

THE GRADUALE NOVI MUNDI

The New World Gradual

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1 TEMPUS QUADRAGESIMAE

The traditional Gospel acclamation for Lent is the *Tract*. The Missal of Paul VI specifies that the Gospel acclamation from the lectionary is to be used in Lent, but also says that it is also “possible to sing another Psalm or Tract, as found in the Graduale.” It is not clear if this allows for the use of a Tract that is *not* found (but is derived from) the Graduale—e.g., a translation or abridged version (as provided here.) Regardless, it is not an unheard of practice to substitute a variant of the Tract for the Gospel acclamation in the OF, and as of this writing, the author knows of no correction by the bishops.

In the spirit of interpreting ambiguities in the law in favor of freedom—which, indeed, seems to have been the intent of Vatican II, along with the restoration of Gregorian Chant in general—this author is of the opinion that the Tracts given in this book may be used. However, we have also provided settings for the acclamations from the lectionary as well, based on other graduals in the repertoire. Which—or even both—to use should be discussed with one’s pastor.

1.1 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Accl. II

NE * does not live on-
bread a lone, ¶. but
on ev- 'ry word- that comes-
forth from the mouth of God.