

OFFICE FOR THE DEAD

LAUDS AND VESPERS

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER

FROM THE DIVINE OFFICE

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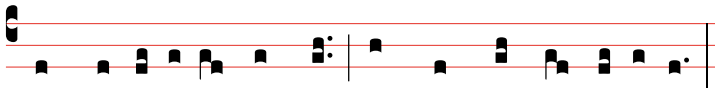
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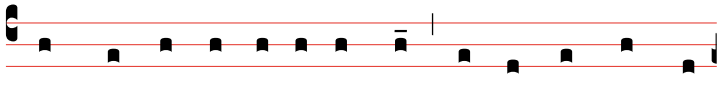
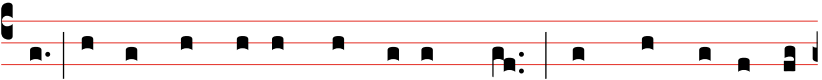

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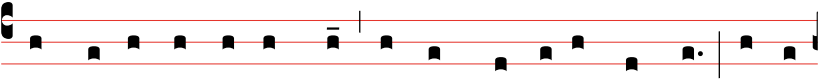
L 
 ORD, o-pen our lips. *R.* And we shall praise your name.

INVITATORY PSALM

VI
C 
 OME, let us adore the King for whom all men are a-live.

PSALM 94 (95)

VI
C 
 OME, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the God who saves

 us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail

 the Lord. Come.


 A mighty God is the Lord, a great king above all gods. In his



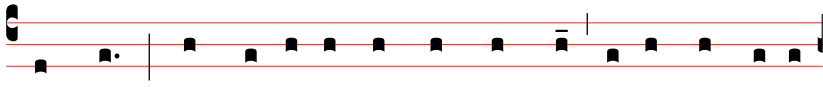
hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are



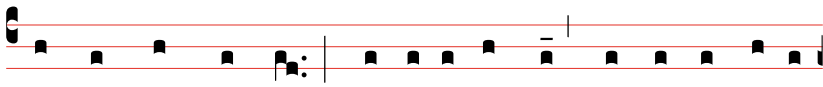
his. Come.



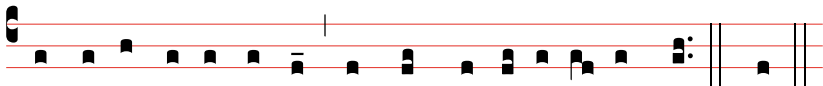
To him belongs the sea, for he made it and the dry land shaped by



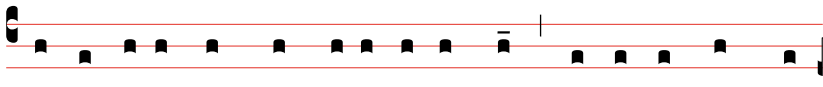
his hands. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before



the God who made us: for he is our God and we the people



who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. Come.



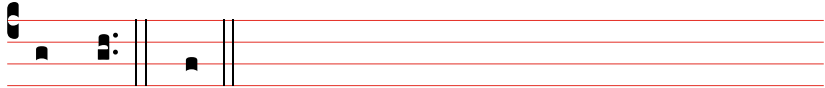
O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts



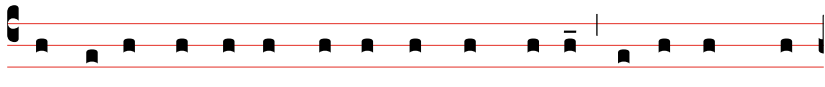
as at Me-ribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your



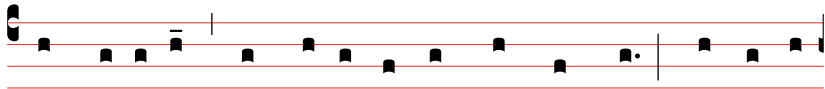
fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw



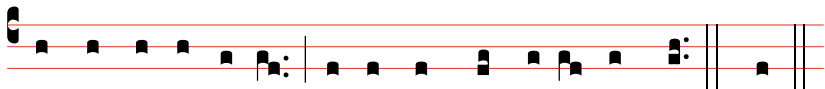
my work. Come.



