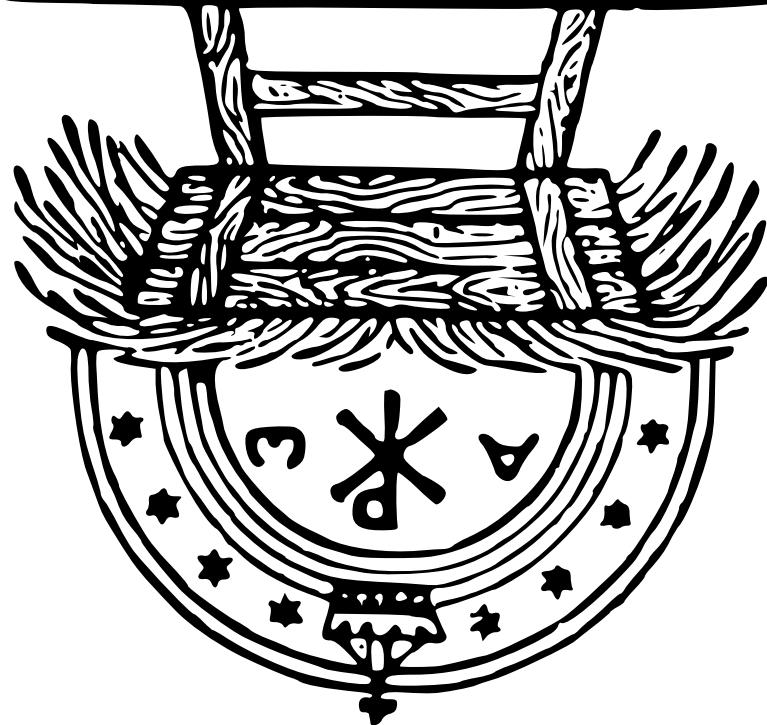


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SONGS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS



# MUSIC NATIVITATIS

# I. RORATE CAELI (DROP DOWN, YE HEAVENS)

Ro - ra - te cae - li de - su - per,  
*Drop down ye heavens from above,*

et nu - bes plu - ant ju - stum.  
*and let the skies pour down righteous - ness.*

I. Ne i - ra - sca - ris Do - mi-ne, ne ul-tra me-mi - ne-ris in - i -

qui-ta - tis: ec-ce ci - vi-tas San-cti fa-cta est de - ser-ta:

Si - on de-ser - ta fa - cta est: Je-ru - sa-lem de - so-la

ta est: domus san-cti - fi - ca -- ti-o - nis tu - ae et glo-ri - ae tu -

- ae, u - bi lau-da - ve - runt te pa - tres no - stri.

II. Con-so - la - mi - ni, con-so - la - mi - ni, po-pu - le me - us,

ci - to ve - ni - et sa - lus tu - a: qua-re moe-ro - re

15 hear the an - gel voi - ces! O night div -  
weak - ness is no stran - ger. Be - hold your  
praise His name for - ev - er! His pow'r and

18 ine! O night when Christ was born! O  
King; be - fore Him low - ly bend! Be -  
glo - ry ev - er - more pro - claim! His

21 night div - ine! O night, O night div - ine!  
hold your King; be - fore Him low - ly bend!  
pow'r and glo - ry ev - er - more pro - claim!

## 19. O Holy Night

1. O ho - ly night, the stars are brightly shi - ning; it is the  
 2. Led by the light of faith ser - ene - ly beam-ing, with glowing  
 3. Tru - ly He taught us to love one a - no - ther; His Law is  
 love and His go - spel is peace. Chains shall He  
 hearts by His cra - dile we stand. So led by the  
 night of the dear Sav - ior's birth. Long lay the  
 con-su - me - ries, qui - a in - no - va - rit te do - lor; Sal - va -  
 - bo te, no - li ti - me - re, e - go e - nim sum Do - mi -



