

*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.               |

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**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 auxílium.

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.*

## SUNDAY AT SECOND VESPERS

*Psalter: Week II*

*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 the Church as a pilgrim, in the image of the Jewish people, setting out from the slavery of Egypt into the promised land (Ps 113 B). There are two principal objects to our Vesper prayers: thanksgiving, and new courage to continue our pilgrimage.

### OPENING VERSE

**STAND**

*Celebrant:*

*All:*

**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

*St. Gregory the Great. 540-604*

*O Lux, beata Trinitas. (L.M.)*

*Cantor: 1. O Trinity of blessed Light,  
O Unity of princely might,  
The fiery sun now goes his way;  
Shed thou within our hearts thy ray.*

*All: 3. To thee our morning song of praise,  
To thee our evening prayer we raise;  
Thy glory suppliant we adore  
For ever and for evermore.*

*Cantor: 3. All laud to God the Father be;  
All: All praise, eternal Son, to thee;  
All glory, as is ever meet,  
To God the Holy Paraclete. 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:  
Procedénti ab utróque  
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

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

Therefore we, before him bending,  
This great Sacrament revere;  
Types and shadows have their ending,  
For the newer Rite is here;  
Faith, our outward sense, befriending,  
Makes the inward vision clear.

Glory let us give and blessing,  
To the Father and the Son;  
Honor, might, and praise addressing,  
While eternal ages run;  
Ever too his love confessing,  
Who from Both, with Both, is One.  
Amen.

*V.* You have given them bread from  
heaven (*P.T. alleluia*).  
*R.* Containing all sweetness within it  
(*P.T. alleluia*).

**Oratio**

*Oremus.*

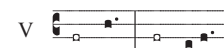
**D**EUS, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili, passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti: \* tribue, quæsumus, ita nos Corporis et Sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari; ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis iugiter sentiamus: Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum. *R.* Amen.

**Prayer**

*Let us pray.*

**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



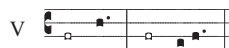
*Cantor:* Blessed be **God**. \*  
Blessed be his holy **Name**.

*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* : All praise and honor to Christ ! / He lives forever to intercede for us, / and he is able to save those who approach the Father in his Name. / Sustained by our faith, / let us call upon him :

*All* : Remember your people, **O Lord**.

*Cantor* : As the day draws to a close, Sun of Justice, / we invoke your Name upon the whole human **race**,

*All* : so that all men may enjoy your never failing **light**.

*Cantor* : Preserve the covenant which you have ratified in your **Blood**,

*All* : cleanse and sanctify *your Church*.

*Cantor* : Remember your assembly, **O Lord**,

*All* : your dwelling **place**.

*Cantor* : Guide travellers along the path of peace and prosperity,

*All* : so that they may reach their destinations / in safety *and joy*.

*Cantor* : Receive the souls of the dead, **O Lord**,

*All* : grant them your favor / and the gift of eternal **glory**.

Our Father . . .

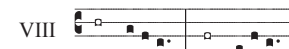
*Celebrant* : *Prayer proper to the Sunday*

*All* : Amen.

*Vespers concludes with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.*

## ANTIPHON I

*SIT*



*Cantor* : Christ our Lord is a *priest for ever*, \*  
like Melchizedech of old, / *alleluia*.

### 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*.

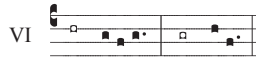
*All* : He shall drink from the stream *by the wayside* \*  
and therefore he shall lift up *his head*.

#### 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* : Christ our Lord is a *priest for ever*, \*  
like Melchizedech of old, / *alleluia*.



## ANTIPHON 2

*Cantor :* God dwells in *highest* **heaven** ; \*  
he has power to do all he wills, / *alleluia*.

## Psalm 113 B

### Praise of the true God

*This Psalm dates from the time of the exile, and sets out to strengthen our trust in God who alone can help us, and our contempt of idols. In our prayers, this means God in his procession through the earth. Along the path, the idols of the world are beckoning to us : riches, pleasure, honor power. We renounce the devil and all his works.*

*We have renounced idol worship  
to serve the living and true God (1 Thessalonians 1 : 9)*

### God alone be praised

*Cantor :* Not to us, Lord, *not to us*, \*  
but to your name give *the* **glory**.

