

Cantor : Blessed be the great Mother of God, / Mary most **holy**. *
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate *Conception*.

All : Blessed be her glorious *Assumption*. *
Blessed be the name of Mary, / virgin *and mother*.

Cantor : Blessed be Saint **Joseph**, *
her most *chaste spouse*.

All : Blessed be **God** *
in his angels and in *his saints*.

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise thy Name ;	Hark ! The loud celestial hymn
Lord of all, we bow before thee ;	Angel choirs above are raising ;
All on earth thy scepter 'claim ;	Cherubim and seraphim,
All in heav'n above adore thee ;	In unceasing chorus praising,
Infinite thy vast domain ;	Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord :
Everlasting is thy reign.	Holy, holy, holy Lord.

PRAYER AFTER THE DIVINE OFFICE

Let every creature give unending praise, honor, power and glory throughout all eternity to the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity, the crucified humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the chaste Motherhood of Mary, the ever glorious and blessed Virgin, and to the entire assembly of saints, and may we be granted the forgiveness of our sins.

Blessed is the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary which bore the Son of the Eternal Father. And blessed are the breasts which nursed Christ our Lord.



PRAYER BEFORE THE DIVINE OFFICE

Open my lips, O Lord, to praise your holy Name. Cleanse my heart of any vain, evil, or distracting thoughts. Give light to my mind and fervor to my will; enable me to recite this Office worthily, attentively, and devoutly, so that my prayer will be heard in the presence of your divine Majesty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, I offer you this Hour with the divine intention you had while on earth offering praises to God.

**EXPOSITION AND ADORATION
OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**

O Salutaris Hostia

O salutaris hóstia,
Quæ cæli pandis óstium,
Bella premunt hostília ;
Da robur, fer auxiliúm.

Uni trinóque Dómino
Sit sempitérna glória :
Qui vitam sine término
Nobis donet in pátria.

Amen.

O Saving Victim opening wide
The gate of heav'n to man below :
Our foes press on from every side ;
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, blest One in Three ;
O grant us life that shall not end
In our true native land with thee.

Amen.

A time of silent adoration follows.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT : AT SECOND VESPERS

Psalter : Week III

A glimpse into the kingdom of God

Vespers is the evening prayer of the Church. This is the hour of thanksgiving for the graces bestowed during the day of salvation that has just passed. In Sunday Vespers we review gratefully the history of God's kingdom in the Church and in individual souls. We see Christ our victorious King in his power (Ps 109), and God's care over his chosen ones (Ps 110). There are two principal objects to our Vesper prayers : thanksgiving, and new courage to continue our pilgrimage.

OPENING VERSE

STAND

O God, come to my as-sistance. *R.* O Lord, make haste to help me. Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it : as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for ev-er. A-men. Al- le- lu- ia.

HYMN

Conditor alme siderum. (L.M.)

7th century.

*C 1. Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people's everlasting light,
Jesus, Redeemer, save us all,
And hear thy servants when they call.*

**A 2. Thou, grieving that the ancient curse
Should doom to death a universe,
Hast found the med'cine, full of grace,
To save and heal a ruined race.**

*C 3. Thou camest, the Bridegroom of the
Bride,
As drew the world to evening tide,
Proceeding from a virgin shrine,
The spotless Victim all divine.*

**A 4. At whose dread Name, majestic now,
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow ;
And things celestial thee shall own,
And things terrestrial, Lord alone.**

*C 5. O thou whose coming is with dread,
To judge and doom the quick and dead,
Preserve us, while we dwell below ;
From ev'ry insult of the foe.*

**A 6. To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Laud, honor, might, and glory be
From age to age, eternally.**

Amen.

BENEDICTION

OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tantum ergo Sacramentum

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui ;
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui ;
Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitóri, Genitóque
Laus et iubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus, quoque
Sit et benedictio :
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

V. Panem de cælo præstitisti
eis (*T. P. alleluia*).
R. Omne delectamentum in se
habentem (*T. P. alleluia*).

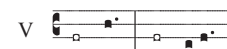
Oratio

DEUS, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili, passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti : * tribue, quæsumus, ita nos Cörperis et Sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari ; ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis iugiter sentiamus : Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum. *R.* Amen.