3. Tru - ly He taught us to love one a - no - ther; His Law is  
 love and His go - spel is peace. Chains shall He  
 hearts by His cra - dile we stand. So led by the  
 night of the dear Sav - ior's birth. Long lay the  
 con-su - me - ries, qui - a in - no - va - rit te do - lor; Sal - va -

world in sin and er - ror Pi - ning, till He ap -  
 light of a star sweet - ly gleam - ing, there came the  
 break, for the slave is our bro - ther, and in His  
 break, for the slave is our bro - ther, and in His  
 1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, Thy Peo - ple's ev - er -  
 2. Our Fa - ther heard the helpless cry Of all cre - a - tion  
 3. When earth was near its ev - ning hour, You came in love's re -  
 4. At thy great Name, ex - al - ted now, all knees should bend, all  
 5. To thee, O ho - ly One, we pray, our judge in that tre -  
 6. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit,

pearled and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope, the  
 wise men from O - rient land. The King of kings lay  
 name all op - press - ion shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in  
 1. La - sting light, Lord Je - sus, Sav - ior of us all,  
 2. doomed to die, And saved our lost and guilty race  
 3. deem - ing pow'r, Like bridge from his chasm-beer come,  
 4. heads should bow: All things in heav'n and earth a - dor,e,  
 5. men - dous day, de - friend us while we dwell be - low  
 6. three in one, Praise, hon - or, might and glo - ry be

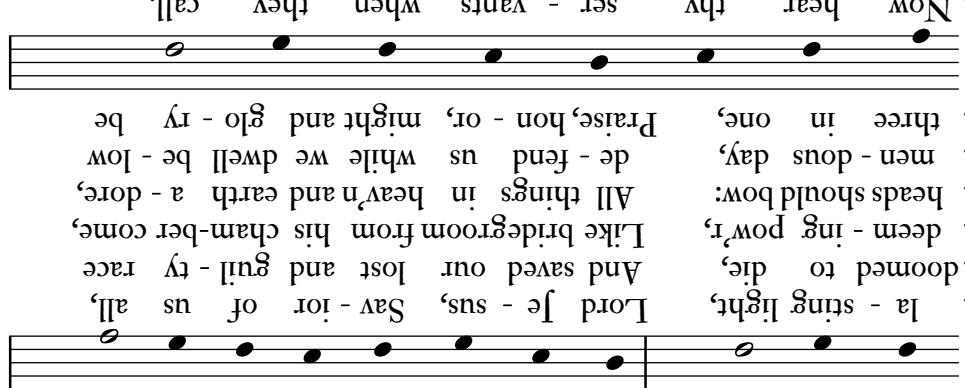
grate - ful cho - rus raise we, let all with - in us  
 thus in low - ly man - ger, in all our tri - als  
 wee - ry world re - joic - ces, for youn - der breaks a  
 1. Now hear thy ser - vant when they call.  
 2. By heal - ing gifts of heav - i ly grace.  
 3. Forth from maid - en moth - ers womb.  
 4. and praise thee, King for - ev - er more.  
 5. as - saul - ted by the dead - ly foe.  
 6. from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

praise His ho - ly name. Christ is the Lord! O  
 born to be our friend. He knows our need,  
 new and glorious morn! Fall on your knees! O

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 2. By heal - ing gifts of heav - i ly grace.  
 3. Forth from maid - en moth - ers womb.  
 4. and praise thee, King for - ev - er more.  
 5. as - saul - ted by the dead - ly foe.  
 6. from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

## 2. CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT

1. La - sting light, Lord Je - sus, Sav - ior of us all,  
 2. doomed to die, And saved our lost and guilty race  
 3. deem - ing pow'r, Like bridge from his chasm-beer come,  
 4. heads should bow: All things in heav'n and earth a - dor,e,  
 5. men - dous day, de - friend us while we dwell be - low  
 6. three in one, Praise, hon - or, might and glo - ry be



### 3. O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,  
 2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high,  
 3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,  
 4. O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree,  
 5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come,  
 6. O come, Thou Day-spring from on high,  
 7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind,

1. And ran-some cap - tive Is ra - el,  
 2. Who or - d'rest all things might i - ly;  
 3. Who to Thy tribues on Si - nai's height  
 4. Free them from Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny  
 5. And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;  
 6. And cheer us by Thy draw - ing nigh;  
 7. In one the hearts of all man - kind;

1. Who mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 2. To us the path of knowl - edge show,  
 3. In an - cient times didst give the Law  
 4. That trust Thy might - y pow'r to save,  
 5. Make safe the way that leads on high,  
 6. Di - sperse the gloo - my clouds of night,  
 7. Bid Thou our sad di - vi - sions cease,

### 18. HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, 'Glo - ry to the  
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er -  
 3. Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of

new-born King;' Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,  
 last - ing Lord; Late in time be - hold him come,  
 Righteous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,

God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled! Joy - ful, all ye  
 Offspring of the Vir-gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the  
 Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his

na-tions rise, Join the triumph of the skies, With an-gele - ic  
 Godhead see; Hail th'in-car-nate De - i - ty; Pleased as man with  
 glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die, Born to raise the

hosts pro-claim, 'Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!'  
 man to dwell; Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el!  
 sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth!

Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing, 'Glo-ry to the newborn King!'

#### 4. THE ADVENT OF OUR KING

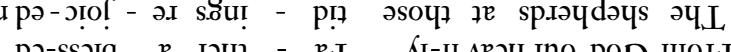
The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is for the voice, featuring lyrics in a mix of English and Latin. The bottom staff is for the piano, providing harmonic support with chords and melodic patterns. The music is set in common time.

1. Ut - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2. And teach us in her ways to go.  
 3. In cloud and may - es - ty  
 4. And give them vic - o'er and awe.  
 5. And close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6. And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
 7. And be Thy - self our King of Peace.

The ad-vent of our King Our thoughts must now em - Ply  
The co - e - ter - nal Son A maid - en's off-spring see;  
In glo - ry from his throne A - gain will Christ de - scend,  
Our joy-ful prais-es sing To Christ, who set us free;  
Then let us meet him on the road With songs of ho - ly joy.  
A ser-vant's form Christ put-on, To set his peo - ple free.  
And sum-mon all who are his own To joys that nev - er end.  
Like trib-ute to the Fa-ther bring, And Ho - ly Ghost, to thee.

re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was  
 born, and laid with - in a man - - gers up -  
 came, and un - to cer - train shep - - herds brought  
 mind, and left their flocks a - fe - ed - ing in  
 place, and with true love and broth - er - hood each  
 born on Christ-mas day, to save us all from  
 on this bless - ed morn: The which his Morth - er  
 tid - ings of the same; how that in Beth - le -  
 tem - pest, storm, and wind, and went to Beth - le -  
 oth - er now em - brace. This ho - ly tide of  
 Sa - tan's Pow'r when we were gone a - stray:  
 Ma - ry Did notch - - ing take in scorn:  
 hem was born the Son of God by name:  
 hem straightway, the Son of God to find:  
 Christ-mas doth bring re - - deem - ing gracie.  
 O

1. God rest ye mer - ry gen-tlemen, let nothing you dis -  
 2. In Beth - le - hem in jew - ry this babe was  
 3. From God our heavy - ly Fa - ther a blessed an - gel  
 4. The shepherds at those tid - ings re - joic - ed much in  
 5. Now to the Lord sing praises - es, all you with-in this



## 5. PEOPLE, LOOK EAST!

1. Peo - ple, look East! The time is near of the  
 2. Fur - rows, be glad, though earth is bare, One more  
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the  
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more  
 5. An - gels, an-nounce with shouts of mirth Him who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house  
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your  
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the  
 light the bowl shall brim. shin - ing be -  
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - 'ry

fair as you are a - ble, Trim the  
 strength the seed to nour - ish, That in  
 hour when wings are fro - zen He for  
 yong the fros - ty weath - er, Bright as  
 peak and vel - ley hum - ming With the

hearth and set the ta - - ble.  
 course the flow'r may flour - - ish.  
 fledg - ling - time has cho - - sen.  
 sun and moon to - geth - er.  
 word, 'The Lord is com - - ing.'

Peo - ple look East, and sing to - day:

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture sing,  
 Re - peat the sounding joy, re - peat the sounding joy,  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his love,

and heav'n and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 re - peat, re - peat, the sound - ing joy!  
 and won - ders, won - ders of his love!

