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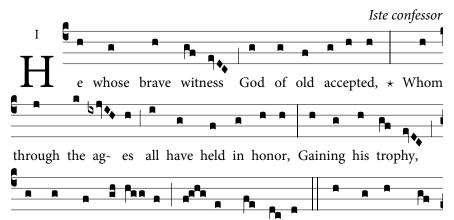
et Spi-rí-tu- i Sancto. Sic-ut e-rat in princí-pi- o, et nunc et sem-



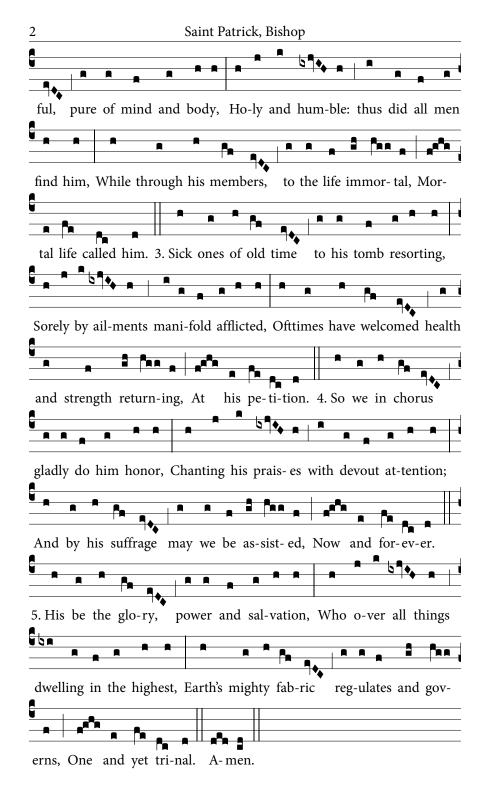
per, et in sæcu-la sæcu-ló-rum. Amen.

God, come to my assistance. R. Lord, make haste to help me. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, unto the age of ages. Amen.

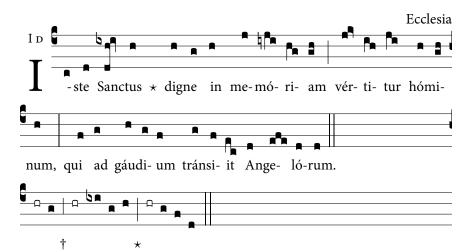
Hymnus



this day came to en- ter Heav-en's high portal. 2. God-fearing, watch-



ANTIPHONA



This saint is worthily held in the memory of men, who has passed to the joy of the angels.

PSALM 112

Praise, O servants of the Lord, * praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed ★ both now and for evermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting \star praised be the name of the Lord! High above all nations is the Lord, ★ above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, ★ who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, * to look down upon heaven and earth? From the dust he lifts up the lowly, * from his misery he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, * yes, with the princes of his people. To the childless wife he gives a home * and gladdens her heart with children. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, \star and will be for ever. Amen.

ANTIPHONA



I am the good shepherd, I who feed my flock; and for my sheep I lay down my life.

PSALM 145

My soul, give praise to the Lord; † I will praise the Lord all my days, \star make music to my God while I live. Put no trust in princes, \star in mortal men in whom there is no help. Take their breath, they return to clay ★ and their plans that day come to nothing. He is happy who is helped by Jacob's God, * whose hope is in the Lord his God, who alone made heaven and earth, * the seas and all they contain. It is he who keeps faith for ever, * who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, * the Lord, who sets prisoners free, the Lord who gives sight to the blind, * who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger \star and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who <u>loves</u> the just ★ but thwarts the path of the wicked.

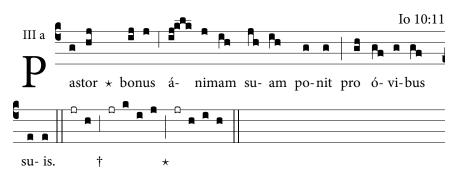
The Lord will reign for ever, \star

Zion's God, from age to age.

Glory to the Father, and \underline{to} the Son, \star and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.

ANTIPHONA



The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Ерн 1:3-10

Praised be the <u>God</u> and Father *
of our Lord <u>Je</u>sus Christ
who has bestowed on <u>us</u> in Christ *

every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

God chose \underline{us} in him \star

before the world began

to be holy *

and blameless in his sight.

He predestined us †

to be his adopted sons through <u>Jesus Christ</u>, * such was his will and pleasure,

that all might praise the glo $\underline{\mathbf{r}}$ ious favor \star

he has bestowed on us in his beloved.

