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On the Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord.

Hodie scietis.

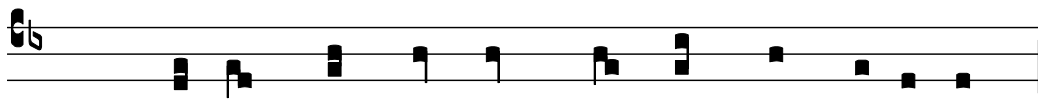
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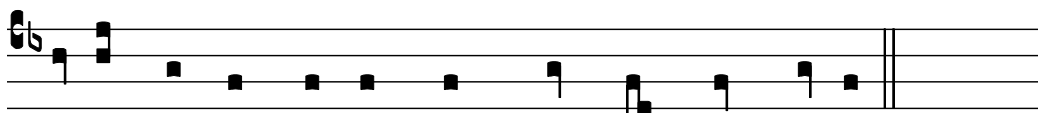
O-day * shall ye know that the Lord will come and



save you : and in the mor-ning shall ye see his glo-ry.




Ps. The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is :



the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

If this Vigil shall fall on a Sunday the Melodies of the Kyrie. Sanctus. and Agnus. are sung as on a Simple Feast of Nine Lessons, if not, however, the ferial Melodies are sung, at the Quire Step.

Prayer.

 God, who makest us glad with the yearly expectation of our redemption : grant that we, who joyfully receive thy only-begotten Son as Redeemer, may also with sure

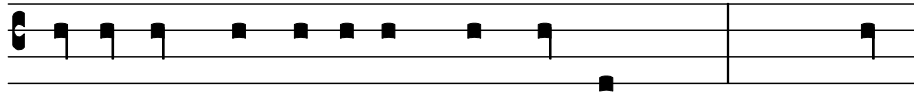
confidence behold him coming as Judge : the Lord Jesus Christ thy Son. Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R̄.* Amen.

Let no Memorial be made.

Let one boy Acolyte read the Lesson, vested in an Alb, at the Quire Step ; nevertheless if it should be a Sunday, let it be read in the Pulpitum, and always with its title, and let it be

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concluded with this Tone. Let it be likewise in all Lessons which are read at Mass throughout the whole year.



Lesson from I-sai-ah the Prophet. *lxij.* 1-4. Thus



saieth the Lord God. For Zi-on's sake will I not hold my



peace, and for Je-ru-sa-lem 's sake I will not rest, until the



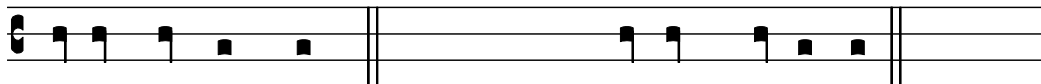
righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the sal-



vation thereof as a lamp that burneth.

And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory : and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord hath named. Thou shalt also be a crown of glory to the hand of the Lord,

and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. Thou shalt no more be termed Desolate : neither shall thy land any more be termed Forsaken : but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah : for the Lord



de-lighteth in thee. *Also elsewhere.* re-joice for ev-er.

Then without interval in that very place let the Epistle be read.

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The Lesson from the Epistle of blessed Paul the Apostle to the Romans. j. 1-6.

Brethren : Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle : separated unto the gospel of God : which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures, concerning his Son : which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh : and declared to be the Son of

God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead : by whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name : among whom are ye also the called : of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hodie sciatis.

Grad.

II.



O-day * shall ye know that the Lord will

come and save us : and in the morning

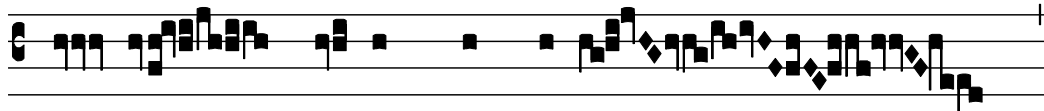
shall ye see his glo-ry.

∞. O thou that rul-est Isra-el give

ear : thou that leadest Jo-seph like a

sheep, thou that sit-test upon the Che-ru-bim, shew

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thy- self be- fore Ephra- im,
Benjamin, and Ma- nas- seh.


If this Vigil shall fall on a Sunday, the Mass of the Sunday is said in Chapter, and then let a Memorial be made of Saint Mary and of All Saints only. To be sure the Mass of the Vigil is said at the High Altar without any Memorial, with this

Alleluya. Crastina die delebitur.

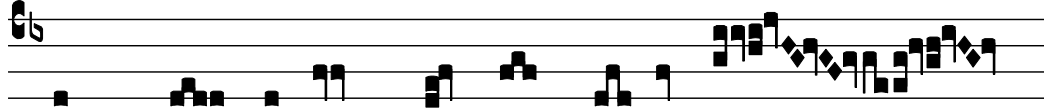
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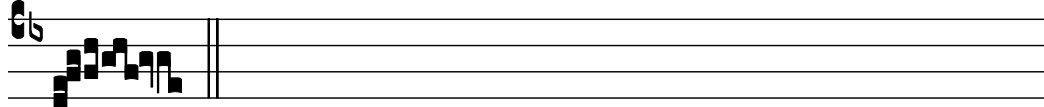
L- le-lu-ya. * \forall . To mor- row



the i-ni-qui- ty of the earth shall be blotted out :



and the Saviour shall reign o- ver us.



Sequence Celebrate we. as above. 76.

If however it is not a Sunday, then let the Alleluya. and the Sequence be entirely omitted.

C *The Gospel According to Matthew. j. 18-21.*

AT that time : When as Mary the
mother of Jesus was èspoused to

Joseph : before they came together,
she was found with child of the Holy

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Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make h^er a public example : was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Josèph,

thou son of David : fear not to take untò thee Mary thy wife : for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son : and thou shalt call his name Jesus. For he shall save his p^eople : from their sins.

Tollite portas.

Offert.

II.



Lift up * your heads, O ye gates, and

be ye lift up, ye ev- er-lasting doors : and the

King of Glo- ry shall come in.

∕. The earth is the Lord's, and all that there-

in is : the com- pass of the world,

and they that dwell therein.

Let this Verse, if it shall be a Sunday in that year, be entirely omitted.

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Secret.

Grant unto us, we beseech Thee,
almighty God : that as we
prevent the adorable birthday of thy
Son, so we may receive with joy his

eternal gifts. Who liveth and reigneth
with thee in the unity of the Holy
Ghost, one God, world without end.
R. Amen.

Daily Preface. XX.

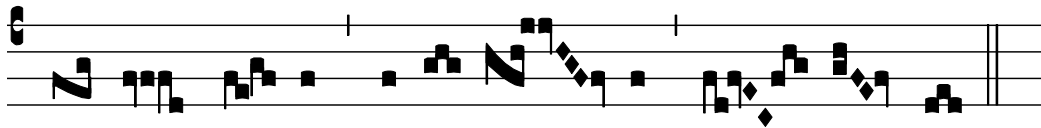
Revelabitur gloria.

Comm.

I.



HE glo- ry * of the Lord shall be re-veal-ed : and



all flesh shall see the sal-va- tion of our God.

Postcommunion.

Grant unto us, we beseech thee,
O Lord, that we may be renewed
by the rehearsal of the birth of thy
only-begotten Son : by whose heavenly
mystery we are fed and given drink.

Through the same 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.



[1508:18v.]

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At the Mass at Cockcrow.

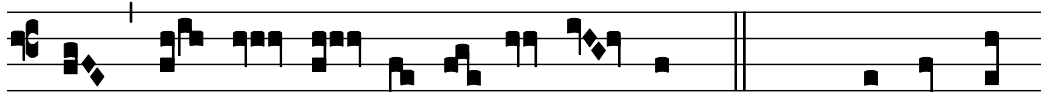
Dominus dixit ad me.

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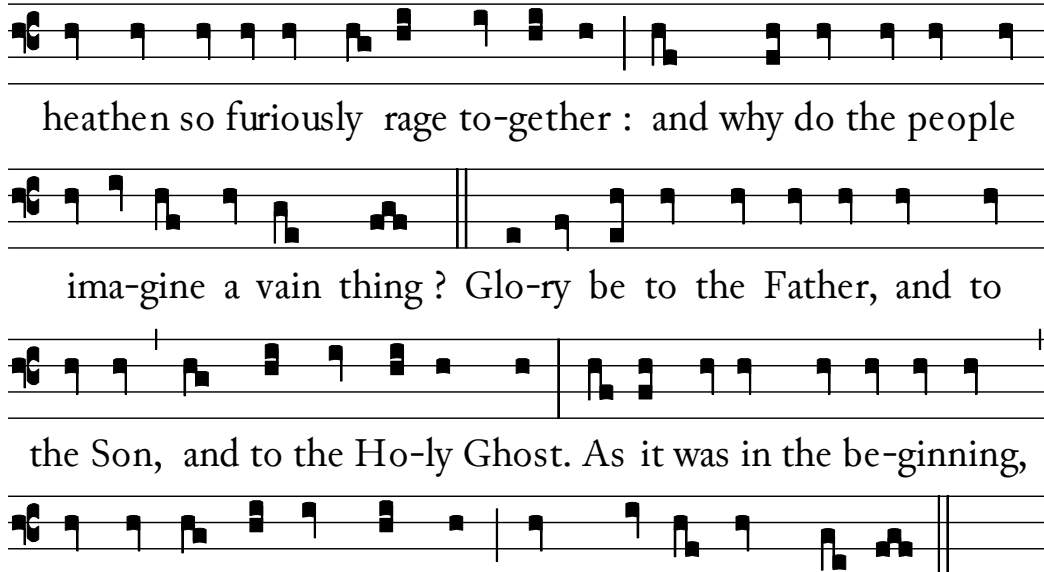


HE Lord * hath said un-to me, Thou art my



Son, this day have I be-got-ten thee. *Ps.* Why do the

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heathen so furiously rage to-gether : and why do the people
ima-gine a vain thing? Glo-ry be to the Father, and to
the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost. As it was in the be-ginning,
is now and ev-er shall be : world without end. Amen.

Kyrie. is sung with its Verses. X.*

Let follow Gloria in excelsis. in the manner of a Double Feast. XX.*

¶ *It is understood that as often as Gloria in excelsis. is sung at Mass, Te Deum. is sung at Matins, unless the Mass I am the salvation. or the Mass of the Cross or the Mass of a Sunday on any Feast of Three Lessons or within an Octave without Rulers of the Choir shall be sung. When however any Mass of a Vigil of a Feast of Three Lessons is said in Chapter on a Sunday : then to be sure is sung the Melody on Kyrie. and Gloria in excelsis. when Gloria in excelsis. is sung and Alleluja. and Sanctus. and Agnus Dei. and Ite missa est. as on a Feast of Three Lessons. Let it be likewise when the Sunday Mass is said in Chapter on a Sunday : then to be sure Credo. shall be said.*

Prayer.

¶ God, who hast caused this most holy night to shine with the illumination of the True Light : grant, we beseech thee, that we who have known the mysteries of this Light on

earth, may likewise obtain the full enjoyment of the same in Heaven. Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. ℞. Amen.

Let two Clerks of the Second Form in silken Copes in the Pulpit sing the Lesson in alternation, in such a way that they sing the first and last Verses together.

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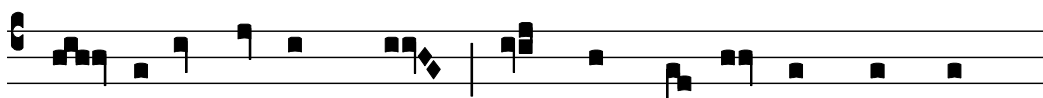
Lesson from Isaiah the Prophet. ix. 2, 6-7.

Laudes Deo dicam per secula.

Lectio.
VIII.



Raises of God will I sing for ev-er : who hath form-

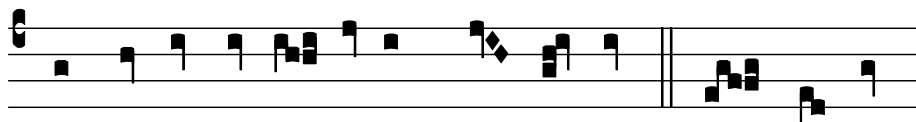


ed me in his right hand : and hath re-deemed me through



the cross by the crimson blood of the Son.

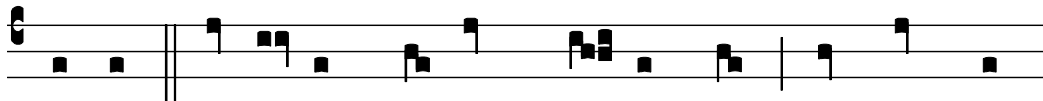
Here the Clerks shall begin to sing in alternation.



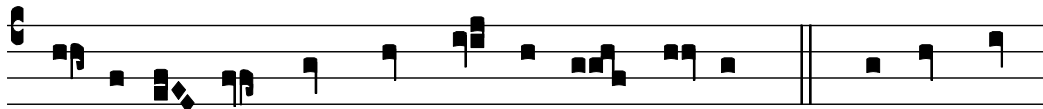
HE Lesson of I- sai-ah the Prophet. In which is



foretold the shin-ing na-ti- vi-ty of Christ. Thus saith



the Lord. Father, and Son, and Ho- ly Ghost : by whom were



cre- a-ted all things in hea-ven and be-neath. The people

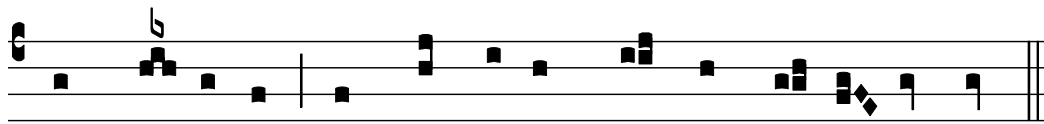
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of the Gentiles that walked in darkness. Whom thou cre-



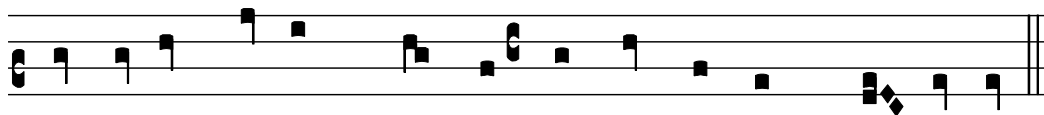
a-tedst : whom the e-nemy by subtle fraud expel-led



from Pa-ra-dise : and led captive with him to low-er hell.



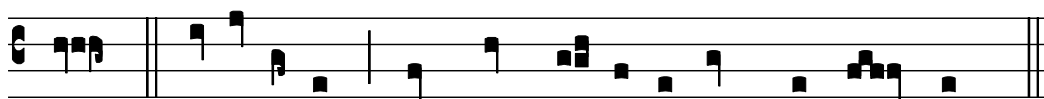
Have seen a great light. And light shone forth resplen-



dently At midnight brightly To the shepherds' compa-ny.



Upon them that dwell in the land of the sha-dow of death,

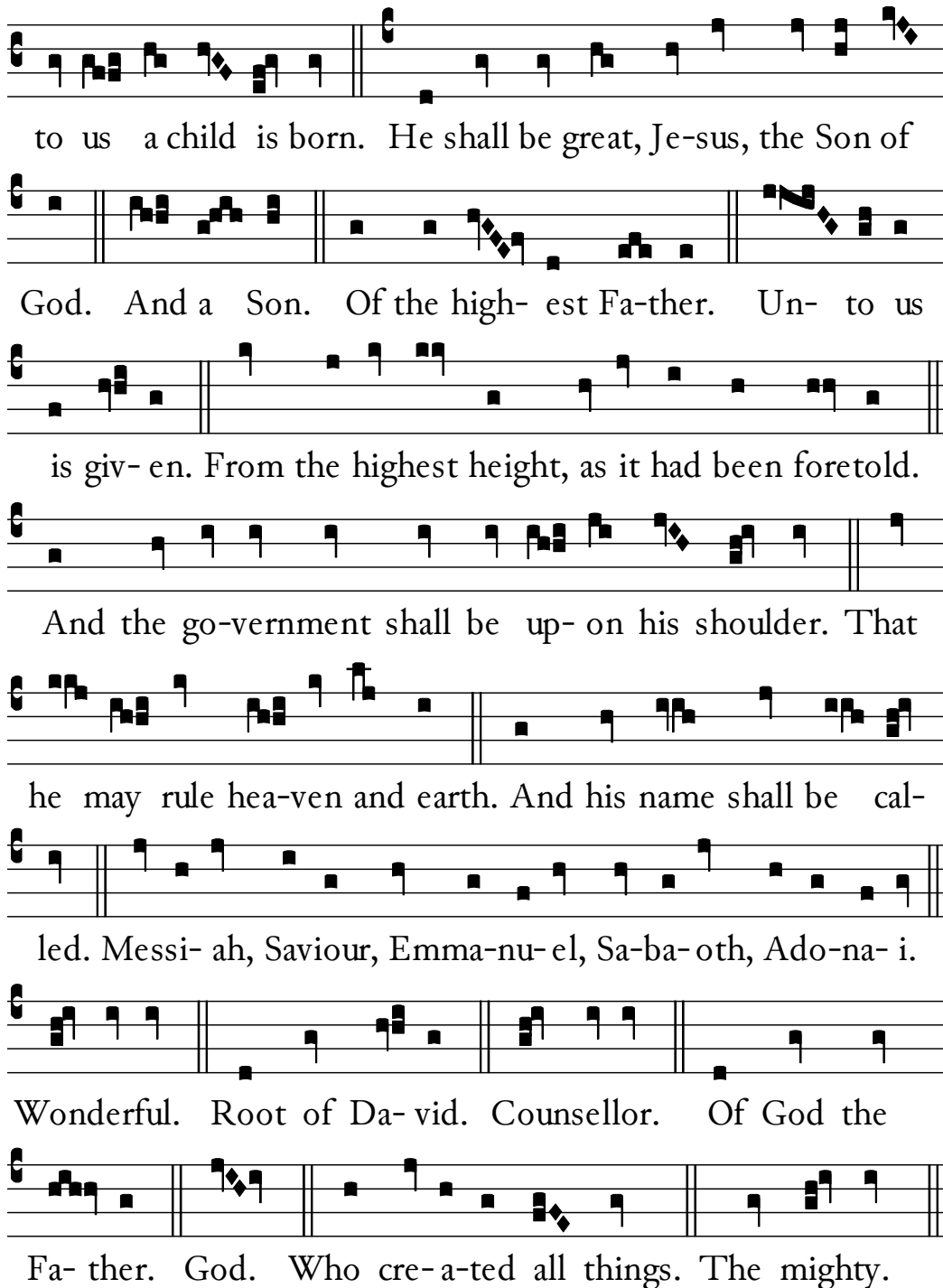


Light. Everlasting : and in ve-ri-ty our re-demption.



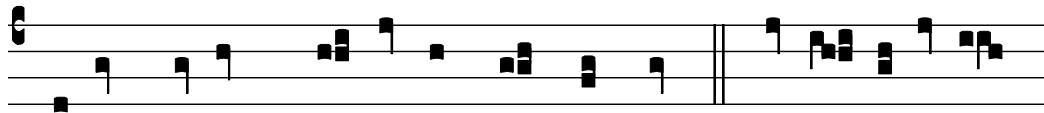
Hath shin-ed. O stu-pen-dous na-ti-vi-ty. For un-

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to us a child is born. He shall be great, Je-sus, the Son of
God. And a Son. Of the high- est Fa-ther. Un- to us
is giv- en. From the highest height, as it had been foretold.
And the go-vernment shall be up- on his shoulder. That
he may rule hea-ven and earth. And his name shall be cal-
led. Messi- ah, Saviour, Emma-nu-el, Sa-ba-oth, Ado-na- i.
Wonderful. Root of Da- vid. Counsellor. Of God the
Fa- ther. God. Who cre-a- ted all things. The mighty.

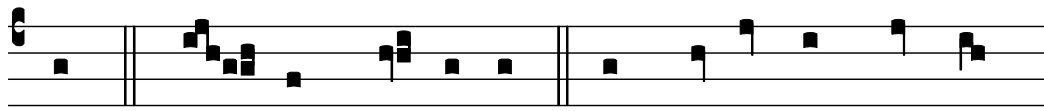
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Overthrowing the wicked gates of hell. The ev- erlasting



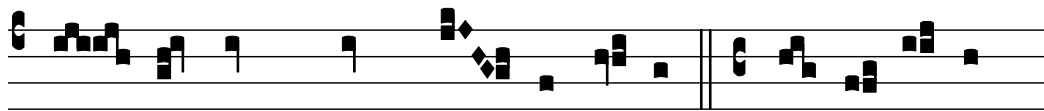
Fa-ther. King al-mighty, and rul- ing all. The Prince of



Peace. Now and for ev-er. Of the increase of his



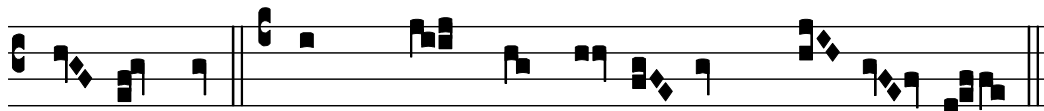
go-vernment. In Je-ru-sa-lem, Ju-de-a, and Sa-ma-ri- a.



