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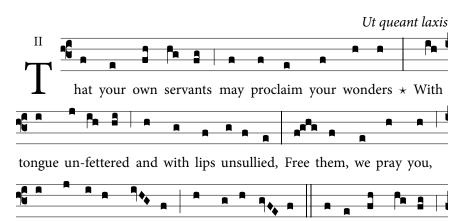
et Spi-rí-tu- i Sancto. Sic-ut e-rat in princí-pi- o, et nunc et sem-



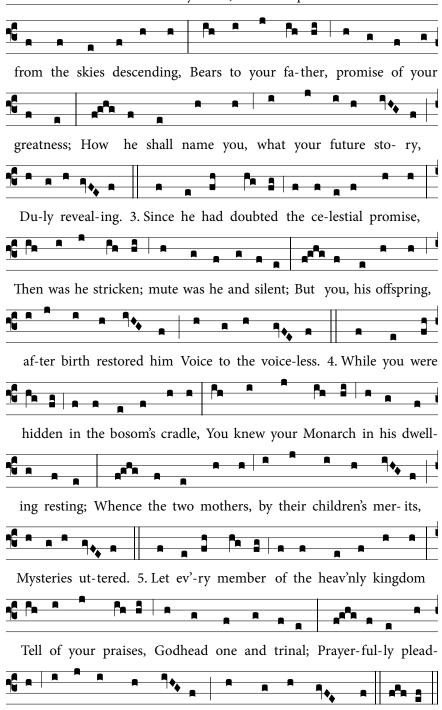
per, et in sécu-la secu-ló-rum. Amen. Alle-lú-ia.

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. Alleluia.

Hymnus



from all sinful blem-ish, John, ev-er ho- ly. 2. Lo! a swift herald,



ing, we implore your par-don; Spare your redeemed ones. A-men.

ANTIPHONA



scri-psit, di-cens: Io-ánnes est nomen e-ius.

They made a gesture to his father, asking what he wished to call him; and he wrote: "John is is his name."

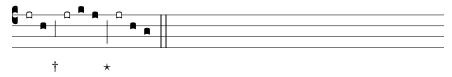
PSALM 14

Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent * and dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; * he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; * he who does not slander with his tongue; he who do no wrong to his brother, * who casts no slur on his neighbor, who holds the godless in disdain, * but honors those who fear the Lord; he who keeps his pledge, come what may; * who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. * Such a man will stand firm 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.

ANTIPHONA



bet: et mul- ti in na-ti-vi-tá-te e-ius gaudé-bunt.



John is his name. He shall not drink wine or strong drinks, and many shall rejoice in his birth.

PSALM 111

Happy the man who fears the Lord, \star who takes delight in all his commands.

His sons will be powerful on earth; *

the children of the upright <u>are</u> blessed. Riches and wealth are in <u>his</u> house; \star

his justice stands firm <u>for</u> ever. He is a light in the darkness for the upright: \star

he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity <u>and</u> lends, \star he conducts his affairs with honor.

The just man will never waver: *
he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news; \star with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.

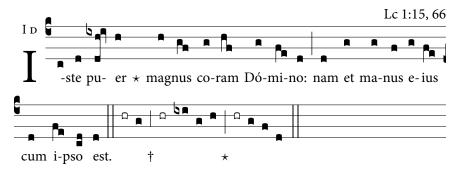
With a steadfast heart he will <u>not</u> fear; *
he will see the downfall of his foes.

Open-handed, he gives to the poor; † his justice stands firm for ever. *
His head will be raised in glory.

The wicked man sees and is <u>angry</u>, †
grinds his teeth and fades <u>away</u>; *
the desire of the wicked leads <u>to</u> doom.
Glory to the Father, and to <u>the</u> Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, *

and will be for ever. Amen.

ANTIPHONA



This boy is great in the sight of the Lord; for His hand is with him.

AP 15:3-4

Mighty and wonderful <u>are</u> your works, *
Lord <u>God</u> Almighty!

Righteous and true <u>are</u> your ways, *
O King <u>of</u> the nations!

Who would dare refuse you honor, * or the glory due your name, O Lord?

Since you alone are holy, †

all nations shall come and worship <u>in</u> your presence. * Your mighty deeds are clearly seen.

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

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

LECTIO BREVIS

Act 13:23-25

ccording to his promise, God has brought forth from David's descendants Jesus, a savior for Israel. John heralded the coming of Jesus by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. As John's career was coming to an end, he would say, "What you suppose me to be I am not. Rather, look for one who comes after me. I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet."

