

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 salutáris 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT. 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 in the image of the Jewish people, setting out from the slavery of Egypt into the promised land (Ps 113). 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.

Genitori, Genitôque
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*).

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.

DEUS, 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



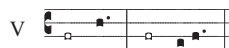
Cantor: Blessed be **God**. *
Blessed be his holy **Name**.

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 : To Christ the Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, let us pray with joyful **hearts** :

All : Come, / *Lord Jesus!*

Cantor : Lord Jesus, in the mystery of your incarnation, you revealed your glory to the **world**,

All : give us new life by *your coming*.

Cantor : You have taken our weakness upon *yourself*,

All : grant us *your mercy*.

Cantor : You redeemed the world from sin by your first coming in **humility**,

All : free us from all guilt when you come again *in glory*.

Cantor : You live and rule over **all**,

All : in your goodness / bring us to our eternal **inheritance**.

Cantor : You sit at the right hand of the **Father**,

All : gladden the souls of the dead with *your light*.

Our Father . . .

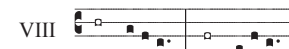
Celebrant : Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son, *
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, *
for ever and ever.

All : Amen.

Vespers concludes with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

ANTIPHON I

SIT



Cantor : The Lord will come on the *clouds of heaven* *
with great power and might, / *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*.

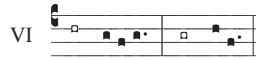
All : He shall drink from the stream *by the wayside* *
and therefore he shall lift up *his head*.

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 : The Lord will come on the *clouds of heaven* *
with great power and might, / *alleluia*.



ANTIPHON 2

Cantor : The Lord will come; / he is true to his word. /
if he seems to delay, keep *watch for him*, *
for he will surely come, / *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* ;

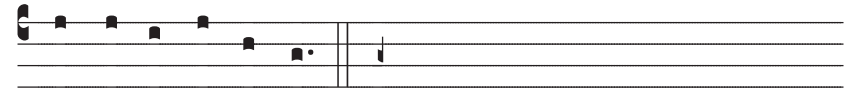
All : they have ears but they *cannot hear* ; *
they have nostrils but they *cannot smell*.

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

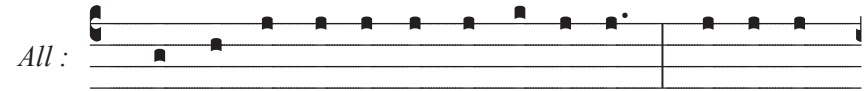
All : Their makers will come to *be like them* *
and so will all who trust *in them*.

Song of blessing

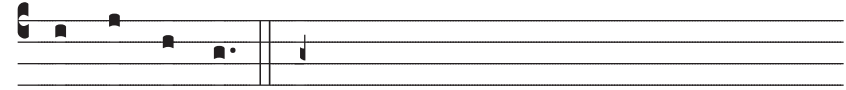
Cantor : Sons of Israel, trust *in the Lord* ; *
he is their help and *their shield*.



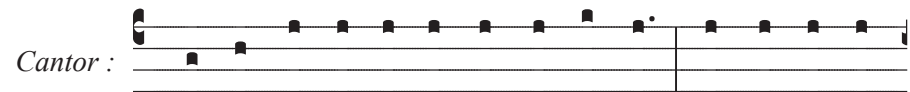
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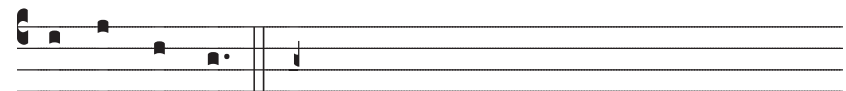
10. Glo- ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, * and to the



Ho- ly Spir- it :



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



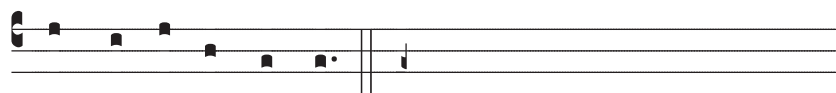
ev- er. A- men. *The antiphon is repeated by the Cantor.*

Ant : Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, for *your great faith* ; *
all that the Lord promised you /
will come to pass through you, / *alleluia*.