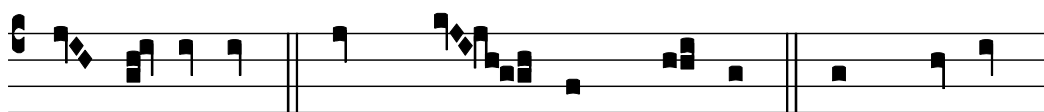
And of peace there shall be no end. For ev-er and



ev-er. He shall sit upon the throne of Da-vid and up- on

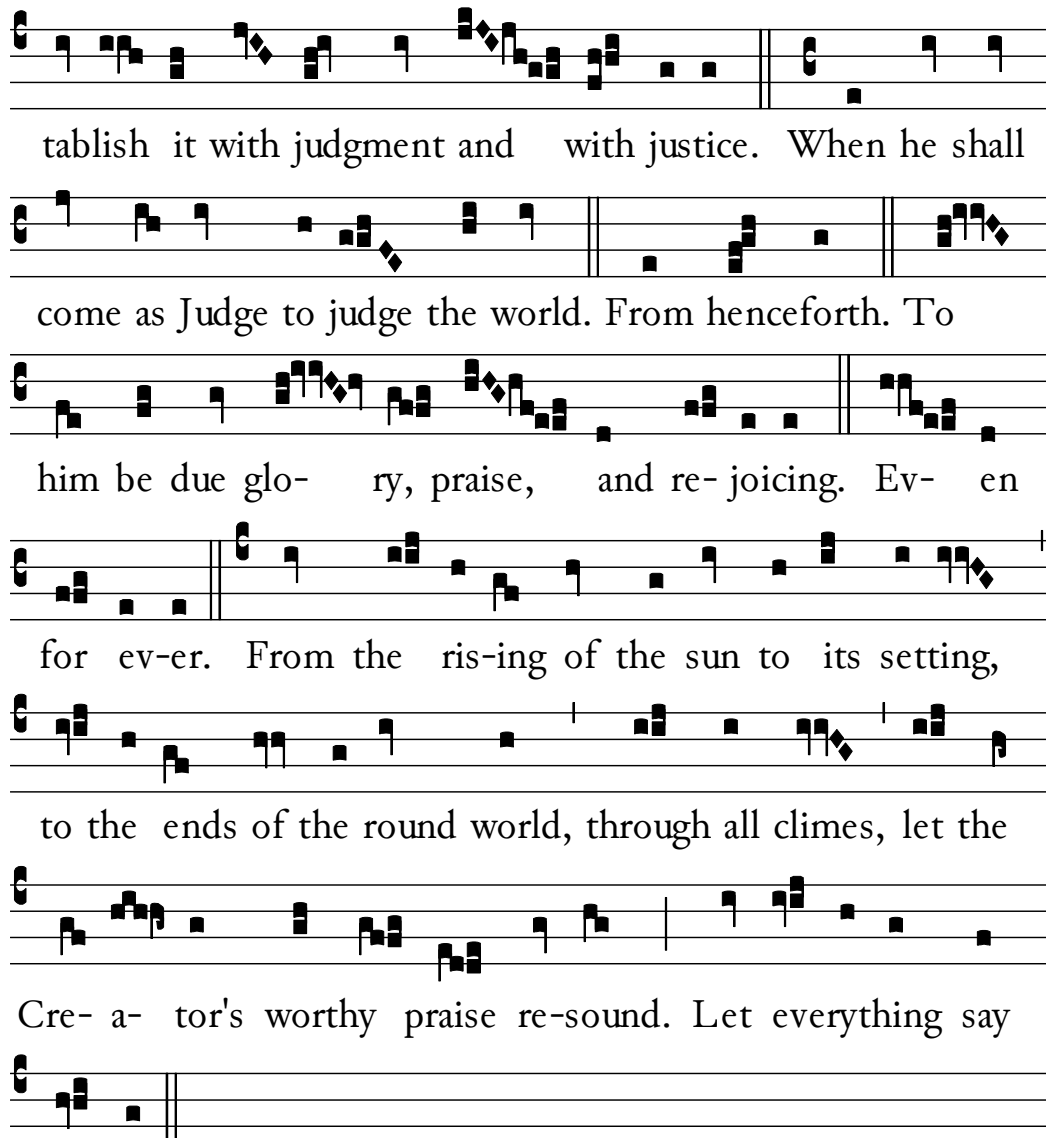


his kingdom. And there shall be no bound to his reign.



To order it. With the pledge of faith. And to es-

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tablish it with judgment and with justice. When he shall
come as Judge to judge the world. From henceforth. To
him be due glo- ry, praise, and re- joicing. Ev- en
for ev-er. From the ris- ing of the sun to its setting,
to the ends of the round world, through all climes, let the
Cre- a- tor's worthy praise re-sound. Let everything say
A-men.

Where there is no chanting let be read.

The Lesson from Isaiah the Prophet. ix. 2, 6-7.

THUS saith the Lord. The people of the Gentiles that walked in darkness have seen a great light : they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light

shined. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given : and the government shall be upon his shoulder : and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty

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God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and

upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.

¶ Without interval let be read.

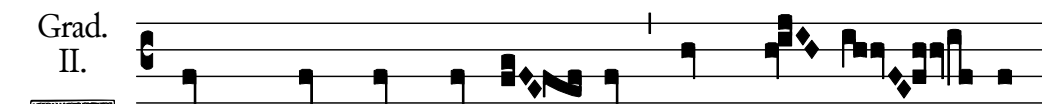
The Lesson from the Epistle of blessed Paul the Apôstle to Titus. ij. 11-15.

Beloved : The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men : teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world : looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious

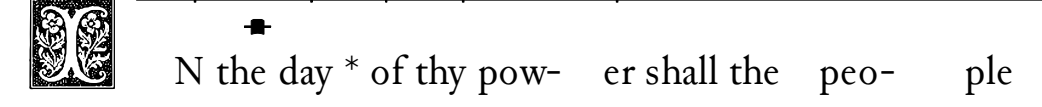
appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ : who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity : and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort : in Christ Jesu our Lord.

Tecum principium.


Grad.
II.



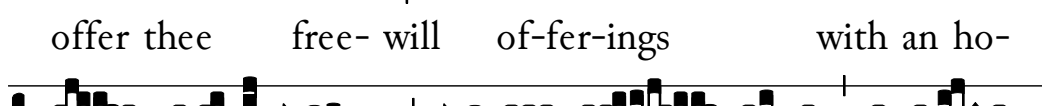
N the day * of thy pow- er shall the peo- ple



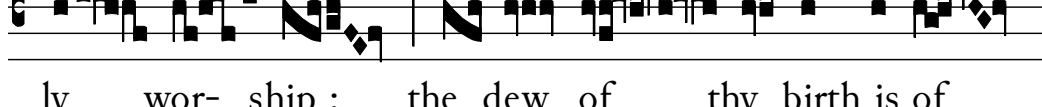
offer thee free- will of-fer-ings with an ho-



ly wor- ship : the dew of thy birth is of



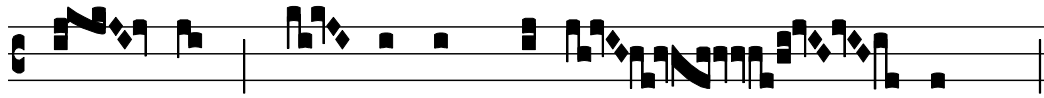
the womb of the mor-ning.



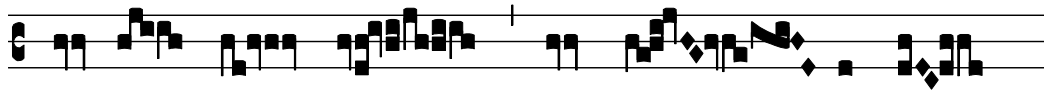
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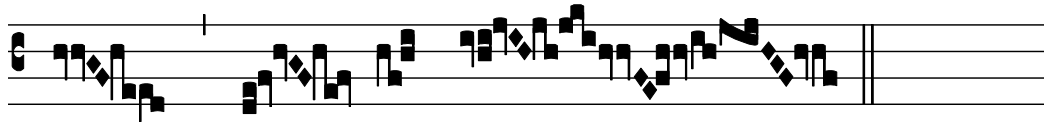
∞. The Lord said unto my



Lord : Sit thou on my right hand :



un-til I make thine e- nemies



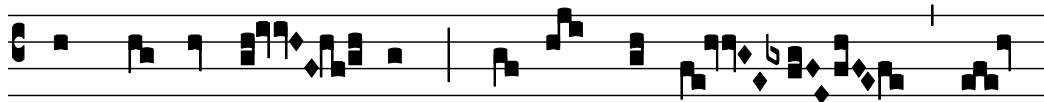
* thy footstool.

Alleluia. Dominus dixit ad me.

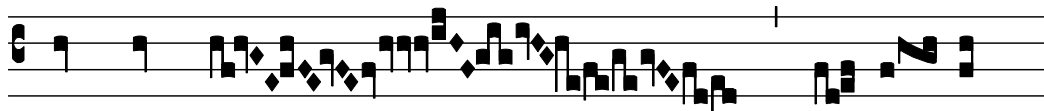
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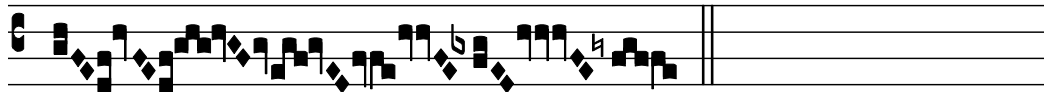
L-le- lu- ya. * ∞. The Lord



hath said unto me : Thou art my Son, this



day have I * be- got- ten



thee.

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Nato canunt omnia.

Seq.
VIII.



N-to the new-born De-i-ty Now sing heaven's

choirs joyful-ly. Each on their harps thankful-ly Pouring

forth a sweet me-lody. This morn of sancti-ty, Wherein

is all fe-li-ci-ty, Bestowed on earth plenteously. This great

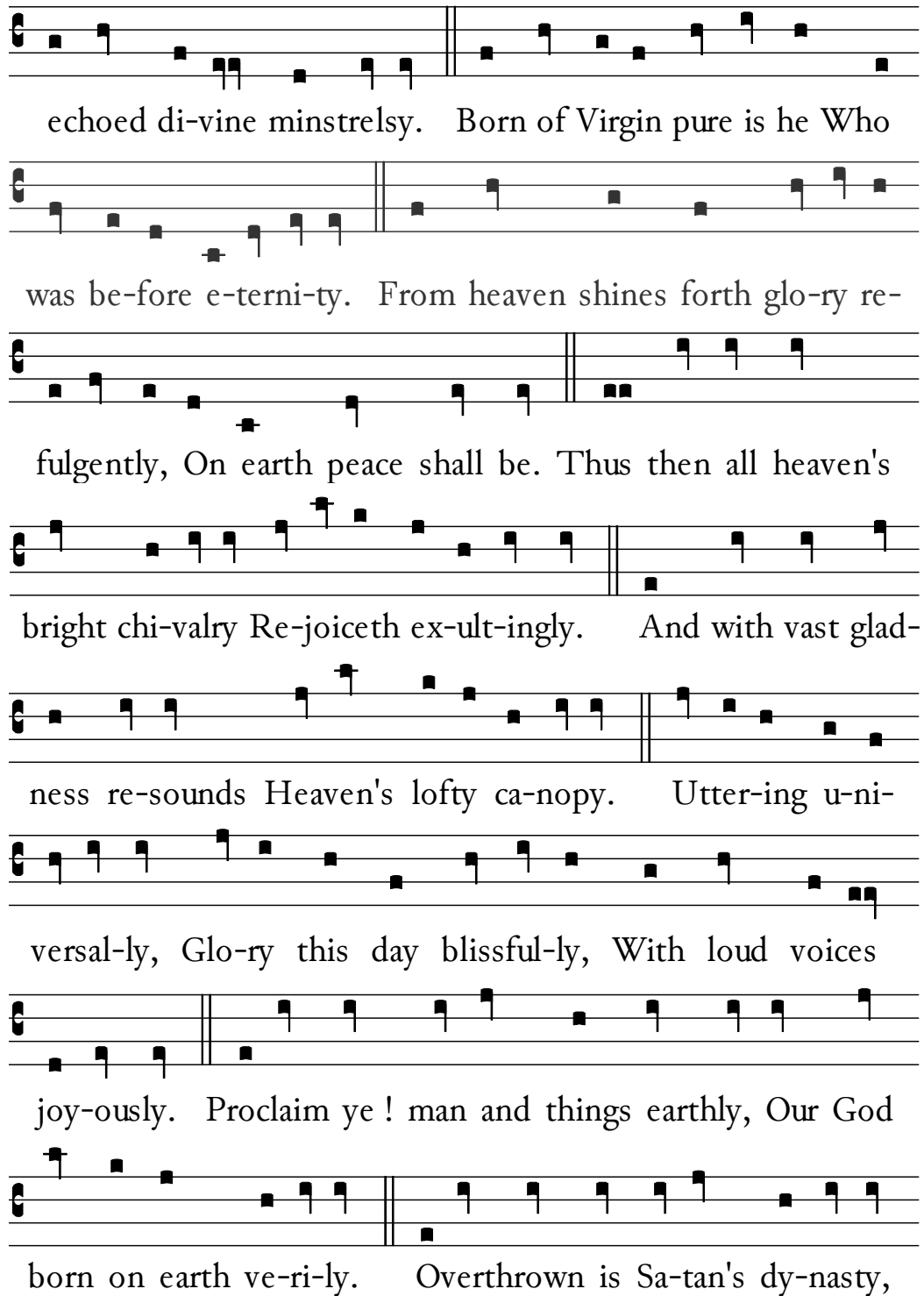
night wondrously pealed forth in loud harmony Angels'

lauds sono-rously. And light shone forth resplendently

At midnight brightly To the shepherds' compa-ny. While

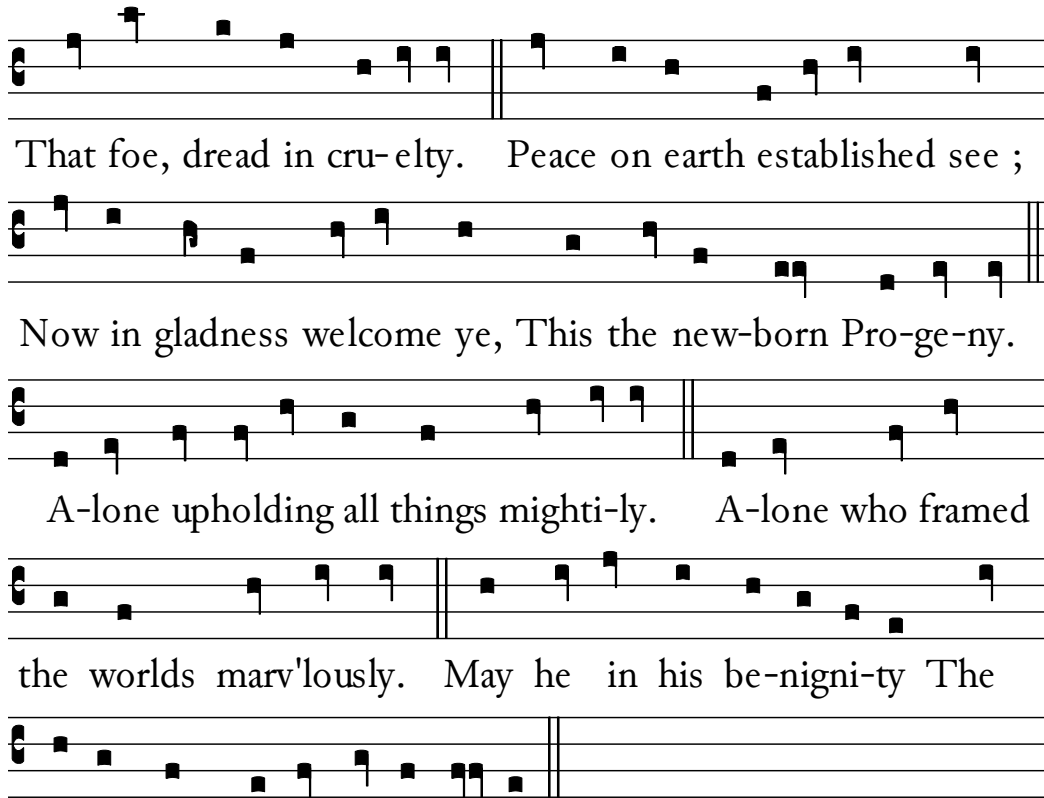
they kept their flocks watchful-ly, From on high suddenly

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echoed di-vine minstrelsy. Born of Virgin pure is he Who
was be-fore e-terni-ty. From heaven shines forth glo-ry re-
fulgently, On earth peace shall be. Thus then all heaven's
bright chi-valry Re-joiceth ex-ult-ingly. And with vast glad-
ness re-sounds Heaven's lofty ca-nopy. Utter-ing u-ni-
versal-ly, Glo-ry this day blissful-ly, With loud voices
joy-ously. Proclaim ye ! man and things earthly, Our God
born on earth ve-ri-ly. Overthrown is Sa-tan's dy-nasty,

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That foe, dread in cru-elty. Peace on earth established see ;

Now in gladness welcome ye, This the new-born Pro-ge-ny.

A-lone upholding all things mighti-ly. A-lone who framed

the worlds marv'lously. May he in his be-nigni-ty The

fetters loose of our i-niqui- ty.

Let the Gospel be read in the Pulpit in the manner of a Double Feast.

According to Luke. ij. 1-14.

AT that time : There went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem : because he was of the house and lineage of David : to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife,

being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there : the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son : and wrapped him in swaddling clothes : and laid him in a manger : because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them : and the

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glory of the Lord shòne round about them : and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not : for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be à sign

unto you : Ye shall find the babe wrappèd in swaddling clothes : lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of thè heavenly host : praising God, and saying, Glory to God in thè highest : and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Credo. 21.

Letentur celi.

Offert.
IV.



ET the heavens * re- joice and let the

earth be glad be- fore the face of the Lord, for

he com- eth.

Secret.

MAY the offering of this day's festival be acceptable unto thee, O Lord, we beseech thee : that with the lavishing of thy grace through this most holy interchange, we may be found in the likeness of him : in whom

our substance is united with thee : Jesus Christ our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Preface. Because by the mystery of the incarnate Word. **XX.**

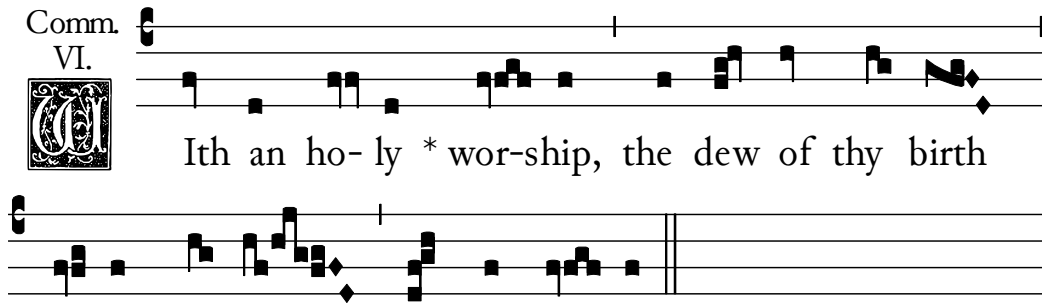
This Preface is said on the Day of the Nativity of the Lord at all Masses, and daily during

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the week, and on the Day of the Circumcision of the Lord, and at all Masses of Saint Mary from this day through to the Purification. In communion with. however is said only through to the Circumcision and on the Day of the Circumcision.

In splendoribus.

Comm.
VI.



Ith an ho-ly * wor-ship, the dew of thy birth
is of the womb of the morn- ing.

Postcommunion.

GRant unto us, we beseech thee,
O Lord our God : that we who
rejoice to celebrate the nativity of our
Lord Jesus Christ, by worthy manners
of life be found meet to attain unto

fellowship with him. Who liveth and
reigneth with thee in the unity of the
Holy Ghost, one God, world without
end. *R?* Amen.



[1508:21v.]

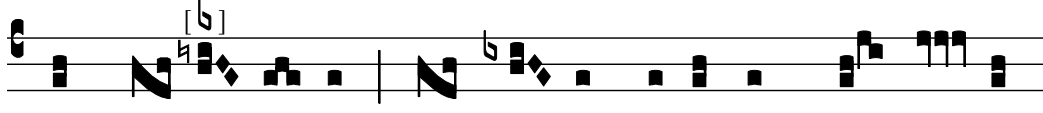
¶ *At the Mass at Sunrise.*

Lux fulgebit hodie.

Offic.
VIII.

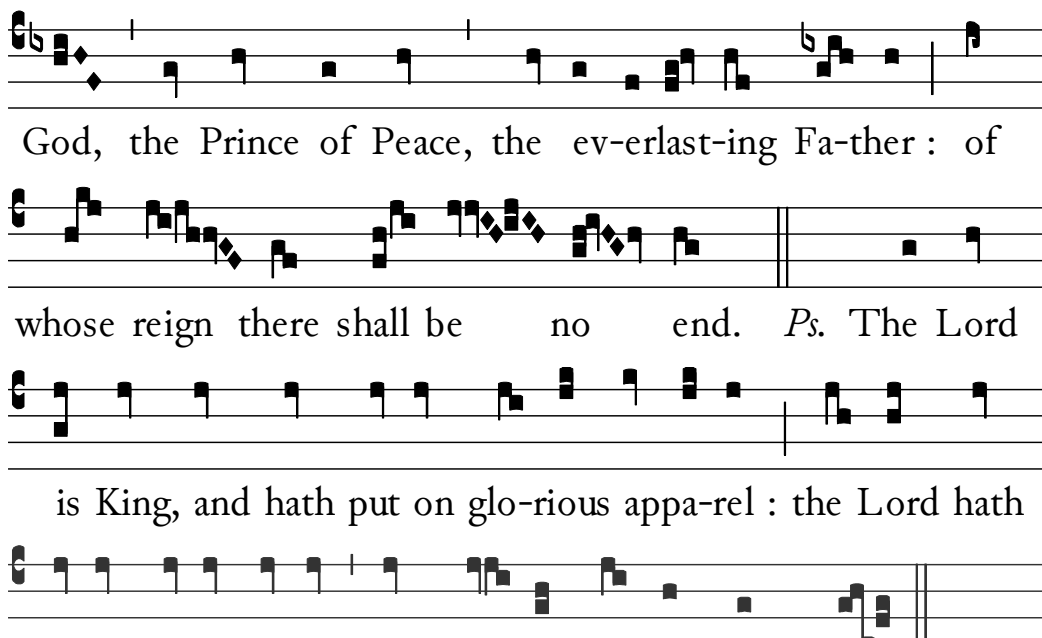


Ight shall shine * up-on us this day, for unto



us the Lord is born : and he shall be cal-led Won-der-ful

On the Day of the Nativity of the Lord.