*All :* for the sake of your love *and your* **truth**, \*  
lest the heathen say : / “ Where is *their* **God** ? ”

### God and idols

*Cantor :* But our God is *in the* **heavens** ; \*  
he does whatever *he* **wills**.

*All :* Their idols are silver *and gold*, \*  
the work of human **hands**.

*Cantor :* They have mouths but they *cannot* **speak** ; \*  
they have eyes but they *cannot* **see** ;

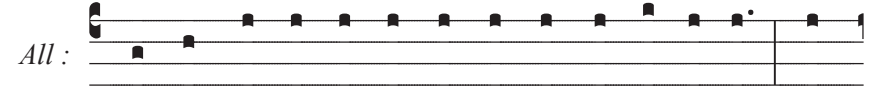
*All :* they have ears but they *cannot* **hear** ; \*  
they have nostrils but they *cannot* **smell**.

*Cantor :* With their hands they cannot feel ; /  
with their feet they *cannot* **walk**. \*  
No sound comes from *their* **throats**.

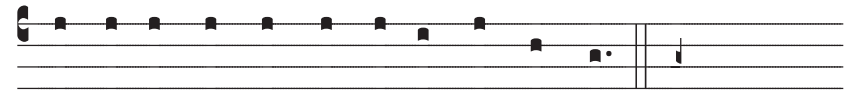
*All :* Their makers will come to *be like* **them** \*  
and so will all who trust *in* **them**.

### Song of blessing

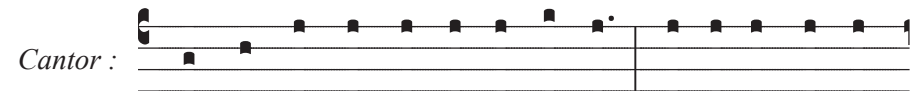
*Cantor :* Sons of Israel, trust *in the* **Lord** ; \*  
he is their help and *their* **shield**.



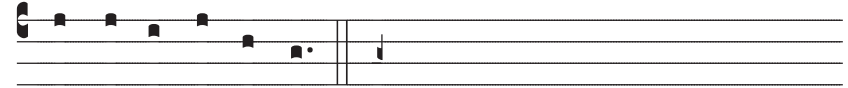
8. He has come to the help of his ser-vant, Is- ra- el \* for



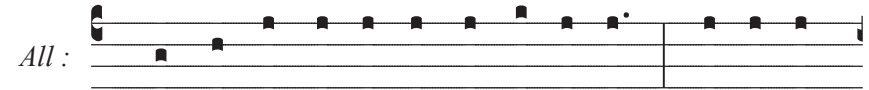
he has re-membered his promise of mer- cy,



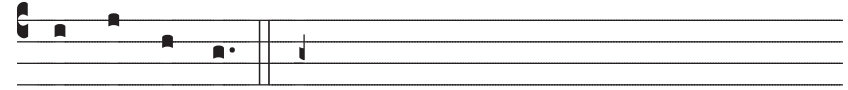
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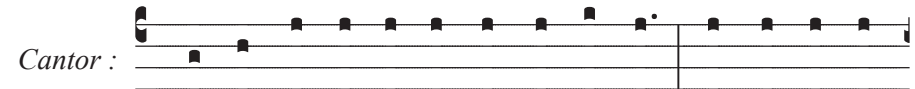
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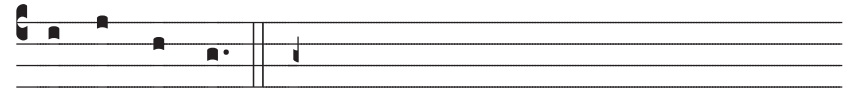
10. Glo- ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, \* and to the



