

Prime of the Blessed Virgin Mary

According to the Washtenaw Use

“At *Prime* tide Our Lord Jesus Christ was led to Pilate, and accused; in the same hour after His Resurrection, He appeared to Mary Magdalen, and another day He appeared to His disciples as they were fishingm at the same hour... At the time of *Prime*, there appeareth a star before the sun, as if it were the ladder or bringer forth of the sun; and Our Lady came before and brought forth to mankind that Sun of Righteousness that is Our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Paraphrased from the *Mirror of Our Lady*.) O Most Blessed Virgin, who brought forth the Sun of Righteousness, pray for us that we too may see and know Our Risen Lord. Amen.

BEFORE PRIME

Preparatory Prayers

All kneel and pray silently. As you say the prayer Aperi, Domine, make the sign of the cross with your thumb first over your lips, and then over your heart.

Áperi, ✠ Dómine, os meum ad benedicendum nomen sanctum tuum: ✠ munda quoque cor meum ab ómnibus vanis, perversis et aliénis cogitationibus; intelléctum illúmina, afféctum inflámma, ut digne, attén-te ac devóte hoc Offícium beátæ Vírginis Maríæ recitáre váleam, et exaudíri mérear ante conspéc-tum divínæ Majestátis tuæ. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

Domine, in unióne illíus divínæ intentiónis, qua ipse in terris laudes Deo persolvísti, has tibi Horas persólvo.

Ave María, grátia plena, Dóminus tecum. Benedíc-ta tu in muliéribus, et benedíctus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta María, Mater Dei, ora pro no-bis peccatóribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostræ. Amen.

Open, ✠ O Lord, my mouth to bless Thy holy Name; ✠ cleanse also my heart from all vain, evil, and wan-dering thoughts; enlighten my understanding and kindle my affections; that I may worthily, attentively, and devoutly say this Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and so merit to be heard before the presence of Thy divine Majesty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, in union with that divine intention where-with thou, whilst here on earth, didst render praises unto God, I desire to offer this my Office of prayer unto thee.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

PRIME

Invitatory

All make the Sign of the Cross as the Officiant says the “Deus in Adju-torium”. All continue together with the entire “Gloria Patri” after the response:

De us, ✠ in adju-tó-ri- um me- um inténde. **R**. Dómi-ne,
ad adju-vándum me festí-na. *(bow)* Gló-ri- a Patri, et Fí-li- o
et Spi-rí-tu- i Sancto. *(rise)* Si-cut e-rat in princí-pi- o, et nunc,
et semper et in sǣcu-la sǣcu-ló-rum. Amen. Alle-lú-ia.

From Septuagesima until Easter, Alleluia is replaced with:

Laus ti-bi Dómi-ne, Rex æ-térnæ gló-ri- æ.

O God, come to my assistance.

O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Alleluia.

Praise to thee, O Lord, King of everlasting glory.

Hymn



1. Memé-nto, re-rum Cón-di-to r, Nostri quod o- lim córpo-ri s, Sa-
 crá-ta ab alvo Virgi-ni- s Nascéndo, formam sumpse-ri s 2. Ma-
 ri- a, ma-ter grá-ti- æ , Dulcis pa-rens clemé-nti- æ , Tu nos ab ho-
 ste pró-te-ge- , Et mortis ho-ra sú-sci-pe . (bow) 3. Je-su-, ti-bi
 sit gló-ri- a , Qui na-tu-s es de Vi-rgi ne , Cum Patre et almo Spi-
 ri-tu In sempi- térna sæ-cu-la . (rise) A-me-n.

1. Remember, Make of all things,
 That once the form of our flesh, From
 the Virgin's sacred womb, Being born,
 Thou didst assume.

2. Mary, Mother of grace, Sweet
 parent of clemency, Thou protect
 us from the enemy, And receive us
 at the hour of death.

3. Jesus, to Thee be glory, Who
 wast born of the Virgin, With the
 Father, and the loving Spirit, Unto
 sempiternal ages. Amen.

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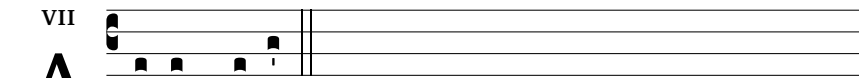
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THROUGHOUT THE YEAR


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jú-di-ca me. E u o u a e.



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3. Quóniam aliéni insurrexérunt advérsus me, † et fortes quæsiérunt ánimam **meam**: * et non proposuérunt Deum ante conspéctum suum.
4. Ecce enim Deus **ádjuvat** me: * et Dóminus suscéptor est ánimæ **meæ**.
5. Avérte mala inimícis **meis**: * et in veritáte tua dispérde illos.
6. Voluntárie sacrificábo tibi, * et confitébor nómini tuo, Dómine: **quóniam bonum** est:
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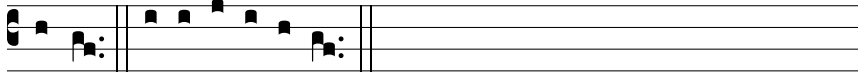
Mary was taken up...