In him and through his blood, we have $\underline{\text{been}}$ redeemed, \star and our sins forgiven,

so immeasurably generous *
is God's favor to us.
God has given us the wisdom *
to understand fully the mystery,
the plan he was pleased *
to decree in Christ.
A plan to be carried out in Christ, *
in the fullness of time,
to bring all things into one in him, *
in the heavens and on earth.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

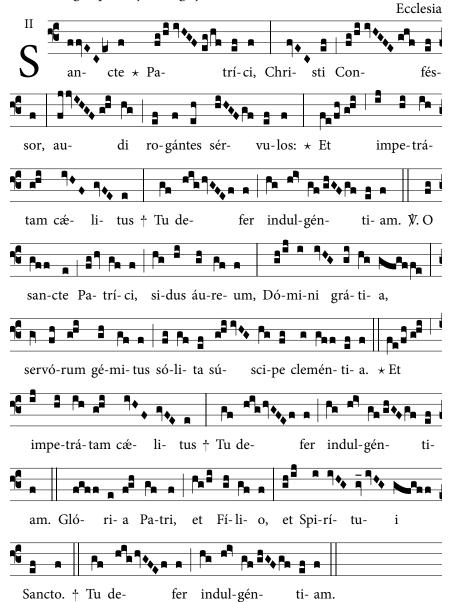
LECTIO BREVIS

1 Pt 5:1-4

To the elders among you, I, a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and sharer in the glory that is to be revealed, make this appeal. God's flock is in your midst; give it a shepherd's care. Watch over it willingly, as God would have you do, not under constraint, and not for shameful profit, either, but generously. Be examples to the flock, not lording it over those assigned to you, so that when the chief Shepherd appears, you will win for yourselves the unfading crown of glory.

RESPONSORIUM PROLIXA

The long responsory is sung by the cantors alone.



Holy Patrick, Confessor of Christ, hear your suppliant servants, and from heaven bring the favor procured. V. O holy Patrick, golden star, by the favor of the Lord hear with accustomed kindness the pleadings of your servants.

ANTIPHONA AD MAGNIFICAT



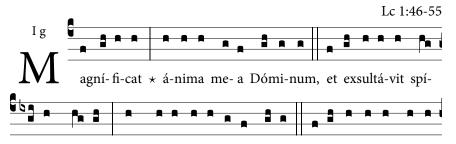
rum pónde-re prémimur, be- a-ti-tú-di-nis tu-æ gló-ri- a suble-



vé- mur, et te du-ce æ-térna præmi- a conse-quámur.

Patrick, Confessor of the Lord, give strength through your holy intercession to the people here present, so that we who are pressed down with the weight of evil may be raised up by the glory of your happiness, and, under your guidance, attain to eternal rewards.

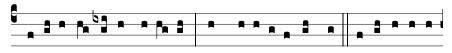
CANTICUM EVANGELICUM THE SOUL REJOICES IN THE LORD



ri-tus me- us * in De- o sa-lu-tá-ri me- o, qui- a respé-xit humi-



tus est ad patres nostros, * Abra-ham et sémi-ni e-ius in sæcu-la.



Gló-ri- a Pa-tri, et Fí-li- o, * et Spi-rí-tu- i Sancto. Si-cut e-rat in



princí-pi- o, et nunc, et semper, * et in sæcu-la sæcu-ló-rum. Amen.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

PRECES

Jesus Christ is worthy of all praise, for he was appointed high priest among men and their representative before God. We honor him and in our weakness we pray: R. Bring salvation to your people, Lord.

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You marvelously illuminated your Church through distinguished leaders and holy men and women, – let Christians rejoice always in such splendor.

R. Bring salvation to your people, Lord.

You forgave the sins of your people when their holy leaders like Moses sought your compassion, – through their intercession continue to purify and sanctify your holy people.

R. Bring salvation to your people, Lord.

In the midst of their brothers and sisters you anointed your holy ones and filled them with the Holy Spirit, – fill all the leaders of your people with the same Spirit.

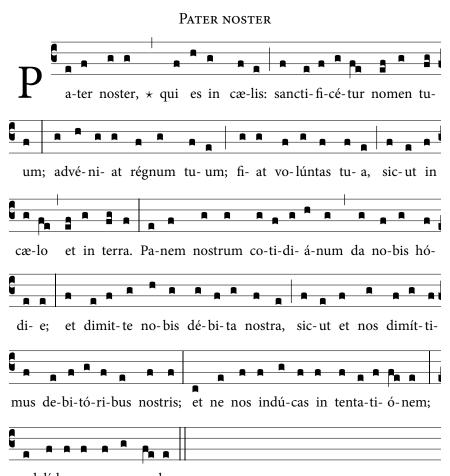
R. Bring salvation to your people, Lord.

You yourself are the only visible possession of our holy pastors, – let none of them, won at the price of your blood, remain far from you.

R. Bring salvation to your people, Lord.

The shepherds of your Church keep your flock from being snatched out of your hand. Through them you give your flock eternal life, – save those who have died, those for whom you gave up your life.

R. Bring salvation to your people, Lord.



sed lí-be-ra nos a ma-lo.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who tresspass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

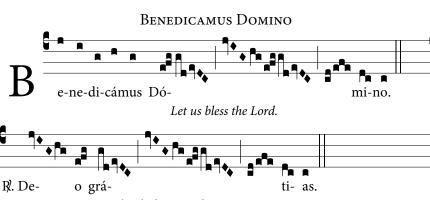
ORATIO CONCLUSIVA

God, who chose the Bishop Saint Patrick to preach your glory to the peoples of Ireland, grant, through his merits and intercession, that those who glory in the name of Christian may never cease to proclaim your wondrous deeds to all. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

RITUS CONCLUSIONIS

- ŷ. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with your spirit.
- \(\mathcal{V} \). May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
 - R. Amen.



Thanks be to God.