God, the Prince of Peace, the ev-erlast-ing Fa-ther : of
whose reign there shall be no end. *Ps.* The Lord
is King, and hath put on glo-rious appa-rel : the Lord hath
put on his appa-rel, and gird-ed himself with strength.

At this Mass Kyrie eleison. is sung without Verses. Gloria in excelsis. Sanctus, and Agnus. are sung as on a simple Feast of Nine Lessons.

Prayer.

GRant, we beseech thee, almighty God : that we upon whom is poured the new light of thy incarnate Word : may shew forth this brightness in our works, which by faith shineth in

the mind. Through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R?* Amen.

Memorial of Saint Anastasia.

with this Prayer.

GRant, we beseech thee, almighty God : that we who honour the solemnity of blessed Anastasia thy martyr, may be sensible of her pleadings before thee. 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.

On the Day of the Nativity of the Lord.

At this Mass are said no more Prayers nor less. Let the following Lesson be read in the Pulpit by one Clerk alone of the Second Form in a Surplice the following Epistle without interval.

A Lesson from Isaiah the Prophet. lxj. 1-3; lxij. 11-12.

THus saith the Lord. The spirit of the Lord God is upon me : because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek : he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound : to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God : to comfort all that mourn : to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for

ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness : that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. Behold, the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh : behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord.

Let the Epistle follow without interval.

A Lesson from the Epistle of Blessed Paul the Apôstle to Titus. iij. 4-7.

Beloved : The kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done : but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and

renewing of the Holy Ghost : which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour : that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. In Christ Jesus : our Lord.

Benedictus qui venit.

Grad.
V.



Blessed be he * that com-eth in the Name of

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the Lord : God is the Lord, who hath shewed us
light. *∇*. This is the Lord's
do- ing : and it is mar-
vel-lous * in our eyes.

Let the Gradual be repeated.

Alleluya. Dominus regnavit decorem.

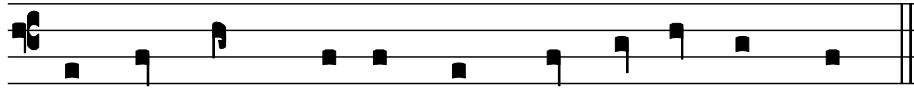
Alle.
II.

L-le-lu- ya. * *∇*. The
Lord is King, and hath put on glo- ri- ous
appar-rel : the Lord hath put on his ap-pa- rel,
and gird-ed himself * with strength.

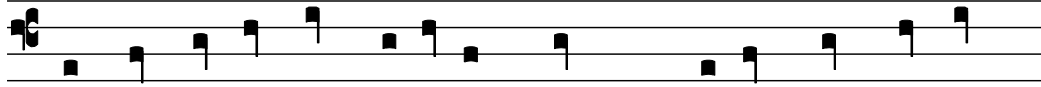
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Sonent Regi nato.

Seq.
II.



Et new songs be sounded * to the newborn King.



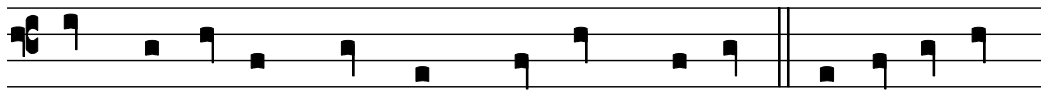
God his Father had cre- ation wrought ; Virgin most hal-low'd



was his mother made. His be-getter knew the woman not :



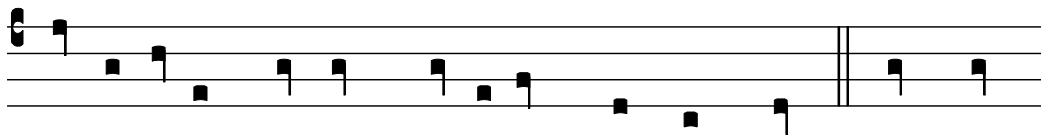
she be-came fruitful with no human aid. Word be-gotten



of the Father's heart ere the world be-gan. God incarnate



in his mother's womb and in time made man. O wondrous

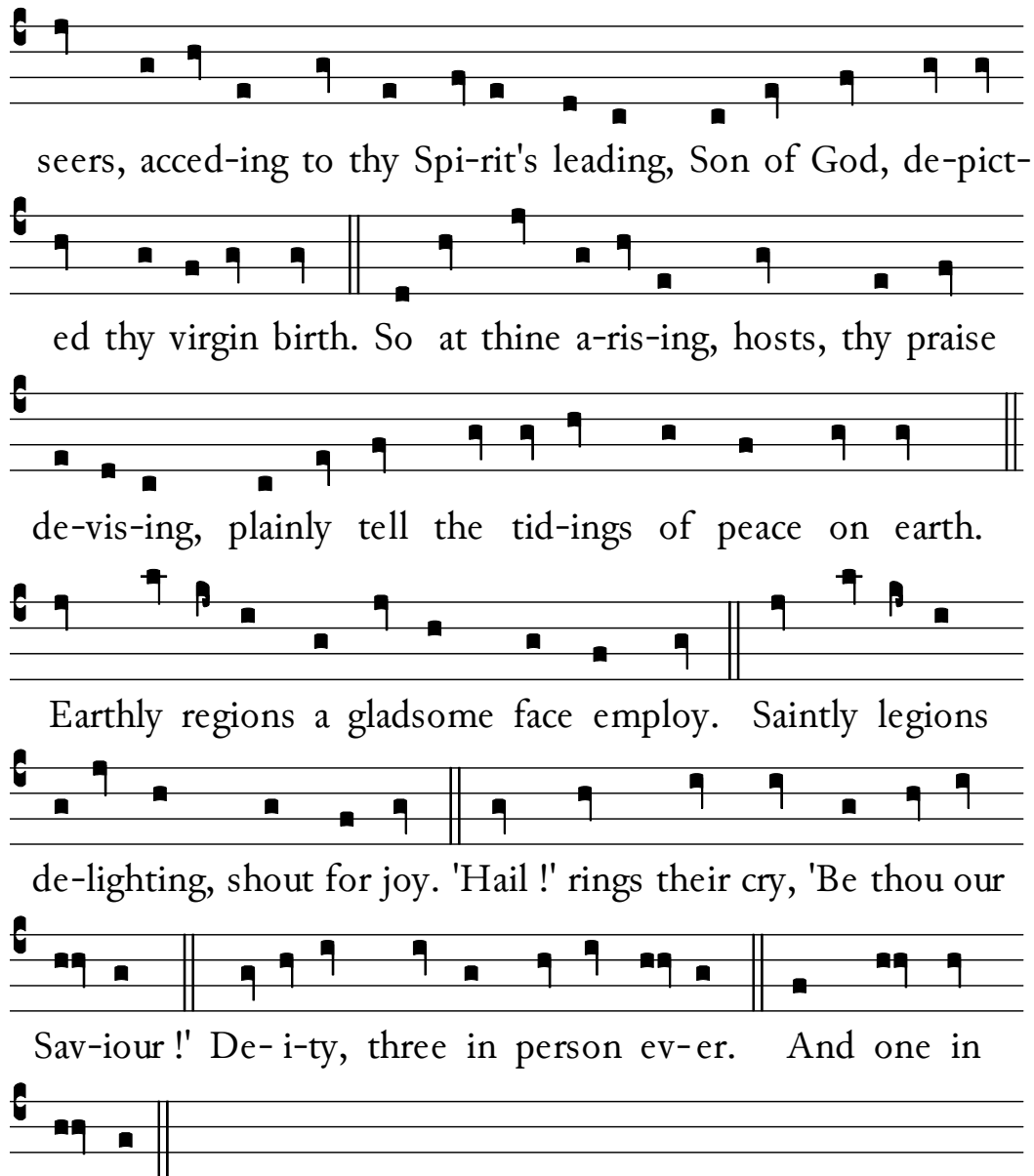


ge-ne-ration ! O birth de-fy- ing mind and sense ! O Child



of glorious station ! O God in human counte-nance ! So the

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seers, acced-ing to thy Spi-rit's leading, Son of God, de-pict-
ed thy virgin birth. So at thine a-ris-ing, hosts, thy praise
de-vis-ing, plainly tell the tid-ings of peace on earth.
Earthly regions a gladsome face employ. Saintly legions
de-lighting, shout for joy. 'Hail !' rings their cry, 'Be thou our
Sav-iour !' De- i-ty, three in person ev-er. And one in
substance.

Let the Gospel be read in the Pulpit in the manner of Sundays.

According to Luke. ij. 15-20.

AT that time : The shepherds said
one to another, Let us now go
evèn unto Bethlehem : and see thìs
thing which is come to pass : which

the Lord hath made known unto us.
And thèy came with haste : and fòund
Mary, and Joseph : and the babe lying
in a manger. Ànd when they had seen

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it : they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And àll they that heard it : wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary

kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard ànd sèen : as it was told unto them.

Credo. 21.

Deus enim firmabit.

Offert.
VIII.



OR God hath made * the round world so
sure that it cannot be mov-ed : ev-er
since the world be-gan, O God, hath thy seat been pre-
par- ed : thou art from ev- er- last- ing.

Secret.

MAY our gifts, we beseech thee, O Lord, be agreeable to the mysteries of this day's nativity : that as he who was born as man shone forth as God, so may this earthly substance bestow on us that which is divine.

Through the same 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.

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Another Secret.

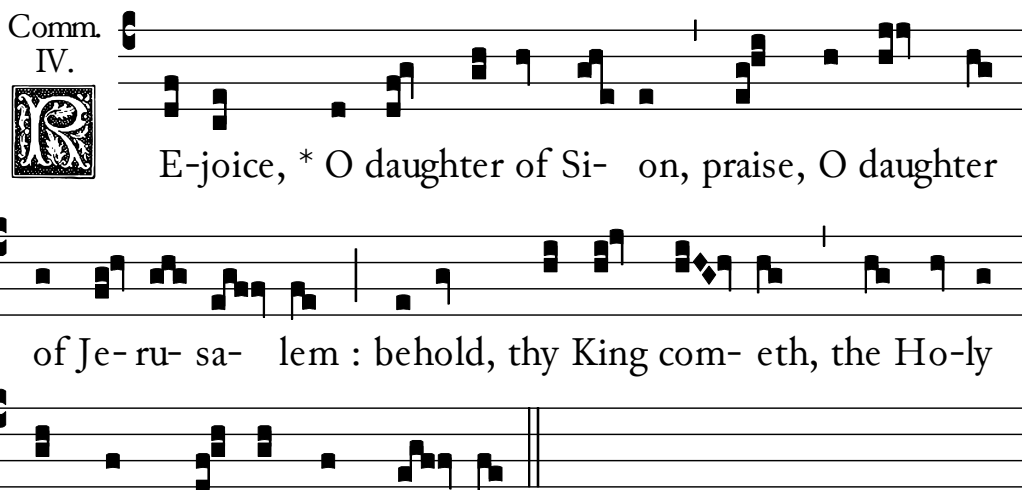
Acept, we beseech thee, O Lord, these gifts worthily offered, and grant that the merits of blessed Anastasia pleading may avail to further our salvation. Through the same Jesus

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.

Preface and In communion with. as above.

Exulta filia Syon.

Comm.
IV.



RE-joice, * O daughter of Si- on, praise, O daughter
of Je- ru- sa- lem : behold, thy King com- eth, the Ho-ly
One and Sav-iour of the world.

Postcommunion.

May the new birth of this sacrament, O Lord, ever restore us, whose wondrous nativity cast off the old man. Through the same Jesus

Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Another Postcommunion.

THou hast nourished, O Lord, thy family with sacred gifts : we beseech thee, comfort us evermore by her intercession, whose solemnity we celebrate. 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.



[1508:23r.]

¶ *At the Third Mass on the Day of
the Nativity of the Lord.*

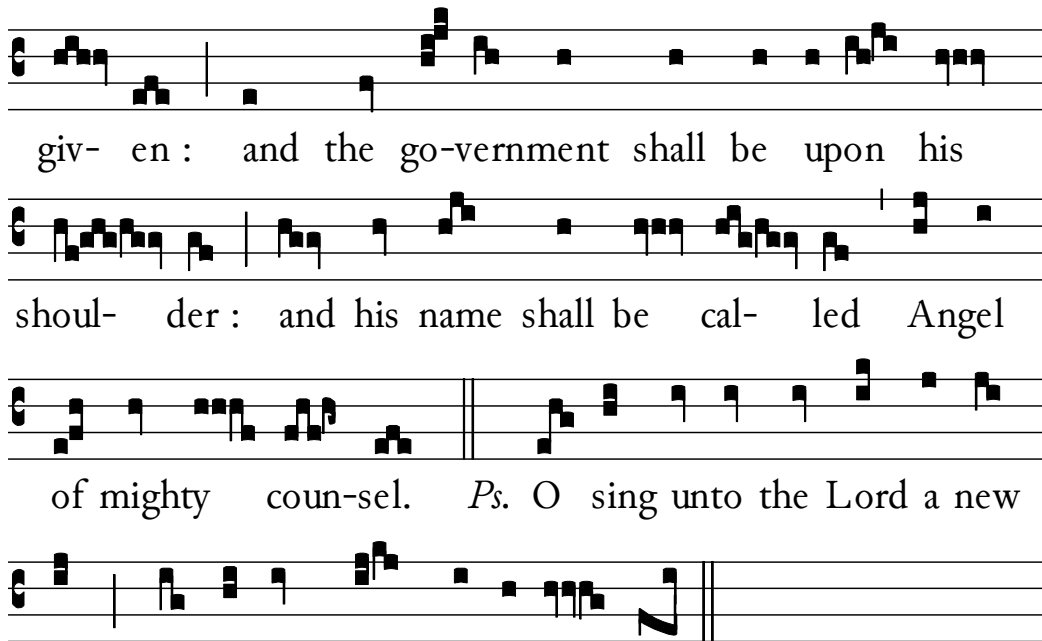
Puer natus est.

Offic.
VII.



U N-to us * a child is born, unto us a son is

On the Day of the Nativity of the Lord.



giv- en : and the go-vernment shall be upon his
shoul- der : and his name shall be cal- led Angel
of mighty coun-sel. *Ps.* O sing unto the Lord a new
song : for he hath done marvellous things.

Prayer.

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

under yoke of sin. Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Let the following Lesson be read in the Pulpitum by one of the Superior Grade in a Surplice.

A Lesson from Isaiah the Prophet. lij. 6-10.

THus saith the Lord. Therefore my people shall know my name : therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak : behold, it is I. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace ; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that

saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth ! Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice ; with the voice together shall they sing : for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion. Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem : for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord hath

made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations ; and all the ends of the

earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Which having been read, let be begun without interval the Epistle.

Tô the Hebrews. j. 1-12.

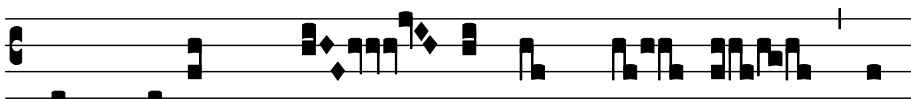
Brethren : God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets : hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son : whom he hath appointed heir of all things : by whom also he made the worlds : who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person : and upholding all things by the word of his power : when he had by himself purged our sins : sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high : being made so much better than the angels : as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee ? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son ? And again, when he bringeth in

the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits : and his ministers a flame of fire. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever : a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity : therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth : and the heavens are the works of thine hands : they shall perish, but thou remainest : and they all shall wax old as doth a garment : and as a vesture shalt thou fold them up : and they shall be changed : but thou art the same : and thy years shall not fail.

Viderunt omnes.

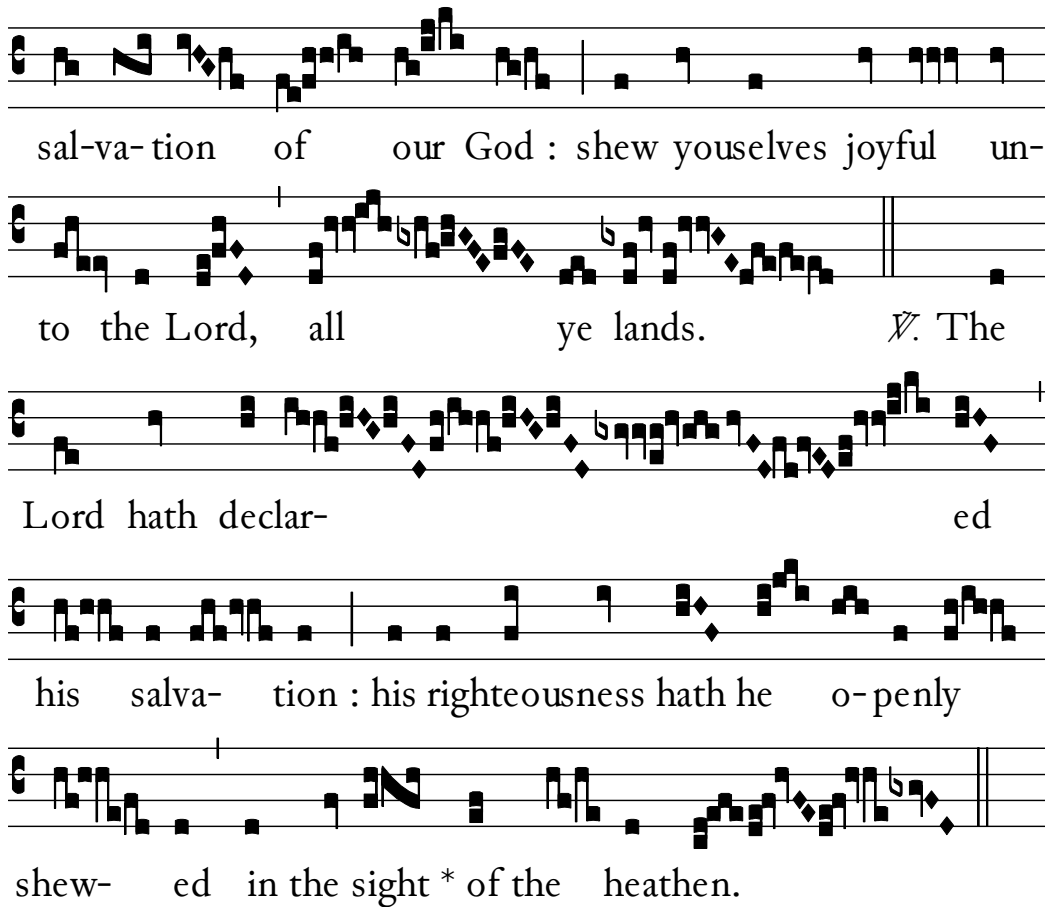
Grad.

V.



LL the ends * of the world have seen the

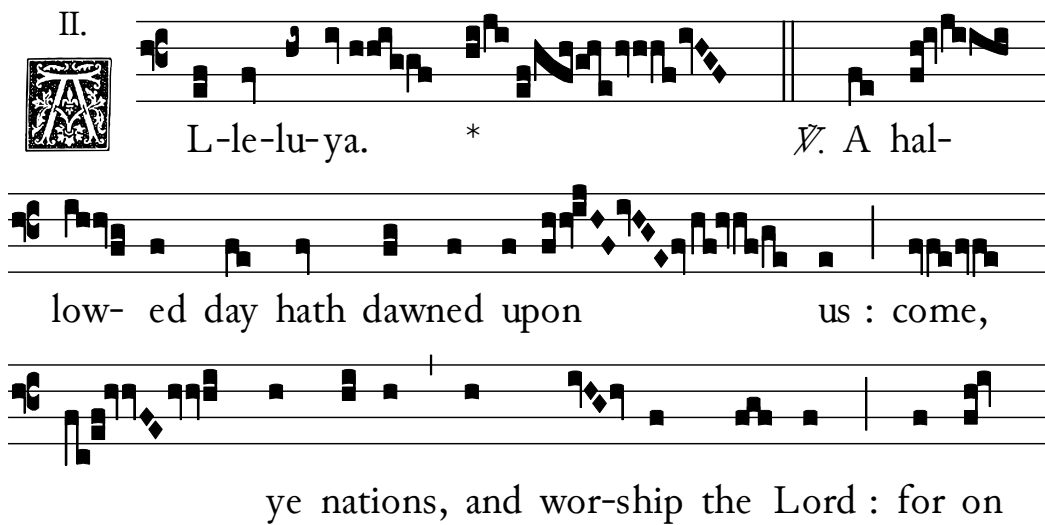

On the Day of the Nativity of the Lord.



sal-va-tion of our God : shew yourselves joyful un-
to the Lord, all ye lands. *℥*. The
Lord hath declar- ed
his salva- tion : his righteousness hath he o- penly
shew- ed in the sight * of the heathen.

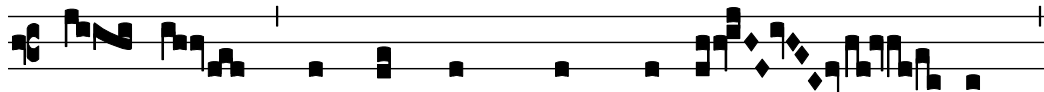
Dies sanctificatus.

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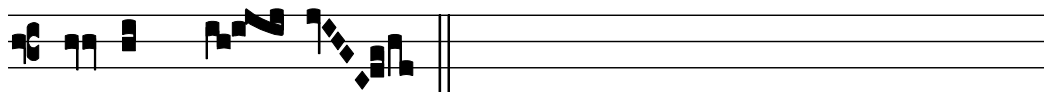


L-le-lu-ya. * *℥*. A hal-
low- ed day hath dawned upon us : come,
ye nations, and wor-ship the Lord : for on

On the Day of the Nativity of the Lord.





this day a great light hath descen- ded



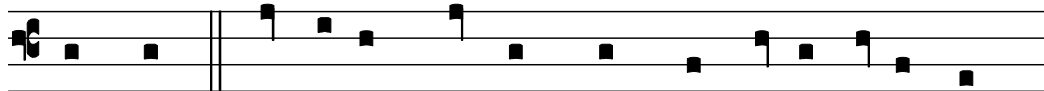
* up-on the earth.

Celeste organum.

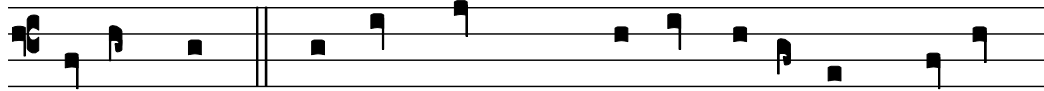
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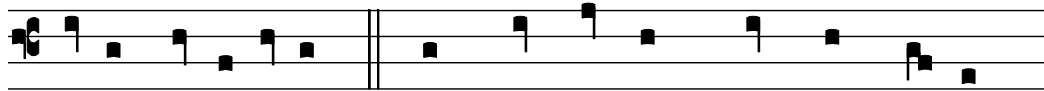
heavenly harmony o-ver the earth this day was




sounded. The Virgin's birthing hour by the ange-lic song



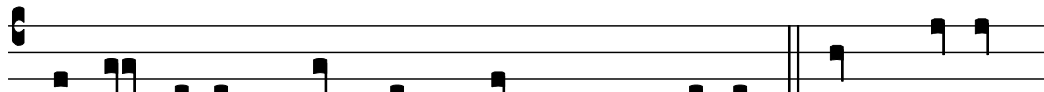
surrounded. What, O throng? Why not be leaping To join



the joy ce-lesti-al? While the shepherds watch are keeping,



The angel-strains come sensible. They sing their anthems



il-lus-tri-ous, Peace and glo-ry pro-li-fe-rate. And, giv-ing

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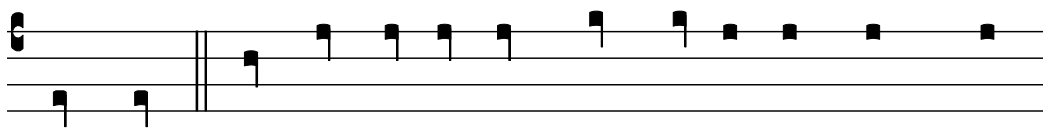
Christ homage du-te-ous, Kindly let us par-ti-ci-pate. Gifts



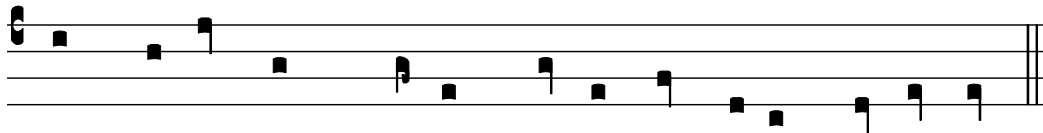
these are, nor giv-en ev-er, Save to hearts of heavenly fa-vour.



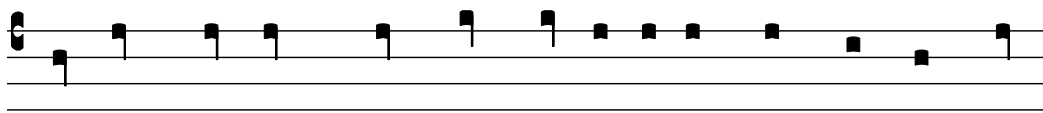
Offered not without discerning, But to hearts for heaven



yearning. Let wills a-bandon their wickedness, And this



peace to good ones promised, Also shall be our possession.

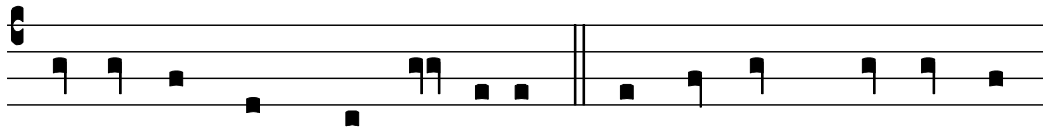


Here earthly things meet with heavenly, Yea, all praise is knit

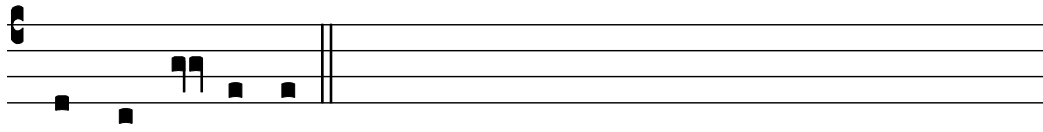


to-gether, Yet dis-tinct, in fit-ting measure. Joy, O man,

On the Day of the Nativity of the Lord.

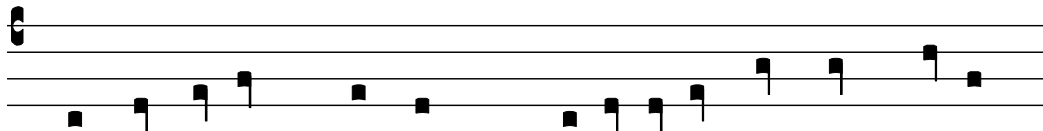


to ponder things so mar-vellous ! Joy, O flesh, that to the



Word art u- ni-fied !

Let this preceding Verse be sung thrice.



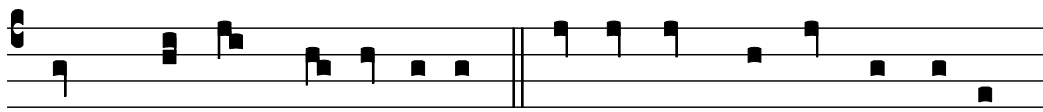
Skies tell a-loud the Lights's na-ti-vi-ty By their brilliant



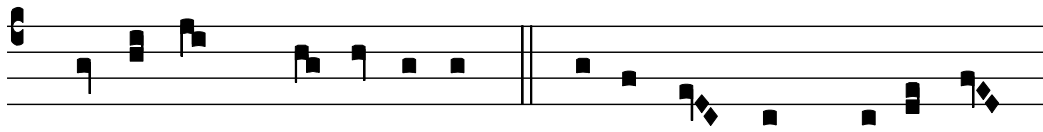
e- vi-dence. Leaders of flocking sheep to Bethle-hem Chase



the guid-ing ra-di- ance. Heaven's King is here discov-ered,



Hedged a-bout by a-nimals. In a crib the King is seated




Who contains the u-ni-verse. Ma-ry bore him, we a-dore



him With the Church in u-ni-ty. Full of fa- vour ! show us

On the Day of the Nativity of the Lord.



ev-er How to please him faithful-ly. Let all the saints
 voice their praises !

The beginning of the Holy Gospel : according to John. j. 1-14.

IN thè beginning was the Word :
 and thè Word was with God : and
 the Word was God. The same was in
 the beginning with God. Àll things
 were made by him : and without him
 was not any thing made that was made.
 In him was life : and the life was the
 light of men. And thè light shineth in
 darkness : and the darkness compre-
 hended it not. There was à man sent
 from God : whose name was John.
 The same came for a witness, to bear
 witness of the Light : that all men
 through him might believe. He was
 not that Light : but was sent to bear
 witness of that Light. That was the

true Light, which lighteth every man
 that cometh into the world. He was in
 the world, and thè world was made by
 him : and the world knew him not. Hè
 came unto his own : and his own
 received him not. But as manỳ as
 received him : to them gave he power
 to become the sons of God, even to
 them thàt believe on his name : which
 were born, not of blood, nor of thè will
 of the flesh : nor of the will of man, but
 of God. And the Word was made
 flesh, ànd dwelt among us : and we
 bèheld his glory : the glory as of the
 only begotten of thè Fàther : full of
 grace and truth.

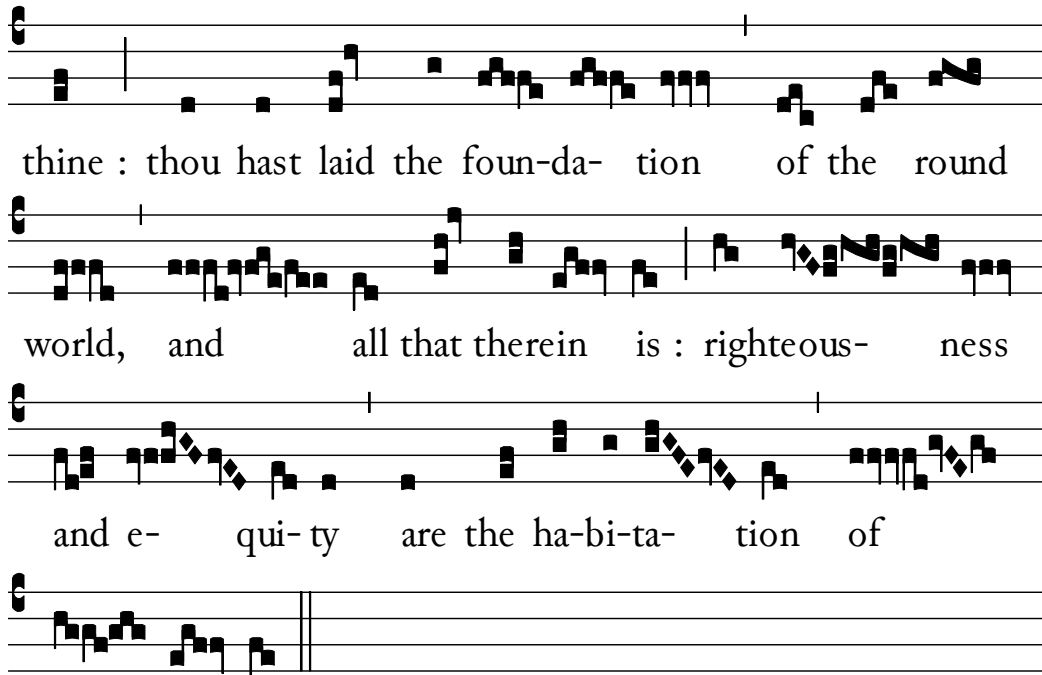
Tui sunt celi.

Offert.
 IV.



THE hea-vens * are thine, the earth also is

On the Day of the Nativity of the Lord.



thine : thou hast laid the foun-da- tion of the round
world, and all that therein is : righteous- ness
and e- qui- ty are the ha-bi-ta- tion of
thy seat.

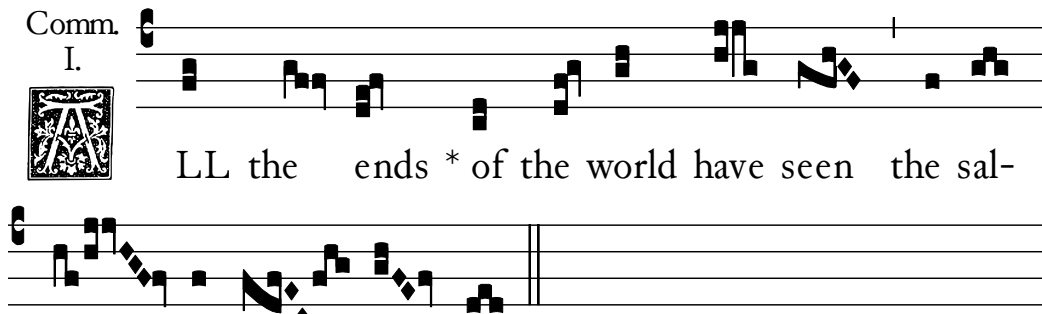

Secret.

Sanctify, O Lord, the gifts offered at the new birth of thy only begotten and mercifully cleanse us from the stains of our sins. Through the same 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.

Viderunt omnes.

Comm.
I.



ALL the ends * of the world have seen the sal-
va- tion of our God.

On the Day of the Nativity of the Lord.

Postcommunion.

Grant, we beseech thee, almighty
God : that as the Saviour of the
world born this day is the author for us
of divine generation, so may he

likewise be the giver of immortality.
Who liveth and reigneth with thee in
the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God,
world without end. *R̄*. Amen.



[1508:24v.]

Of Saint Stephen Protomartyr.

Etenim sederunt.

Offic.
I.



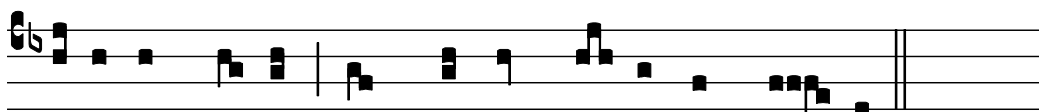
Rin- ces al-so did sit * and speak a-against me :

and the wick-ed have per- se-cu- ted me : help me, O

Lord my God : for thy ser-vant is occu-pi- ed in

thy sta- tutes. *Ps.* Blessed are those that are unde-

Saint Stephen.



fi-led in the way : and walk in the law of the Lord.

Prayer.

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

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

Memorial of the Nativity only.

The Lesson from the Acts of the Apostles. vj. 8-10. vij. 54-60.

IN those days : Stephèn, full of
faith and power : did great won-
ders and miracles amông the people.
Then there arose certain of the syna-
gogue, which is called the synagogue of
the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and
Alexandrians : and of them of Cilicia
and of Asia, dispûting with Stephen.
And they were not able to resist the
wisdom and the spîrit by which he
spake. When they heard these things,
they wère cut to the heart : and they
gnashed on hîm with their teeth. But
Stephen, being full òf the Holy Ghost :
looked up stedfastly into heaven, and
saw thè glory of God : and Jesus
standing on the right hand of the

pôwer of God, and said, Behold, I see
thè heavens opened : and the Son of
man standing on the right hand of the
pôwer of God. Then they crièd out
with a loud voice : and stopped their
ears, and ran ùpon him with one ac-
cord : and cast him out òf the city, and
stoned him : and the witnesses laid
down their clothes at a young man's
fêet, whose name was Saul. And they
stoned Stephen, calling upon Gôd, and
saying, Lord Jesus, receîve my spirit.
And he kneeled down, and cried wîth a
loud voice, Lord, lay not this sîn to
their charge. And when he hàd said
this : he fell asleep in the Lord.

Saint Stephen.

Sederunt principes.

Grad.
V.



Rin- ces * also did sit and speak a-

gainst me, and the wicked have perse-cu-ted me.

∞. Help me, O Lord

my God : O save me accord-ing * to thy

mer- cy.

Alleluya. Video celos apertos.

II.



L-le-lu-ya. * ∞. I see

the heavens o- pen-ed and Je-sus stand-

ing at the right hand of the pow-

Saint Stephen.



er * of God.

Magnus Deus in universa terra.


Seq.
II.



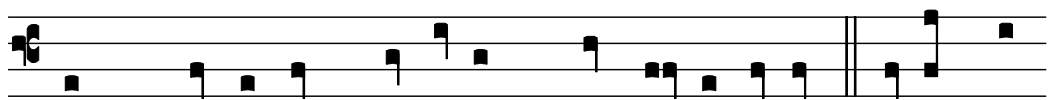
Reat and mighty * is God in earth's dominion. Migh-



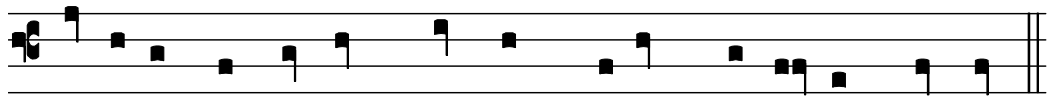
ty his do-ings, Whereso distri-bu-ted, In earthly pro-vin-



ces As in heavenly. Rul-er of rul-ers, Lord o-ver ev-ery-




thing, The Father's Ra-di- ance from e- terni-ty. His is the



ve-ry love of heaven That from the earth uplift-ed Stephen.



Fit-ly a-dorned with crown su-pernal That martyr's brow in



life e-ternal. Then Stephen, full inha-bi-ted By God's

Saint Stephen.

pow'r and grace un-limit-ed. Mighty tokens exhi-bi-ted,
Teaching ve-ry truths of Christendom. But when he made
his mes-sage Our de-li-ver-ance. Preaching that our re-demp-
tion Now had vis-it-ed. Then to his eyes upgaz-ing Oped
a gateway heavenly. And he, the crowd addressing,
Spoke a-loud and openly. Filled with grac-es heaven-sent.
"Lo, I witness Marvellous light of God the Omni-po-tent.
Shin-ing forth all gloriously. Je-sus standing At the right

Saint Stephen.



hand of the Father's Ma-jesty." Then when the Jewish he-re-



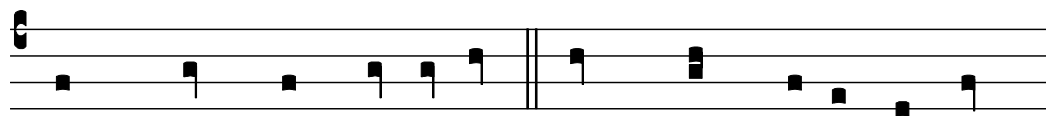
tics Heard this utter-ance. They, enraged and murmur-ing.



Took stones and ruthlessly Battered his body. Still, he, en-



dur-ing dauntlessly, Prayed in martyrdom. "Count not a-



gainst them their trespasses. But, Christ, graciously Take



thou my spi-rit." He, thus hav-ing spoken, Fell slumber-ing



In His Sovereign, Peaceful for-ev-er. Pray, O martyr Ste-



phen, That ev-ermore We may also Share in that blissfulness.

Saint Stephen.

This final Verse is sung thrice in this Feast and in the Invention of the same.

According to Matthew. xxij. 34-39.

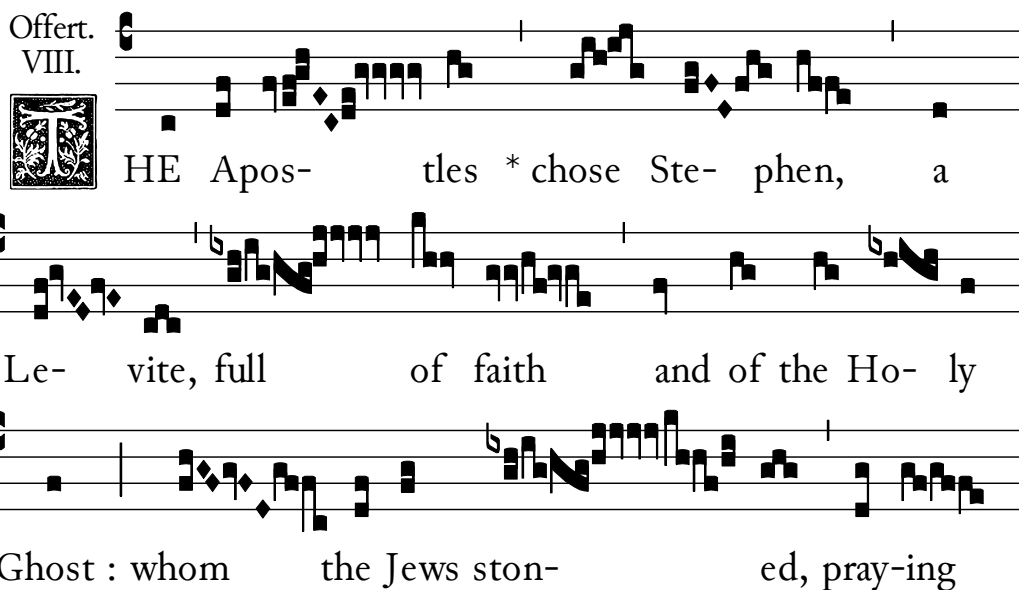
AT that time : Jesus said to the multitude of the Jews, and the chief priests, Behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes : and some of them ye shall kill and crucify : and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues : and persecute them from city to city : that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth : from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.

Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee : how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not ? Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh : in the name of the Lord.

Credo. 21.


Elegerunt apostoli Stephanum.

Offert.
VIII.

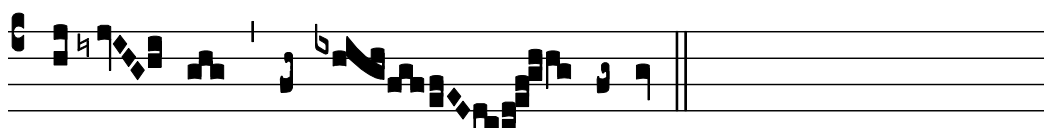


THE Apos- tles * chose Ste- phen, a
Le- vite, full of faith and of the Ho- ly
Ghost : whom the Jews ston- ed, pray-ing

Saint Stephen.



and say-ing : Lord Je- sus, re- ceive my spi-



rit, al-le- lu-ya.

Secret.

Receive, O Lord, these gifts for the commemoration of the blessed martyr Stephen : that as passion made him glorious, so devotion may render us innocent.

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.