Prayer

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, * grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign for ever and ever. *R.* Amen.

The Divine Praises



Cantor : Blessed be **God**. *
Blessed be his holy **Name**.

All : Blessed be Jesus Christ, / true God and true **man**. *
Blessed be the Name of **Jesus**.

Cantor : Blessed be his most Sacred **Heart**. *
Blessed be his most Precious **Blood**.

All : Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the **Altar**. *
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, *the Paraclete*.

INTERCESSIONS

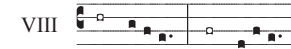


- Celebrant* : To Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, / the way, the truth, and the life, / let us make our humble **prayer** :
- All* : Come and stay with us, *O Lord*.
- Cantor* : Son of the Most High, / your coming was announced to the Virgin Mary by **Gabriel**,
- All* : come and rule over your people *for ever*.
- Cantor* : Holy One of God, / in your presence John the Baptist leapt in Elizabeth's **womb**,
- All* : bring the joy of salvation to all *the earth*.
- Cantor* : Jesus the Savior, / the angel revealed your name to Joseph, the **just** man,
- All* : come and save your people from *their sins*.
- Cantor* : Light of the world, / for whom Simeon and all the just **waited**,
- All* : come and *comfort us*.
- Cantor* : O Rising Sun that never sets, / Zechariah foretold that you would visit us from **above**,
- All* : come and shine on those who dwell in darkness / and the shadow of **death**.
- Our Father . . .
- Celebrant* : O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, * for ever and ever.
- All* : Amen.

Vespers concludes with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

ANTIPHON I

SIT



- Cantor* : Our Lord will come to claim his glorious **throne** * in the assembly of *the princes*.

Psalm 109

King and Priest

A famous Messianic Psalm. In colorful pictures, the royal psalmist paints the mission, conflict, and triumph of our Savior. We ought to pray this Psalm with sentiments of deepest devotion, homage, adoration; for Christ has applied these words of prophecy to himself.

Christ's reign will last until all his enemies are made subject to him (1 Corinthians 15 : 25)

Appointed King by God

- Cantor* : The Lord's revelation to my Master : / " Sit on my **right** : * your foes I will put *beneath your feet* . " "
- All* : The Lord will wield from Sion your scepter of **power** : * rule in the midst of *all your foes*.
- Cantor* : A prince from the day of your birth on the *holy mountains* ; * from the womb before the dawn *I begot* you.

Appointed Priest by God

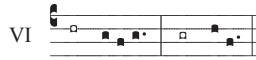
- All* : The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. / " You are a *priest for ever*, * a priest like Melchizedek of **old** . " "

Conqueror and Judge in God

- Cantor* : The Master standing *at your right* hand * will shatter kings in the day of *his great wrath*.
- All* : He shall drink from the stream *by the wayside* * and therefore he shall lift up *his head*.

Doxology

- Cantor* : Glory to the Father, and *to the Son*, * and to the *Holy Spirit* :
- All* : as it was in the beginning, *is now*, * and will be for ever. **Amen**.
- Cantor* : Our Lord will come to claim his glorious **throne** * in the assembly of *the princes*.



ANTIPHON 2

Cantor : Let the mountains break out with joy / and the hills with answering gladness, * for the world's true light, the Lord, / comes with power and might.

Psalm 110

Thanksgiving and deliverance out of Egypt

This Psalm is a hymn of thanksgiving for God's care over his chosen people, especially in delivering them out of Egypt (a type of our redemption). We pray it as the thanksgiving prayer of the Church (and of souls) journeying through the world, away from the bondage of the devil and into the promised land of heaven.

We are lost in wonder at all that you have done for us, our Lord and mighty God (Apocalypse 15 : 3)

Statement of theme

Cantor : I will thank the Lord with all my heart * in the meeting of the just and their assembly.

Divine Providence in the history of his people

All : Great are the works of the Lord ; * to be pondered by all who love them.

Cantor : Majestic and glorious his work, * his justice stands firm for ever.

All : He makes us remember his wonders. * The Lord is compassion and love.

Cantor : He gives food to those who fear him ; * keeps his covenant ever in mind.

