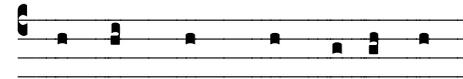


# BIRTH OF BVM

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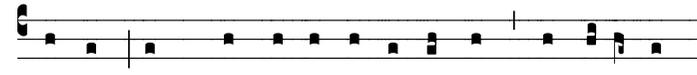
O God, make speed to save us



O Lord, make haste to help us. Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to



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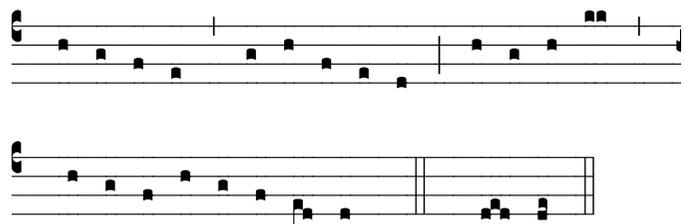


is now, and shall be for e-ver. Amen. Al-le-lu - ia.

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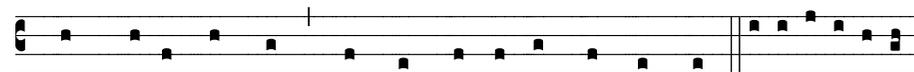
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**Psalm 122 Laetatus sum**

Vllc



To-day is the na- ti - vi - ty \* of the bless-ed Vir-gin Ma -ry



whose glo-ri - ous life sheds light up-on all the churches.

- 1 I was glad whén they saíd to me, \*  
“Let us go to the hóuse of thé Lord.”
- 2 Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gátes, O Jerúsalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at únity wíth itself.
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of thé Lord, \*  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the náme óf the Lord.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgement, \*  
the thrones of the hóuse of Dávid.
- 6 Pray for the péace of Jerúsalem: \*  
“May they prósper who lóve you.
- 7 Peace be withín your walls \*  
and quietness withín your tówers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions’ sake, \*  
I pray for yóur prosperity.
- 9 Because of the hóuse of the Lórd our God, \*  
I will séek to dó you good.”



The birth of the bless-ed Vir-gin Ma - ry, \* of the seed of Ab-ra -ham



ri-sing from the tribe of Ju- dah, and of the stock of Da-vid.



- 1 Unless the Lord builds thê house, \*  
their labour is in váin who búild it.
- 2 Unless the Lord watches over the city, \*  
in vain the watchman kéeps his vígil.
- 3 It is in vain that you rise so early and gó to béd so late; \*  
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,  
for he gives to hís belóvèd sleep.
- 4 Children are a heritage from thê Lord, \*  
and the fruit of the wómb ís a gift.
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior \*  
are the chíldren óf one's youth.
- 6 Happy is the man who has his quíver fúll of them! \*  
he shall not be put to shame  
when he contends with his énemies ín the gate.



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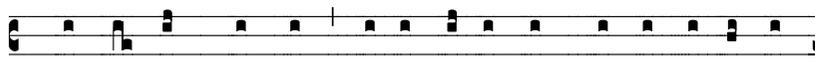


- 1 Lord, remémber Dávid \*  
and all the hárdships hé endured;
- 2 How he swore an oath to thê Lord \*  
and vowed a vow to the Mighty Óne of Jácob:
- 3 "I will not come under the roof of my house, \*  
nor climb úp into my bed;
- 4 I will not allow my eyes tó sleep, \*  
nor let my éyelids slúmber;
- 5 Until I find a place for the Lord, \*  
a dwelling for the Mighty Óne of Jácob."
- 6 "The Ark! We heard it wás in Éphratha; \*  
we found it in the fields of Jéarim.
- 7 Let us gó to God's dwélling place; \*  
let us fall upon our knees béfore his fóotstool."
- 8 Arise, O Lord, ínto your résting-place, \*  
you and the árkh of yóur strength.
- 9 Let your priests be clóthed with ríghteousness; \*  
let your faithful péople síng with joy.
- 10 For your sérvant Dávid's sake, \*  
do not turn away the face of yóur anóinted.

- 11 The Lord has sworn an óath to Dávid; \*  
in truth, he will not bréak it:
- 12 “A son, the frúit of your bódy \*  
will I sét upón your throne.
- 13 If your children keep my covenant  
and my testimonies that Í shall téach them, \*  
their children will sit upon your thróne for évermore.”
- 14 For the Lord has chósen Zíon, \*  
he has desired her for his hábitátion:
- 15 “This shall be my resting-pláce for éver; \*  
here will I dwell, for Í delight in her.
- 16 I will surely bléss her provísions, \*  
and satisfy her póor with bread.
- 17 I will clothe her príests with salvátion, \*  
and her faithful people will rejóice and sing.
- 18 There will I make the horn of Dávid flóurish; \*  
I have prepared a lamp for mý anóinted.
- 19 As for his enemies, I will clóthe thém with shame; \*  
but as for hím, his crówn will shine.”