Video celos apertos.

Comm.
VIII.



see * the heavens open-ed, and Je-sus standing



on the right hand of the pow-er of God : Lord Je-sus,



re-ceive my spi- rit, and lay not this sin to their charge,



for they know not what they do.

Saint Stephen.

Postcommunion.

MAY the mysteries we have received, O Lord, be a help to us, and at the intercession of blessed Stephen thy protomartyr may they strengthen us with everlasting

protection. 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.



On the Day of Saint John the Evangelist.

In medio ecclesie.

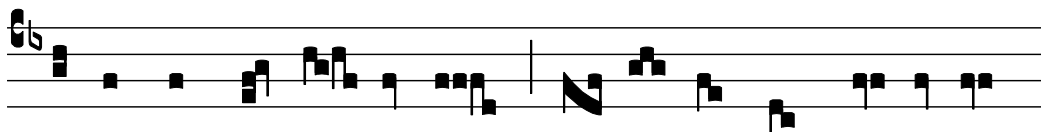
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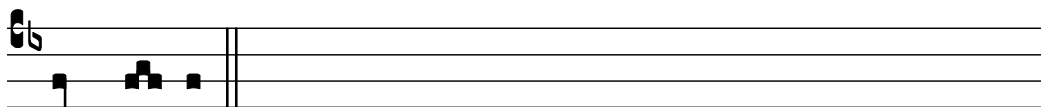
N the midst * of the congre-ga-tion he o-pen-ed



his mouth : and the Lord fil-led him with the spi- rit of



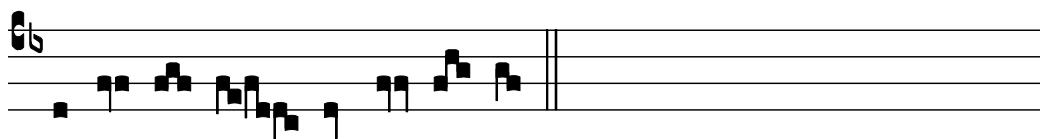
wisdom and under-standing : he cloth-ed him with a robe



of glo- ry.

In Eastertide is added

Saint John.



Alle- lú- ya, al-le- lú- ya.



Ps. He hath found joy : and a crown of gladness.

Prayer.

Mercifully enlighten thy church, we beseech thee, O Lord : that being illuminated by the doctrines of blessed John thy Apostle and Evangelist, she may attain to

everlasting gifts. Through 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.

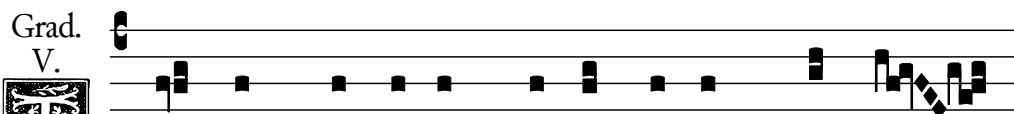
Memorials of the Nativity and of Saint Stephen only.

A Lesson from the Bôok of Wisdom. xv. 1-6.

HE that fearèth the Lord will do good : and he that hath the knowlèdge of the lãw shall obtain her : and as a mother shâll she meet him. With the bread of understandìng shall she feed him : and give him the water of wîsdom to drink. He shall be stayed upon hêr, and shall nôt be moved : and shall rely upon her, and shall nôt be

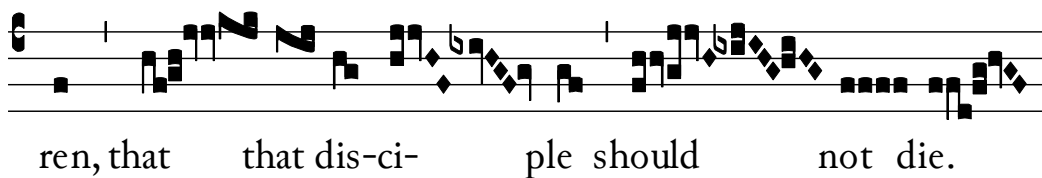
confounded. She shall exalt him abôve his neighbours. In the midst of the congregation shall shè open his mouth : and the Lord shall fill him with the spirit of wisdom and ûnderstanding. He shall find joy ànd a crown of gladness : and she shall cause him to inherit an everlasting nàme : the Lord our God.

Exiit sermo inter fratres.



Hen went this say-ing * abroad among the breth-

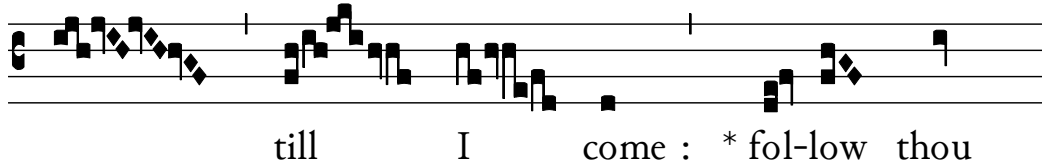
Saint John.



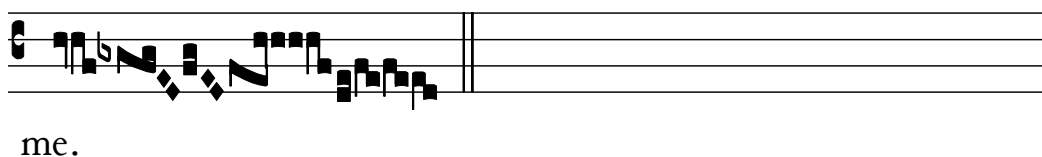
ren, that that dis-ci- ple should not die.



But, If I will that he tarry



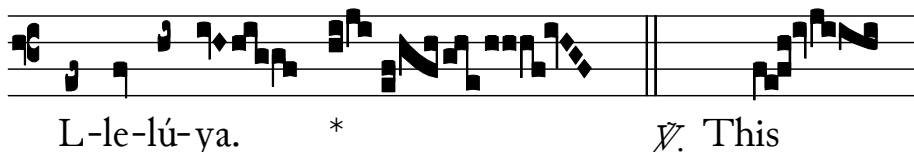
till I come : * fol-low thou



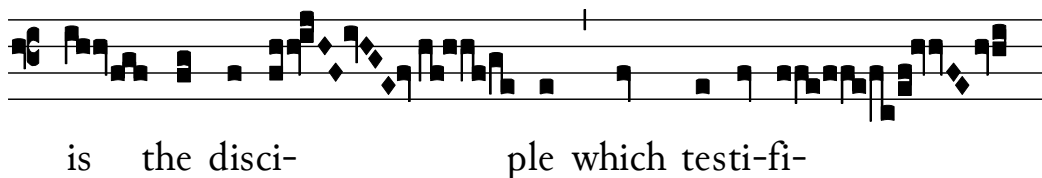
me.

Alleluia. Hic est discipulis.

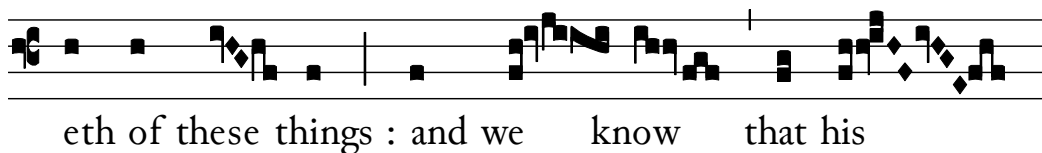
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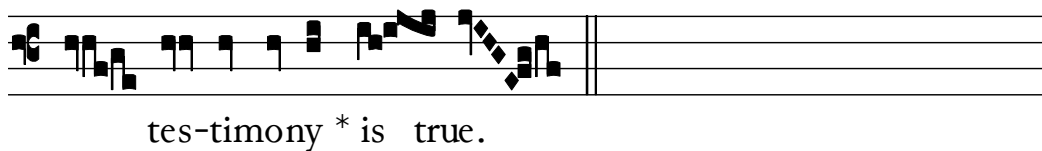
L-le-lú-ya. * This



is the disci- ple which testi-fi-



eth of these things : and we know that his



tes-timony * is true.

Saint John.

Johannes Jesu Christo.

Seq.
II.



John, thou virgin, ve-ry dear to thy Lord Christ

Je-sus. Thou for His great love thine own father. Didst leave

in the boat, Him to follow. Thou for the so-li-der breast of

the Messi- ah forsookest a spouse's. That thou mightst

worthi-ly taste the sacred currents that flow from his bo-som.

Thou saw'st the glo-ry of God's own ra-di- ance, Son, and im-

age, on earth while liv- ing. Glo-ry that only saints in e-

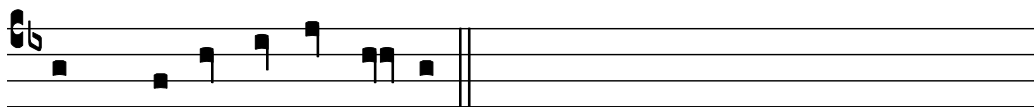
terni-ty me-rit sight of,—so faith instructs us. Thee Christ,

Saint John.

on the cross, in His tri-umph, gave the fi-lial charge of
His Mo-ther. That thou, a virgin, mightest keep her, and at-
tend her, Virgin-of vir-gins. Thou, capti-vi-ty and whips en-
dur-ing, Joy didst reckon it, of Christ to make confession.
From death's ty-ranny dead men thou raisedst, poison pow-
erful by Je-sus' name o'erpow'ring. Thee the Most High
Father gives cla-ri-ty of His Word, though hidden to
oth-ers. Do thou ev-er, pray-ing unceasingly, bring our
cause to God in the high-est.

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And let this following Verse be sung thrice.



John, be-lov-ed of Je-sus.

Let this final Verse be sung thrice on this Feast only.

The Gospel according to John. xxj. 19-24.


AT that time : Jesus said unto Peter, Follow me. Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following : which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lōrd, which is he that betrayeth thee ? Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lōrd, and what shall this man do ? Jesus saith unto him, Ñf I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee ?

follow thou me. Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that discipule should not die : yet Jesus said not unto him that he shall not die : but, Ñf I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee ? This is the discipule which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things : and we know : that his testimony is true.

Credo. 21.

Justus ut palma.

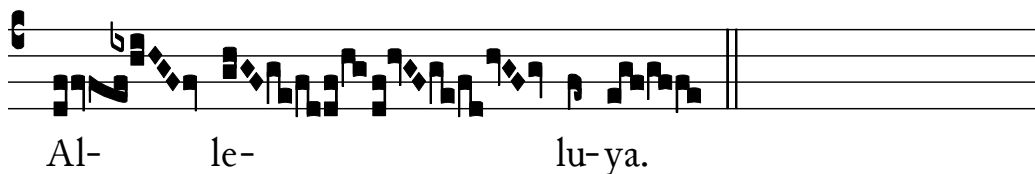
Offert.
III.



HE right- eous * shall flourish like
a palm tree : and shall spread abroad like
a ce- dar in Li- ba-nus.

Saint John.

In Eastertide.



Secret.

Recieve the offerings, we beseech thee, O Lord : which we make to thee on the solemnity of him, by whose protection we trust to be delivered. 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.

Exiit sermo.

Comm.

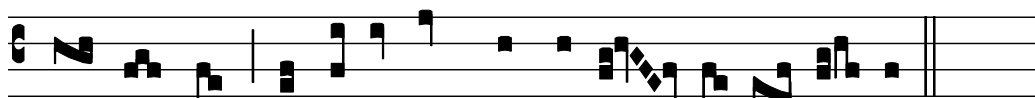
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Then went this saying* abroad among the brethren,

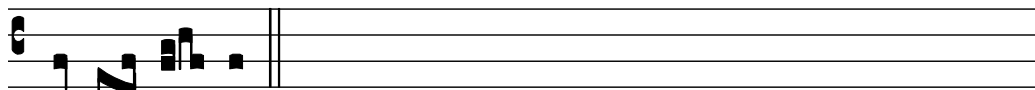


that that disciple should not die : yet Jesus said not, He



shall not die : but, If I will that he tarry till I come.

In Eastertide.



Alle- lu- ya.

Postcommunion.

Having been refreshed with heavenly food and drink, we

suppliants entreat thee, our God : that we may be fortified by the prayers of

Saint John.

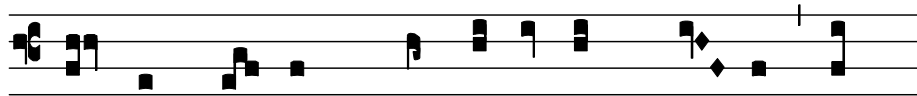

him at whose commemoration we have
received them. Through Jesus Christ
thy Son our Lord, who liveth and

reigneth with thee in the unity of the
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end. *R.* Amen.

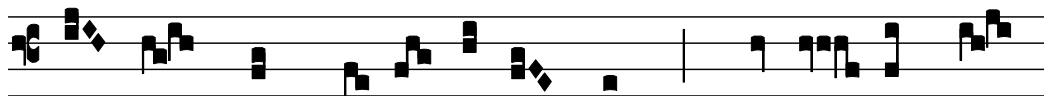
On the Day of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs.

Ex ore infantium.


Offic.
II.




UT of the mouth * of ve-ry babes, O God, and



suck-lings, hast thou or-dained strength : be-cause of thine




e- nemies. *Ps.* O Lord our Go-vernor : how excel-



lent is thy Name in all the world.

Prayer.

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

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

Memorials of the Nativity, of Saint Stephen and of Saint John only.

A Lesson from the Book of the Apocalypse of Blessed Jôhn the Apostle. xiv. 1-5.

IN those days : I beheld a Lamb standing on the mount Sion : and with him an hundred forty and four thousand : having his Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice

of many waters : and as the voice of a great thunder. And I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps : and they sung as it were a new song before the throne of God : and before the four beasts, and the elders : and no


The Holy Innocents.

man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redêmed from the earth. These are they which were not dèfiled with women : for thêy are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb

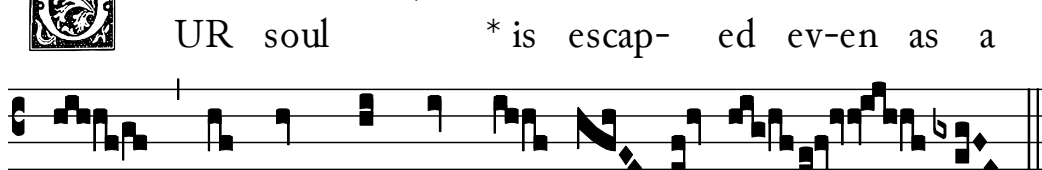
whithersoêver he goeth. These were rèdeemed from among men : being the firstfruits unto Gôd and to the Lamb. And in their mouth wàs found no guile : for they are withòut fàult : before the throne of God.

Anima nostra.

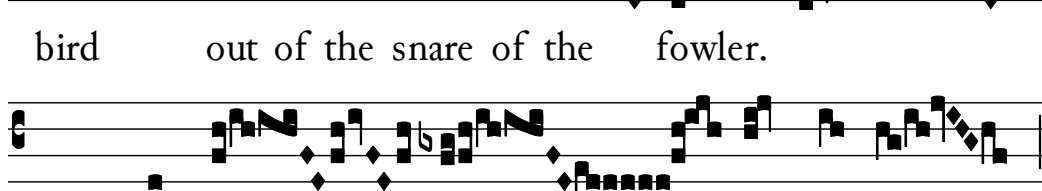
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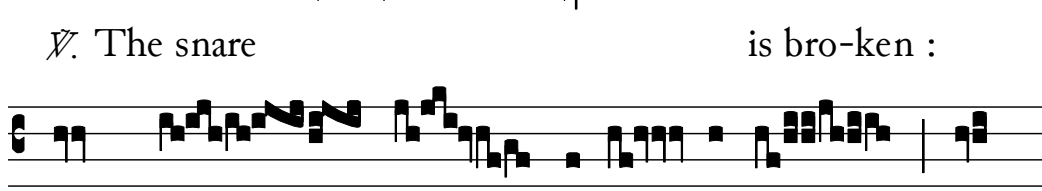
QUR soul * is escap- ed ev-en as a




bird out of the snare of the fowler.



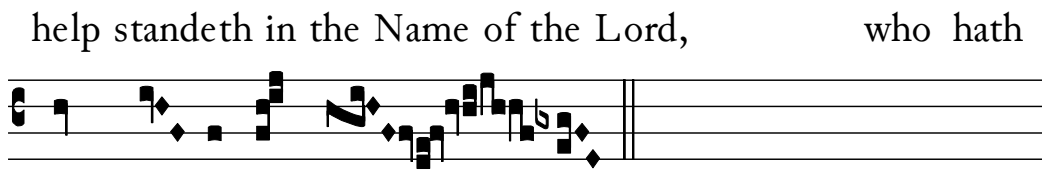
∞. The snare is bro-ken :



and we are de-liv- er-ed : our



help standeth in the Name of the Lord, who hath




made hea-ven and earth.

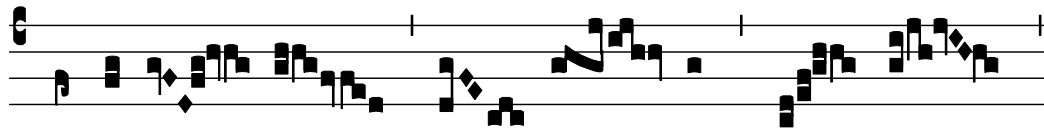
The Holy Innocents.

Allehuya. Te martyrum candidatus.

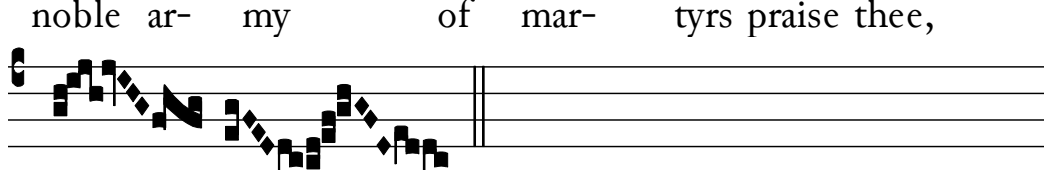
Alle.
V.



L-le- lu- ya. * ∞. The



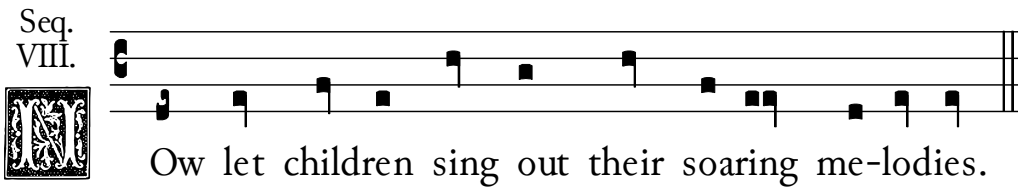
noble ar- my of mar- tyrs praise thee,



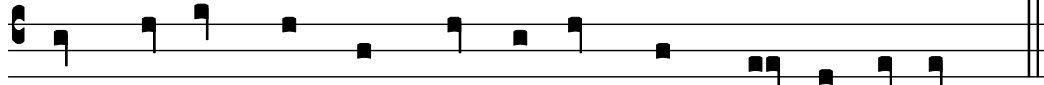
* O Lord.

Celsa pueri.

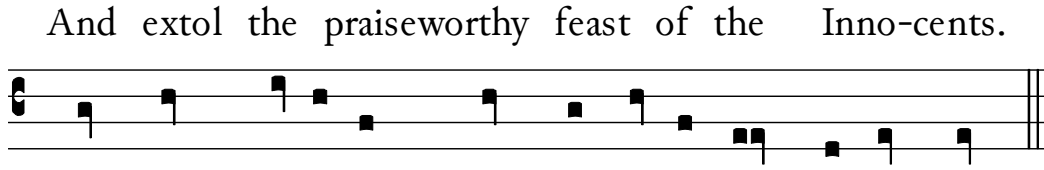
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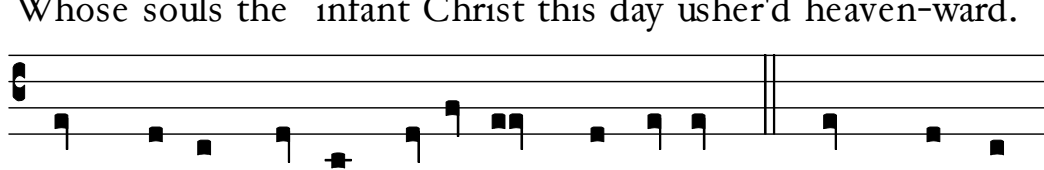
Ow let children sing out their soaring me-lodies.



And extol the praiseworthy feast of the Inno-cents.



Whose souls the infant Christ this day usher'd heaven-ward.



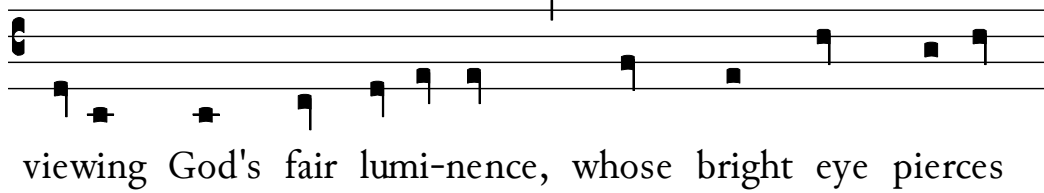
All He-rod's anger, folly and fraudu-lence. Tore them a-

The Holy Innocents.