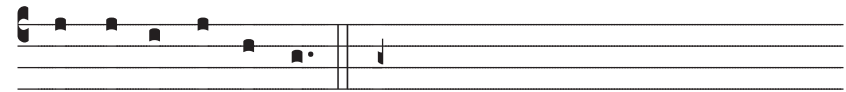
All : He has shown his might to his people * by giving them the lands of the nations.

In the holy covenant

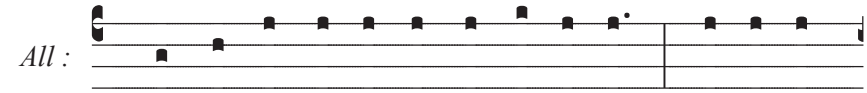
Cantor : His works are justice and truth : * his precepts are all of them sure,

All : standing firm for ever and ever : * they are made in uprightness and truth.

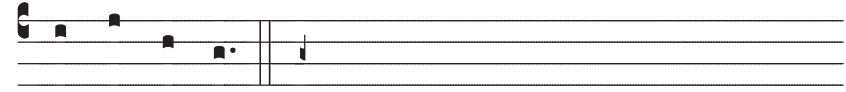
Cantor : He has sent deliverance to his people / and established his covenant for ever. * Holy his Name, to be feared.



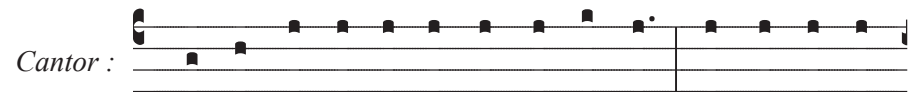
his children for ev- er.



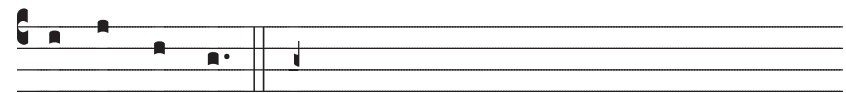
10. Glo- ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, * and to the



Ho- ly Spir- it :



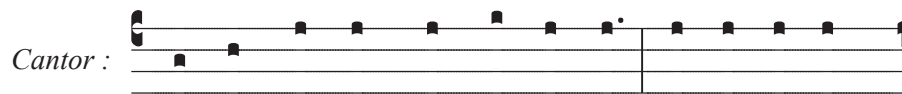
11. as it was in the be- gin-ning, is now * and will be for



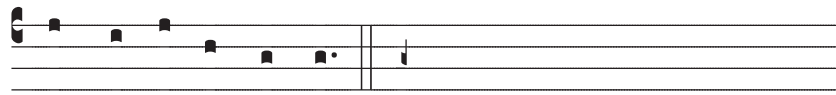
ev- er. A- men. The antiphon is repeated by the Cantor.

Cantor : Are you the one whose coming was foretold, * or should we look for another? Tell John what you see : / the blind have their sight restored, / the dead are raised to life, * the poor have the good news preached to them, / alleluia.

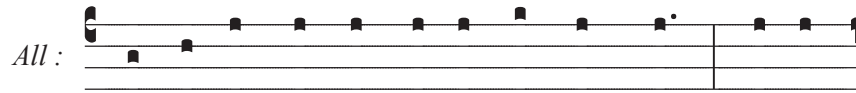




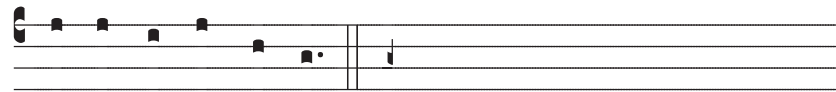
5. He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered



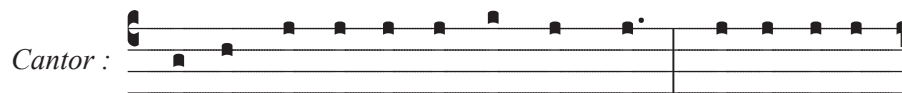
the proud in their con-ceit.