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Psalm 84



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Ja-cob. E u o u a e.

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7. Osténde nobis, Dómine, misericórdiam **tuam**: * et salutáre **tuum** da **nobis**.
8. Audiam quid loquátur in me **Dóminus Deus**: * quóniam loquétur pacem in **plebem suam**.
9. Et super **sanctos suos**: * et in eos, qui convertúntur **ad** cor.
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12. Véritas de **terra orta** est: * et justítia de **cælo prospéxit**.
13. Etenim Dóminus dabit **benignitátem**: * et terra nostra dabit **fructum suum**.
14. Justítia ante eum **ambulábit**: * (*stand*) et ponet in via **gressus suos**.
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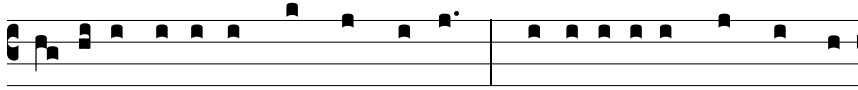
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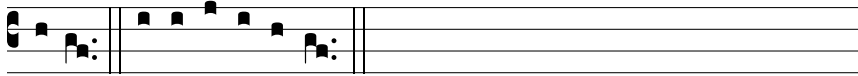
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Psalm 116



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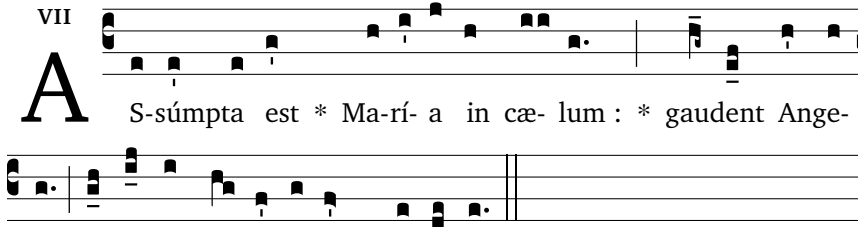


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VII

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Mary was taken up to heaven: the angels rejoice, and with praises bless The Lord.

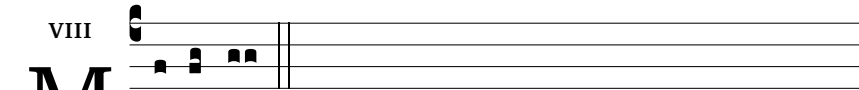
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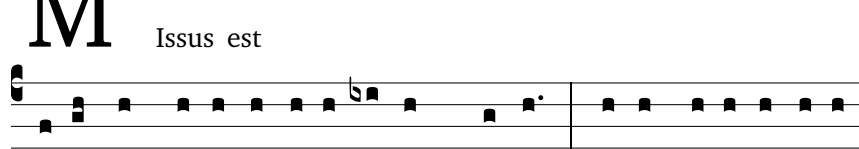
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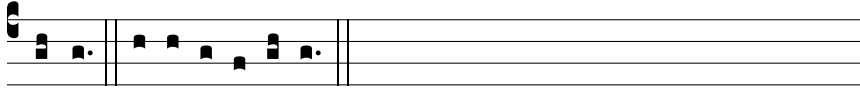
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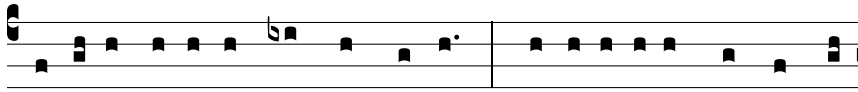
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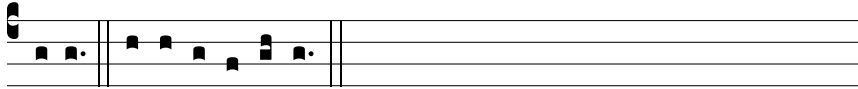
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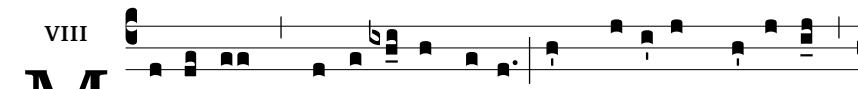
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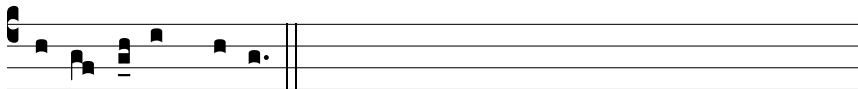
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*The Angel Gabriel was sent to Mary,
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CHRISTMASTIDE

