

# FEASTS AND SOLEMNITIES

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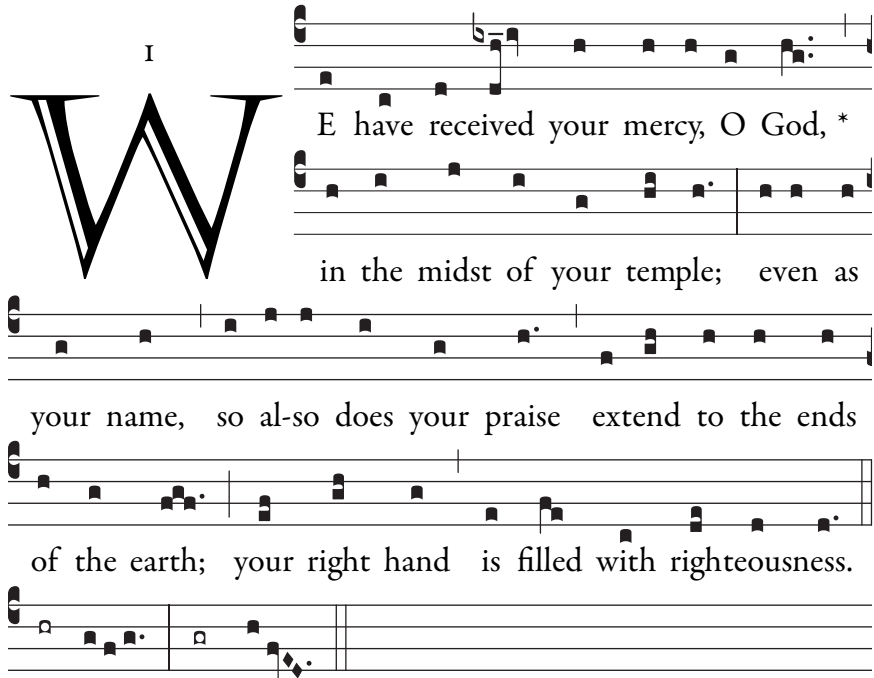
## PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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*.

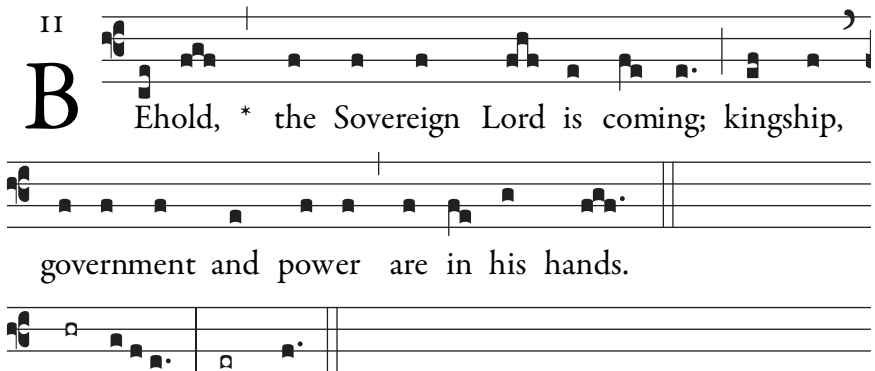
Glory be to the Father ...

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

**S**ime-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**.

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