Canticle Colossians 1.12-20

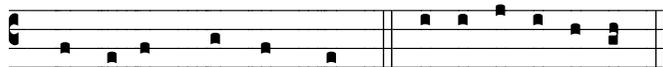
VIIc



With joy and glad-ness\* let us ce -le-brate the Na -ti -vi - ty



of bless-ed Ma-ry: that she may in-ter-cede for us



with Je-sus Christ our Lord.

- 1 Let us give thánks to the Fáther \*  
who has enabled us to share the inherítance óf the sáints in light.
- 2 He has delivered us from the domínion of dárkness \*  
and transferred us to the kingdom of hís belóved Son.
- 3 In him we have redemptíon,  
we have the forgíveness óf our sins; \*  
he is the image of the invisible God;  
he is the first-born of áll création.
- 4 For in him all things were created, bóth in héaven and earth \*  
all things whether visible or invisíble.
- 5 All things were created thróugh him and fór him \*  
he is before all things, and in him all things hóld togéther.
- 6 He is the head of the body, thê Church  
he is its beginnig \*  
the first-born from the dead pre-éminent óver all.
- 7 For in him all the fulness of Gód was pléased to dwell \*  
and through him God chose to reconcile áll things tó himself.
- 8 Through his belovêd Son,  
God has reconciled all things in héaven and earth: \*  
by the blood of the Cross he has made éverlásting peace.

READING

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE **Magnificat anima mea Dominum**

Luke 1: 46-55

1f



Let us wor - ship \* on this the Na - ti -vi - ty of the



ho-ly and bless-ed Vir-gin Ma - ry, the lowly servant



on whom the Lord looked in mer-cy, when Ma - ry, re- ceiv -ing



the an-gel, conceived the world's re- deem-er, al-le - lu - ia.



### Solemn Intonation

I & VI



My soul proclaims the greatness of thê Lord, †  
my spirit rejoices **in** Gód my Sáviour \*  
for he has looked with favour on his lówly sérvant.

From this day all generations **will** cáll me bléssed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and hóly ís his name.

He has mercy **on** thóse who féar him \*  
in every génération.

He has shown **the** stréngth of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the próud in théir conceit.

He has cast down **the** mighty fróm their thrones, \*  
and has lifted úp the lówly.

He has filled the **húngry** with góod things, \*  
and the rich he has sént away éempty.

He has come to the help of **his** sérvant Ísrael, \*  
for he has remembered his prómise of mércy,

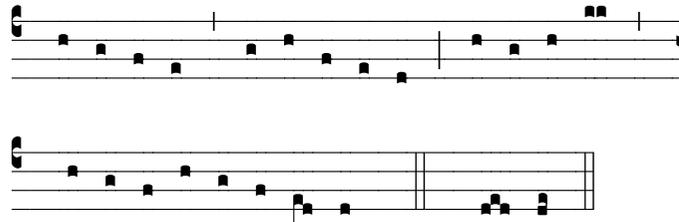
the promise he **made** to our fáthers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for éver.

### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who stooped to raise fallen humanity  
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary:  
grant that we, who have seen your glory  
revealed in our human nature  
and your love made perfect in our weakness,  
may daily be renewed in your image  
and conformed to the pattern of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.



## Hymn

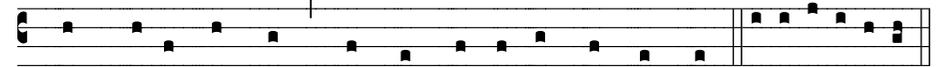


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whose glo-ri - ous life sheds light up-on all the churches.

- 1 Give the king your jústice, Ó God, \*  
and your righteousness tó the kíng's son;
- 2 That he may rule your péople ríghteously \*  
and the póor with jústice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity tó the péople, \*  
and the little hills bring ríghteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy amóng the péople; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crúsh the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sún and móon endure, \*  
from one generation tó anóther.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upón the mówn field, \*  
like showers that wáter the éarth.
- 7 In his time shall the ríghteous flóurish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the móon shall bé no more.
- 8 He shall rúle from séa to sea, \*  
and from the River to the énds of thé earth.
- 9 His foes shall bow dówn befóre him, \*  
and his énemies líck the dust.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles sháll pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Sába óffer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow dówn befóre him, \*  
and all the nations dó him sérvice.

- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
- 15 Long may he live! †  
and may there be given to him gold from Arabia; \*  
may prayer be made for him always,  
and may they bless him all the day long.
- 16 May there be abundance of grain on the earth, †  
growing thick even on the hilltops; \*  
may its fruit flourish like Lebanon, and its grain like grass upon the earth.
- 17 May his name remain for ever †  
and be established as long as the sun endures; \*  
may all the nations bless themselves in him and call him blessed.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

Psalm 87

Fundamenta ejus

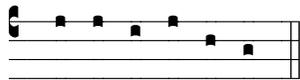
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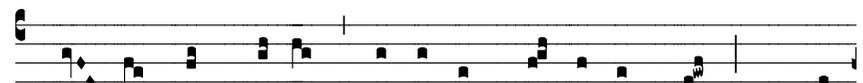
- 1 On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded; \*  
the Lord loves the gates of Zion  
more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
- 2 Glorious things are spoken of you, \*  
O city of our God.
- 3 I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; \*  
behold Philistia, Tyre and Ethiopia:  
in Zion were they born.
- 4 Of Zion it shall be said, "Everyone was born in her, \*  
and the Most High himself shall sustain her."
- 5 The Lord will record as he enrolls the peoples, \*  
"These also were born there."
- 6 The singers and the dancers will say, \*  
"All my fresh springs are in you."