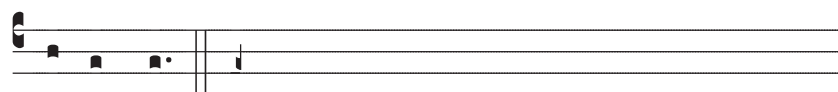
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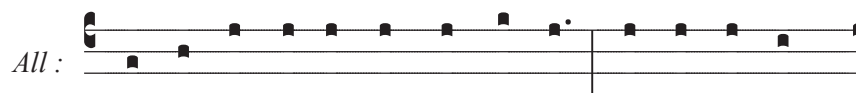
11. as it was in the be- gin-ning, is now \* and will be for



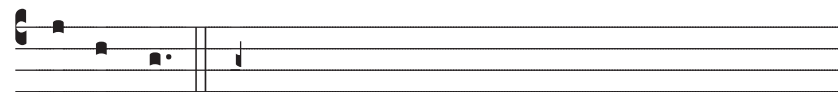
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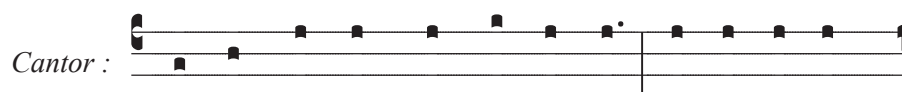
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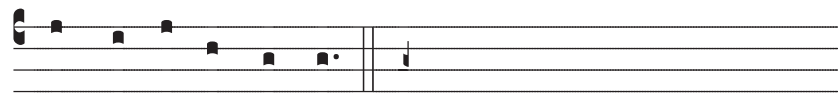
4. He has mer- cy on those who fear him \* in ev- 'ry gen-



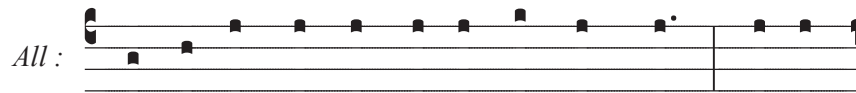
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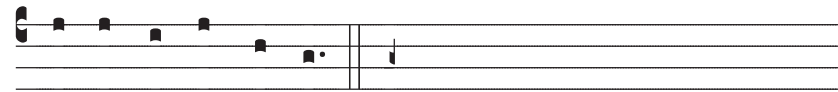
5. He has shown the strength of his arm, \* he has scattered



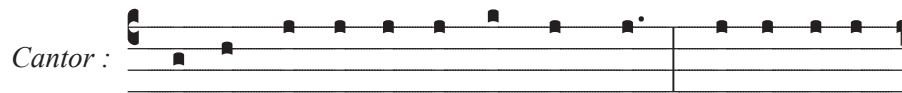
the proud in their con- ceit.



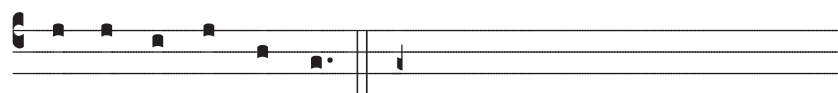
6. He has cast down the might- y from their thrones, \* and has



lift- ed up the low- ly.



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



has sent a- way emp- ty.

*All :* Sons of Aaron, trust *in the Lord* ; \*  
he is their help and *their shield*.

*Cantor :* You who fear him, trust *in the Lord* ; \*  
he is their help and *their shield*.

*All :* He remembers us, and he will bless us ; /  
he will bless the *sons of Israel*. \*  
He will bless the sons *of Aaron*.

*Cantor :* The Lord will bless *those who fear* him, \*  
the little no less than *the great* :

*All :* to you may the *Lord grant* increase, \*  
to you and all *your children*.

*Cantor :* May you be blest *by the Lord*, \*  
the maker of heaven *and earth*.

*All :* The heavens belong *to the Lord* \*  
but the earth he has given *to men*.

*Cantor :* The dead shall not *praise the Lord*, \*  
nor those who go down into *the silence*.

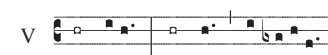
*All :* But we who live *bless the Lord* \*  
now and for ever. *Amen*.

