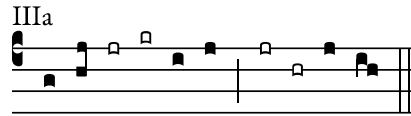


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alt. The sea grew turbulent and the
earth trembled when Michael the
archangel came down from heaven.

PSALM 97

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice;
let the many islands be glad.

Cloud and darkness surround him;
justice and right are the foundation of his throne.

A fire prepares his path;
it burns up his foes on every side.

His lightnings light up the world;
the earth looks on and trembles.

The mountains melt like wax †
before the face of the Lord,
before the face of the Lord of all the earth

The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory.

Let those who serve idols be ashamed,
those who boast of their worthless gods.

All you angels, worship him.
Zion hears and is glad;

the daughters of Judah rejoice
because of your judgments, O Lord.

For you indeed are the Lord, †
most high above all the earth,
exalted far above all gods.

The Lord loves those who hate evil; †
he guards the souls of his faithful;
he sets them free from the wicked.

Light shines forth for the just one,
and joy for the upright of heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, all you just;
to the memory of his holiness give thanks.

Glory...

alt. The angel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah and said: Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John.

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.

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.

Glory...

alt. I am the angel Raphael, I stand in the
presence of the Lord; as for you, bless the
Lord, and proclaim his wonderful deeds.

PSALM 103 II

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.

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.

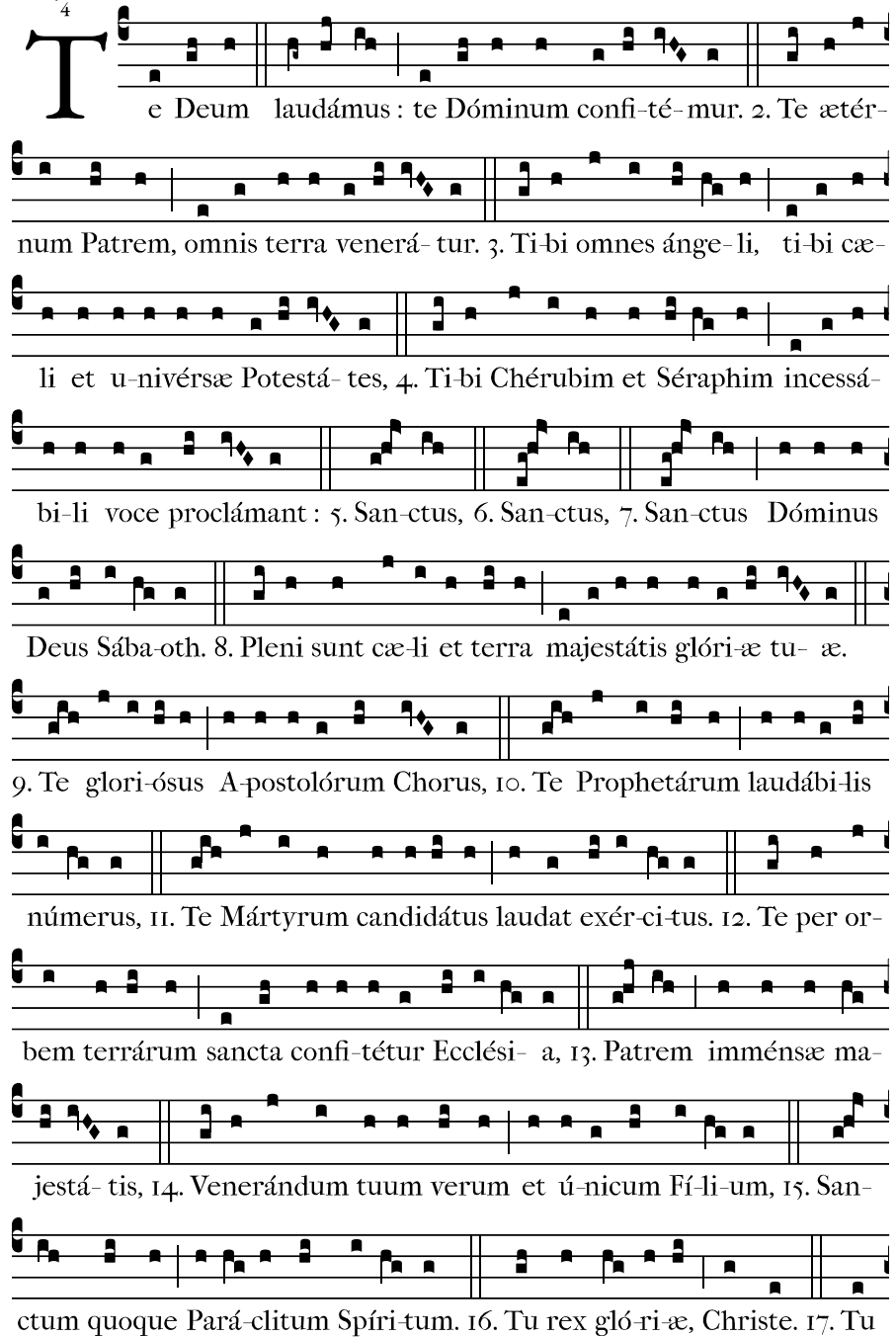
Bless the Lord, all you his angels, †
mighty in power, fulfilling his word,
who heed the voice of his word.