Lord,  
in the vision of your heavenly Jerusalem  
you reveal among us the promise of your glory:  
may that glory be ours  
as we claim our citizenship in the kingdom  
where you are alive and reign  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 148

Laudate Dominum

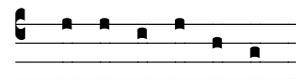
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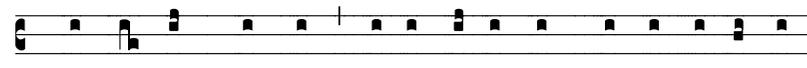


- 1 Hallelujah!  
Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
práise him ín the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
práise him, áll his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, áll you shíning stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the héavens.
- 5 Let them praise the náme óf the Lord; \*  
for he commanded and they were créated.
- 6 He made them stand fast for éver and éver; \*  
he gave them a law which sháll not páss away.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
you sea-mónsters and áll deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, dóing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trées and all cégars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping thíngs and wíngèd birds;
- 11 Kings of the éarth and all péoples, \*  
princes and all rúlers óf the world;
- 12 Yóung men and máidens, \*  
old and yóung together.
- 13 Let them praise the name of thê Lord, \* †  
for his name only ís exálted,  
his splendour is óver éarth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his peoplê †  
and praise for all his lóyal sérvants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hállélujah!

O glorious God,  
the whole of creation proclaims your marvellous work:  
increase in us a capacity to wonder and delight in it,  
that heaven's praise may echo in our hearts  
and our lives be spent as good stewards of the earth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Canticle A SONG OF THE BRIDE      *Gaudens gaudebo*      *Isaiah 61.10-62.3*

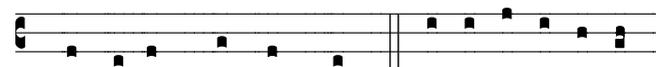
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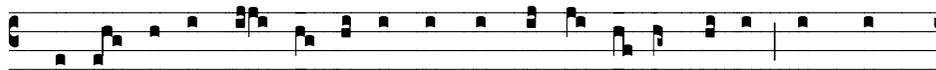
- 1 I will greatly rejoyce ín the Lord \*  
my soul shall exult in mý God.
- 2 For he has clothed me in the garments óf salvátion \*  
he has wrapped me in the clóak of intégrity.
- 3 As a bridegroom decks himself with a gárland \*  
and as a bride adorns hersélf with jewels.
- 4 For as the earth puts fórch her blóssom; \*  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spríng up,
- 5 so the Lord God will cause ríghteousnéss and praise \*  
to spring forth before áll the nátions.
- 6 For Zion's sake I will nótt keep sílent \*  
and for Jerusalem's sáke I wíll not rest;
- 7 until her integrity shines óut líke the dawn, \*  
and her salvation líke a blázíng torch.

- 8 The nations will see your **v**índicácion \*  
and all **the** k**í**ngs your glóry.
- 9 Then you shall be called **b**y a **n**éw name \*  
which the **m**óuth **o**f the Lórd will give.
- 10 You shall be a crown of beauty in the **h**ánd óf the Lord \*  
and a royal diadem in **the** **h**ánd of **y**our God.

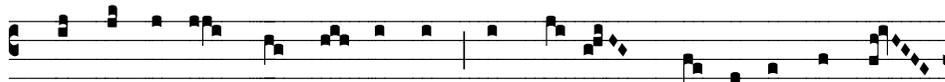
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*Nativitas est hodie (AS 523)*

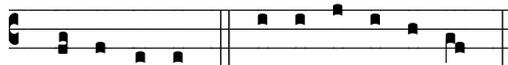
VIIa



To day is the na - ti - vi - ty \* of the Ho- ly Vir- gin Ma- ry, in whose



beauty the Lord God de - lighted; and he looked with fa- vour on his



lowly servant.

Blessed be the Lord, **the** Gód of Ísrael; \*  
he has come to his **p**éople and **s**ét them free.

He has raised up for us **a** míghty Sáviour, \*  
born of the house of **h**is sérvant Dávid.

Through his holy prophets he promised óf old, †  
that he would save **us** fróm our énemies, \*  
from the hands **o**f áll who háte us.

He promised to show **m**ercy tó our fáthers \*  
and to remember **h**is hóly cóvenant.