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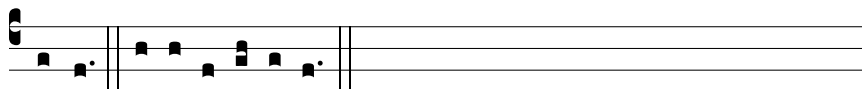
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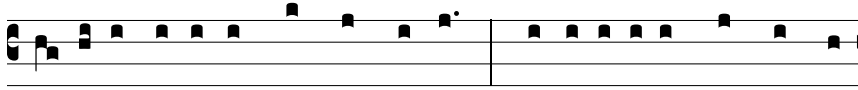
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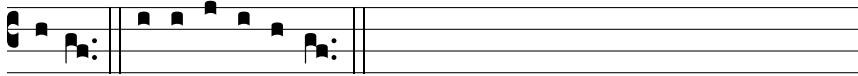
14. Justice shall walk before him: and shall set his footsteps in the way.

15. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

Psalm 116

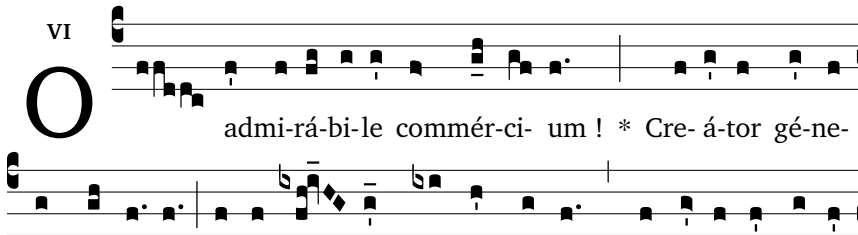


Laudá-te Dómi-num, **omnes Gentes**: * laudá-te e-um, **omnes pó-**

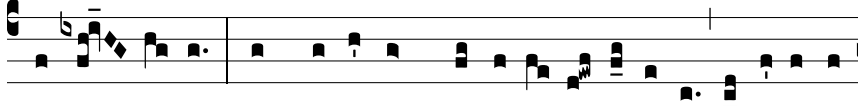


pu-li: E u o u a e.

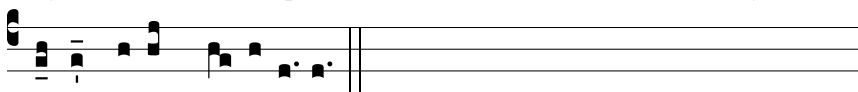
2. Quóniam confirmáta est super nos misericórdia ejus: * *(stand)* et véritas Dómini manet *in ætérnum*.
3. *(bow)* Glória Patri, et Fílio, * et Spirítui **Sancto**.
4. *(rise)* Sicut erat in princípio, et **nunc**, et **semper**, * et in scula **sæculórum**. Amen.



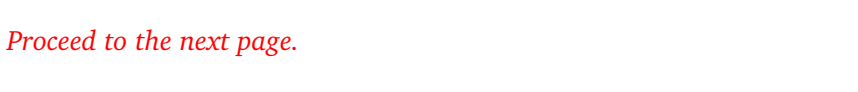
admi-rá-bi-le commér-ci- um ! * Cre- á-tor gé-ne-



ris humá-ni, a-ni-má- tum corpus sumens, de Vírgi-ne nasci



digná- tus est : et pro-cé-dens homo si-ne sémi-ne, largí-tus est



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As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

1. Praise the Lord, all ye gentiles: praise him, all ye people.

2. For his mercy is confiremd upon us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

3. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

O marvelous intercourse! The Creator of mankind, taking a body with a living soul, vouchsafed to be born of a Virgin; and becoming man without man's concurrence, bestowed upon us his Deity.

The Little Chapter

The Officiant leads the Little Chapter, which varies according to the season:

Throughout the Year and in Christmastide: Song of Solomon 6:9

Quæ est ista quæ progreditur quasi aurora consurgens, † pulchra ut luna, electra ut sol, terribilis ut castrorum acies ordinata?

℟. Deo gratias.

℣. Dignare me laudare te, Virgo sacrata.

℟. Da mihi virtutem contra hostes tuos.

℣. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

℟. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

In Advent: Isaiah 7:14-15

Ecce, virgo concipiet, et pariet filium, et vocabitur nomen ejus Emmanuel. † Butyrum et mel comedat, ut sciat reprobare malu, et eligere bonum.

℟. Deo gratias.

℣. Dignare me laudare te, Virgo sacrata.

℟. Da mihi virtutem contra hostes tuos.

And I took root in an honorable people, and in the portion of my God his inheritance: and my abode is in the full is in the full assembly of Saints.