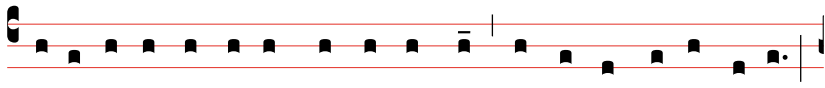
For for-ty years I was wearied of these people and I said: "Their



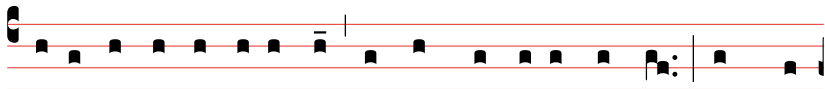
hearts are astray, these people do not know my ways." Then I took



an oath in my an-ger: "Never shall they en-ter my rest." Come.



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spirit,



as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-



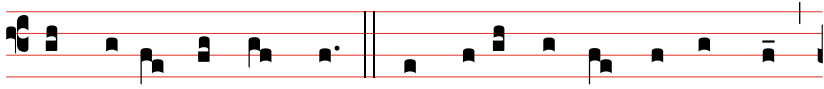
out end. Amen. Come.

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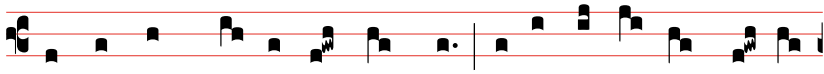
O God, ✠ come to our aid. *R.* O Lord, make haste
to help us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to
the Ho-ly Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and
ev-er shall be, world † without end. Amen. Al- le- lu- ia.
(*In Lent*) † without end. Amen.

HYMN

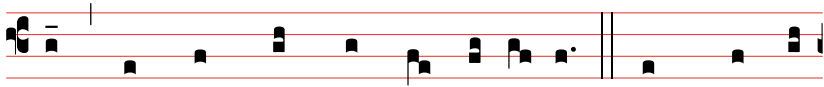
O ^{II} Christ, our Pardon and our Hope, Our Resur-rection
and our Life, All eyes and hearts to you must turn When sad-



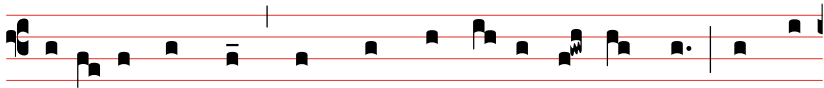
dened by approaching death. 2. You al-so bore its dreadful pangs,



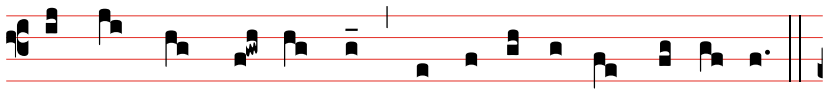
In suff'ring deep-er far than ours, In-to the Father's lov-ing



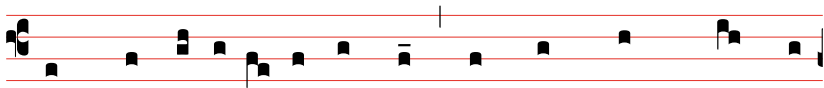
hands With head bowed low your spir-it fled. 3. Good Shepherd,



merci-ful and kind, Who knew our fragile, hu-man state, You give



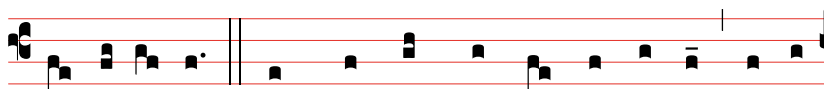
us grace your death to share, And in the Father's love to die.



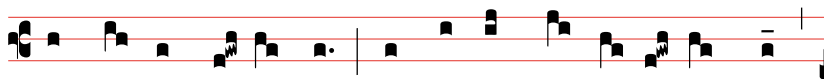
4. Your arms extended on the cross, Your heart pierced through by



bit-ter lance, Encourage those who pass a-way In sor-row's an-



guish or in pain. 5. Since you once broke the gates of hell, And o-

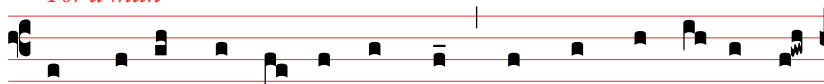


pened heaven's por-tal wide, Raise up our hopes as now we mourn,

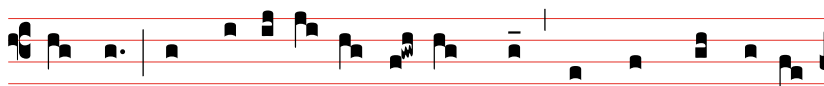


As you will raise us af-ter death.