This was the oath he swore to **our** fáther Ábraham, \*  
to set us free from the **h**ánds **o**f our énemies,

free to **worship** **h**ím without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all **the** **d**áys of óur life.

You, my child, shall be called the **prophet** óf the Móst High, \*  
for you will go before the Lórd **t**o **p**repáre his way,

to give his people **knowledge** óf salvácion \*  
by the **f**orgíveness óf their sins.

In the tender **compásson** óf our God \*  
the dawn from on high **shall** bréak upón us,

to shine on those who dwell in darkness and **the** shádów  
of death, \*  
and to guide our feet **i**ntó the wáy of peace.

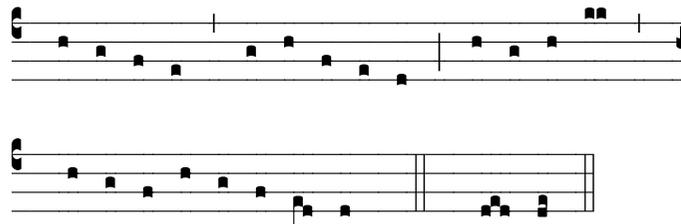
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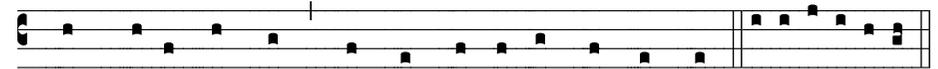
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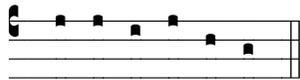
- 1 Hallelujah!  
Give praise, you sérvants óf the Lord; \*  
praise the náme of thé Lord.
- 2 Let the náme of the Lórd be blessed, \*  
from this time fórtH for évermore.
- 3 From the rising of the sún to its góing down \*  
let the náme of the Lórd be praised.
- 4 The Lord is high abóve all nátions, \*  
and his glory above the héavens.
- 5 Who is like the Lord our God, who síts enthronéd on high, \*  
but stoops to behold the héavens ánd the earth?
- 6 He takes up the wéak out óf the dust \*  
and lifts up the póor from the áshes.
- 7 He sets them wíth the prínces, \*  
with the prínces of his péople.
- 8 He makes the woman óf a chíldless house \*  
to be a joyful móther of children.



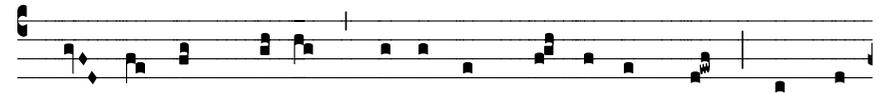
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and who fóllow ín his ways!
- 2 You shall eat the frúit of your lábour; \*  
happiness and prospérity sháll be yours.
- 3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful víne withín your house, \*  
your children like olive shoots round about your táble.
- 4 The mán who féars the Lord \*  
shall thús indéed be blessed.
- 5 The Lord bléss you from Zíon, \*  
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the dáys of yóur life.
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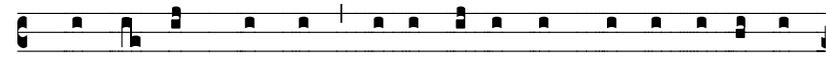


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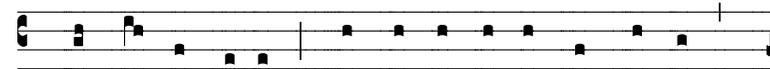


- 1 Hallelujah!  
How good it is to sing práises tó our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to hónour hím with praise!
- 2 The Lord rebúilds Jerúsalem; \*  
he gathers the éxiles of Ísrael.
- 3 He heals the brókenhéarted \*  
and bínds up théir wounds.
- 4 He counts the númer óf the stars \*  
and calls them áll by théir names.
- 5 Great is our Lord and míghty in pówer; \*  
there is no limit tó his wísdom.
- 6 The Lord lifts úp the lówly, \*  
but casts the wícked tó the ground.
- 7 Sing to the Lórd with thanksgíving; \*  
make music to our Gód upón the harp.
- 8 He cóvers the héavens with clouds \*  
and prepares ráin for thé earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upón the móuntains \*  
and green plánts to sérve mankind.

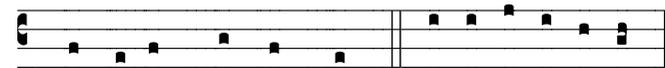
- 10 He provides fód for flócks and herds \*  
and for the young rávens whén they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the míght óf a horse, \*  
he has no pleasure in the stréngth of á man;
- 12 But the Lord has pleasure in thóse who féar him, \*  
in those who await his grácious fávor.
- 13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusâlem; \*  
praise your Gód, O Zíon;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your chíldren wíthín you.
- 15 He has established péace on your bórders; \*  
he satisfies you with the fínest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his commánd tó the earth, \*  
and his word runs véry swíftly.
- 17 He gives snow líke wool; \*  
he scatters hóarfrost líke áshes.
- 18 He scatters his hail líke bread crumbs; \*  
who can stánd agáinst his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his wórd and mélts them; \*  
he blows with his wínd and the wáters flow.
- 20 He declares his wórd to Jácob, \*  
his statutes and his júdgements to Ísrael.
- 21 He has not done so to any óther nátion; \*  
to them he has not revealed his júdgements.  
Hállélújah!