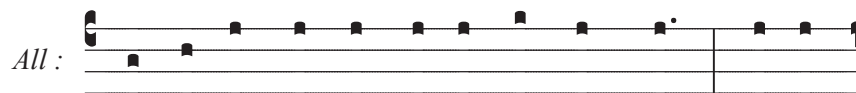




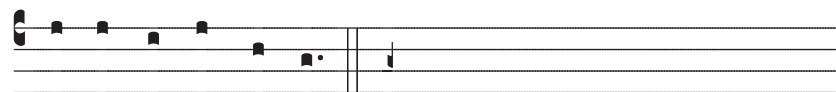
5. He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered



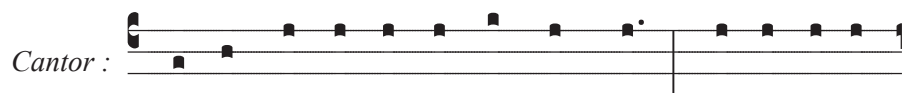
the proud in their con-ceit.



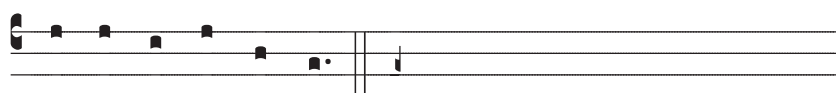
6. He has cast down the might-y from their thrones, * and has



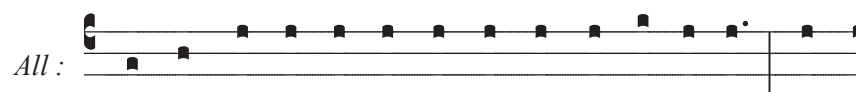
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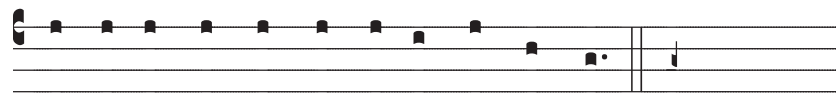
7. He has filled the hun-gry with good things, * and the rich he



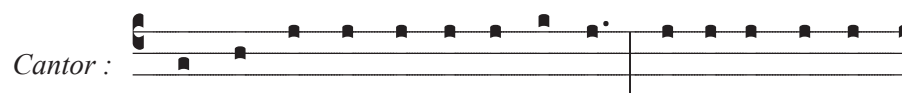
has sent a-way emp-ty.



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

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*.

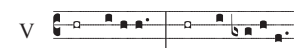
All : But we who live *bless the Lord* *
now and for ever. *Amen*.

Doxology

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

All : as it was in the beginning, *is now*, *
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Cantor : The Lord will come ; / he is true to his word. /
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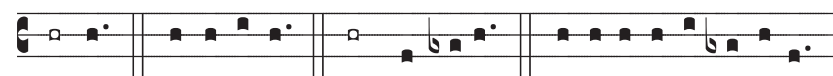


ANTIPHON 3

Cantor : The Lord our king and *lawgiver* *
will *come* to *save* us.

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*.

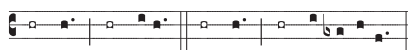
All : R Alleluia, **alleluia**.

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

All : R Alleluia.

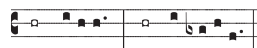
Cantor : and his bride is prepared to **welcome** him.

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.



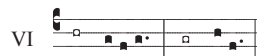
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READING

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**.

CANTICLE OF MARY

STAND

Ant : Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, for *your great faith* ; *
all that the Lord promised you /
will come to pass through you, / *alleluia*.

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

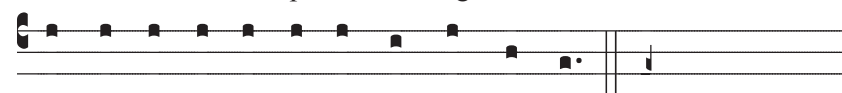
The soul rejoices in the Lord

Luke I : 46-55

Cantor : VIII G

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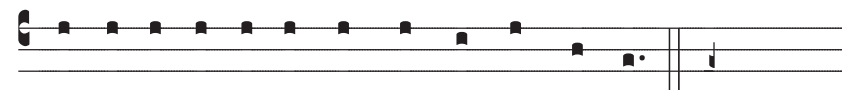
Y soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, * and



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

All :

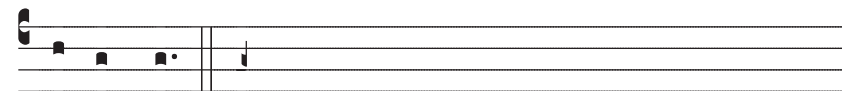
2. for he has looked with fav-or on his low-ly servant. * From



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

Cantor :

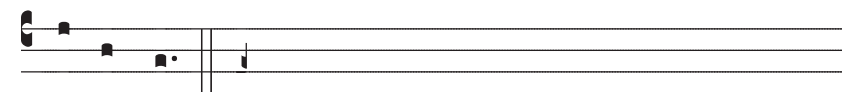
3. the Al-might-y has done great things for me, * and ho- ly



is his Name.

