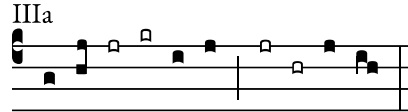


OFFICE OF READINGS



PSALM 136 I

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his mercy endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his mercy endures forever;

who alone has wrought marvelous works,
for his mercy endures forever;

who in wisdom made the heavens,
for his mercy endures forever;

who spread the earth on the waters,
for his mercy endures forever.

It was he who made the great lights,
for his mercy endures forever;

the sun to rule in the day,
for his mercy endures forever;

the moon and the stars in the night,
for his mercy endures forever.

Glory...

tr. For his mercy endures
forever.

alt. None but the Lord has
done such marvels; his love
endures for ever.

alt. He brought Israel out of
Egypt with powerful hand
and arm outstretched.

PSALM 136 II

The firstborn of the Egyptians he smote,
for his mercy endures forever.

He brought Israel out from their midst,
for his mercy endures forever;
with mighty hand and outstretched arm,
for his mercy endures forever.

The Red Sea he divided in two,
for his mercy endures forever;
he made Israel pass through the midst,
for his mercy endures forever,
he flung Pharaoh and his force in the Red Sea,
for his mercy endures forever.

Glory...

alt. Give praise to the God of
heaven; he has ransomed us
from our enemies.

PSALM 136 III

Through the desert his people he led,
for his mercy endures forever.

Kings in their greatness he struck down,
for his mercy endures forever.

Kings in their splendor he slew,
for his mercy endures forever:

Sihon, king of the Amorites,
for his mercy endures forever;

and Og, the king of Bashan,
for his mercy endures forever.

He gave their land as a heritage,
for his mercy endures forever.

A heritage for Israel, his servant,
for his mercy endures forever.

He remembered us in our distress,
for his mercy endures forever.

And he snatched us away from our foes,
for his mercy endures forever.

He gives bread to all mortal flesh,
for his mercy endures forever.

To the God of heaven give thanks,
for his mercy endures forever.

Glory...

Lord, show me your ways.

—Teach me to walk in your footsteps.

LAUDS

VIIa



uam magni-fi-cá-ta sunt ópera tu-a, Dómine!

VIIa



PSALM 92

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your loving mercy in the morning,
and your truth in the watches of the night,
on the ten-stringed lute and the harp,
with the sound of song on the lyre.

You have gladdened me, O Lord, by your deeds;
for the work of your hands I shout with joy.

O Lord, how great are your works!
How deep are your designs!

The senseless cannot know this,
and the fool cannot understand.

Though the wicked spring up like grass, †
and all who do evil thrive,
they are doomed to be eternally destroyed.

But you, O Lord, are eternally on high.
See, your enemies, O Lord,

see, your enemies will perish;
all who do evil will be scattered.

You give me the strength of a wild ox;
you have poured out on me purest oil.

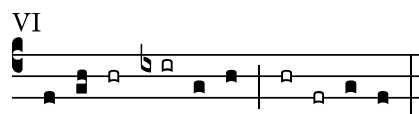
My eyes looked in triumph on my foes;
my ears have heard of their fall.

The just one will flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

tr. O Lord, how great are
your works!
alt. As morning breaks we
sing of your mercy, Lord,
and night will find us pro-
claiming your fidelity.

Planted in the house of the Lord,
 they will flourish in the courts of our God,
 still bearing fruit when they are old,
 still full of sap, still green,
 to proclaim that the Lord is upright.
 In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Glory...



alt. Extol the greatness of
 our God.

DEUTERONOMY 32:1-12

Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak;
 O earth, hear the words of my mouth.
 May my teaching soak in like the rain,
 my discourse spread like the dew,
 as gentle rain on fresh grass,
 as showers on a field.
 For the name of the Lord I will invoke;
 acknowledge the greatness of our God!
 The Rock, how perfect his deeds,
 for all his ways are just;
 a faithful God without deceit:
 he is just and upright.
 Yet his children have sinned and are corrupt,
 a depraved and perverse generation.
 Is this how you repay the Lord,
 O people, foolish and unwise?
 Is not he your Father who created you,
 who formed you and established you?
 Remember the days of old,
 recall the years of past generations;

ask your father, and he will inform you,
your elders, and they will tell you:

When the Most High allotted the nations,
when he apportioned the children of Adam,
he established the boundaries of the peoples,
by the number of the children of Israel.

For the portion of the Lord is his people;
Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.

He found him in a region of the desert,
in a barren howling waste.

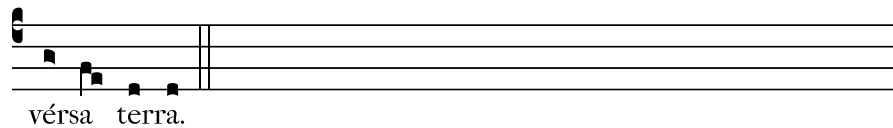
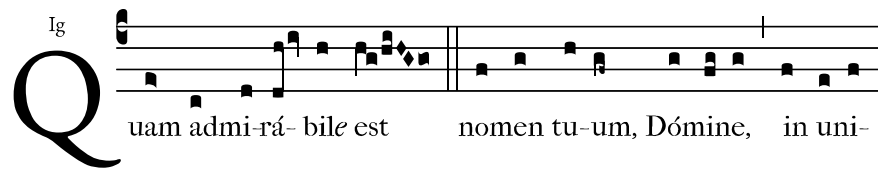
He enwrapped him and cared for him;
as the apple of his eye, he guarded him.

As an eagle that brings out her nestlings,
and hovers over her young,

she spreads out her wings, takes them up,
and bears them aloft on her pinions,

so the Lord alone led him forth,
and there was no foreign god beside him.

Glory...



alt. How wonderful is your
name, O Lord, in all cre-
ation.

PSALM 8

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic †
is your name through all the earth!
Your majesty is set above the heavens.

From the mouths of children and of babes †
you fashioned praise to foil your enemy,
to silence the foe and the rebel.

When I see the heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little lower than the angels;
with glory and honor you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hands:
you put all things under his feet,

all of them, sheep and oxen,
yes, even the cattle of the fields,
birds of the air, and fish of the sea
that make their way through the waters

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic
is your name through all the earth!

Glory...