For a man



6. Your servant who has left this world With soul from bo dy now

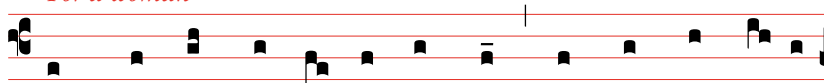


set free, Call swiftly to our Father's home To praise you for e-



ter-ni-ty. A-men.

For a woman



6. Your handmaid who has left this world With soul from bod-y



now set free, Call swiftly to our Father's home To praise you for



e- ter-ni- ty. A- men.

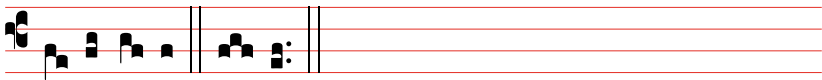
For several departed



6. Your servants who have left this world With soul from bo-dy



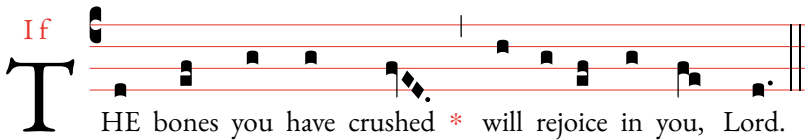
now set free, Call swiftly to our Father's home To praise you for



e- ter-ni- ty. A- men.

PSALMODY

ANTIPHON I



If **T** HE bones you have crushed * will rejoice in you, Lord.

PSALM 50 (51)



*

Have mercy on me, God, in your | kindness. *

In your compassion blot | out my offence.

O wash me more and more from | my guilt *

and cleanse | me from my sin.

My offences truly I | know them; *

my sin is al- | ways before me.

Against you, you alone, have | I sinned; *

what is evil in your | sight I have done.

That you may be justified when you give | sentence *

and be without re- | proach when you judge,

O see, in guilt I | was born, *

a sinner | was I conceived.

Indeed you love truth in | the heart; *

then in the secret of my heart | teach me wisdom.

O purify me, then I shall | be clean; *

O wash me, I shall be | whiter than snow.

Make me hear rejoicing and | gladness, *

that the bones you have | crushed may revive.

From my sins turn away | your face *

and blot | out all my guilt.

A pure heart create for me, | O God, *

put a steadfast spi- | rit within me.

Do not cast me away from your | presence, *
nor deprive me of your | holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of | your help; *
with a spirit of fer- | vour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors | your ways *
and sinners | may return to you.

O rescue me, God, my | helper, *
and my tongue shall ring | out your goodness.
O Lord, open | my lips *
and my mouth | shall declare your praise.

For in sacrifice you take no | delight, *
burnt offering from me | you would refuse,
my sacrifice, a contrite | spirit. *
A humbled, contrite heart | you will not spurn.


In your goodness, show favour to | Sion: *
rebuild the walls of | Jerusalem.
Then you will be pleased with lawful sa- | crifice, *
holocausts offered | on your altar.

Glory be to the Father and to | the Son *
and to the | Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall be, *
world with- | out end. Amen.

ANTIPHON 2

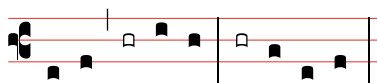
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ES-cue my soul, * Lord, from the gate of death.

CANTICLE: ISAIAH 38



*

I said, In the noontide of my days I must depart; †
 I am consigned to the gates of | Sheol *
 for the rest | of my years.

I said, I shall not see | the Lord *
 in the land of | the living;
 I shall look upon man | no more *
 among the inhabitants | of the world.

My dwelling is plucked up and removed | from me *
 like a | shepherd's tent;
 like a weaver I have rolled up | my life; *
 he cuts me off | from the loom.

From day to night you bring me to | an end; *
 I cry for help un- | til morning;
 like a lion he breaks all | my bones; *
 from day to night you bring me | to an end.

Like a swallow or a crane I | clamour, *
 I moan | like a dove.

My eyes are weary with looking | upward. *
O Lord, I am oppressed; be my se- | curity.

Lo, it was for my | welfare *
that I had great | bitterness;
but you have held back | my life *
from the pit of | destruction,
for you have cast all | my sins *
be- | hind your back.