All :

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



er- a- tion.

Responsory

Resp.
IV

L ET us see, O Lord, your mer- cy, * And grant us your
sal-va-tion. Let us see. V. Restore a- gain our life, that we may
rejoice in you. * And grant. V. 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

B Less-ed are you, * O Vir- gin Mar- y, for your great
faith; all that the Lord promised you will come to pass through
you, al- le- lu- ia.

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Roman Rite. Psalter : Week II. II Vespers

Ordinary Form



CATHEDRAL OF SAINT EUGENE

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2012

STATION AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE IN JERUSALEM

The whole of today's liturgy is filled with the thought of Isaiah (whose name means 'the Lord saves'), since he is beyond all others, the prophet who proclaims the coming of Christ the Redeemer. He foretold seven centuries before, that "a virgin" should "conceive and bear" a son, "Emmanuel" (Is 7: 14), and that God would send his "angel"; that it is John the Baptist who should "prepare the way before him", (Gospel) and the Messiah should come clothed with the power of God himself to free all nations from the bondage of Satan. "The ox," says Isaiah, meaning the Gentiles, "knows his owner and the ass his master's crib, but Israel has not known me and my people have not understood" (Is 1: 3). "The root of Jesse," he goes on, "shall rise up to rule the nations, and the deaf and the blind, plunged in darkness, that is the heathen, shall hear the words of release and shall see." Then shall the true Jerusalem, that is the Church, "tremble with joy," for all the nations, sanctified by Christ, shall flow unto the Church.

The Messiah, as Isaiah explains, "will establish salvation in Sion and glory in Jerusalem." "Sion shall be strong, for the Lord shall be its wall and its bulwark," that is, its powerful protector.

The Station takes place at Rome in the Church of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem which was built by St. Helena to receive the relic of the Holy Cross.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT AT SECOND VESPERS

Psalter: Week II

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for cantor, schola or choir

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2 Ant.
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to de-lay, keep watch for him, for he will sure-ly come, al- le-

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3 Ant.
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T HE Lord our king * and law-giv- er will come to save

us. [*intonation from antiphon*]

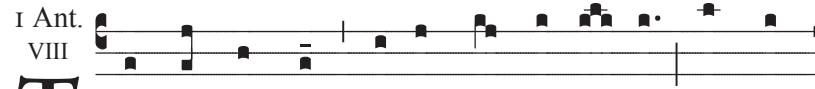
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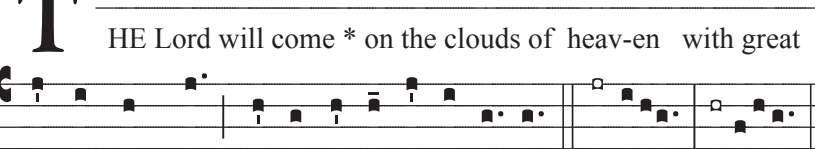
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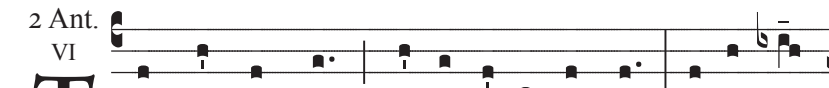


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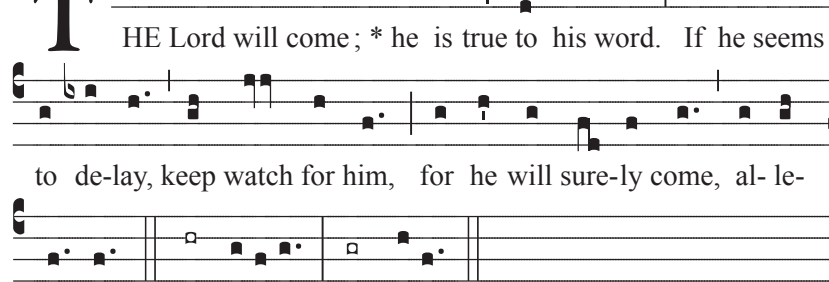


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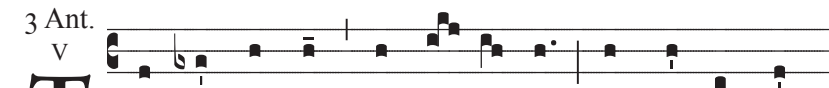