## 16. GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN, REJOICE

1. Good Christian men, re - joice with heart and soul and voice,  
 2. Good Christian men, re - joice with heart and soul and voice,  
 3. Good Christian men, re - joice with heart and soul and voice,

Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to-day!  
 Now ye hear of end-less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 Now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

Ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
 He has oped the heav'ly door, and man is blessed ev - er-more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last-ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

1. Si - Lent night, Ho - ly night, All is calm,  
 2. Si - Lent night, Ho - ly night, Shep-herds quake  
 3. Si - Lent night, Ho - ly night, Son of God,  
 All is bright Round you Vir - gin Mooth-er and Child.  
 at the sight, Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far.  
 love's pure light Ra - diant beams from ho - ly face,  
 Ho - ly In-fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heavy  
 Then gen - te Mar - y meek - ly bowed her  
 Of her, Em-man - u - el, the Christ, was  
 1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en  
 2. For now a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt  
 3. Then gen - te Mar - y meek - ly bowed her  
 4. Of her, Em-man - u - el, the Christ, was  
 came,  
 came,  
 head;  
 born  
 1. His wings as drift - ed snow, his  
 eyes as flame;  
 All gen - er - a - tions laud and  
 hon - or the  
 To me be as it pleas - eth  
 God, she said;  
 In Beth - le - hem all on a  
 Christ - mas morn,

### 6. GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

1. Love the Guest is on the way.  
 2. Love the Rose is on the way.  
 3. Love the Bird is on the way.  
 4. Love the Star is on the way.  
 5. Love the Lord is on the way.  
 6. All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,

7. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth rec - ceive  
 birth, - sus, Lord, at thy birth!  
 Peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
 born, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth!

8. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -  
 1. Joy to the world! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs  
 2. Joy to the world! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs  
 3. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

9. Most highly favored la - dy. Glo - ri - al

10. All soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name.  
 Thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
 My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name.  
 And Christian folk throughout the world will ev - er say:

11. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth rec - ceive  
 birth, - sus, Lord, at thy birth!

12. Joy to the world! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs  
 13. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

14. SILENT NIGHT

15. JOY TO THE WORLD

With the dawn of re - de - em-ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

Heavy ho - sts sing Al - le - li, Christ, the Sav - ior, is

Ho - ly In-fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heavy

2. Si - Lent night, Ho - ly night, Shep-herds quake

3. Si - Lent night, Ho - ly night, Son of God,

All is bright Round you Vir - gin Mooth-er and Child.

at the sight, Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far.

love's pure light Ra - diant beams from ho - ly face,

## 7. PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION



1. Pre - pare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!  
2. He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.  
3. Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Sav - ior's rule embrace.  
3



Let ev - 'ry hill and valley a lev - el way appear.  
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.  
His tid-ings of sal - vation pro-claim in ev'ry place.

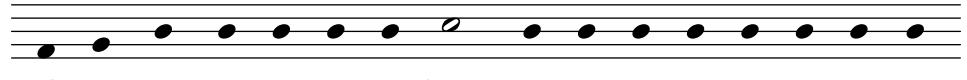


Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore-told in sac-red sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sounding, for grace and joy a - bound-ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voi - ces will a - dore him.



Oh blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

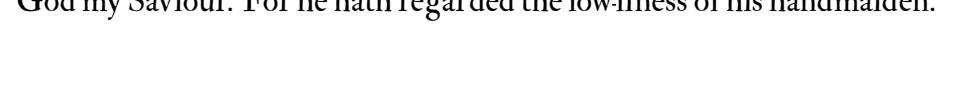
## 8. MARY'S MAGNIFICAT



My soul doth mag-ni - fy the Lord and my spir - it hath rejoiced in



God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low-liness of his handmaiden.



For be-hold from henceforth all gen-er - a-tions shall call me blessed.

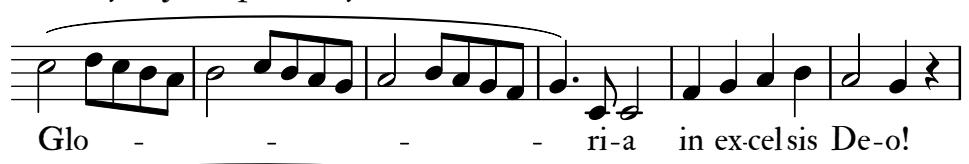
## 12. ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing-ing o'er the plains,  
2. Shepherds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?  
3. Come to Beth-le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4. See him in a man-ger laid whom the choirs of an - gels praise;



and the mountains in re - ply echo - i - ing their joy - ous strains.  
Say what may the ti - dings be, which in - spire your heav'n-ly song?  
Come, a - dore on bend-ed knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.