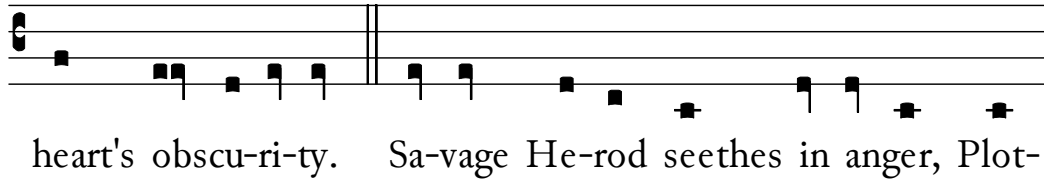
sunder, none of them crimi-nals. The boys of the ci-ty
and pasture all a-bout Bethle-hem. All those two years and
younger, after their birthday reckon-ing. King He-rod, dis-
traught, the advent fearing, of Christ in his ma-jesty.
With proud right hand, though unsteady with terror, his
sabre brandishing. Seeks the King of the Light and
heaven, with heart impla-cable. Hop-ing vainly by hurled
weapon and end life's O-ri-gin. For his eye is barred from

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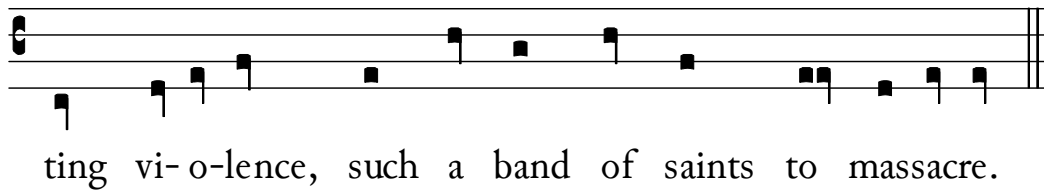
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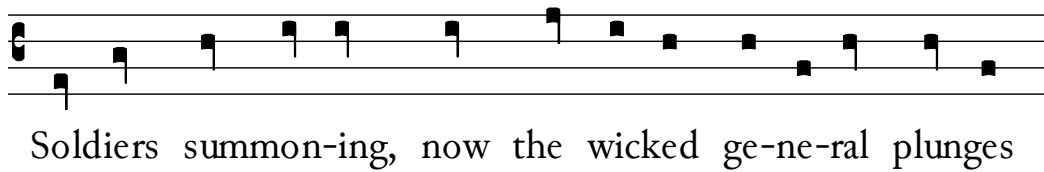
viewing God's fair lumi-nence, whose bright eye pierces



heart's obscu-ri-ty. Sa-vage He-rod seethes in anger, Plot-



ting vi-o-lence, such a band of saints to massacre.



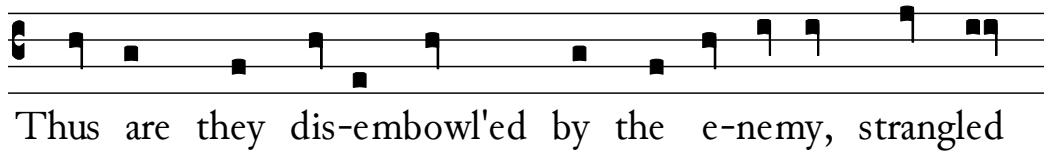
Soldiers summon-ing, now the wicked ge-ne-ral plunges



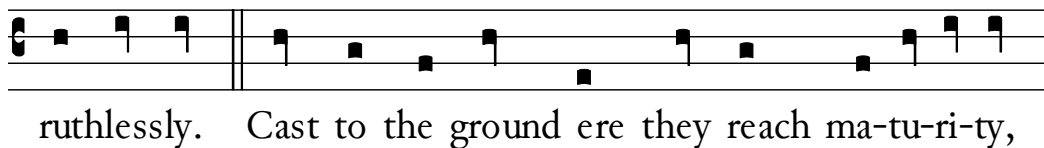
swords into soft appendag-es. Spil-ling milky quintessence



on bo-soms motherly, ere in vein to blood so- li-di-fied.

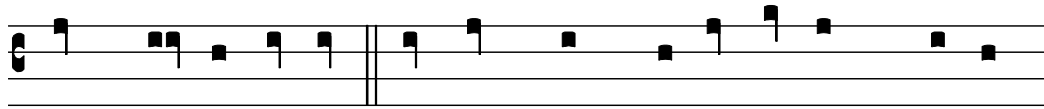


Thus are they dis-embowl'ed by the e-nemy, strangled

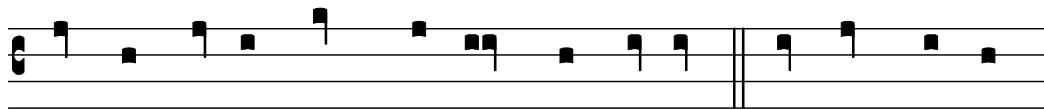


ruthlessly. Cast to the ground ere they reach ma-tu-ri-ty,

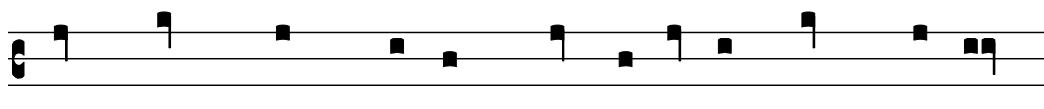
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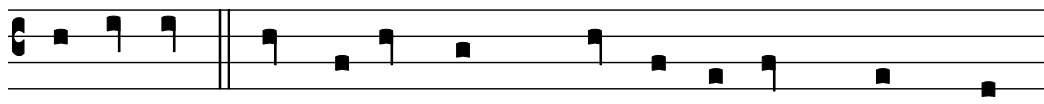
raped of e-nergy. O how blest the Inno-cents' bodies



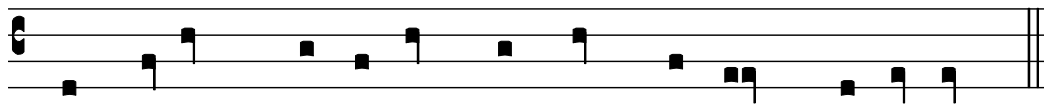
that by He-rod came to such butcher-y. O how happy



are made those mothers that furnished such blessed



pro-ge-ny. What gracious ranks, these Inno-cents ! for Christ



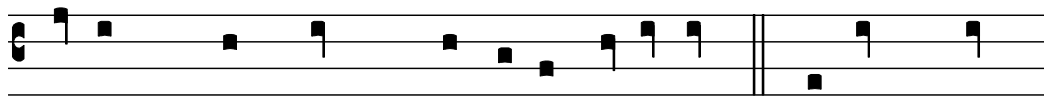
what pi-ous skirmishes milk-fed warriors pro-se-cute.



Unnumbered children lie thus massacred, their limbs of

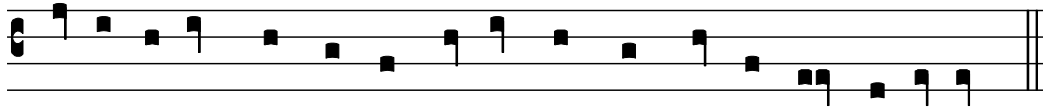


tenderness bathed in blood of infancy. Lo, forth to

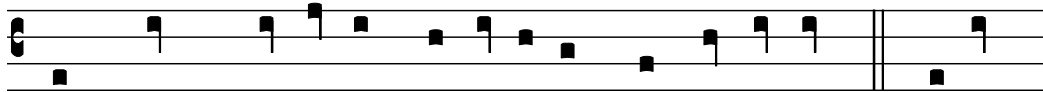


welcome them come th'ange-lic ci-ti-zens. Hail-ing their

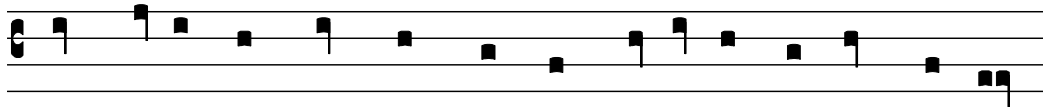
The Holy Innocents.



victo-ry, as that dazzling infantry spoils of life in-he-ri-teth.



O Christ, who camest to set a-right our u-ni-verse. We ask



most pi-ously, that thou wouldest suffer us to be true par-



ti-ci-pants. With the Inno-cents, of e-ternal glo-ry.

According to Matthew. ij. 13-18.

AT that time : The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother : and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word : for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt : and was there until the death of Herod : that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son. Then Herod, when he

saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth : and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof : from two years old and under : according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning : Rachel weeping for her children : and would not be comforted : because they are not.

Credo. 21.

The Holy Innocents.

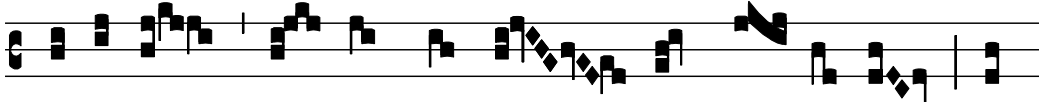
Anima nostra.

Offert.

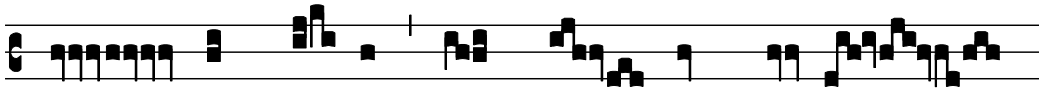
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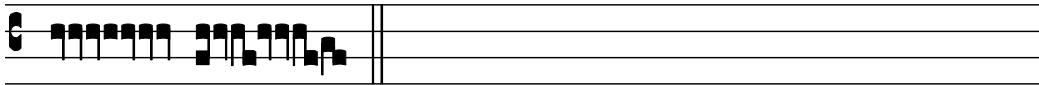
UR soul * is escap- ed ev-en



as a bird out of the snare of the fowler : the



snare is bro- ken, and we are de- liv-



er- ed.

Secret.

WE present, O Lord, at the consecration of these gifts on the festival of the Innocents : and grant that we may be able to imitate their purity, whose infancy dedicated to thee

we venerate. 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.

Vox in Rama.

Comm.

VII.

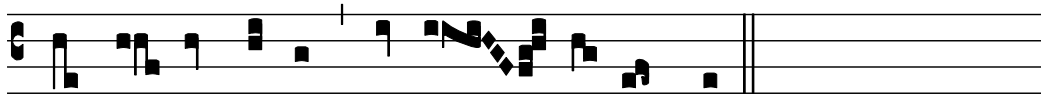


N Rama * was there a voice heard, la-mentation



and mouning : Rachel weep- ing for her child- ren, would

The Holy Innocents.



not be comforted, be-cause they are not.

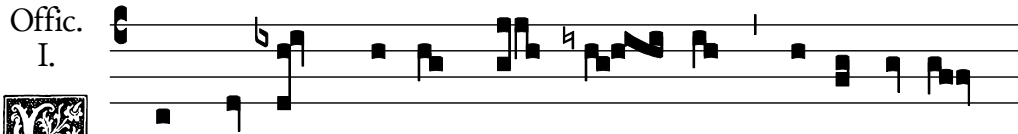
Postcommunion.

GRant, O Lord, we beseech thee,
that by the prayers of the holy
Innocents, the votive gifts we have
received, may confer help upon us,
both in this present life and in the life

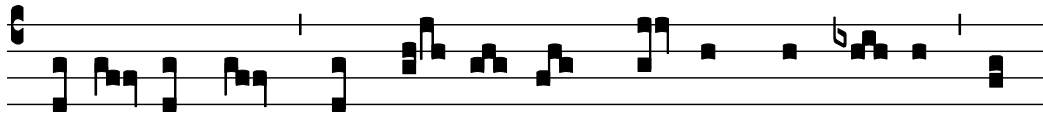
eternal. Through Jesus Christ thy Son
our Lord, who liveth and reigneth
with thee in the unity of the Holy
Ghost, one God, world without end.
R. Amen.

On the Day of Saint Thomas, Martyr.

Gaudeamus omnes.



ET us all *re-joyce in the Lord, ce-lebrat-ing



a fes-tal day in ho-nour of Tho-mas the Mar-tyr, ov-



er whose pas-sion the an-gels re-joyce and praise




the Son of God. *Ps.* Hear my voice, O God, in my



prayer : pre-serve my life from fear of the e-ne- my.

Prayer.

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

effect of their petition. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R?* Amen.

Memorials of the Nativity, of Saint Stephen, of Saint John and of the Innocents only.

Epistle. Every high priest. *in the Common of One Bishop and Martyr.* **XX.**

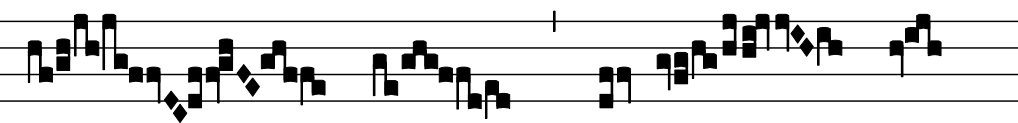
Saint Thomas, Martyr.

Posuisti Domine.

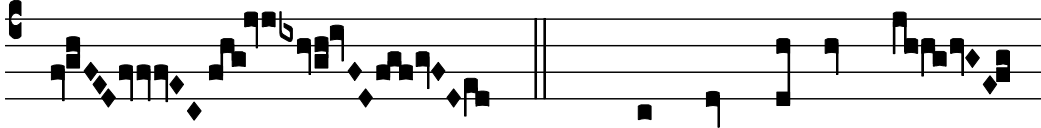
Grad.
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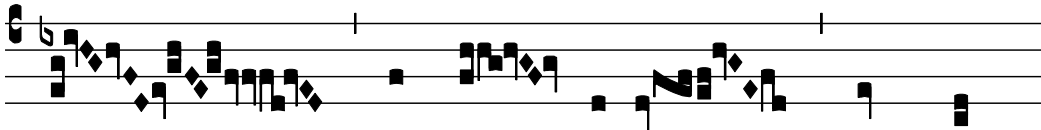
Hou, O Lord, * hast set a crown of



pure gold up-on his



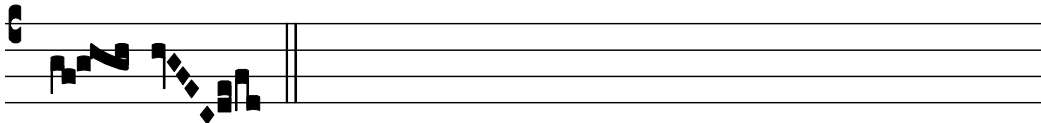
head. *℣.* Thou hast giv-en him



his heart's de-sire, and hast



not de-ni-ed him the request * of



his lps.

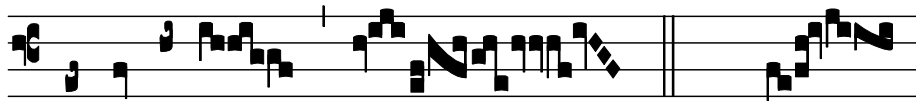
Alleluya. Gloria et honore.

Alle.
II.

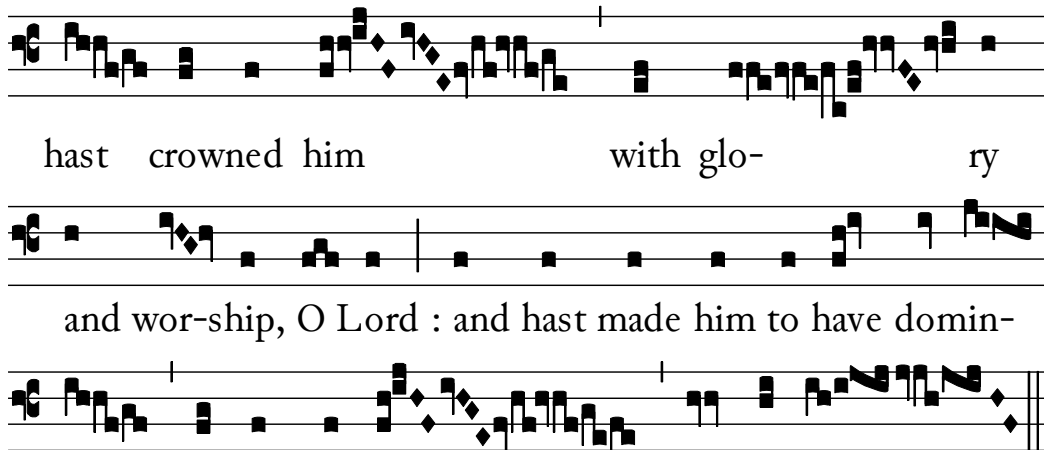


L-le-lu-ya. *

℣. Thou



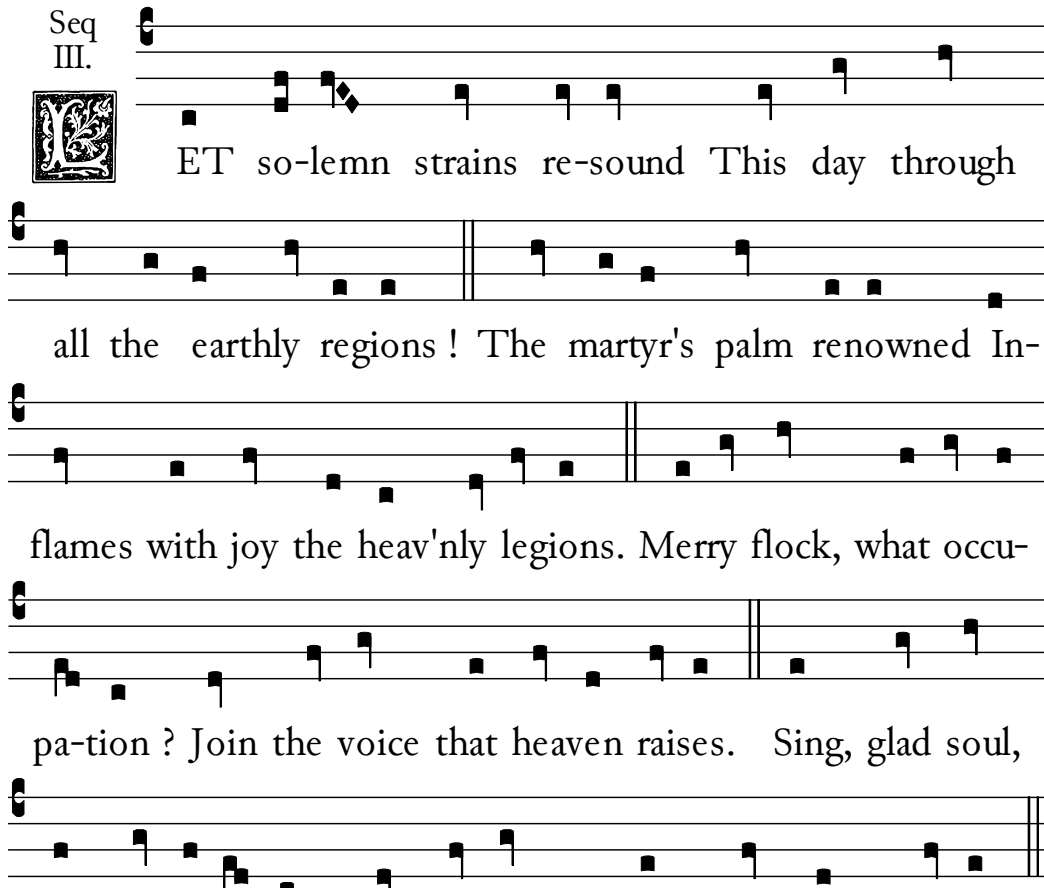

Saint Thomas, Martyr.



hast crowned him with glo- ry
and wor-ship, O Lord : and hast made him to have domin-
ion ov-er the works * of thy hands.

Sollene canticum.

Seq
III.



ET so-lemn strains re-sound This day through
all the earthly regions ! The martyr's palm renowned In-
flames with joy the heav'nly legions. Merry flock, what occu-
pa-tion ? Join the voice that heaven raises. Sing, glad soul,
with ju-bi-la-tion, Lips unloosed, to Christ sing praises.

Saint Thomas, Martyr.

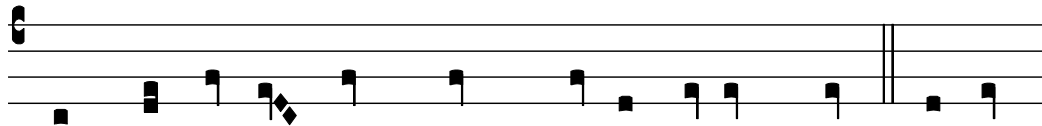
De-voutly all Canterbu-ry, bowed, Still hal-lowed Christ's
Na-ti-vi-ty. When me-nac-ing soldiers pub-lished loud The
king's ty-ranni-cal decree. Dreadful laws were then instat-ed,
Inso-lently perpetra-ted. Sites to Je-sus de-di-ca-ted
Cru-el-ly were de-secre-ted. But thus in the steps of Christ
be-fore Thomas stood with foot unshak-en, Nev-er stray-ing
or mistak-en. Obe-di-ent to his King far more, He found
greater gain in dy-ing, To the sword his head supply-ing.

Saint Thomas, Martyr.

Let this following V. be sung thrice.

Joy, O Thomas, through whose heav'nly vic-to-ry. Christ's
remembrance Swells with greater ecsta-sy. Proof of the mar-
tyr's glo-ry is pro-cured By a host of signs displayed. For
by his faithful pray'rs are thousands cured Which in sickness
sought his aid. Flow'r of priests, he fell, discarded Mid the
temple of the Lord. Day nor place the rogues re-garded,
Re-ve-ence they clean ignored. Sea-star glow-ing, Joyful
knowing How thy Son was nursed by thee. Help us ev-er

Saint Thomas, Martyr.