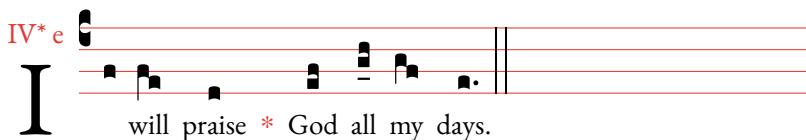
For Sheol cannot | thank you, *
death can- | not praise you;
those who go down to | the pit *
cannot hope for your | faithfulness.

The living, the living, he thanks you, †
as I do | this day; *
the father makes known to the children your | faithfulness.

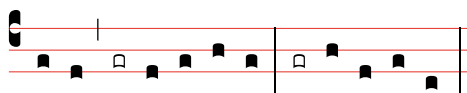
The Lord will | save me, *
and we will sing to stringed | instruments
all the days of | our life, *
at the house | of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to | the Son *
and to the Ho- | ly Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall be, *
world without | end. Amen.

ANTIPHON 3



PSALM 145 (146)



*

My soul, give praise to the Lord; †
 I will praise the | Lord all my days, *
 make music to my | God while I live.

Put no | trust in princes, *
 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 pro- | tects the stranger *
and upholds the | widow and orphan.

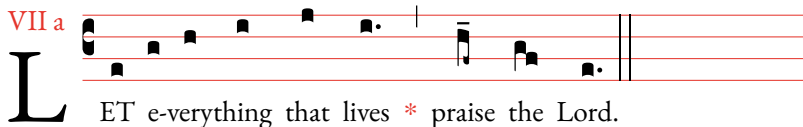
It is the Lord | who loves the just *
but thwarts the path | of the wicked.
The Lord will | reign for ever, *
Sion's God, | from age to age.

Glory be to the Father | and to the Son *
and to the | Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be, *
world with- | out end. Amen.

Alternative psalm

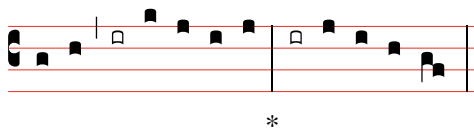
ANTIPHON 3

VII a



LET e-verything that lives * praise the Lord.

PSALM 150



*

Praise God in | his holy place, *
 praise him in his | mighty heavens.
 Praise him for his | powerful deeds, *
 praise his sur- | passing greatness.

O praise him with | sound of trumpet, *
 praise him | with lute and harp.
 Praise him with | timbrel and dance, *
 praise him | with strings and pipes.

O praise him with re- | sounding cymbals, *
 praise him with | clashing of cymbals.
 Let everything that | lives and that breathes *
 give | praise to the Lord.

Glory be to the Father | and to the Son *
 and to the | Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be, *
world with- | out end. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 THESSALONIANS 4:14

We believe that Jesus died and rose again; so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have died believing in him.

SHORT RESPONSORY



I will praise you, Lord. * You have res-cued me. *R.* I will.

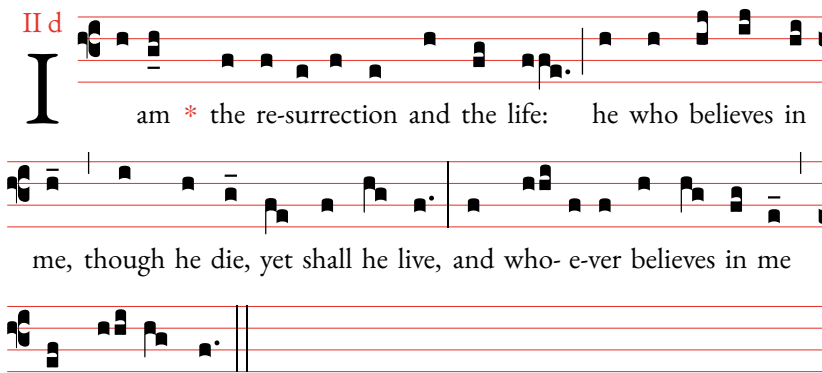
Ps. You have changed my mourning in-to gladness. *R.* You have.

Ps. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spi-

rit. *R.* I will.

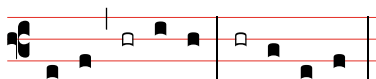
BENEDICTUS ANTIPHON

II d



I am * the re-surrection and the life: he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and who- e-ver believes in me shall ne- ver die.