With joy and glad-ness\* let us ce -le-brate the Na -ti - vi - ty



of bless-ed Ma-ry: that she may in-ter-cede for us



with Je-sus Christ our Lord.

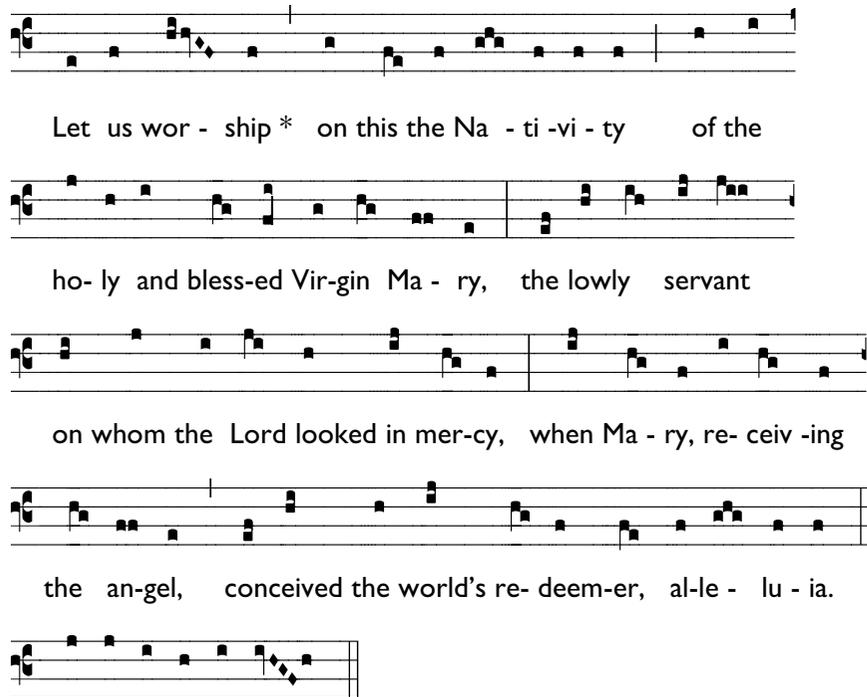
- 1 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lórd Jésus Christ \*  
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing  
in the héavenly pláces.
- 2 He chose us in him before the foundation of thê world \*  
that we should be holy and blámeless befóre him.
- 3 He predestined us in love \*  
to be adopted as his chíldren through Jésus Christ.
- 4 According to the purpose of hís will,  
to the práise of his glórious grace \*  
which he freely bestowed on us ín the Belóvèd.
- 5 In him we have redemption through his blood,  
the forgiveness óf our tréspasses, \*  
according to the riches of his grace, which he lávished upón us.
- 6 He has made known to us, in all wísdom and ínsight, \*  
the mystery of his will according to his purpose  
whích hé set fórth in Christ:
- 7 a plan for the fulness of time,  
to uníte all thíngs in him \*  
things in héaven and thíngs on earth.

#### READING

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE **Magnificat** anima mea Dominum

Luke 1: 46-55

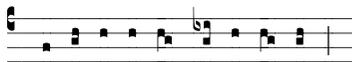
*mf*



Let us wor - ship \* on this the Na - ti - vi - ty of the  
ho - ly and bless-ed Vir-gin Ma - ry, the lowly servant  
on whom the Lord looked in mer-cy, when Ma - ry, re- ceiv - ing  
the an-gel, conceived the world's re- deem-er, al-le - lu - ia.

**Solemn Intonation**

*I & VI*



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, †  
my spirit rejoices **in** Gód my Sáviour \*  
for he has looked with favour on his lowly sérvant.

From this day all generations **will** cáll me bléssed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and hóly is his name.

He has mercy **on** thóse who féar him \*  
in every génération.

He has shown **the** stréngth of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the próud in théir conceit.

He has cast down **the** míghty fróm their thrones, \*  
and has lifted úp the lówly.

He has filled the **hú**ngry with góod things, \*  
and the rich he has sént away émpy.

He has come to the help of **his** sérvant Ísrael, \*  
for he has remembered his prómise of mércy,

the promise he **máde** to our fáthers, \*  
to Abraham and his chíldrén for éver.

**Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who stooped to raise fallen humanity  
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary:  
grant that we, who have seen your glory  
revealed in our human nature  
and your love made perfect in our weakness,  
may daily be renewed in your image  
and conformed to the pattern of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Community of the Resurrection

# HOLY CROSS

September 14



**FIRST EVENSONG  
OFFICE HYMN**

I



The royal banners forward go,  
the cross shines forth in mystic glow;  
where he through whom our flesh was  
made,  
in that same flesh our ransom paid.

As there he hung, his sacred side  
by soldier's spear was opened wide,  
to wash us in that precious flood,  
where mingled water flowed and blood.

Fulfilled is all that David told  
in true prophetic song of old;  
how God the nations' king should be,  
for God is reigning from the tree.

O tree of beauty, tree most fair,  
ordained those holy limbs to bear;  
gone is all shame, each crimsoned bough  
proclaims the king of glory now.

On your blest arms, as balance true,  
he weighed the price for sinners due;  
the ransom of this world to pay,  
and spoil the spoiler of his prey.

O Cross, our one reliance, hail!  
still may your power with us avail  
to bring a sinful human race  
salvation by victorious grace.

Blest Trinity, life's source and spring,  
may every soul your praises sing!  
Those you have by the cross set free,  
preserve in life eternally.

**Vexilla Regis prodeunt (Venantius Fortunatus)**  
tr. John Mason Neale (1818-66) & others

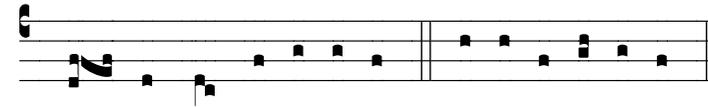
*Psalm 113*  
*Crucifixus (AM III 210)*

*Laudate, pueri*

*Vif*



Cru - ci - fied \* and ris - en from the dead, he has re-deemed us



by his blood, al-le - lu - ia.

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Give praise, you sérvants óf the Lord; \*  
praise the náme of thé Lord.
- 2 Let the náme of the Lórd be blessed, \*  
from this time fóρθ for évermore.
- 3 From the rising of the sún to its góing down \*  
let the náme of the Lórd be praised.
- 4 The Lord is high abóve all nátions, \*  
and his glory abóve the héavens.
- 5 Who is like the Lord our God, who síts enthronéd on high, \*  
but stoops to behold the héavens ánd the earth?
- 6 He takes up the weak out of the dust \*  
and lifts up the póor from the áshes.
- 7 He sets them with the princes, \*  
with the princes óf his péople.
- 8 He makes the woman óf a childless house \*  
to be a joyful móther of children.



Cru - ci - fied and ris - en from the dead, he has re-deemed us



by his blood, al-le - lu - ia.

From the rising of the sun to its going down, your Name is praised, O Lord, for you have raised us from the dust and set before us the vision of your glory. As you bestowed upon us the dignity of a royal priesthood, lift up our hearts as we celebrate your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 146

Lauda, anima mea

O crux admirabilis

la<sup>2</sup>



O wondrous cross, \*re - mov - ing every wound and res - tor - ing



life and health.

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Praise the Lórd, Ó my soul! \*  
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I háve my béing.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in ány chıld of earth, \*  
for there is no hélp in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, théy retúrn to earth, \*  
and in that dáy their thoughts pérish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jácob fór their help! \*  
whose hope is in the Lórd their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and áll that is ín them; \*  
who keeps his prómise for éver;
- 6 Who gives justice to thóse who áre oppressed, \*  
and food to thóse who húngrer.

- 7 The Lord s<sup>e</sup>ts the prísoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the Lord lifts up thóse who áre bowed down;

- 8 The Lord loves the right<sup>e</sup>ous; †  
the Lord cáres for the stránger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the wáy of the wícked.

- 9 The Lord shall réign for éver, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all générations.  
Hállélújah!



O wondrous cross, \*re - mov - ing every wound and res - tor - ing

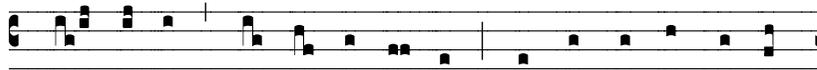


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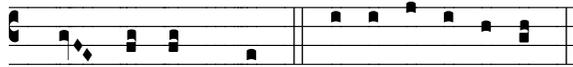
Lord God, creator of all things,  
who in your loving-kindness and care meet our human needs:  
with the dawn of each day  
help us to set our hearts and hope upon you,  
that we may show you in the world  
as the universal and eternal king;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 147 Part II Lauda, Jerusalem  
 Nos autem (AMIII 211)

VIIc

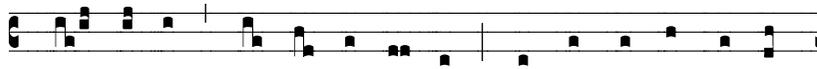


Far be it \* from us to glo - ry save in the cross of our

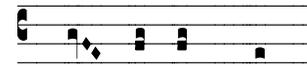


Lord Je- sus Christ.

- 13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusâlem; \* †  
 praise your Gód, O Zíon;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
 he has blessed your children withín you.
- 15 He has established peace on your bordêrs; \* †  
 he satisfies you with the fínest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
 and his word runs véry swíftly.
- 17 Hé gives snów like wool; \*  
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- 21 He has not done so to any óther nátion; \*  
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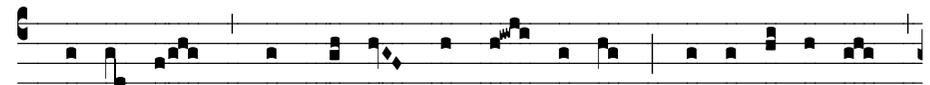


Lord Je- sus Christ.