#### Doxology

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and to the Holy *Spirit* :

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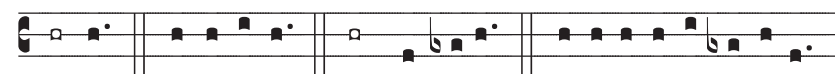


#### ANTIPHON 3

*Cantor :* Praise God, / all you who *serve* him, \*  
both great and small, / *alleluia*.

#### CANTICLE

*Apocalypse 19 : 1-7*



Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al- le-lu-ia.

## The wedding of the Lamb

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

*All* : R. Alleluia.

*Cantor* : his judgments are honest and **true**.

*All* : R. Alleluia, **alleluia**.

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

*All* : R. Alleluia.

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

*All* : R. Alleluia, **alleluia**.

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

*All* : R. Alleluia.

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

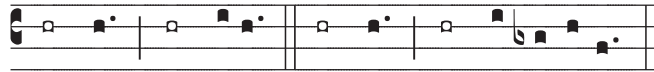
*All* : R. Alleluia, **alleluia**.

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

*All* : R. Alleluia.

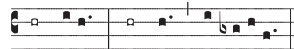
*Cantor* : and his bride is prepared to **welcome** him.

*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* : Praise God, / all you who **serve** him, \*  
both great and small, / **alleluia**.

### READING

2 Thessalonians 2 : 13-14

We are bound to thank God for you always, beloved brothers in the Lord, because you are the first fruits of those whom God has chosen for salvation, in holiness of spirit and fidelity to the truth. He called you through our preaching of the good news so that you might achieve the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.



### RESPONSORY

*Cantor* : Our Lord is **great**, \* mighty is his **power**.

*All* : Our Lord is **great**, \* mighty is his **power**.

*Cantor* : His wisdom is beyond **compare**, \*

*All* : mighty is his **power**

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

*All* : Our Lord is **great**, \* mighty is his **power**.

### CANTICLE OF MARY

**STAND**

*The antiphon is sung by the Cantor. Tone VIII.*

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

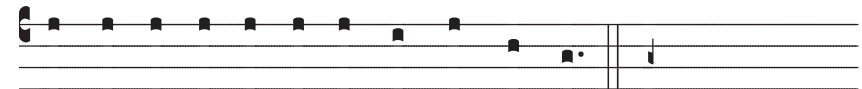
**The soul rejoices in the Lord**

*Luke 1 : 46-55*

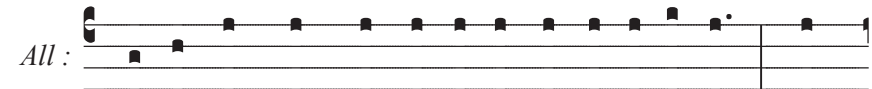
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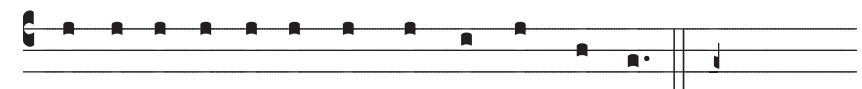
Y soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, \* and



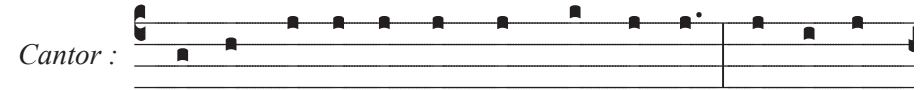
my spir- it re-joic- es in God my Sav- ior.



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

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## THE OFFICE of SUNDAY VESPERS

*Roman Rite. Psalter : Week II*

Ordinary Form



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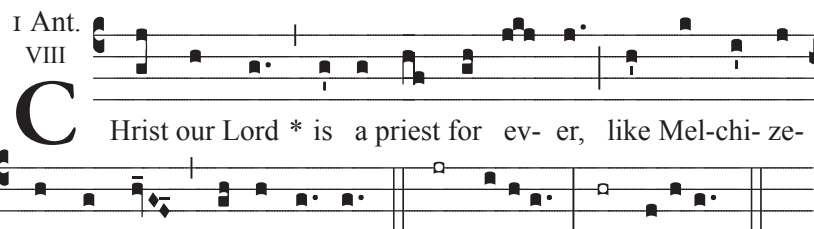
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## SUNDAY AT SECOND VESPERS