RESPONSORIUM BREVIS



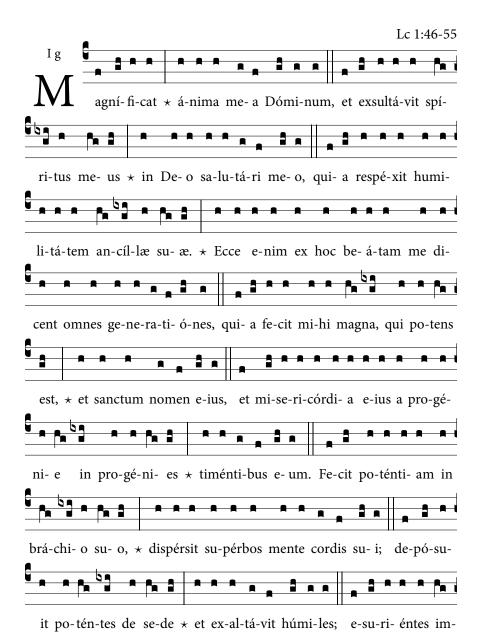
Prepare the ways of the Lord, make straight his paths. V. A man comes after me, who was before me.

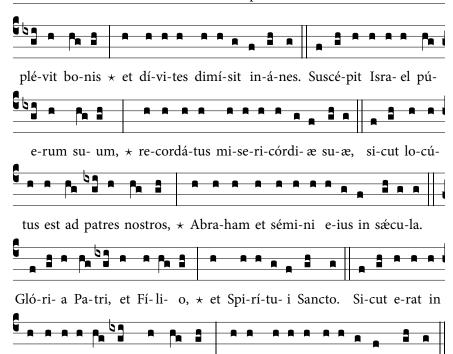
Antiphona ad Magnificat



And all who heard these things placed them in their hearts, saying, "Who do you suppose this child will be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him. And Zechariah his father was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, "Blessed be the God of Israel, who has visited his people and set them free."

CANTICUM EVANGELICUM THE SOUL REJOICES IN THE LORD





princí-pi- o, et nunc, et semper, * et in sécu-la secu-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

Let us pray joyfully to God our Father who called John the Baptist to proclaim the coming of the kingdom of Christ: O Lord, guide our feet into the way of peace.

R. O Lord, guide our feet into the way of peace.

You called John the Baptist from his mother's womb to prepare the way of your Son, – help us to follow in that path which the Baptist opened before the Lord Jesus.

R. O Lord, guide our feet into the way of peace.

May your Church, in imitation of the Baptist, fearlessly point out the Lamb of God, – so that people in every age may acknowledge that the Lord comes to them.

R. O Lord, guide our feet into the way of peace.

John the Baptist did not exalt himself but acknowledged his role as forerunner of the Christ, – teach us to acknowledge that you are the giver of all our good gifts and that we must use them in your service.

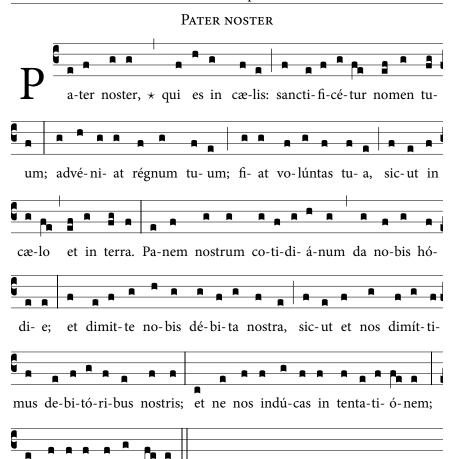
R. O Lord, guide our feet into the way of peace.

You called John the Baptist to give testimony to you by his life and even by his death, – help us to imitate his unceasing witness to your truth.

R. O Lord, guide our feet into the way of peace.

Remember those who have died, – give them a place of light, happiness, and peace.

R. O Lord, guide our feet into the way of peace.



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.

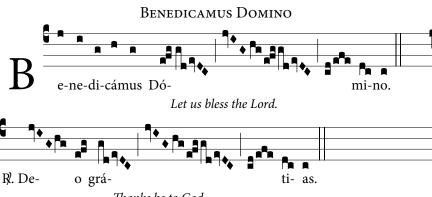
Oratio conclusiva

God, who raised up Saint John the Baptist to make ready a nation fit for Christ the Lord, give your people, we pray, the grace of spiritual joys and direct the hearts of all the faithful into the way of salvation and peace. 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

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



Thanks be to God.