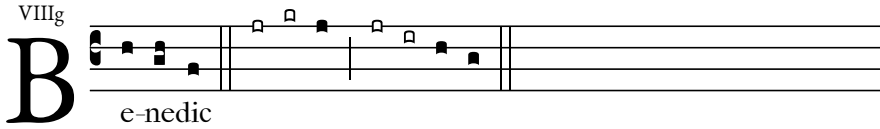


## OFFICE OF READINGS



## PSALM 103 I

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all within me, his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with mercy and compassion,  
who fills your life with good things,  
renewing your youth like an eagle's.

The Lord does deeds of justice,  
gives full justice to all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses,  
and his deeds to the children of Israel.

tr. Bless the Lord, my soul.  
alt. Bless the Lord, my soul;  
never forget all he has done  
for you.

## PSALM 103 II

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

He will not always find fault;  
nor persist in his anger forever.

He does not treat us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so strong his mercy for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west,  
so far from us does he remove our transgressions

As a father has compassion on his children,  
the Lord's compassion is on those who fear him.

alt. As a father is gentle with  
his children, so is the Lord  
with those who revere him.

For he knows of what we are made;  
he remembers that we are dust.

Man, his days are like grass;  
he flowers like the flower of the field.

The wind blows, and it is no more,  
and its place never sees it again.

## PSALM 103 III

But the mercy of the Lord is everlasting  
upon those who hold him in fear,  
upon children's children his justice,  
for those who keep his covenant,  
and remember to fulfill his commands.  
The Lord has fixed his throne in heaven  
and his kingdom is ruling over all.  
Bless the Lord, all you his angels,  
mighty in power, fulfilling his word,  
who heed the voice of his word.

alt. Bless the Lord,  
all you his works!

Bless the Lord, all his hosts,  
his servants, who do his will.

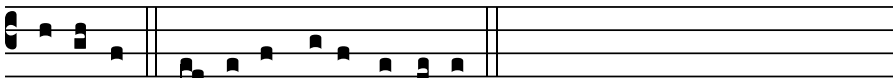
Bless the Lord, all his works, †  
in every place where he rules  
Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Glory...

tr. Bless the Lord, my soul.

alt. Bless the Lord, my soul; never forget all he has done for you.

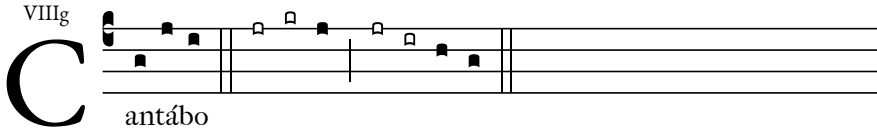
VIIIg



Benedic á- nima mea, Dómino.

Lord, make me understand the way of your precepts.  
—And I will marvel at your wisdom.

## LAUDS



## PSALM 108

My heart is ready, O God; my heart is ready.  
 I will sing, I will sing your praise. Awake, my soul;  
 awake, O lyre and harp.  
 I will awake the dawn.

I will praise you, Lord, among the peoples;  
 I will sing psalms to you among the nations,  
 for your mercy reaches to the heavens,  
 and your truth to the skies.

O God, be exalted above the heavens;  
 may your glory shine on all the earth!

With your right hand, grant salvation and give answer;  
 O come and deliver your friends.

From his holy place God has spoken: †  
 “I will exult, and divide the land of Shechem  
 I will measure out the valley of Succoth.

Mine is Gilead, mine is Manasseh, †  
 Ephraim I take for my helmet,  
 Judah is my scepter.

Moab is my washbasin, †  
 on Edom I will toss my shoe.  
 Over Philistia I will shout in triumph.”

But who will lead me to the fortified city?  
 Who will bring me to Edom?

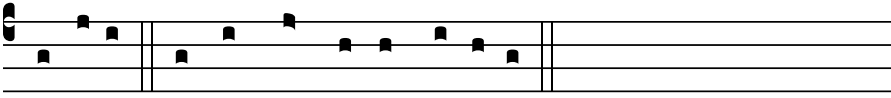
Have you not cast us off, O God?  
 Will you march with our armies no longer?

Give us aid against the foe,  
 for human help is vain.

With God, we shall do bravely,  
and he will trample down our foes.

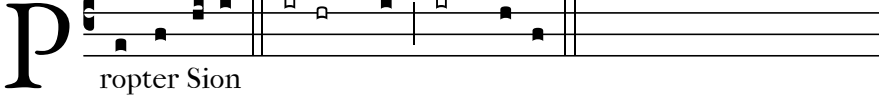
tr. I will sing, I will sing your praise, O Lord.  
alt. My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready.

Vlllg



Cantábo et psalmum dicam Dómino.

IVa



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ISAIAH 61:10-62:5

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
and my soul shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,  
and wrapped me in the robe of saving justice,  
like a bridegroom adorned with a crown,  
and like a bride bedecked with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its growth,  
and a garden makes what is sown in it sprout up,  
so the Lord God will make righteousness and praise  
sprout up in the sight of all the nations.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
for Jerusalem's sake I will not keep still,  
until her vindication shines forth like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a flaming torch.  
Nations shall behold your vindication,  
and every king your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
which the mouth of the Lord shall declare.  
You shall be a crown of beauty †  
in the hand of the Lord,  
and in the hand of your God a royal diadem.

No more shall you be called “Forsaken  
nor your land be called “Desolate.”

But you shall be called “My Delight is in her,”  
and your land “Espoused.”

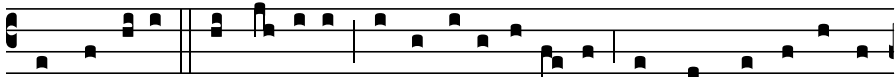
For the Lord delights in you  
and your land shall be espoused

For as a young man marries a virgin  
your Builder shall marry you;

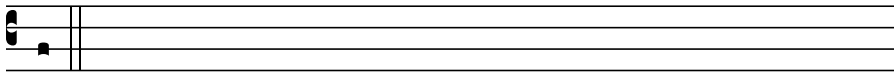
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride,  
so will your God rejoice in you.

tr. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
until her vindication shines forth like the dawn.  
alt. The Lord has robed me with grace and salvation.

IVa

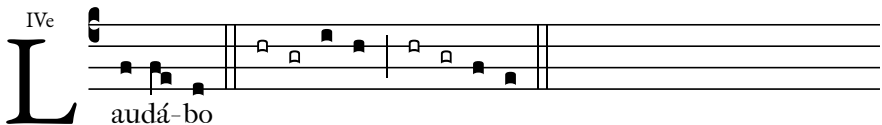


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IVe



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## PSALM 146

My soul, give praise to the Lord; †  
I will praise the Lord all my life,  
sing praise to my God while I live.

Put no trust in princes,  
or anyone who cannot save.

Take their breath, they return to the earth,  
and their plans that day come to nothing.

Blessed is he who is helped by Jacob's God,  
whose hope is in the Lord his God,

who made the heavens and the earth,  
the seas and all they contain,

who preserves fidelity forever,  
 who does justice to those who are oppressed

It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
 the Lord who sets prisoners free,  
 the Lord who opens the eyes of the blind,  
 the Lord who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the Lord who loves the just,  
 the Lord who protects the stranger  
 and upholds the orphan and the widow,  
 but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign forever,  
 your God, O Zion, from age to age.

alt. I will praise my God all the days of my life.

IVe



Laudá-bo Deum meum in vi-ta mea.