*Psalter: Week II*

Antiphons *In Cantu*  
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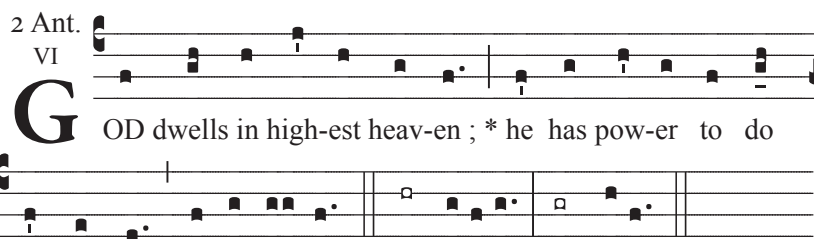
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**C** Hrist our Lord \* is a priest for ev- er, like Mel-chi- ze-

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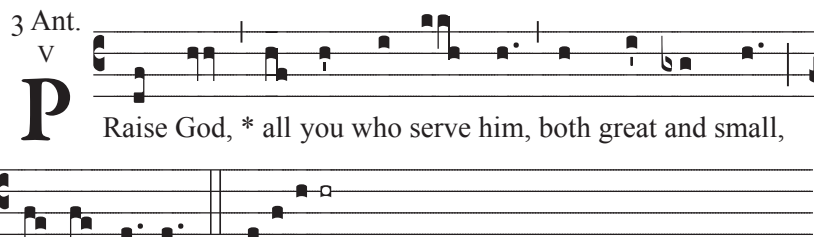
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VI



**G** OD dwells in high-est heav-en ; \* he has pow-er to do

all he wills, al- le- lu- ia. *Psalms 113 B*

3 Ant.  
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**P** Raise God, \* all you who serve him, both great and small,

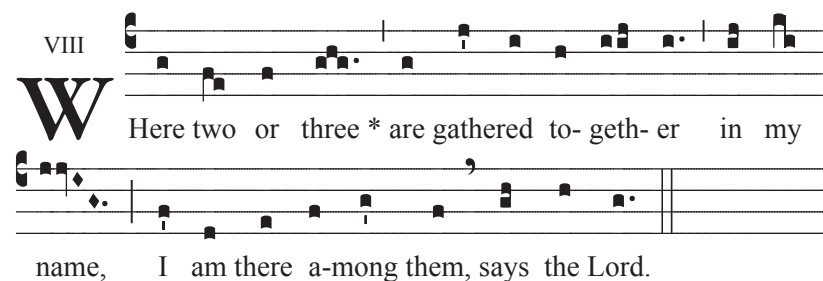
al- le- lu- ia. [intonation from antiphon] *Canticle, Apocalypse 19 : 1-7*

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## At Magnificat. Antiphon *ad libitum*

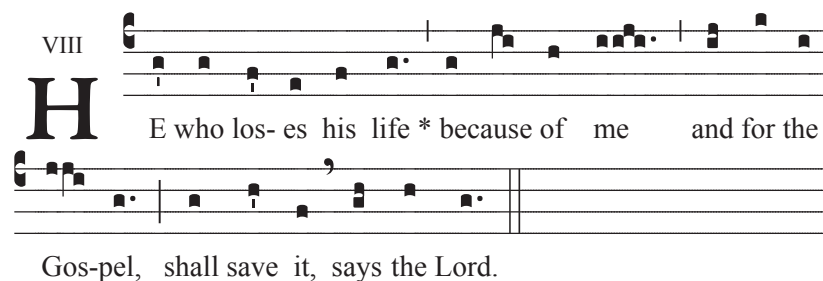
*The Antiphon is taken from the proper of the Season, to agree with the Gospel of the day. Or the following may be sung :*

VIII



**W** Here two or three \* are gathered to- geth- er in my  
name, I am there a-mong them, says the Lord.

VIII



**H** E who los- es his life \* because of me and for the  
Gos-pel, shall save it, says the Lord.

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