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...

Bless the Lord, all his angels.
—Mighty in power and obedient to his word.

Hymn
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e Deum laudamus : te Dóminum confi-té-mur. 2. Te ætér-
 num Patrem, omnis terra venerá-tur. 3. Ti-bi omnes ánge-li, ti-bi cæ-
 li et u-nivérsæ Potestá-tes, 4. Ti-bi Chérubim et Séraphim incessá-
 bi-li voce proclámant : 5. San-ctus, 6. San-ctus, 7. San-ctus Dóminus
 Deus Sába-oth. 8. Pleni sunt cæ-li et terra majestátis glóri-æ tu-æ.
 9. Te glori-ósus A-postolórum Chorus, 10. Te Prophetárum laudábi-lis
 númerus, 11. Te Mártyrum candidátus laudat exér-ci-tus. 12. Te per or-
 bem terrárum sancta confi-tétur Ecclési-a, 13. Patrem imménsæ ma-
 jestá-tis, 14. Venerándum tuum verum et ú-nicum Fí-li-um, 15. San-
 ctum quoque Pará-clitum Spíri-tum. 16. Tu rex gló-ri-æ, Christe. 17. Tu



Patris sempi-térnus es Fí-li-us. 18. Tu, ad li-berándum susceptúrus hó-
 minem, non horru-í-sti Virginis ú-terum. 19. Tu, devícto mortis a-cú-
 le- o, a-peru-í-sti credéntibus regna cælórum. 20. Tu ad dexteram
 De-i se-des, in gló-ri-a Patris. 21. Iudex créderis es-se ventúrus.
 22. Te ergo, quaésumus, tu-is fámulis súbve-ni, quos preti-ó-so sángu-
 ne rede-místi. 23. Ætérna fac cum sanctis tu-is in glóri-a numerá-
 ri. 24. Salvum fac pópulum tuum, Dómine, et bédic here-di-tá-ti
 tu- æ. 25. Et re-ge e-os, et extólle il-los usque in ætér-num. 26. Per
 sín-gulos di-es bene-dí-cimus te. 27. Et laudá-mus nomen tuum in saé-
 culum, et in saéculum saécu-li. 28. Digná-re, Dómine, di-c i- sto si-

ne peccáto nos custodí-re. 29. Miserére nostri, Dómine: mise-rére no-

stri. 30. Fi-at mise-ricórdi-a tu-a, Dómine, super nos, quemádmódum

sperá-vimus in te. 31. In te, Dómine, sperá- vi : non confúndar in

æté- num.

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alt. Let us join the angels in praising
the Lord, as the cherubim and sera-
phim sing: Holy, holy, holy.

PSALM 63: 2-9

O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.

For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water.

I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.

Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise.

I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you.

When I remember you upon my bed,
I muse on you through the watches of the night.

For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me.

Glory...

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SEPTEMBER 29



alt. Angels of the Lord, sing praise to
the Lord for ever.

DANIEL 3:57-88, 56

Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord,
praise and highly exalt him forever.

Heavens, bless the Lord,
angels of the Lord, bless the Lord.

All waters above the heavens, bless the Lord,
all powers, bless the Lord.

Sun and moon, bless the Lord,
stars of heaven, bless the Lord.

Every shower and dew, bless the Lord,
all winds, bless the Lord.

Fire and heat, bless the Lord,
cold and heat, bless the Lord.

Dew and rain, bless the Lord,
frost and cold, bless the Lord.

Ice and snows, bless the Lord,
nights and days, bless the Lord.

Light and darkness, bless the Lord,
lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.

Let the earth bless the Lord,
praise and highly exalt him forever.

Mountains and hills, bless the Lord,
all that grows on the earth, bless the Lord.

Seas and rivers, bless the Lord,
springs of water, bless the Lord.

Sea beasts and all that move in the water, bless the Lord,
all birds of heaven, bless the Lord.

All wild beasts and cattle, bless the Lord,
all you people, bless the Lord.

O Israel, bless the Lord,
praise and highly exalt him forever.

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alt. Truly I say to you: You will see the heavens open up, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel:
for he has visited his people and redeemed them;

he has raised up for us a horn of salvation
in the House of David his servant,

as he spoke through the mouth of his holy ones,
his prophets from ages past:

To grant salvation from our foes,
and from the hand of all who hate us,

showing mercy to our fathers, †
remembering his ho-ly covenant,
the oath he swore to Abraham our father;

To grant that, freed from the hand of our foes,
we may serve him without fear

in holiness and righteousness
all the days of our life.

And you, little child, will be called
the Prophet of the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord
to make ready his ways:

to grant knowledge of salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of their sins;

Through the tender mercy of our God,
the Dawn from on high will visit us,

to shine on those who sit in darkness, †
and those in the shadow of death;
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory...