JANUARY 1 THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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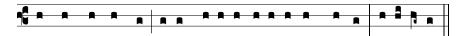
e- us, in adiu-tó-ri- um me- um inténde. *God, come to my assistance.*



R. Dómi- ne, ad adiu- vándum me festí- na. Gló- ri- a Patri, Lord, make haste to help me. Glory to the Father,

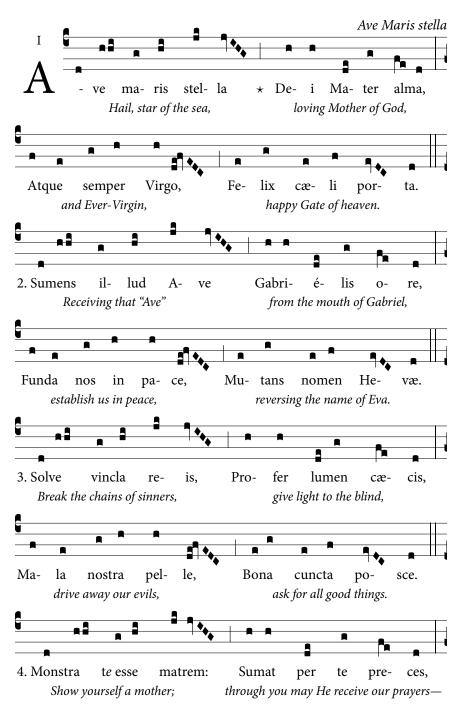


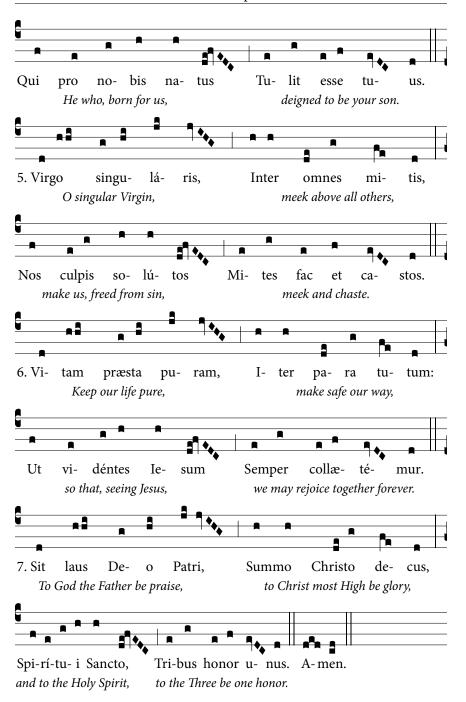
et Fí-li-o, et Spi-rí-tu-i Sancto. Sic-ut e-rat in princí-pi-o, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning,



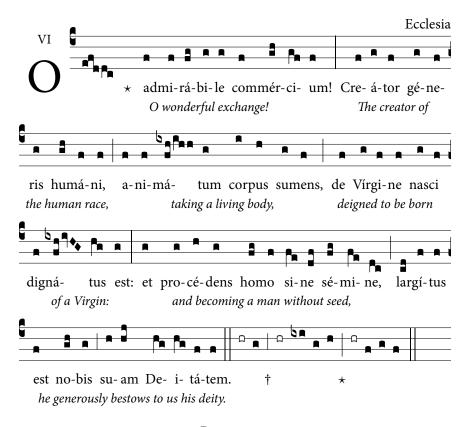
et nunc et semper, et in sæcu-la sæcu-ló-rum. Amen. Alle-lú-ia. is now, and ever shall be, unto the age of ages.

Hymnus





ANTIPHONA



PSALM 112 PRAISE THE NAME OF THE LORD

He has cast down the mighty and has lifted up the lowly (Luke 1:52).

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!

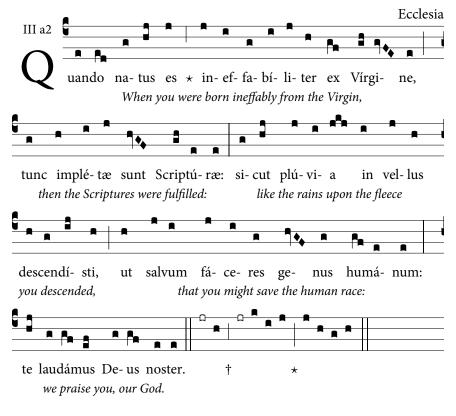
From the rising of the sun to its setting *
praised be the name of the Lord!

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 \underline{to} look down, \star to look down upon heaven and earth?
- From the dust he lifts \underline{up} the lowly, \star from his misery he raises the poor
- to set him in the company of princes, \star yes, with the princes of his people.
- To the childless wife he gives a home \star 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, * and will be for ever. Amen.

ANTIPHONA



PSALM 126 THE RESTORATION OF JERUSALEM

Come, I will show you the bride of the Lamb (Revelation 21:9).

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! *
Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates, *
he has blessed the children within you.

He established peace on your borders, *
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth *
and swiftly runs his command.

He showers down snow white as wool, †

he scatters hoar-<u>frost</u> like ashes. He hurls down hailstones like crumbs. The waters are frozen at his touch; †
he sends forth his word and it melts them: *
at the breath of his mouth the waters flow.

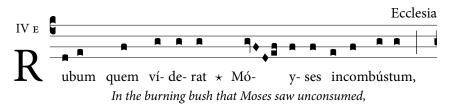
He makes his word known to Jacob, \star to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations; * he has not taught them his decrees.

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





conservá-tam agnó-vimus tu- am lau-dá-bi- lem virgi-ni- tá-tem: we acknowledge the preservation of your praiseworthy virginity:



Mother of God, intercede for us.

EPH 3:1-10 GOD OUR SAVIOR

Praised be the God and Father *
of our Lord Jesus Christ
who has bestowed on us in Christ *
every spiritual blessing in the heavens.
God chose us in him *
before the world began
to be holy *
and blameless in his sight.
He predestined us †
to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ, *
such was his will and pleasure,

that all might praise the glorious favor * he has bestowed on us in his beloved.

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

so immeasur<u>ably</u> generous * is God's favor to us.

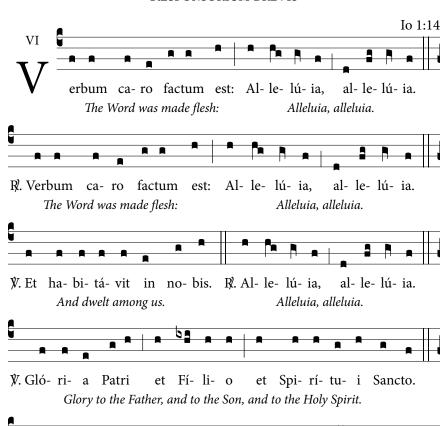
- God has given <u>us</u> the wisdom \star to understand fully the mystery,
- the plan $\underline{\text{he}}$ was pleased \star to decree in Christ.
- A plan to be carried out in Christ, \star in the fullness of time,
- to bring all things into $\underline{\text{one}}$ in him, \star in the heavens and $\underline{\text{on}}$ 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

Gal 4:4-5

hen the designated time had come, God sent forth his Son born of a woman, born under the law, to deliver from the law those who were subjected to it, so that we might receive our status as adopted sons.

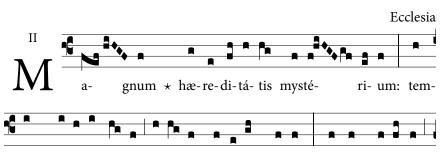
RESPONSORIUM BREVIS



R. Verbum ca-ro factum est: Al-le-lú-ia, al-le-lú-ia.

The Word was made flesh: Alleluia, alleluia.

ANTIPHONA AD MAGNIFICAT



plum De- i fa-ctus est ú-te-rus nésci- ens vi-rum, non est pollú-tus



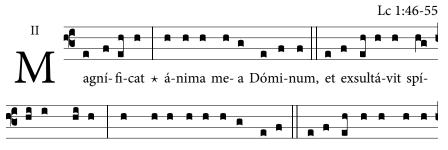
ex e- a car-nem assúmens. Om- nes gen-tes vé-ni- ent di-cén-



tes: Gló-ri- a ti-bi, Dó- mi-ne.

A great mystery of generation: a womb which knows not man becomes the temple of God, nor is it polluted by the one taking flesh from it. All nations shall come, saying: "Glory to you, O Lord."

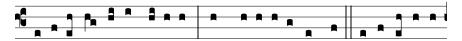
CANTICUM EVANGELICUM THE SOUL REJOICES IN THE LORD



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



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

 ${f B}$ lessed be the Lord Jesus, our Peace, who came to unite man with God. Let us pray to him in humility: Lord, grant your peace to all.

R. Lord, grant your peace to all.

When you were born you showed your kindness and gentleness, – help us always to be grateful for all your blessings.

R. Lord, grant your peace to all.

You made Mary, your Mother, full of grace, – give all people the fullness of grace.

R. Lord, grant your peace to all.

You came to announce God's good news to the world, – increase the number of preachers and hearers of your word.

R. Lord, grant your peace to all.

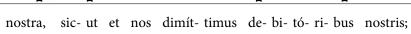
You desired to become our brother by being born of the Virgin Mary, – teach men and women to love each other in mutual brotherhood.

R. Lord, grant your peace to all.

You came as the Sun rising over the earth, – show the light of your countenance to those who have died.

R. Lord, grant your peace to all.





as we forgive those who tresspass against us;



et ne nos indú-cas in tenta-ti- ó-nem; sed lí-be-ra nos a ma-lo. and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

ORATIO CONCLUSIVA

God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, 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.
- \(\mathcal{Y} \). May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
 - R. Amen.