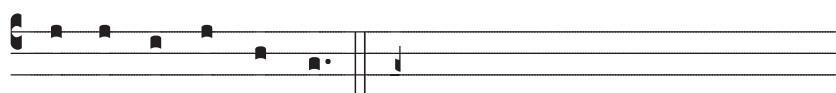
6. He has cast down the might-y from their thrones, * and has



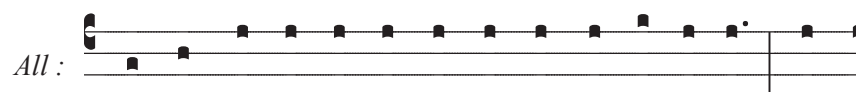
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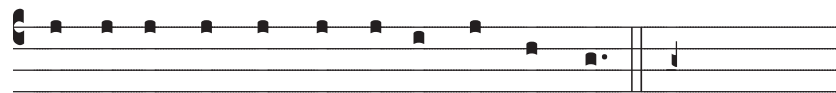
7. He has filled the hun-gry with good things, * and the rich he



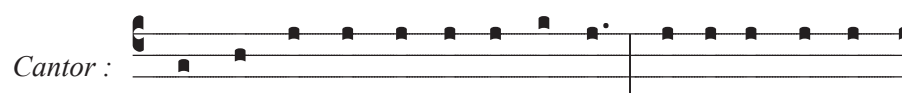
has sent a-way emp-ty.



8. He has come to the help of his ser-vant, Is- ra- el * for



he has re-mem-bered his promise of mer- cy,



9. the prom-ise he made to our fa-thers, * to A-bra-ham and

Finale

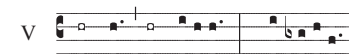
All : To fear the Lord is the first stage of wisdom ; /
all who do so prove *themselves wise*. *
His praise shall last *for ever*.

Doxology

Cantor : Glory to the Father, and to *the Son*, *
and to the Holy **Spirit** :

All : as it was in the beginning, *is now*, *
and will be for ever. **Amen**.

Cantor : Let the mountains break out with joy /
and the hills with answering **gladness**, *
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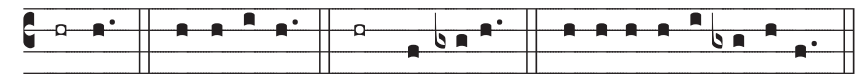


ANTIPHON 3

Cantor : Let us live in holiness and love /
as we patiently await our **blessed hope**, *
the coming **of our Savior**.

CANTICLE

Apocalypse 19 : 1-7



∩ Alle-lu-ia. ∩ Alle-lu-ia, al- le-lu-ia.

The wedding of the Lamb

Cantor : Salvation, glory, and power to our God : *

All : ∩ Alleluia.

Cantor : his judgments are honest *and true*.

All : ∩ Alleluia, **alleluia**.

Cantor : Sing praise to our God, all you his servants, *

All : ∩ Alleluia.

Cantor : all who worship him rev'rently, / *great and small*.

All : ∩ Alleluia, **alleluia**.

Cantor : The Lord our all-powerful God is King ; *

All : ∩ Alleluia.

Cantor : let us rejoice, sing praise, and *give him glory*.

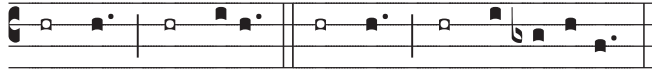
All : ∩ Alleluia, **alleluia**.

Cantor : The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun, *

All : *R:* Alleluia.

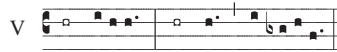
Cantor : and his bride is prepared to welcome him.

All : *R:* Alleluia, alleluia.



Cantor : Glory to the Father, and to the Son, /
and to the Holy Spirit :

All : as it was in the beginning, is now, /
and will be for ever. Amen.

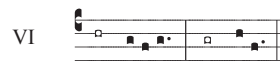


Cantor : Let us live in holiness and love /
as we patiently await our blessed hope, *
the coming of our Savior.

READING

Philippians 4 : 4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again. Rejoice! Everyone should see how unselfish you are. The Lord is near.



RESPONSORY

Cantor : Let us see, O Lord, *
your mercy and love.

All : Let us see, O Lord, *
your mercy and love.