Holy Father, you have revealed in your only begotten Son  
 the power of the new and everlasting covenant:  
 on this day, which we have made your own, feed your people with the bread of heaven  
 as they recount your marvellous deeds; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Canticle  
 Propter lignum (AMIII 211)

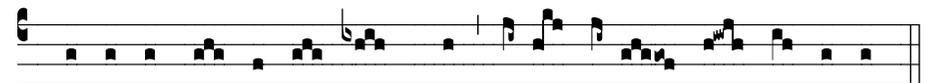
VIIIg



By a tree \* were we bound in sla - ve-ry; by the ho-ly cross



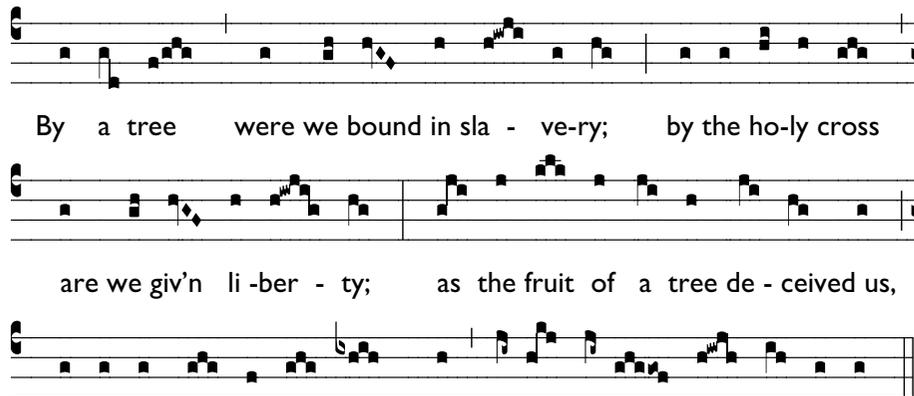
are we giv'n li - ber - ty; as the fruit of a tree de - ceived us,



the Son of God has re - deemed us, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

- 1 Jesus, Saviour of the world, come to ús in your mércy; \*  
 we look to you to sáve and help us.
- 2 By your cross and your life laid down, you set your péople free: \*  
 we look to you to sáve and help us.
- 3 When they were ready to perish, you sáved your discíples: \*  
 we look to you to cóme to óur help.
- 4 In the greatness of your mercy, lóose us fróm our chains. \*  
 forgive the sins of áll your péople.
- 5 Make yourself known as our Saviour and míghty delívere; \*  
 save and help us that we may práise you.

- 6 Come now and dwell with us, Lórd Christ J́esus: \*  
hear our prayer and bé with us álwáys.
- 7 And when you cóme in your glóry; \*  
make us to be one with you and to share the life of your kíngdom.



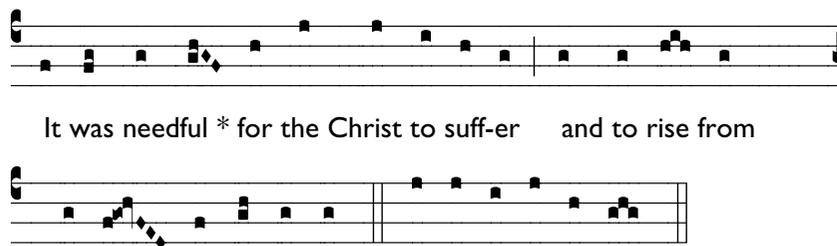
By a tree were we bound in sla - ve-ry; by the ho-ly cross  
are we giv'n li - ber - ty; as the fruit of a tree de - ceived us,  
the Son of God has re - deemed us, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

READING

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE  
The Song of Mary Magnificat anima mea Dominum  
Luke 1: 46-55

Oportebat (AMIII 213)

VIIIg<sup>2</sup>



It was needful \* for the Christ to suff-er and to rise from  
the dead, al - le - lu - ia.

My soul proclaims the greatness of thê Lord, †  
my spirit rejoices **in** Gód my Sáviour \*  
for he has looked with favour on his lówly sérvant.

From this day all generations **will** cáll me bléssed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and hóly is his name.

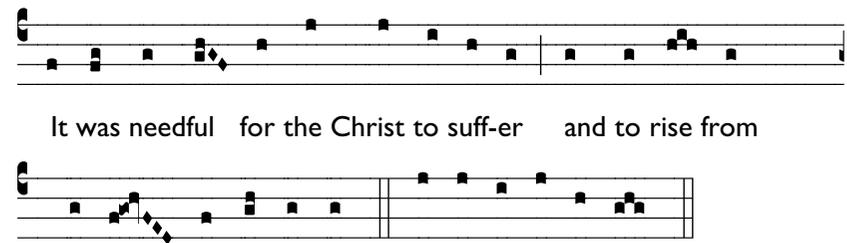
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He has filled the **hún**gry with góod things, \*  
and the rich he has sént away émpy.