Glo - - - - ri-a in ex-celsis De-o!



Glo - - - - ri-a in excelsis De - o!

## 13. CANTICLE OF SYMEON



Lord now let-test thou thy servant depart in peace ac-cording to thy word;



For mine eyes have seen thy sal - va - tion which thou has pre -



pared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles



and the glo - ry of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el.

## II. O Come All Ye Faithful (Adeste Fideles)

III. Er - go qui na - tus di - e ho-di - er - ua  
II. Can - tet numc hym-nos Cho-trus ang-el - or - um;  
I. A - des - te, fi - del - es, Lae - ti tri-um-phan-tes,  
3. Yes, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morn - ings,  
2. Sing choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta - tion,  
1. O come, all ye faith-ful, Joy ful and tri - um-phant,

O come, ye to Beth - le - hem.  
Sing, all ye - ci - ti - Zens of heaven a - bove.  
Je - sus to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n.  
Veni - i - te, ven - i - te in Beth - le - hem.  
Can - tet numc au - la cae - les - ti - um:  
Ie - su ti - bi sit glo - ti - a  
Come and be - hold him Born the king of an - gels.  
Glo - ry to Go - d, glo - ry in the high - est.  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Na - tum vi - de - Reg-em ang - el - or - um.  
Glo - ri - a, Glo - tria In ex - cel - sis Deo,  
Pa - triis ae - ter - ni Verbum ca - ro fact - um

Veni - i - te a - dor - e - mus, Ven - i - te a - dor - e - mus,  
O come, let us ad - ore Him, O come, let us ad - ore Him,  
O come, let us ad - ore Him, Christ, the Lord! Amen.

Veni - i - te a - dor - e - mus, Ven - i - te a - dor - e - mus,  
O come, let us ad - ore Him, Christ, the Lord! Amen.

Veni - i - te a - dor - e - mus, Ven - i - te a - dor - e - mus,  
O come, let us ad - ore Him, Christ, the Lord! Amen.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me and ho - ly is His Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all ge-ne-rations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm he hath scattered the proud in the i - magi-nation of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat  
and hath ex - al - ted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hun-gry  
with good things and the rich he hath sent empty a way. He rememb'ring  
his mer - cy hath holpen his ser-vant Is - rael As he promised to our

## 9. COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

1. Come, Thou long ex - pect-ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy  
2. Born thy peo - ple to de - li - ver, born a child and

peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us  
y - et a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er, now

find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con-so - la - tion,  
thy gra - cious king-dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal spir-

Hope of all the earth Thou art, Dear de - sire of  
it rule in all our hearts al - one; by thine all

ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.  
suf - fic - ient merit, raise us to thy glor - ious throne.

## 10. GAUDETE (CHRISTUS EST NATUS)

Gau - de - te! Gau-de - te! Christus est na - tus ex  
Be joy - ful! Sing with joy! Born is the Sa - vior from

Ma - ri - a vir - gi - ne, gau - de - te!  
the Vir - gin Ma - ry's womb: be joy - ful!

1. At this time of ho - ly grace, For which we were year - ning,  
2. God is made a man to - day; Na - ture lies in won - der.  
3. Fa - stened was E - zekiel's gate, Yet he en - tered through it,  
4. Therefore let us all re - joice, Sing - ing to ac - claim Him.

I. Tem-pus ad-est gra-ti - ae, hoc quod op - ta - ba - mus,  
II. De - us ho-mo fac-tus est, na - tu - ra mi - ran - te;  
III. E - ze - cae-lis por - ta clau - sa per tran - si - tur;  
IV. Er - go no - stra con - ti - o psal - lat iam in lus - tro;

In de - vo - tion let us sing, Hymns of joy re - tur - ning.  
Christ the King re - news the world That was put a - sun - der.  
So the light the world has found, Bring - ing mer - cy to it.  
Here we greet and bless the Lord, And our King we name Him.

car - mi - na lae - ti - ti - ae, de - vo - te red - da - mus.  
mun-dus re - no - va - tus est a Chri - sto reg - nan - te.  
un - de lux est or - ta, sa - lus in - ve - ni - tur.  
Be - ne - di - cat Do - mi - no: Sa - lus Re - gi nos - tro.