T HE Lord will come; * he is true to his word. If he seems

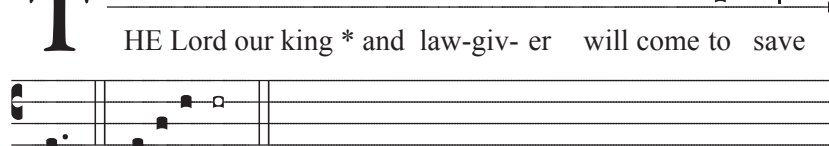


to de-lay, keep watch for him, for he will sure-ly come, al- le-

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T HE Lord our king * and law-giv- er will come to save



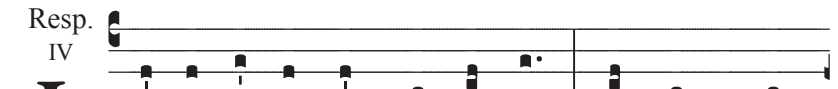
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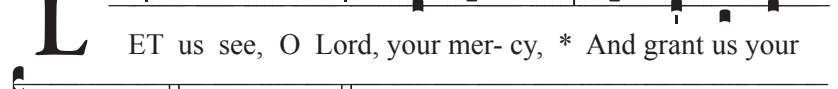
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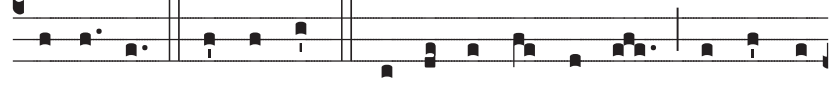
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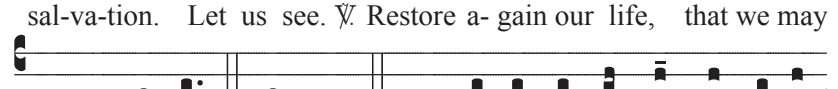
L ET us see, O Lord, your mer- cy, * And grant us your



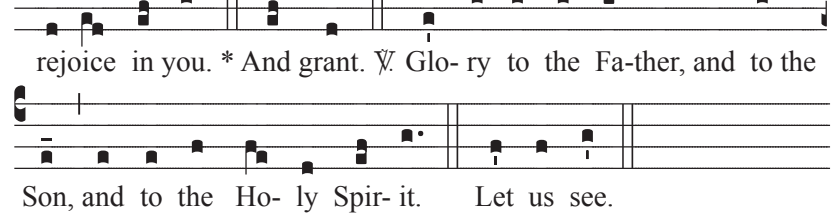
sal-va-tion. Let us see. ¶ Restore a- gain our life, that we may



rejoice in you. * And grant. ¶ Glo- ry to the Fa-ther, and to the

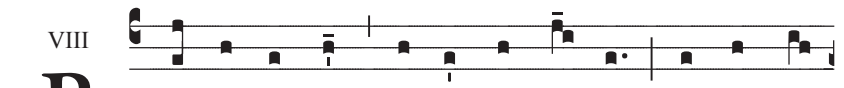


Son, and to the Ho- ly Spir- it. Let us see.

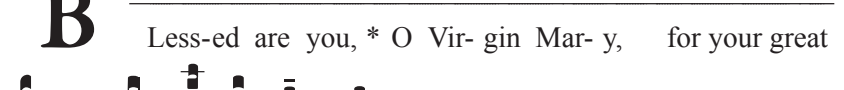


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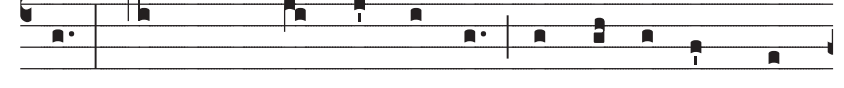
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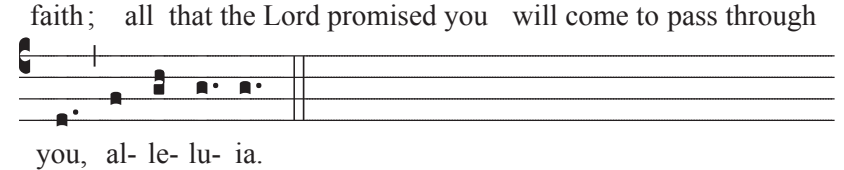
B Less-ed are you, * O Vir- gin Mar- y, for your great



faith; all that the Lord promised you will come to pass through



you, al- le- lu- ia.



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