Cantor : And grant us your salvation, *

All : your mercy and love.

Cantor : Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit :

All : Let us see, O Lord, *
your mercy and love.

CANTICLE OF MARY

STAND

Ant : Are you the one whose coming was foretold, *
or should we look for another?

Tell John what you see : /
the blind have their sight restored, / the dead are raised to life, *
the poor have the good news preached to them, / alleluia.

The Cantor begins the Canticle, and alternates verses with All.

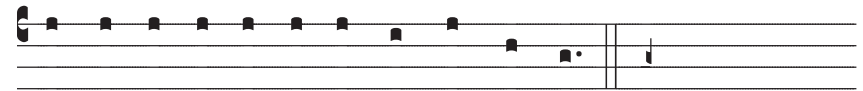
The soul rejoices in the Lord

Luke I : 46-55

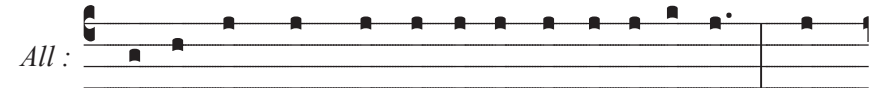
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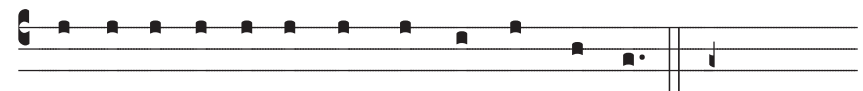
Y soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, * and



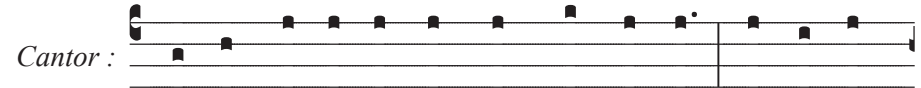
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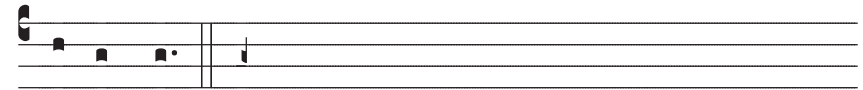
2. for he has looked with fav-or on his low-ly servant. * From



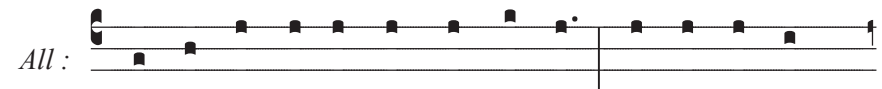
this day all gen- er- a- tions will call me bless- ed :



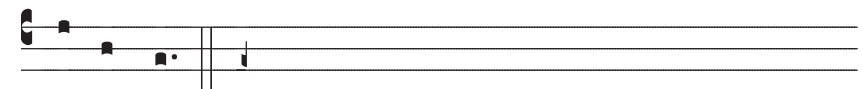
3. the Al- might- y has done great things for me, * and ho- ly



is his Name.



4. He has mer- cy on those who fear him * in ev- 'ry gen-



er- a- tion.

