanks be to God.
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Hymn. Sent down by God. 611.

V. The voice of the Lord commandeth the waters. *R.* The glorious God maketh the thunder, the Lord ruleth the sea. *The Response should not be said aloud.*

Fontes aquarum sanctificati sunt.

Ant.
VIII.i.



 HE springs * of wa-ters were sancti-fi-ed
when Christ appeared in glo-ry to the whole world :
draw ye wa- ters from the spring of salva-tion, for now
is every crea-ture sancti-fi-ed by Christ our God.

Ps. My soul doth magnify. 61*.

Prayer.

 God, whose only begotten Son was made manifest to us in the substance of our flesh, grant, we	beseech thee : that through him our souls may be internally renewed, whom we acknowledge externally like
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unto ourselves. Who liveth and
reigneth with thee in the unity of the

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

Memorial of Saint Felix, Bishop and Martyr.

Ant. This is indeed a Martyr. [883].

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

Prayer.

Grant, we beseech thee, almighty
God, that the example of Saint
Felix, thy Martyr and Bishop, may
provoke us to lead a better life, so

that we may imitate the acts of him
whose feast we celebrate. Through
Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Memorial of Saint Mary. [442].

If in fact the Octave of the Epiphany falls on Saturday : then Vespers on that Saturday will be of the Octave with a Solemn Memorial of Saint Felix first of all : and afterward of the Sunday, and then of Saint Mary. However let not Compline of the Day of the Epiphany be altered : whether it be a Saturday or not.

¶ *It is understood that on the Octaves of the Epiphany, the Ascension of the Lord, Corpus Christi where there is an Octave with Rulers of the Choir, the Visitation, the Assumption, and the Nativity of Blessed Mary, and the Dedication of the Church, always the final Second Vespers will be of the Octave unless on the morrow a new History will be introduced, or a Feast of ix. Lessons should occur or a Commemoration of Blessed Mary, Virgin, or the Saint of the Place is to be celebrated, unless there should be a Feast of ix. Lessons such that it is not able to have its ij. Vespers.*