BENEDICTUS



*

Blessed ✠ be the Lord, the God of | Israel! *
He has visited his people | and redeemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty | saviour *
in the house of David | his servant,
as he promised by the lips of | holy men, *
those who were his prophets | from of old.

A saviour who would free us from | our foes, *
from the hands of all | who hate us.
So his love for our fathers is | fulfilled *
and his holy covenant | remembered.

He swore to Abraham our father to | grant us, *
that free from fear, and saved from the hands | of our foes,
we might serve him in holiness and | justice *
all the days of our life in | his presence.

As for you, | little child, *
you shall be called a prophet of God, | the Most High.
You shall go ahead of | the Lord *
to prepare his ways | before him,

To make known to his people their sal- | vation *
through forgiveness of | all their sins,
the loving-kindness of the heart of | our God *
who visits us like the dawn | from on high.

He will give light to those in darkness, †
those who dwell in the shadow | of death, *
and guide us into the | way of peace.

Glory be to the Father and to | the Son *
and to the Ho- | ly Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall be, *
world without | end. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

God, the Father almighty, raised Jesus from the dead and he will give life to our own mortal bodies. We pray to him in faith:

℟. Lord, bring us to life in Christ.

Holy Father, we have been buried with your Son in baptism to rise with him in glory; may we always live in Christ and not see death for ever. ℟.

Father, you have given us the living bread from heaven to be eaten with

faith and love; grant that we may have eternal life and be raised up on the last day. *R.*

Lord, when your Son was in agony you sent an angel to console him; at the hour of our death take away all fear and fill our hearts with hope. *R.*

You delivered the three young men from the blazing furnace; free the souls of the dead from the punishments their sins have deserved. *R.*

God of the living and the dead, you brought Jesus back to life; raise up the faithful departed, and let us come with them into your heavenly glory. *R.*

OUR FATHER

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 dai-ly bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not in-to tempta-tion, but de-li-ver us from e- vil.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Grant, Lord, we pray, that as our faith is built on the Risen Christ, so too may our hope be steadfast, as we await the resurrection of your servant N. from the dead. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

For several departed:

Lord God, who gave your only-begotten Son his place on high as conqueror of death: grant to your servants N. and N. who have died, that they in their turn may triumph over death, and may live forever before you, their creator and redeemer. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

All Souls Day, 2 November:

Grant, Lord, we pray, that as our faith is built on the Risen Christ, so too our hope may be steadfast, as we await the resurrection of all the faithful departed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

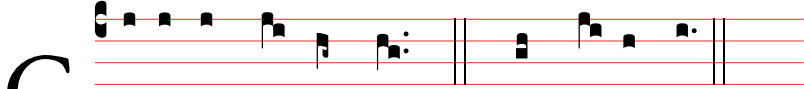
DISMISSAL

T HE Lord be with you. *R.* And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the

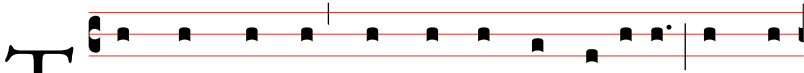


Ho-ly Spi rit. *R.* Amen.

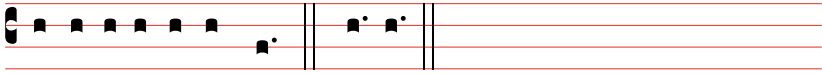


GO in the peace of Christ. *R.* Thanks be to God.

In the absence of a priest or deacon:



THE Lord bless us, and keep us from all e-vil, and bring

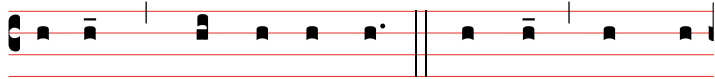
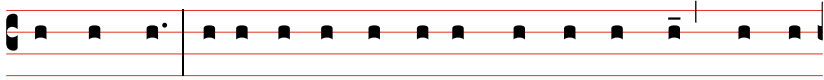


us to e-verlasting life. *R.* Amen.

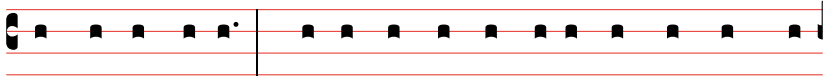
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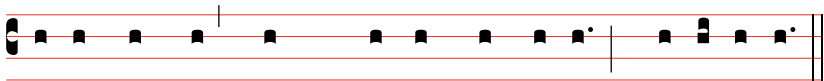
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God, ✠ come to our aid. *R.* O Lord, make haste

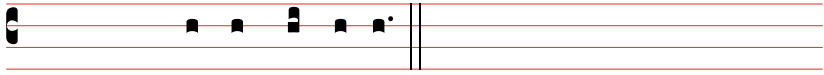
to help us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to



the Ho-ly Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and



ev-er shall be, world ✠ without end. Amen. Al-le-lu-ia.

*(In Lent)* ✠ without end. Amen.

HYMN

II
O

Christ, the King of boundless might, You rendered glo-

ry un- to God And made us fit-ting in his sight By shattering

death's bit-ter rod. 2. Our weakness you once came to meet And,

conquering, the bat-tle fought, Who, dying, crushed beneath your

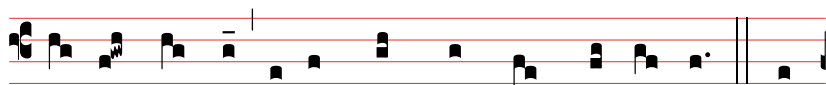
feet The vic-to-ry the serpent wrought. 3. Our Champi-on, you rose

again, And by your paschal mys-ter-y Have granted us, once dead

through sin, A life renewed e-ter-nal-ly. 4. Bestow on us this life of



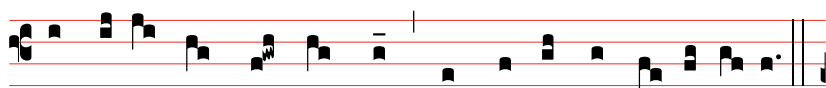
grace That when, O Bridegroom, you re-turn, We may be found



be-fore your face Awake with lamps that brightly burn, 5. Lead

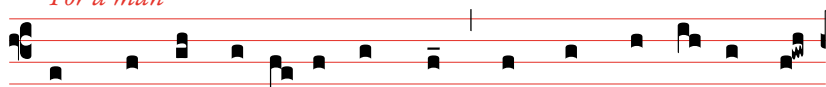


us, Just Judge, in- to your rest, For we confess the Trin-i- ty; Be-

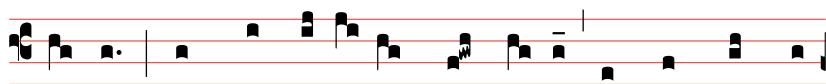


stow on us your splendour blest, Who live by faith in char-i- ty.

For a man



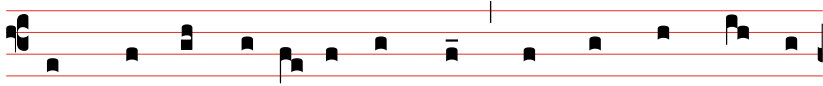
6. Now that his earthly life has passed, Call forth your servant, we



implore, Who longs to en-ter heav'n at last To praise you there



for-ev-ermore. A- men.

For a woman

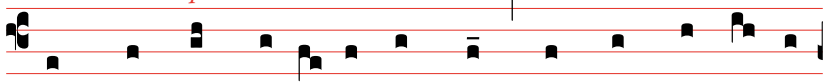
6. Now that her earthly life has passed, Call forth your handmaid,



we implore, Who longs to en-ter heav'n at last To praise you



there for-ev-ermore. A- men.

For several departed

6. Now that their earthly life has passed, Call forth your servants,



we implore, Who longs to en-ter heav'n at last To praise you



there for-ev-ermore. A- men.

PSALMODY

ANTIPHON I

VIII g

T HE Lord * will guard you from e-very e-vil, he will guard
 your soul.

PSALM 120 (121)

*

I lift up my eyes to the | mountains: *
 from where | shall come my help?
 My help shall come from | the Lord *
 who made | heaven and earth.

May he never allow you to | stumble! *
 Let him | sleep not, your guard.
 No, he sleeps not nor | slumbers, *
 | Israel's guard.

The Lord is your guard and | your shade; *
 at your | right side he stands.
 By day the sun shall not | smite you *
 nor the | moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from | evil, *
 | he will guard your soul.
 The Lord will guard your going and | coming *
 both now | and for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to | the Son *
 and to the | Holy Spirit,
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall be,*
 world with- | out end. Amen.

ANTIPHON 2

Df

I F you, O Lord, * should mark our guilt, Lord, who would
 survive?

PSALM 129 (130)

*

Out of the depths I | cry to you, O Lord, *
 Lord, hear my | voice!

O let your ears | be attentive *
to the voice of my plead- | ing.

If you, O Lord, | should mark our guilt, *
Lord, who would sur- | vive?
But with you is | found forgiveness: *
for this we revere | you.

My soul is wait- | ing for the Lord. *
I count on his word.
My soul is long- | ing for the Lord *
more than watchman for day- | break.
Let the watchman | count on daybreak *
and Israel on the | Lord.

Because with the Lord | there is mercy *
and fullness of redemp- | tion,
Israel in- | deed he will redeem *
from all its iniqui- | ty.

Glory be to the Father | and to the Son *
and to the Holy Spi- | rit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be, *
world without end. A- | men.

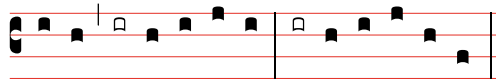
ANTIPHON 3

II* a

A S the Father * rais-es the dead and gives them life, so

the Son gives life to an-y-one he chooses.

CANTICLE: PHILIPPIANS 2



*

Though he was in | the form of God, *
 Jesus did not count equality with God | a thing to be grasped.

He emptied himself,†
 taking the form | of a servant, *
 being born in | the likeness of men.

And being found in human form,†
 he humbled himself and became o- | bedient unto death, *
 e- | ven death on a cross.

Therefore God has high- | ly exalted him *
 and bestowed on him the name which is | above every name,

That at the name of Jesus e- | very knee should bow, *
 in heaven and on earth | and under the earth,

And every tongue confess that Je- | sus Christ is Lord, *
to the glory | of God the Father.

Glory be to the Father | and to the Son *
and to | the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be, *
world | without end. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

I CORINTHIANS 15:55-57

Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

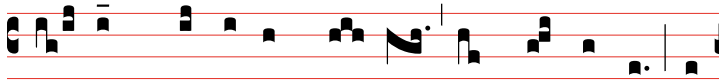
SHORT RESPONSORY

IN you, O Lord, I take re-fuge. * Let me not be lost for e-
ver. *R.* In you. *Ps.* I will re-joice and be glad because of your mer-
ci-ful love. *R.* Let me. *Ps.* Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit. *R.* In you.

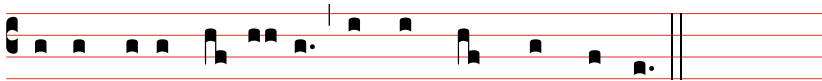
MAGNIFICAT ANTIPHON

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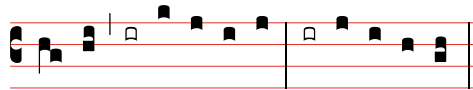


ALL that * the Father, gives me will come to me; and



I will never turn a- way the one who comes to me.

MAGNIFICAT



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My soul | glorifies the Lord, *
 my spirit rejoices in | God, my Saviour.
 He looks on his servant | in her lowliness; *
 henceforth all ages will | call me blessed.

The Almighty works | marvels for me. *
 | Holy his name!
 His mercy is | from age to age, *
 on | those who fear him.

He puts forth | his arm in strength *
 and scatters | the proud-hearted.
 He casts the | mighty from their thrones *
 and | raises the lowly.

He fills the | starving with good things, *
sends the | rich away empty.

He protects | Israel, his servant, *
re- | membering his mercy,
the mercy promised | to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his | sons for ever.

Glory be to the Father | and to the Son *
and to the | Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be, *
world with- | out end. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray to Christ who gives us the hope that our mortal bodies will become like his in glory.

R. Lord, you are our life and our resurrection.

Christ, Son of the living God, you raised your friend Lazarus from the dead; grant life and glory to the faithful departed, redeemed by your precious blood. *R.*

Compassionate Saviour, you wiped away all tears when you gave back to the widow of Naim her only son; comfort those who mourn because the one they love has died. *R.*

Christ, our Redeemer, destroy the reign of sin in our mortal bodies; let us not receive the wages of death but the reward of eternal life. *R.*

Christ, our Saviour, look on those who live without hope and do not know you; let them believe in the resurrection and the life of the world to come. *R.*

You restored sight to the man born blind and opened the eyes of his faith; reveal your face to the dead who have not seen your glory. *R.*

Lord, be merciful to us when we leave this earthly dwelling; make for

us a home in heaven that will last for ever. *R.*

OUR FATHER

O UR 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 dai-ly bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not in-to
tempta-tion, but de-li-ver us from e- vil.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Grant, Lord, we pray, that as our faith is built on the Risen Christ, so too may our hope be steadfast, as we await the resurrection of your servant N. from the dead. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

For several departed:

Lord God, who gave your only-begotten Son his place on high as conqueror of death: grant to your servants N. and N. who have died, that they in their turn may triumph over death, and may live forever before you, their creator and redeemer. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

All Souls Day, 2 November:

Grant, Lord, we pray, that as our faith is built on the Risen Christ, so too our hope may be steadfast, as we await the resurrection of all the faithful departed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

DISMISSAL

T HE Lord be with you. *R.* And with your spirit.

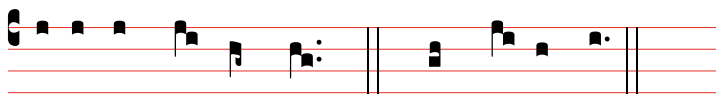


May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the



Ho-ly Spi rit. *R.* Amen.

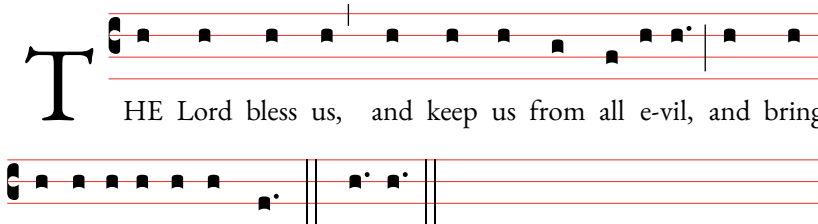
G O in the peace of Christ. *R.* Thanks be to God.



In the absence of a priest or deacon:

T HE Lord bless us, and keep us from all e-vil, and bring

us to e-verlasting life. *R.* Amen.



APPENDIX

TONE FOR THE INTERCESSIONS

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od, the Father almighty, raised Je-sus from the dead and

he will give life to our own mortal bod- ies. † We pray to him

in faith:

℟. Lord, bring us to life in Christ.

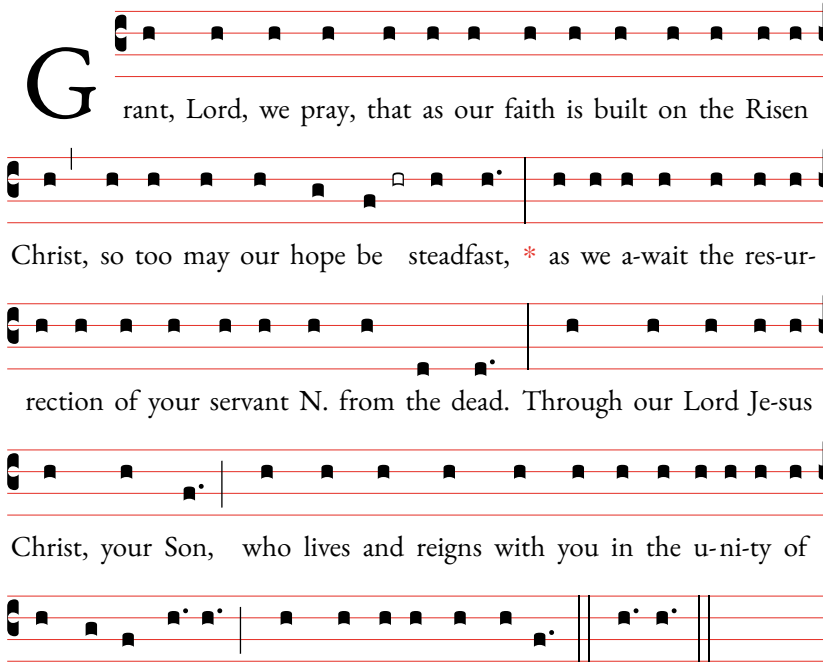
Ho-ly Father, we have been buried with your Son in baptism to

rise with him in glo ry; may we always live in Christ and not

see death for ev-er.

℟. Lord, bring us to life in Christ.

TONE FOR THE CONCLUDING PRAYER



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 Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the u-ni-ty of
 the Ho-ly Spirit, God, for ev-er and ev-er. *R.* Amen.