Responsory

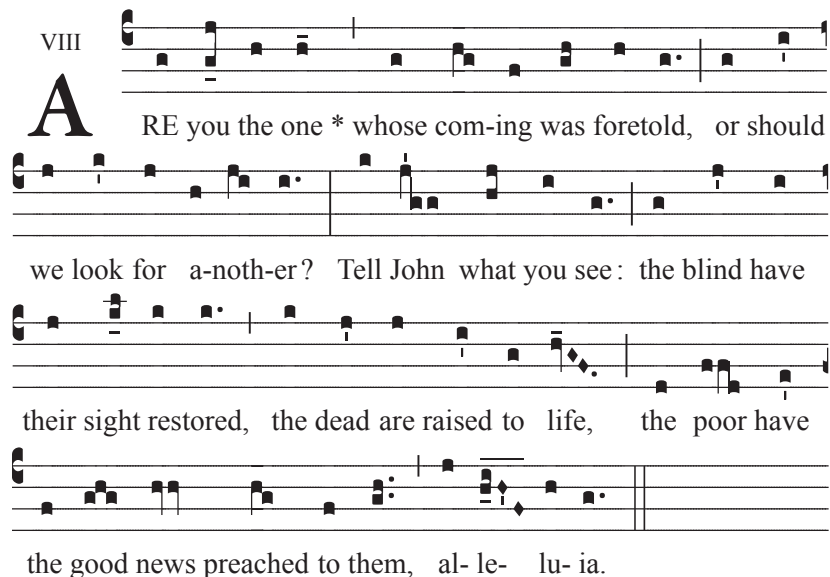
Resp.
IV



LET us see, O Lord, your mer- cy, * And grant us your
sal-va-tion. Let us see. √ Restore a- gain our life, that we may
rejoice in you. * And grant. √ Glo- ry to the Fa-ther, and to the
Son, and to the Ho- ly Spir- it. Let us see.

At Magnificat. Antiphon *ad libitum*

VIII



ARE you the one * whose com- ing was foretold, or should
we look for a- noth- er? Tell John what you see: the blind have
their sight restored, the dead are raised to life, the poor have
the good news preached to them, al- le- lu- ia.

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THE OFFICE OF SUNDAY VESPERS THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Roman Rite. Psalter : Week III At II Vespers

Ordinary Form



CATHEDRAL OF SAINT EUGENE

Diocese of Santa Rosa

2012

STATION AT SAINT PETER'S

“The Lord is now at hand: come, let us adore him.”

The First Coming: It is Mary who gives us Jesus: “Blessed are you, O Mary . . . those things shall be accomplished in you, which were spoken to you by the Lord.”

It is from Bethlehem that the King, the Ruler, shall go forth who is to bring peace to all the nations, and who will deliver his people from the power of their enemies. In a special way our souls will share in this deliverance during the Christmas celebrations which mark the anniversary of the entrance into the world of Christ, the vanquisher of Satan. “Grant, we beseech you,” the Church prays, “that the new birth of your only begotten Son may set us free, whom the old bondage holds under the yoke of sin.” In the same way that St. John the Baptist prepared the Jews for the coming of the Messiah, so he prepares us for the union, closer every year, which our Lord forms with our souls at Christmas. “Make straight the way of the Lord,” cried the forerunner of Christ. So let us make straight the way into our hearts, that our Savior may enter and give us his graces of life and freedom.

The Second Coming. It is our Lord's coming at the end of the world that St. Gregory alludes in his explanation of the Gospel: “John,” he says, “the forerunner of the Redeemer, goes before our Lord in the spirit and power of Elijah who will be the forerunner of Christ as Judge.” If we feel great joy at the approach of the Christmas feast, reminding us more of the lowly infant in the Manger, how much more should the thoughts of his Coming in all the splendor of his power and majesty fill us with a holy sense of triumph, since only then will our redemption be fully accomplished.

St. Paul writes to his Christians: “Rejoice in the Lord always: again, I say, rejoice . . . The Lord is near.” As on Laetare Sunday in Mid-Lent, the priest may celebrate in rose-colored vestments. Rose is a paler kind of violet; it expresses some relaxation in penance, owing to the joy of the heavenly Jerusalem into which our Lord will lead us when time shall be no more. “Rejoice, O Jerusalem, with great rejoicing, for there shall come unto you a Savior.” Let us greatly desire this coming which the Apostle tells us is near. We should long with a holy impatience that it may quickly come to pass. “Stir up, O Lord, your might, and come to save us.” “Come, O Lord, and do not delay.” “Through your Advent, deliver us, O Lord.”

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT. AT II VESPERS

Psalter: Week III

Antiphons In Cantu
for cantor, schola or choir

I Ant.
VIII

HE Lord will come to claim * his glo- ri- ous throne in the
as-sembly of the princes, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia. *Psalm 109*

2 Ant.
VI

LET the mountains * break out with joy and the hills with
answering gladness, for the world's true light, the Lord, comes with
pow-er and might. *Psalm 110*

3 Ant.
V

LET us live * in ho- li-ness and love as we patient-ly
a- wait our bless-ed hope, the coming of our Sav-ior.

