

FEASTS AND SOLEMNITIES

February 2

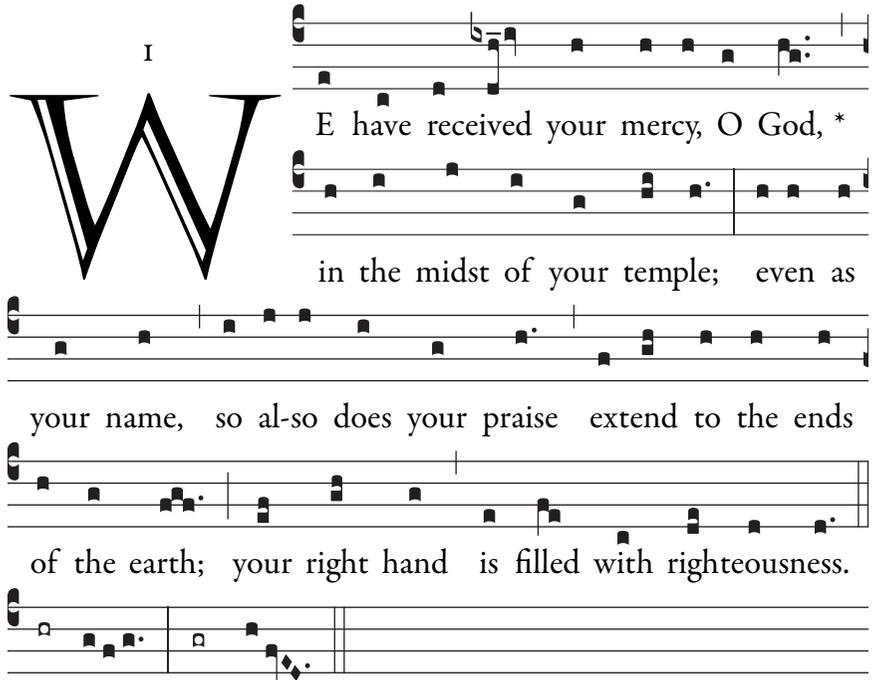
PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

INTROIT

Suscepimus

Ps 48 (47): 10, 11

I



E have received your mercy, O God, *

in the midst of your temple; even as

your name, so al-so does your praise extend to the ends

of the earth; your right hand is filled with righteousness.

Psalm 48 (47)

1. Great is the LORD and highly *to be* praised *
in the city of *our* God.
His holy mountain rises *in* beauty, *
the joy of all *the* earth.

2. Mount Sion, in the heart *of the North*, *
the city of the Mighty **King!**

God, in the midst *of its* citadels, *
has shown himself *its* stronghold.

3. Behold! the *kings assembled*; *
together they *advanced*.

They saw; at *once they* marveled; *
dismayed, they fled *in fear*.

Glory be to the Father ...

Or:

Ecce advenit

Cf. Mal 3: 1; 1 Chron 29: 12

II

B Ehold, * the Sovereign Lord is coming; kingship,
government and power are in his hands.

Psalm 72 (71)

1. O God, give your judgment *to the king*, *
to a king's son your **justice**,
that he may judge your *people in justice*, *
and your poor in right **judgment**.

2. The kings of Tarshish *and the islands* *
shall pay him **tribute**.

The kings of Sheba *and Seba* *
shall bring him **gifts**.

Before him all kings *shall fall* **prostrate**, *
all nations shall **serve** him.

3. For he shall save the needy *when they cry*, *
the poor, and those who are **helpless**.

He will have pity on the weak *and the needy*, *
and save the lives of the **needy**.

From oppression and violence he *redeems their souls*; *
to him their blood is **dear**.

Glory be to the Father ...

OFFERTORY

Diffusa est gratia

Ps 45 (44): 3

VIII

G Race has been poured out on your lips; * there-
fore, God has blessed you for ever, world without end.

Psalm 45 (44)

1. My heart overflows with noble words. †
To the king I address the song *I have made*, *
my tongue as nimble as the pen *of a scribe*.

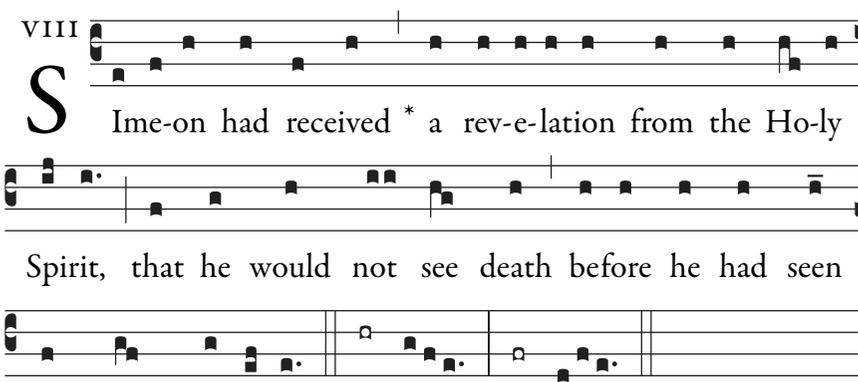
2. Gird your sword upon your *thigh*, O **mighty** one, *
with your splendor *and your majesty*.
In your majesty ride on triumphant †
in the cause of truth, *meekness, and justice*. *
May your right hand show your *wondrous deeds*.
3. Your arrows are sharp—peoples *fall beneath* you— *
in the heart of the foes *of the king*.
4. Your throne, O God, shall endure forever. †
A scepter of justice is the scepter *of your kingdom*. *
Your love is for justice; your *hatred for evil*.

COMMUNION

Responsum

Lk 2: 26

VIII



Sime-on had received * a rev-e-lation from the Ho-ly
Spirit, that he would not see death before he had seen
the Lord's Messi-ah.

Canticle of Simeon and Psalm 48 (47)

1. LORD, now you let your servant *go in peace*; *
your word has *been fulfilled*:
my own eyes have seen *the salvation* *
which you have prepared in the sight of *every people*:
a light to reveal you *to the nations* *
and the glory of your *people Israel*.

2. Great is the LORD and highly *to be* **praised** *
in the city *of our* **God**.
His holy mountain rises *in* **beauty**, *
the joy of *all the* **earth**.
3. Mount Sion, in the heart *of the* **North**, *
the city of the *Mighty* **King**!
God, in the midst *of its* **citadels**, *
has shown himself *its* **stronghold**.
4. As we have heard, so *we have* **seen** *
in the city *of our* **God**,
in the city of the *LORD of* **hosts**, *
which God establishes *forever*.
5. Your merciful *love*, **O God**, *
we ponder *in your* **temple**.
Your praise, O God, *like your* **name**, *
reaches the ends *of the* **earth**.
6. Your right hand is filled with *saving* **justice**. *
Mount Sion *rejoices*.
The daughters of Judah *rejoice* *
at the sight *of your* **judgments**.
7. That you may tell the next *generation* *
that such *is our* **God**,
our God forever *and* **always**. *
He will guide *us* **forever**.

Glory be to the Father ...

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