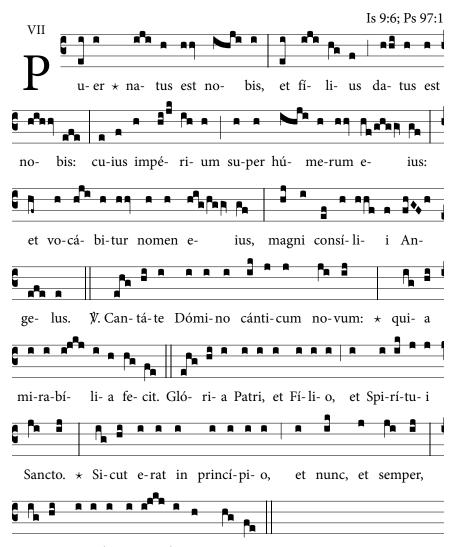
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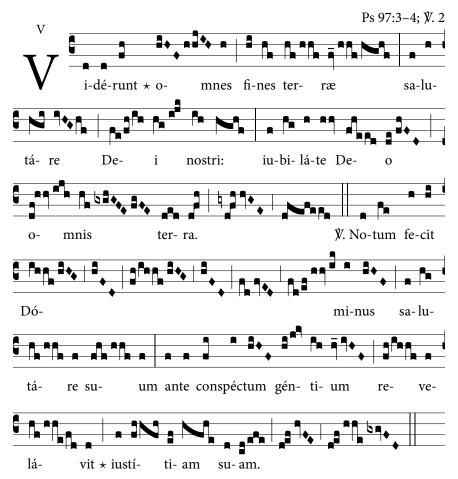
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et in sécu-la secu- ló-rum. A-men.

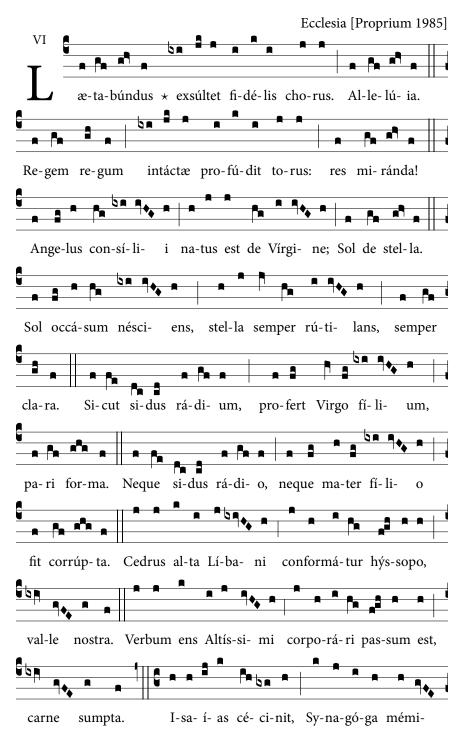
A child is born to us and a son is given to us, whose government is upon His shoulders; and His name shall be called the angel of great counsel. V. Sing to the Lord a new canticle, for He has done wonderful things.

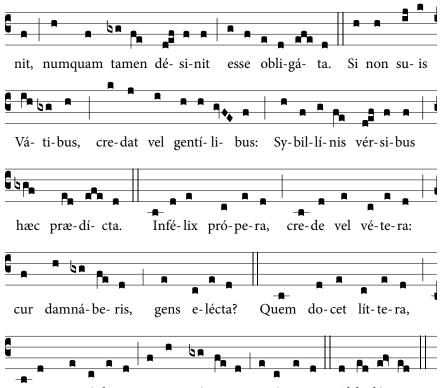
RESPONSORIUM



All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Sing joyfully to God, all the earth. V. The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His justice in the sight of the Gentiles.

SEQUENTIA



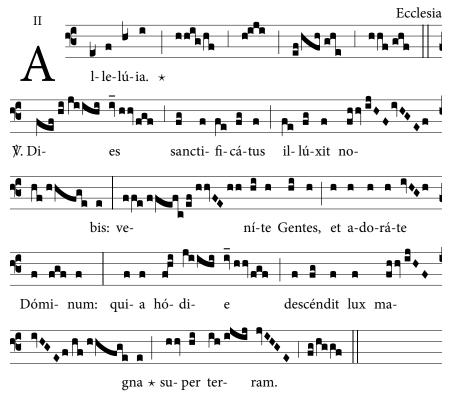


na-tum consí-de-ra: ipsum gé-nu- it pu- érpe-ra. Al-le-lú- ia.

Let the faithful choir joyfully rejoice, alleluia! The womb of the undefiled one has brought forth the King of Kings: a thing of wonder. The Angel of the counsel is born of the Virgin; the Sun of the Star. The Sun knows no setting, the Star is ever shining, ever bright. As the star brings forth its ray, in like manner the Virgin brings forth her Son. Neither the Star by its ray, nor the Mother by her Son becomes defiled.

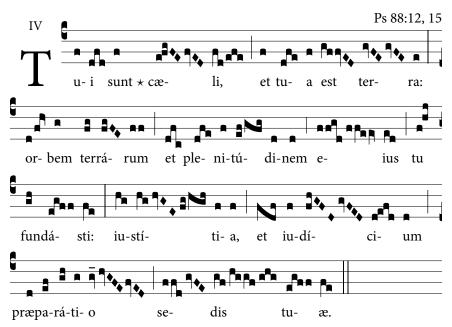
The lofty cedar of Lebanon is conformed to the hyssop in our Valley; The Word, the Being of the Most High, has deigned to become incarnate, having assumed our flesh. Isaias foretold it, the Synagogue remembers it, yet never does it cease to be bound. If not her own prophets, let her at least believe the Gentiles; in the sibylline verses these things were predicted. O Unhappy one, hasten, believe even the ancient legends. Why be cast away, O Chosen Race? Behold the Child whom the Scriptures proclaim. A Maid has borne Him. Alleluia!

ALLELUIA



A sanctified day has shone upon us; come you Gentiles, and adore the Lord; for this day a great light has descended upon the earth.

OFFERTORIUM



Yours are the heavens, and Yours is the earth. The world and the fullness thereof You have founded. Justice and judgement are the preparation of Your throne.

Communio



All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.