℟. Thanks be to God. ℣. Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O sacred Virgin. ℟. Give me strength against thine enemies. ℣. O Lord, hear my prayer. ℟. And let my cry come unto thee.

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and to choose the good.

℟. Thanks be to God. ℣. Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O sacred Virgin. ℟. Give me strength against thine enemies.

Collect

The Officiant leads the concluding collect, which differs depending on the season:

Throughout the Year:

Orémus. Deus, qui virginalē aulam beatæ Mariæ Virginis in qua habitares, eligere dignatus es: † da, quæsumus, ut sua nos defensione **munitos**; iucundos facias suæ interesse commemorationi. Qui vivis et regnas cum Deo Patre, in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

Let us pray. O God, who didst vouchsafe to choose the chaste chamber of the blessed Virgin Mary to dwell therein; grant, we beseech thee, that, fortified with her defense, we may find our joy in taking part in her commemoration. Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end.

R. Amen.

In Advent:

Orémus. Deus, qui de beatæ Mariæ virginis utero Verbum tuum, Angelo nuntiante, carnem suscipere voluisti: † præsta supplicibus tuis, ut qui vere eam Genitricem Dei **credimus**, ejus apud te intercessionibus adjuvemur. * Per eundem Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum filium tuum, Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritu Sancti Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

Let us pray. O God, who wast pleased that thy Word, at the message of an Angel, should take flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary; grant to us, thy humble servants, that, as we believe her to be truly the Mother of God, we may be assisted also by her intercessions with thee. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end.

R. Amen.

In Christmastide:

Orémus. Deus, qui salutis æternæ, beatæ Mariæ virginitate foecunda, humano generi præmia præstitisti: † tribue, quæsumus; ut ipsam pro nobis intercedere **sentiamus**, per quam meruimus auctorem vitæ suscipere. * Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum. Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritu Sancti Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

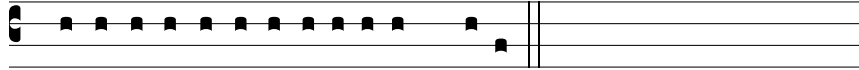
R. Amen.

Let us pray. O God, who, by the fruitful virginity of the Blessed Mary, has given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation; grant, we beseech thee, that we may be sensible of her intercession, through whom we have received the author of life, Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Who liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end.

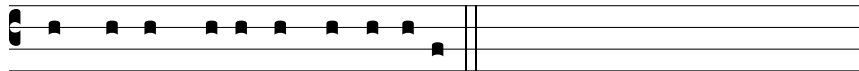
R. Amen.

Conclusion

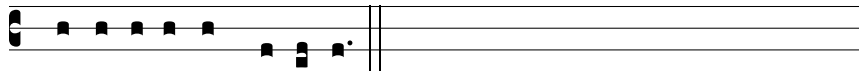
The Officiant leads the conclusion; the Benedicamus is that of the common tone, except when during Paschal time:



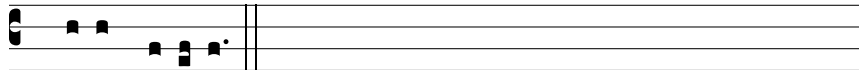
℣. Domi-ne exaudi o-ra-ti-ónem me-am.



℟. Et clamor me-us ad te vé-ni-at.

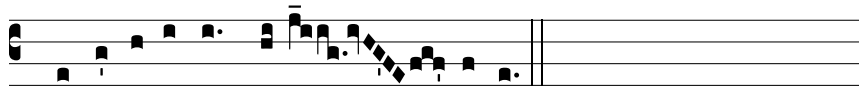


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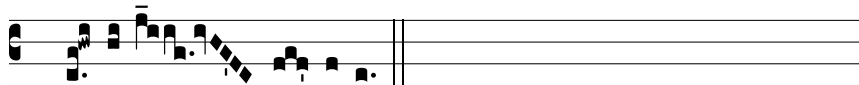


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In Paschal Time:

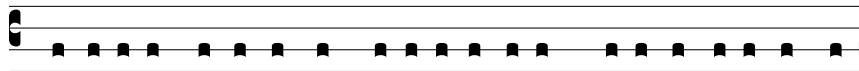


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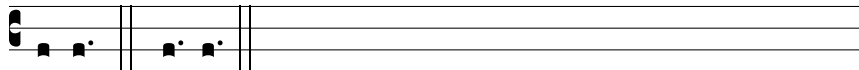


℟. Dé-o grá-ti-as.

The Officiant says the following in a low recto tono:



℣. Fi-dé-li-um á-nimæ per mi-se-ri-córdi-am De-i, requi-éscant in



pa-ce-. ℟. Amen.

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer. ℟. And let my cry come unto thee.

℣. Let us bless the Lord. ℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. Let us bless the Lord. ℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ℟. Amen.