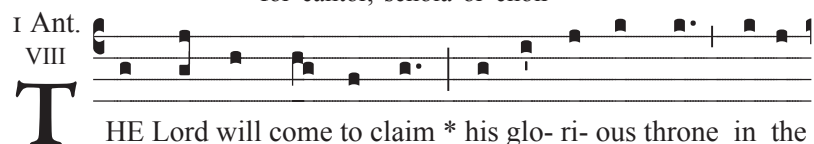
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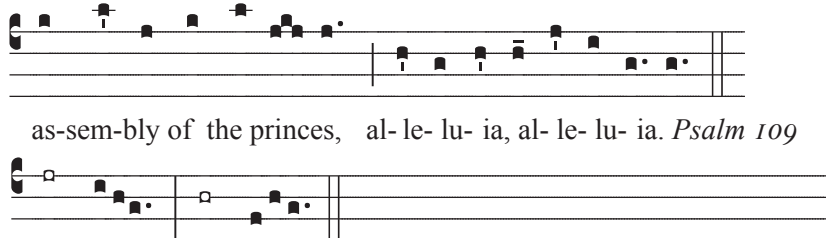
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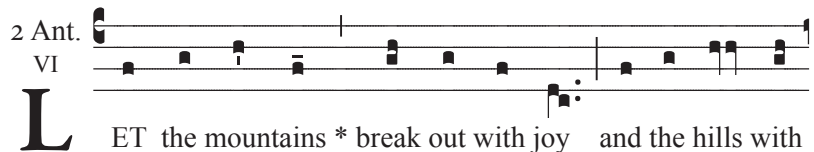


T HE Lord will come to claim * his glo- ri- ous throne in the



as-sem-bly of the princes, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia. *Psalms 109*

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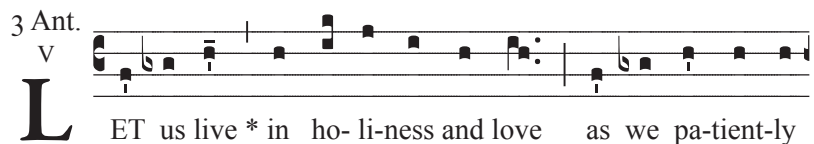


L ET the mountains * break out with joy and the hills with

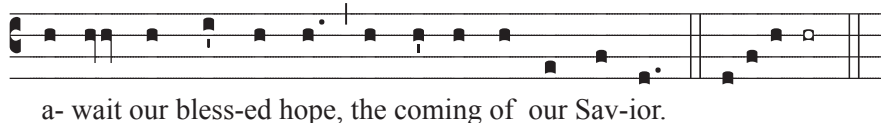


answering gladness, for the world's true light, the Lord, comes with
 pow- er and might. *Psalms 110*

3 Ant.
 V



L ET us live * in ho- li-ness and love as we pa-tient-ly



a- wait our bless-ed hope, the coming of our Sav-ior.

[intonation from antiphon]
Canticle, Apocalypse 19 : 1-7

Responsory

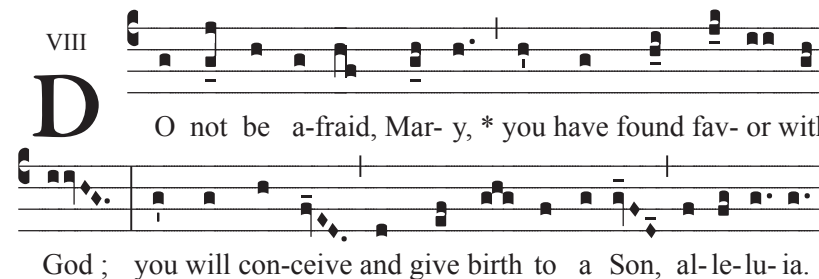
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L ET us see, O Lord, your mer- cy, * And grant us your
 sal-va-tion. Let us see. √ Restore a- gain our life, that we may
 rejoice in you. * And grant. √ Glo- ry to the Fa-ther, and to the
 Son, and to the Ho- ly Spir- it. Let us see.

At Magnificat. Antiphon *ad libitum*

VIII



D O not be a- afraid, Mar- y, * you have found fav- or with
 God ; you will con-ceive and give birth to a Son, al- le- lu- ia.