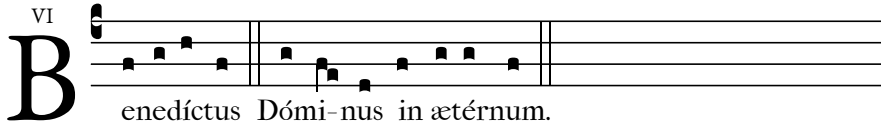


## OFFICE OF READINGS



VI



alt. Look on us, Lord, and see  
how we are despised.

PSALM 89:39-53 I

But yet you have spurned and rejected,  
you are angry with the one you have anointed.

You have renounced your covenant with your servant,  
and dishonored his crown in the dust.

You have broken down all his walls,  
and reduced his fortresses to ruins.

All who pass by despoil him;  
he has become the taunt of his neighbors.

You have exalted the right hand of his foes;  
you have made all his enemies rejoice.

You have turned back the edge of his sword  
you have not upheld him in battle.

You have brought his glory to an end;  
you have hurled his throne to the ground.

You have cut short the days of his youth;  
you have heaped disgrace upon him.

Glory...

PSALM 89:39-53 I

How long, O Lord? Will you hide yourself forever?  
How long will your anger burn like a fire?

Remember the shortness of my life,  
and how frail you have made the children of Adam.

What man can live and never see death?  
Who can save himself from the grasp of Sheol?

Where are your mercies of the past, O Lord,  
which you swore in your faithfulness to David?

Remember, O Lord, the taunts to your servant,  
how I bear in my breast the scorn of many peoples.

Thus your enemies lift up a taunt, O Lord,  
taunting your anointed at every step.

Blest be the Lord forever.

Amen and amen!

Glory...

onvertére, Dómine, et deprecábi-lis esto super ser-  
vos tu-os.

alt. Our years wither away like  
grass, but you, Lord God, are  
eternal.

#### PSALM 90

O Lord, you have been our refuge,  
from generation to generation.

Before the mountains were born, †  
or the earth or the world were brought forth,  
you are God, from age to age.

You turn man back to dust, and say,  
“Return, O children of Adam.”

To your eyes a thousand years †  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away like a dream,  
like grass which is fresh in the morning.

In the morning it sprouts and is fresh;  
by evening it withers and fades.

Indeed, we are consumed by your anger;  
we are struck with terror at your fury.

You have set our guilt before you,  
our secret sins in the light of your face.

All our days pass away in your anger  
Our years are consumed like a sigh.

Seventy years is the span of our days,  
or eighty if we are strong.

And most of these are toil and pain.  
They pass swiftly and we are gone.

Who understands the power of your anger?  
Your fury matches the fear of you.

Then teach us to number our days,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Turn back, O Lord! How long?  
Show pity to your servants.

At dawn, fill us with your merciful love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Give us joy for the days of our affliction,  
for the years when we looked upon evil.

Let your deed be seen by your servants,  
and your glorious power by their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us; †  
give success to the work of our hands.

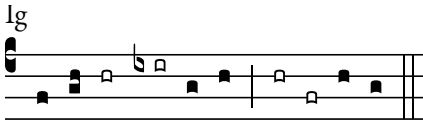
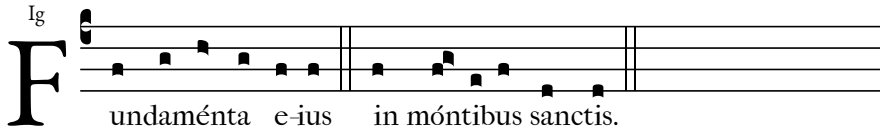
O give success to the work of our hands.

Glory...

In you is the source of life.

—In your light we see light itself.

## LAUDS



alt. Glorious things are said of  
you, O city of God.

## PSALM 87

Founded by him on the holy mountain, †  
the Lord loves the gates of Zion,  
more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Of you are told glorious things,  
you, O city of God!

“Rahab and Babylon I will count  
among those who know me;  
of Tyre, Philistia, Ethiopia, it is told,  
“There was this one born.”

But of Zion it shall be said,  
“Each one was born in her.

He, the Most High, will establish her. †  
In his register of peoples the Lord writes,  
“Here was this one born.”

The singers cry out in chorus,  
“All my wellsprings are in you.”

Glory...

VI

**E** cce vé-ni-o ci-to et merces me- a mecum est, di-cit Dó-  
 minus: dare uni-cu- í- que secúndum ó-pera su-a.

VI

alt. The Lord, the mighty conqueror, will come; he will bring with him the prize of victory.

ISAIAH 40:10-17

Behold, the Lord God comes with might,  
 and his arm is ruling for him;

behold, his reward is with him,  
 and his recompense before him.

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;  
 he gathers the lambs in his arms,  
 and in his bosom he carries them;  
 he gently leads the ewes.

Who can measure out the waters with his hand, †  
 and mark out the heavens with a span,  
 and gauge the earth's dust with a measure,  
 and weigh the mountains with scales,  
 and the hills with a balance?

Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord,  
 or who has taught him as his counselor?

Whom did he consult to gain understanding,  
 and who taught him in the path of judgment,  
 and who could teach him knowledge,  
 and make known to him the way of understanding?

Behold, the nations are but a drop from a bucket, †  
 and are reckoned as dust on the scales;  
 behold, he lifts up the islands like fine powder.

There is not enough in Lebanon to burn,  
 nor its beasts enough for whole burnt offerings.

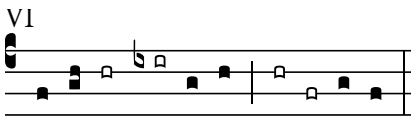
All the nations are as nothing to him;  
as emptiness and nothing he accounts them.

Glory...

VI  
E x-al-tá-te Dóminum, De-um nostrum, et adorá-te in mon-  
te sancto e-jus.



VI  
alt. Give praise to the Lord our  
God, bow down before his holy  
mountain.



PSALM 99

The Lord is king; the peoples tremble.  
He is enthroned on the cherubim; earth quakes.

The Lord is great in Zion.  
He is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and wondrous name.  
Holy is he!

O mighty King, lover of justice, †  
you have established what is upright;  
you have made justice and right in Jacob.

Exalt the Lord our God; †  
bow down before his footstool.  
Holy is he!

Among his priests were Aaron and Moses;  
among those who invoked his name was Samuel.

They cried out to the Lord and he answered.  
To them he spoke in the pillar of cloud.

They obeyed his decrees and the statutes †  
which he had given them.

O Lord our God, you answered them.

For them you were a God who forgives,  
and yet you punished their offenses.

Exalt the Lord our God; †  
bow down before his holy mountain,  
for the Lord our God is holy.  
Glory...