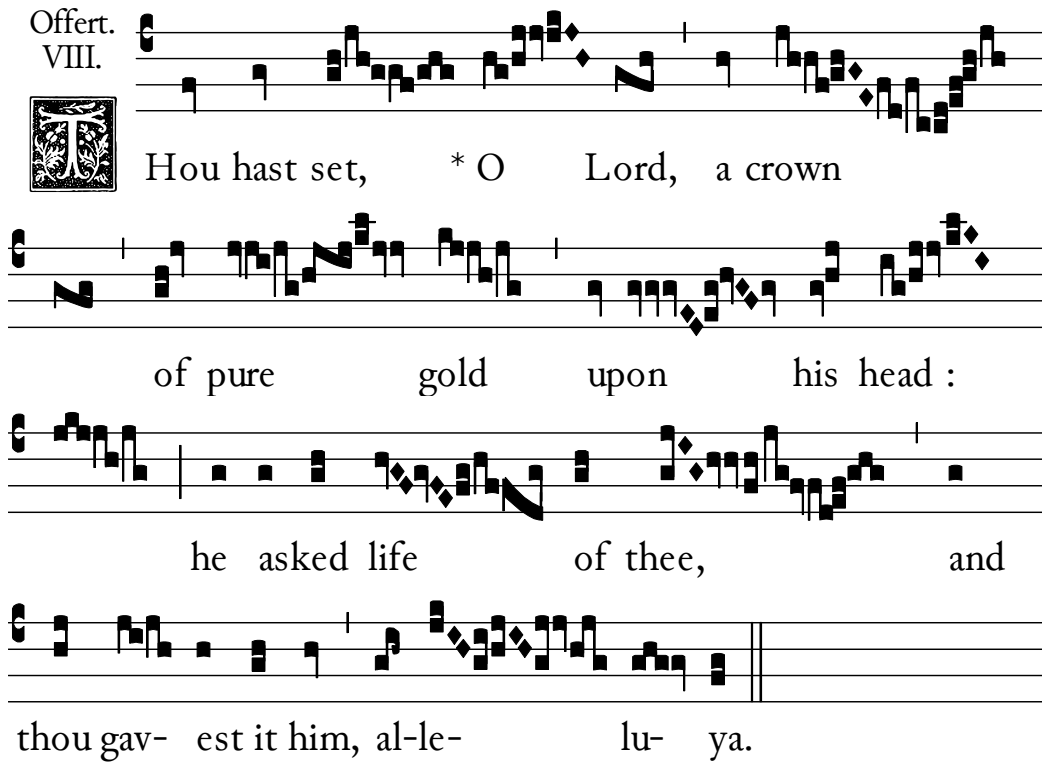


find his fa-vour, And with Thomas fellows be. By his
heav'nly in-tercession.

Gospel. A certain nobleman. *in the Common of One Bishop an Martyr.* **XX.**
Credo. 21.

Posuisti Domine.

Offert.
VIII.



Hou hast set, * O Lord, a crown
of pure gold upon his head :
he asked life of thee, and
thou gav- est it him, al-le- lu- ya.

Secret.

THE salutary offering of a
sacrifice, we beseech thee, O
Lord, may blessed Thomas, Pontiff

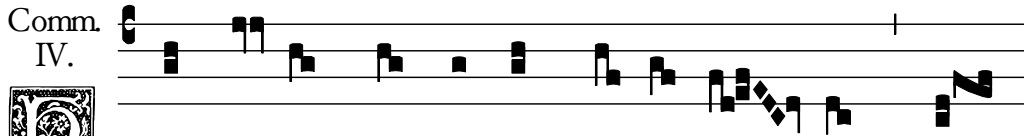
and Martyr, entreat to be consecrated
to us unto salvation : that we may both
experience the marks of his

Saint Thomas, Martyr.

conversation, and partake of the assistance of his intercession. 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.

Magna est gloria.



Is ho-nour * is great in thy sal-va- tion : glo-
ry and great wor-ship shalt thou lay up-on him,
O Lord.

Postcommunion.

MAY the venerated intercession, O Almighty and merciful God, of thy blessed Martyr and Pontiff Thomas help us, by these holy things which we have received, who for the honour of thy Name merited to be

crowned with a glorious martyrdom. 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.

The Sixth Day in the Nativity of the Lord.

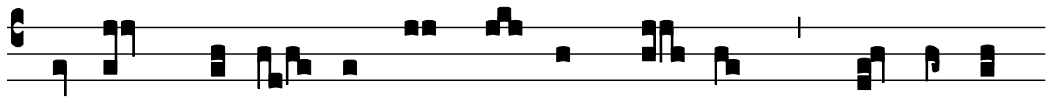
Whether it be a Sunday or not.

Dum medium silentium.

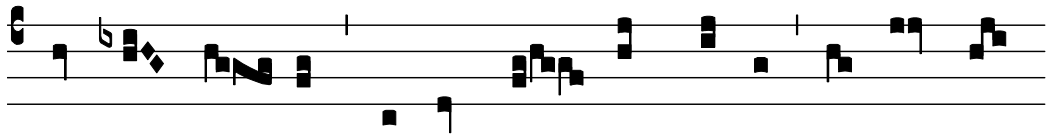
Offic.
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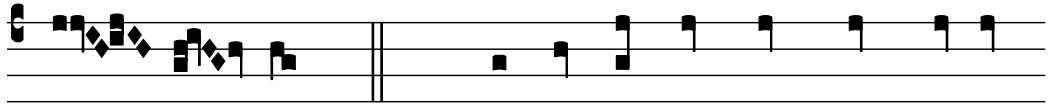
Hile all things * were in qui- et si- lence : and



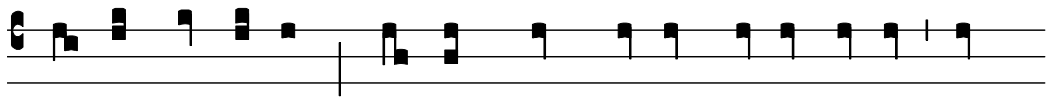
the night was in the midst of her swift course, thine almight-



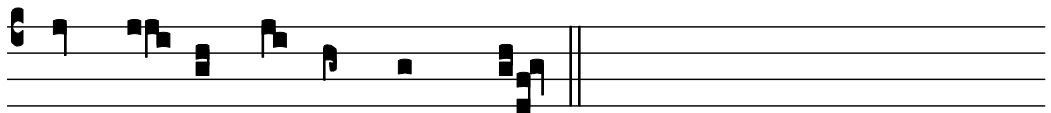
ty Word, O Lord, leaped down from heaven out of thy



roy- al throne. *Ps.* The Lord is King, and hath put on



glo-rious appa-rel : the Lord hath put on his appar-el, and



hath gird-ed himself with strength.

Let the Officiun be repeated. Then let be sung Glory be to the Father. and As it wa. Let the Officiun be repeated a third time.

Let Kyrie eleyson. Gloria in excelsis. Sanctus. and Agnus. be sung as on a Simple Feast of Nine Lessons on this day whether it be a Sunday or not.

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Prayer.

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

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

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To the Galatians. iv. 1-7.

Brethren : The heir, as long a he
is a child, differeth nothing from
a servànt, though he be lord of all : but
is under tutors and governors until the
time appointed ôf the father. Even so
we, when we were children, were in
bondage undèr the éléments of the
world : but when the fulnèss of the
time was come : God sent forth his
Son, made of a womàn, made únder

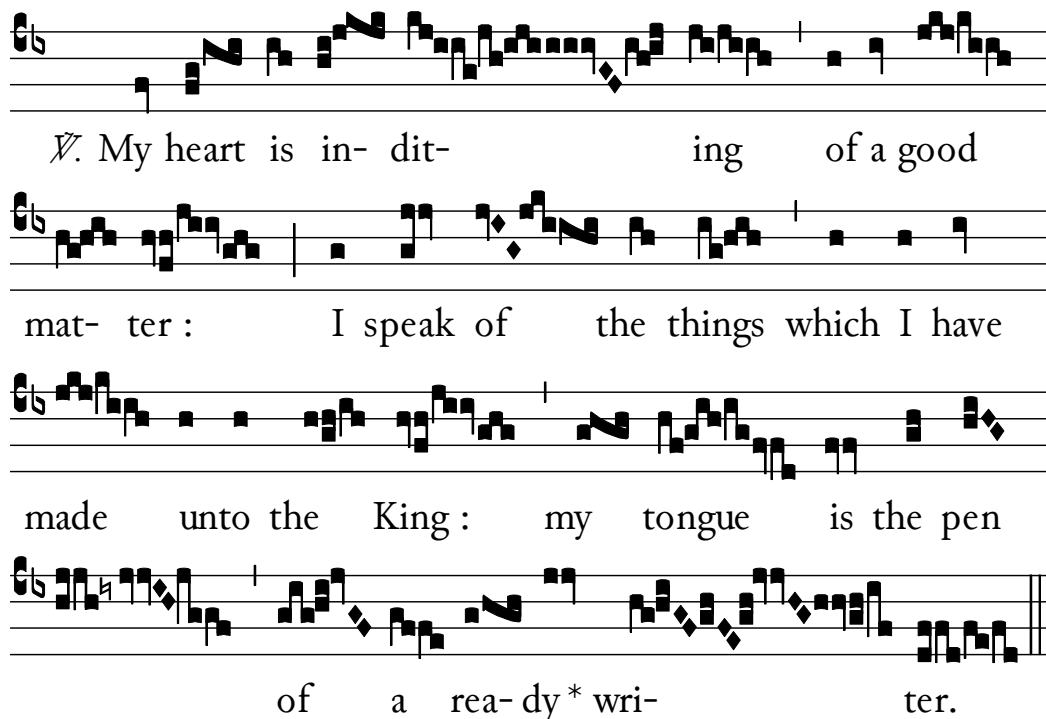
the law : to redeem them that wèrè
únder the law : that we might receive
the adôption of sons. And because ye
are sons of God, God hath sent forth
the Spirit of his Son intô your hearts,
crying, Âbba, Father. Wherefore thou
art no more à servànt, but a son : and if
à sòn : then an heir of God through
Christ.

Speciosus forma.

Grad.
I.

Thou art * fair- er than the
children of men : full of grace
are thy lips.

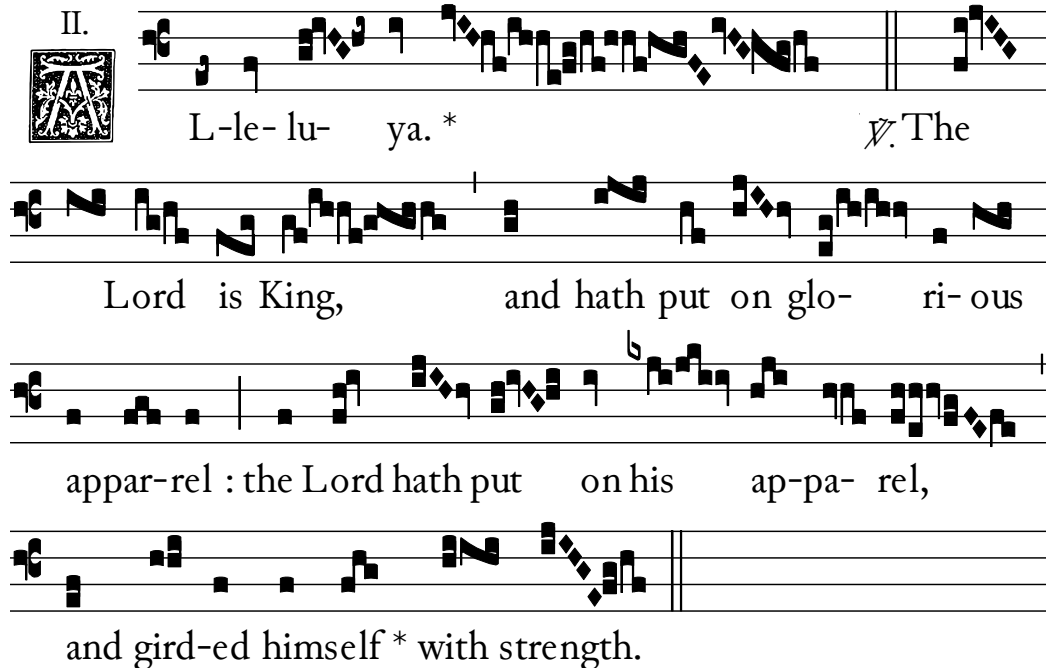

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My heart is in- dit- ing of a good
mat- ter : I speak of the things which I have
made unto the King : my tongue is the pen
of a rea- dy* wri- ter.

Alleluya. Dominus regnavit decorem.

Alle.
II.



L-le- lu- ya.* The
Lord is King, and hath put on glo- ri- ous
appar- rel : the Lord hath put on his ap- pa- rel,
and gird- ed himself* with strength.

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On this day only, whether it be a Sunday or not, let this Sequence be sung.

Christi hodierna celebremus.

Seq.
VIII.



Old we now in honour * This the season of Christ's

birth a-gain. Heavenly ranks re-sound, Singing clear their

po- e-tic strain. Grateful-ly they surround, With shouts of

praise the nuptial train. New light now il-lumines all the earth,

Chas-ing away the ancient gloom. High grace ushers in the

roy-al birth, Op'ning the long-shut pa-lace room. Blessed

mother unstained, A-lone thou, a virgin, hast offspring bred.

Now thou thy child hast gained, Though ne-ver thou knewest

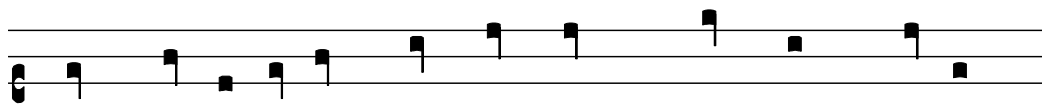
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a husband's bed. All we in congre-gation, La-dy, thy
prayers request. Loosen us from transgression, Unbind from
sin's oppression ; This bestow, O Virgin ev-er-blest.
Thou who a-lone wast giv-en In clos-ed womb to grow.
Him by whom guilt is riv-en, Who gov-erns earth and
heaven, All things a-bove and all things be-low. His goodly
works a-dore Him With joy re-joicing Where high a-bove
earthly realms they live. We, lowly band be-fore Him

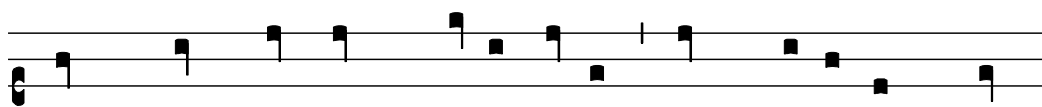
The Sixth Day in the Nativity of the Lord.



Due praises voicing, Be-seech Him humbly his grace to give.



That, He, ordaining days of peace, Free from griev-ing,



Would grant by grace Qui-et liv-ing, And de-liv'ring To



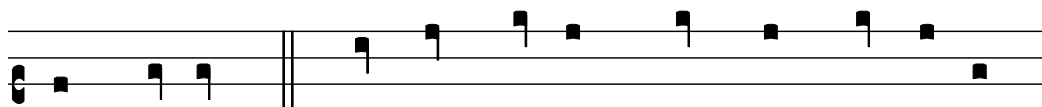
us all fit-ting gifts, would us bless. And would unloose the



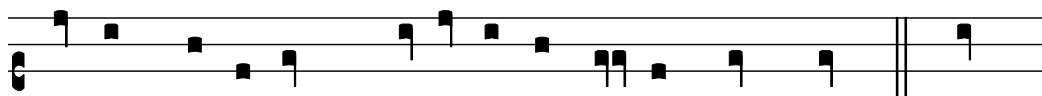
cru-el chains Which di-vide us After death's pains, And would



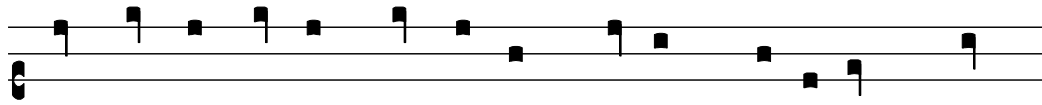
guide us Where be-tide us Neither marks of death nor



sin's remains. Where at the right hand Of the Father

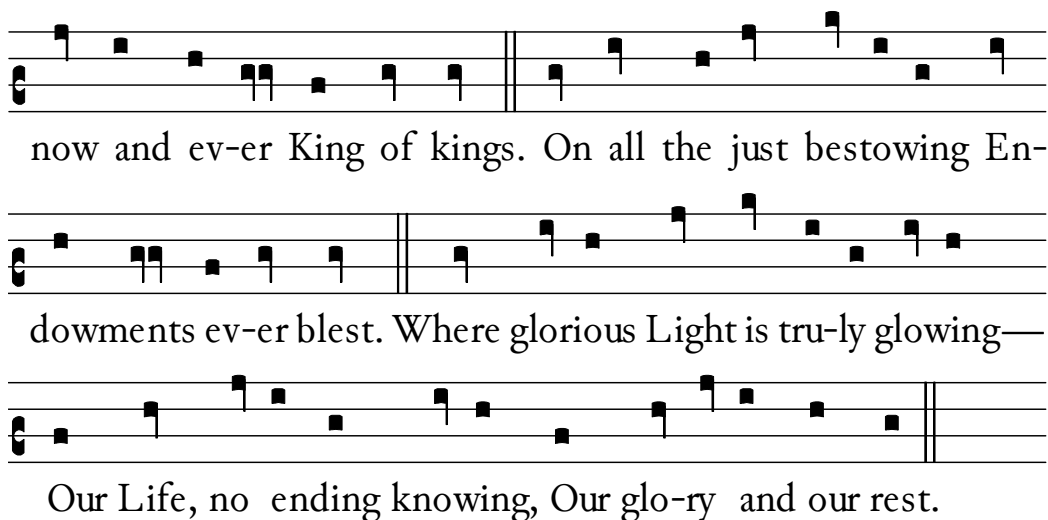


He sits co-reining, Co-e-ternal, a-bove all things. With



Him Almighty O'er all other Guid-ing, sustaining, Both

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now and ev-er King of kings. On all the just bestowing En-
dowments ev-er blest. Where glorious Light is tru-ly glowing—
Our Life, no ending knowing, Our glo-ry and our rest.

According to Luke. ij. 33-40.

AT that time : Joseph and Mary the mother of Jesus marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel : and for a sign which shall be spoken against : yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser : she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her

virginity : and she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord : and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem. And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord : they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom : and the grace of God was upon him.

Credo. 21.

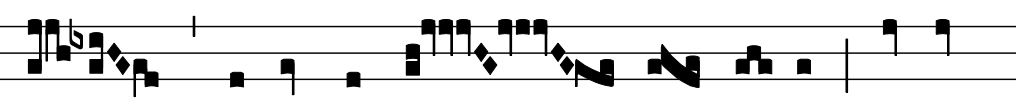
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Deus enim firmavit.

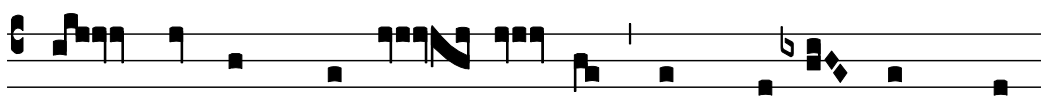
Offert.
VIII.



OR God hath made * the round world so



sure that it cannot be mov-ed : ev-er



since the world be-gan, O God, hath thy seat been pre-



par- ed : thou art from ev- er- last- ing.

Secret.

Acept, O Lord, we beseech thee,
the sacrifice of thy people, whom
thou dost command to be joined in
fellowship with Jesus Christ thy Son
our Lord who deigned to become a

partaker of our humanity. Who liveth
and reigneth with thee in the unity of
the Holy Ghost, one God, world
without end. *R?* Amen.

Tolle puerum.

Comm.
VII.

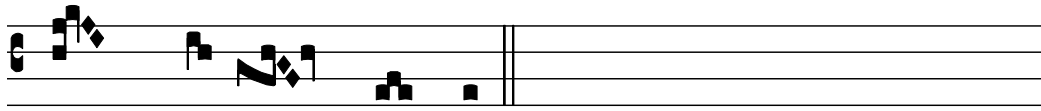


Ake the young child * and his mother, and go



into the land of Ju-dah : for they are dead which

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sought the young child's life.

Postcommunion.


Having received the sacrifice, O Lord, let thy Church everywhere exult : in which her infirmities are assumed, that she herself might become a partaker of the Divine

Substance. 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.

On the Day of Saint Silvester.

Sacerdotes tui Domine.

Offic.
III.



ET thy priests, * O Lord, be clothed with righteous-ness, and let thy saints sing with joyfulness : for thy ser- vant Da- vid's sake : turn not away the pre- sence of thine A- noin-ted. *Ps.* Lord, remember Da-vid : and all his trouble.

Let the Officium be repeated. Then let Glory be to the Father. and As it was. be sung. Let the Officium be repeated a third time.

Kyrie. Gloria in excelsis. Sanctus. and Agnus. are always sung as on Simple Feasts of ix. Lessons this day whether it be a Sunday or not.

Prayer.

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

Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R?* Amen.


Saint Silvester.

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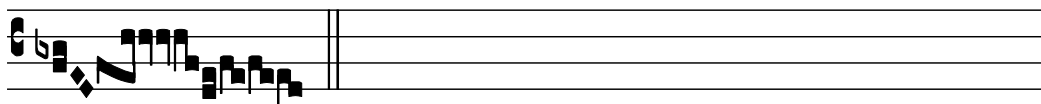
Epistle. Behold a great priest. in the Common of One Confessor. XX.

Ecce sacerdos magnus.

Grad.
V.

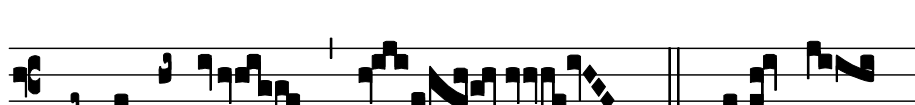


B E-hold * a great priest : who in his
days pleas-ed God. ⁊ There
was none found like unto him : who
kept the law of the most High.

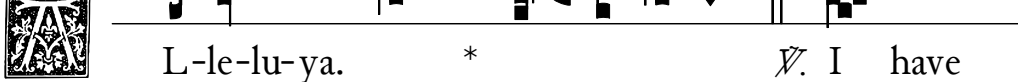


Alleluya. Inveni David.

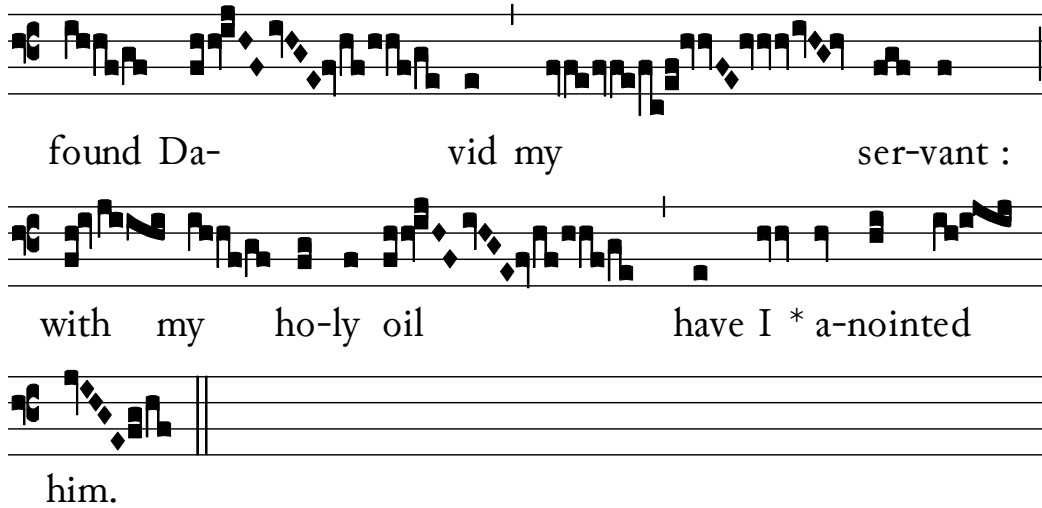
Alle.
II.



A L-le-lu-ya. * ⁊ I have



Saint Silvester.



found Da- vid my ser-vant :
with my ho-ly oil have I * a-nointed
him.

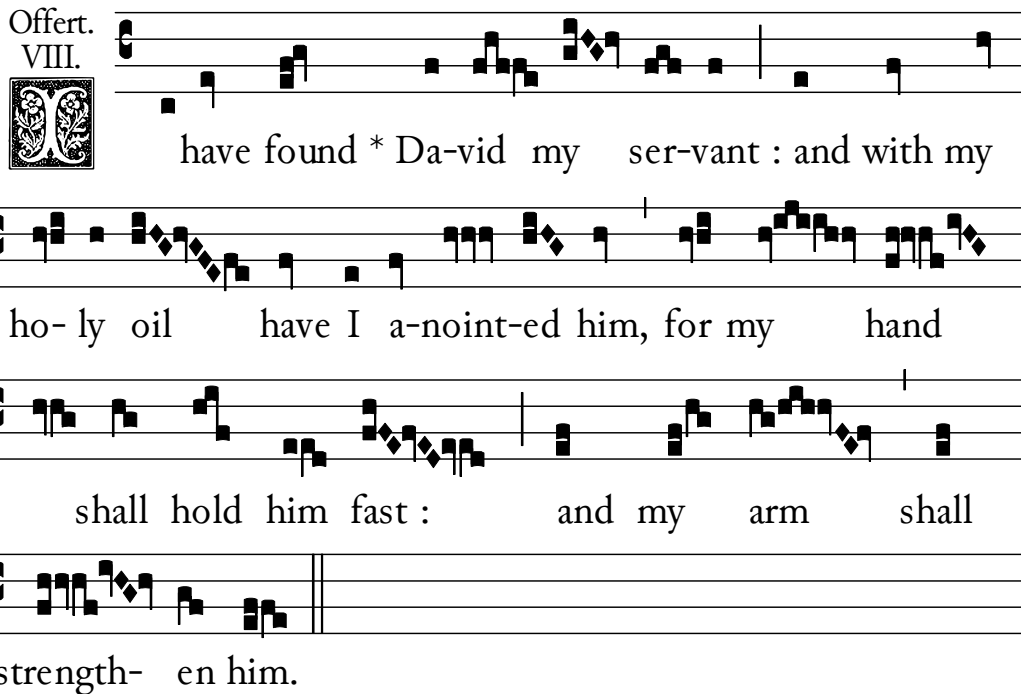

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Gospel. A man travelling into a far country. in the Common of One Confessor. XX.

Credo. 21.

Inveni David.

Offert.
VIII.



have found * Da-vid my ser-vant : and with my
ho-ly oil have I a-noint-ed him, for my hand
shall hold him fast : and my arm shall
strength- en him.

Secret.

Saint Silvester.

BE present, O Lord, we beseech thee, at our oblations : neither suffer them to be exposed to any perils of mind and body, whom the glorious confession of the blessed Pontiff

Silvester doth fortify. 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.

Beatus servus.

Comm.
III.



Lessed is that ser- vant * whom his lord when he

com- eth shall find watch- ing : ve- ri- ly I say unto you,

That he shall make him rul- er o- ver all his goods.

Postcommunion.

WE beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the gift of this day's solemnity which we have received, at the intercession of blessed Silvester thy Confessor and Pontiff, may bestow health both to our bodies and souls.

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.

On the Day of the Circumcision of the Lord.

Puer natus est nobis.

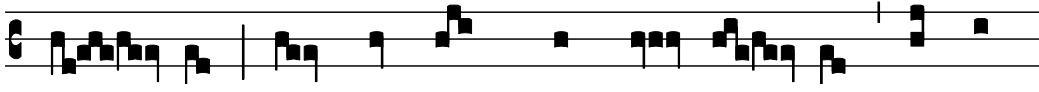
Offic.
VII.



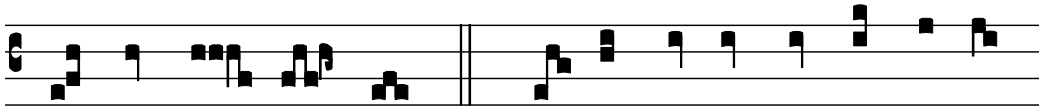
N-to us * a child is born, unto us a son is



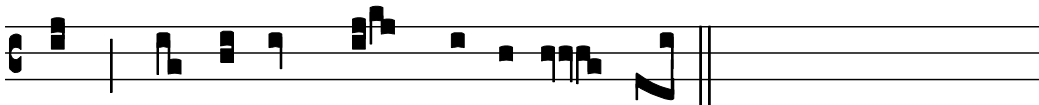
giv- en : and the go-vernment shall be upon his



shoul- der : and his name shall be cal- led Angel




of mighty coun-sel. *Ps.* O sing unto the Lord a new



song : for he hath done marvellous things.

Prayer.

 God, who permittest us to celebrate the Octave of our Saviour's birth : make us, we beseech thee, to be ever defended by his Divinity, by whose coming in the flesh

we are restored. Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.


Let no Memorial be said at this Mass.

Epistle. The grace of God that bringeth salvation. *as in the First Mass on the Day of the Nativity.* 96.

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Viderunt omnes.

Grad.
V.



LL the ends * of the world have seen the
sal-va-tion of our God : shew yourselves joyful un-
to the Lord, all ye lands. \forall . The
Lord hath declar- ed
his salva- tion : his righteousness hath he o-penly
shew- ed in the sight * of the heathen.

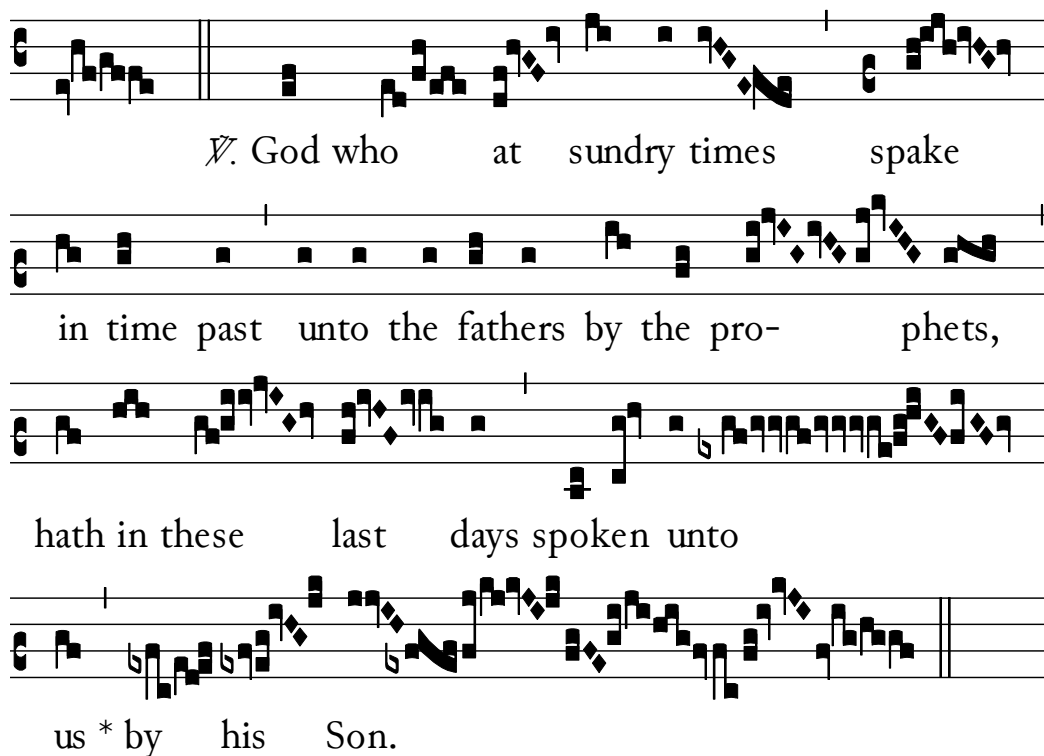
Alleluya. Multiphariam olim Deus.

Alle.
VII.



L-le- lu- ya. *

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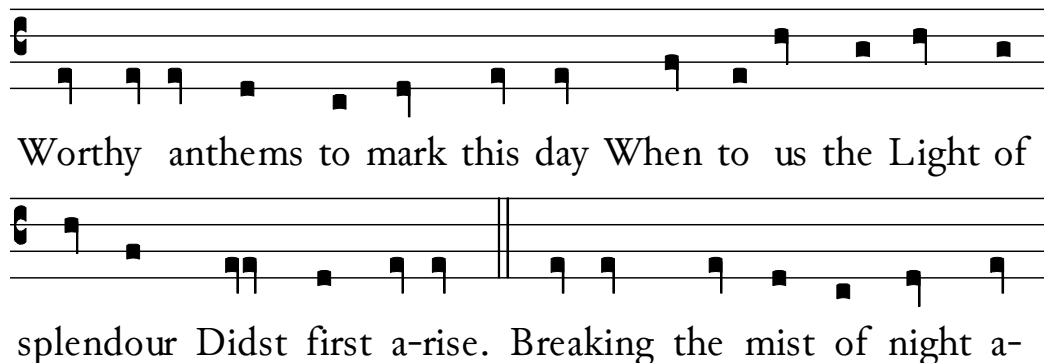
♫. God who at sundry times spake
in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,
hath in these last days spoken unto
us * by his Son.

Eya recolamus.

Seq.
VII.

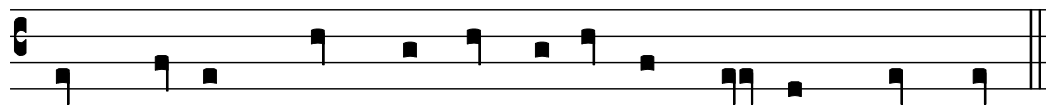


Come, and let us with praises tender And true de-vise.

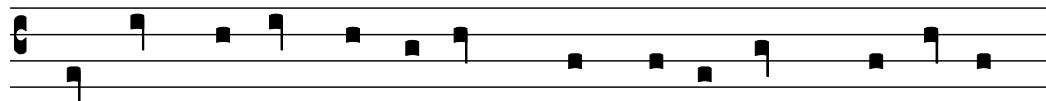


Worthy anthems to mark this day When to us the Light of
splendour Didst first a-rise. Breaking the mist of night a-

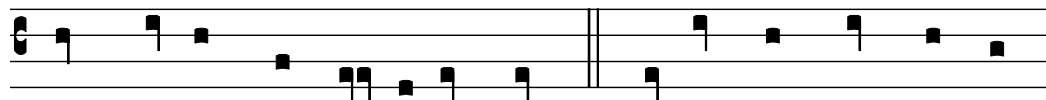
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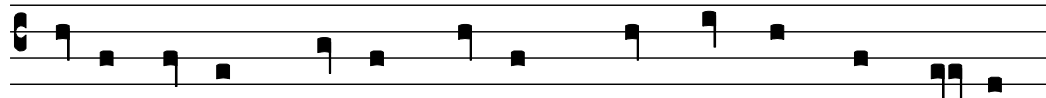
way, Mak-ing shades of sin surrender To clear the skies.



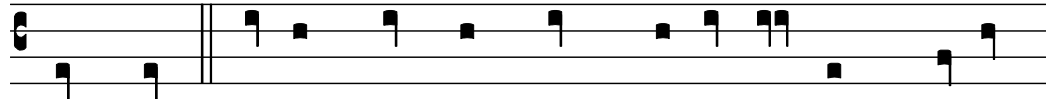
This day the Sea-star for earth hath giv-en Earth to heaven,



And joy in this Sal-vation new. Whereat grim death is by



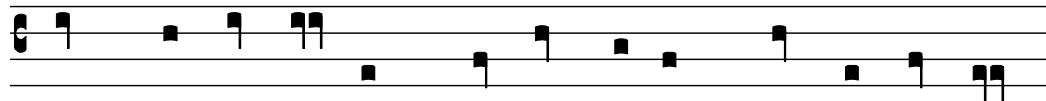
terror tak-en, Ha-des shak-en,— All foes in Him ru- in



their view. Captive now, old death lies in an-gush, Li-vid



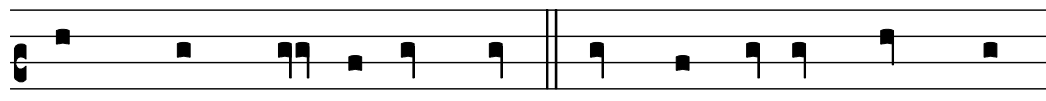
the serpent doth lose his precious prey. Fal-len men, as



sheep that did languish, Now are re-called to the bliss of



endless day. Now re-soundeth all the angel host, Fil-ling



heav'n with their joyful strain. For the precious coin that

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once was lost On this day hath been found a-gain. O blessed
fault ! That we should behold How na-ture thus hath been
restored ! The God who made all things from of old, Is
born of woman and is Lord. O wondrous Na-ture, wearing
So wondrously man's bearing ! The a-lien na-ture tak-ing,
His not forsak-ing. True God takes form and feature Of man,
His dearest creature, Who ev-er heard such wonder ? Who
can it ponder ? He the good Shepherd came, Seeking sheep
that had been lost in shame. Donning His helmet bright, As

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a soldier armoured for the fight. The foe, cast upon the
darts he wrought Prostrate lies, to ru- in brought ; Stripped of
all his measures. In which he had put his trust and toil,
All di-vid-ed is his spoil, Captured all his treasures. Lo,
Christ's val-iant warfare for us Prov-eth our sal-vation true :
Who hath brought us all victorious, Homeward to His
kingdom new. His be praise e-ternal and glo-rious.

The Gospel According to Luke. ij. 21.

AT that time : When eight days
were accomplished for the circū
mising of the child : his name wàs

called Jesus : which was so named of
thè àngel : before he was conceived in
the womb.

Credo. 21.

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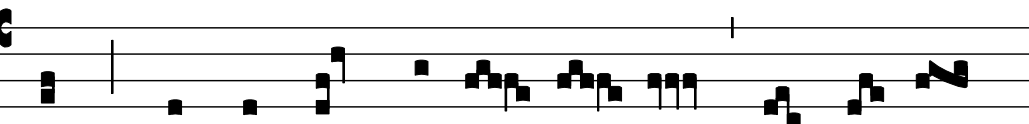
Tui sunt celi.

Offert.

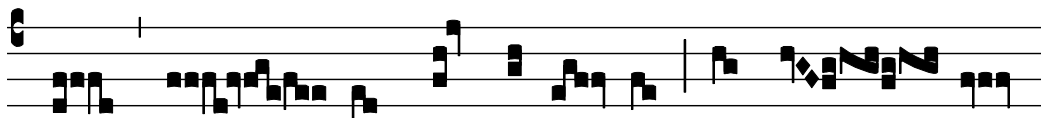
IV.



HE hea-vens * are thine, the earth also is



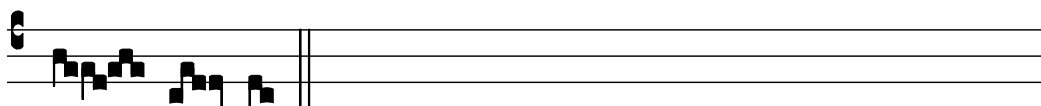
thine : thou hast laid the foun-da- tion of the round



world, and all that therein is : righteous- ness



and e- qui- ty are the ha-bi- ta- tion of



thy seat.

Secret.

GRant, we beseech thee, almighty God : that by these gifts which be bear in honour of the mystery of the hidden nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, we may obtain the understanding of a purified mind.

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.

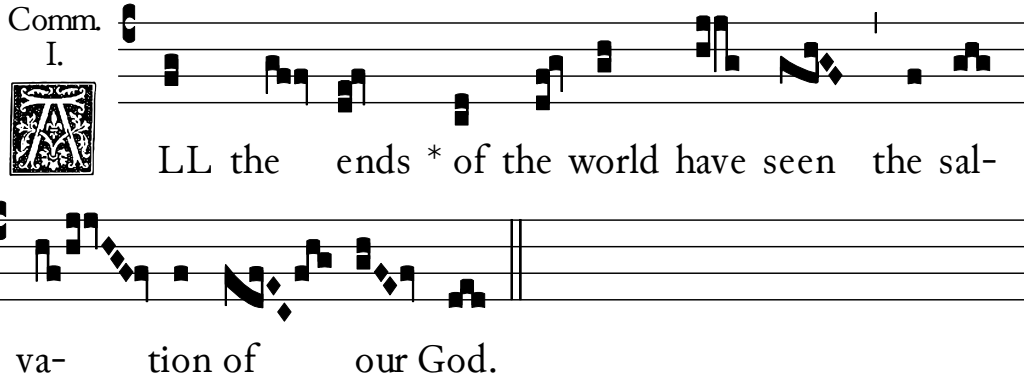
Preface. Because by the mystery.

In communion with. *as on the day of the Nativity of the Lord.* **XX.**

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Viderunt omnes.

Comm.
I.



LL the ends * of the world have seen the sal-
va- tion of our God.

Postcommunion.

GRant, we beseech thee, O Lord,
that what we have received in the
repeated solemnity of our Saviour, may
confer upon us the remedy of
everlasting redemption. 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.

*On the Octaves of Saint Stephen, Saint John
and the Holy Innocents.*

*Whether it be a Sunday or not, at Mass let all be made as on the first day, except for the Sequence and the Credo. and the Preface. And the Melodies on Kyrie. Gloria in excelsis. Sanctus. and Agnus. are sung as on Simple Feasts of Nine Lessons. However if it should be a Sunday, Credo. is sung, but no Sequence. And as well let Memorials be made of the Saints in order. Moreover let a Memorial be made of Saint Mary on the Octave of Saint Stephen and from thence through to the Purification, whether on Feasts or on ferias and on Sundays except on the Vigil of the Epiphany and on the day of the same with, this Prayer, O God, who by the fruitful virginity. **XX.***

In gallicantu.



Ad missā. Officium.

Qui nus dixit ad
me fili us meus es tu
e go ho die ge nu i te. ps.
Qua re fremuerunt gentes: et popu

R yrie cum suis d. dicitur. sequatur
Gloria in excel. more duplicis festi.
Et sciendū est q̄ sepe ad missā d̄
Gloria in excelsis. quotiēs ad matu.

li meditati sunt inania.

dicitur Te deū. nisi missa Salus populi. vel de Cruce. vel missa dñicalis in aliquo festo. iij. lec. vel infra octa. sine regimine chozi cantanda fuerit. Quando vero aliqua missa de vigi. vel de festo. iij. lec. dicitur in capitulo die dñica: tunc dicatur cantus super **R** yrie. et Gloria in excelsis. quando Gloria in excelsis dicitur. et Alleluja. et S anctus et Agnus. & I te missa est. Sicut i festo. iij. lec. Similiter fiat quādo dicit missa dñicalis in capto die dñica: tunc etiam dicitur Credo in vnum. Oratio Deus qui hanc. Duo clerici de sēda forma in capis sericis in pulpito cantent alternatim hanc lectionē. Ita tamē q̄ p̄mū et vltimū versum simul cantent.

Laudes deo dicā per secula qui me plasmavit i manu dex
tera atq; redemit cruce purpure a sanguine nati.

Lectio Isa ye prophete. In quachyssi lucida vatic
natur natiuitas. Hec dicit dominus. Pater filius sanctus

[Gradual-1508:18v.]