He has come to the help of **his** sérvant Ísrael, \*  
for he has remembered his prómise of mércy,  
the promise he **máde** to our fáthers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for éver.



It was needful for the Christ to suff-er and to rise from  
the dead, al - le - lu - ia.

Creed

Litany & Our Father

Collect (as at Mattins)

## MATTINS

### Te Deum

We praise you, O God,  
We acclaim you as the Lord.

All creation worships you,  
the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
cherubim and seraphim sing in endless praise,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of apostles praise you;  
the noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you;  
throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you.

**Father of majesty unbounded;  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship;  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

You are the King of glory, O Christ,  
the eternal Son of the Father.

When you took our flesh to set us free,  
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.

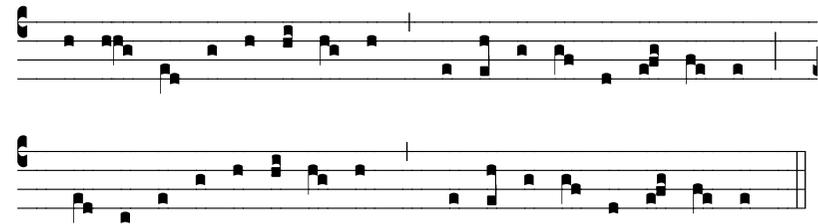
You overcame the sting of death,  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory,  
we believe that you will come to be our judge.

**Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood;  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.**

## OFFICE HYMN

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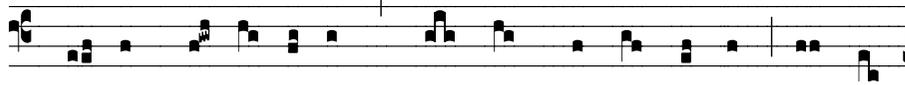


- 1 O Cross of Christ, immortal tree  
on which our only Saviour died,  
the world is sheltered by your arms  
that carried Love, the Crucified.
- 2 From bitter death and barren wood  
the tree that brings us life is made;  
its branches bear unfailing fruit  
and leaves that time has not decayed.
- 3 O faithful Cross, you stand unmoved  
while earthly ages run their course:  
foundation of the universe,  
and all creation's binding force.
- 4 Give glory to the risen Christ  
and to his holy Cross give praise,  
the sign of God's unfathomed love,  
the blessed hope of all our days. Amen.

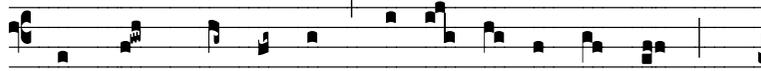
Stanbrook Abbey [metre altd]

Psalm 67 *Deus misereatur*  
Crucem sanctam subiit (AMIII 214)

II d



He bore the ho - ly cross \* which broke the chains of hell; gird - ed



with power from on high, he rose on the third day,



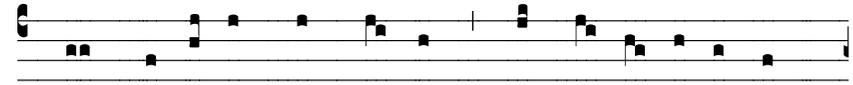
al - le - - lu - ia.

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

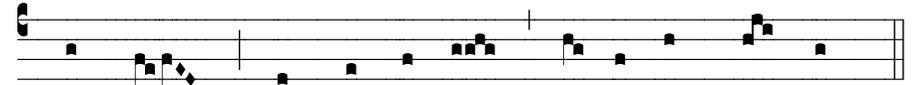
In the face of Jesus Christ, your light and glory have blazed forth  
to all the nations, O God;  
with all your people, may we make known your grace  
and live out your ways of peace. **Amen.**

Psalm 93 *Dominus regnavit*  
Crux (AMIII 214 Venantius Fortunatus)

VIII g



See \* the blessed Cross shine forth where the body of the



Lord hung, and with his blood he has washed our wounds.



- 1 The Lord is king; he has put on splendid apparel; \*  
the Lord has put on his apparel  
and girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole world so sure \*  
that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began,  
your throne has been established; \*  
you are from everlasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O Lord, †  
the waters have lifted up their voice; \*  
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, †  
mightier than the breakers of the sea, \*  
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure, \* †  
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord,  
for ever and for evermore.

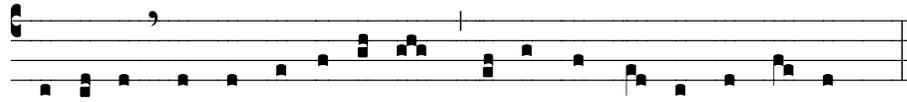
You have established your throne, O Lord,  
above the chaos of this world:  
may your truth, which is for everlasting,  
be ours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 100                      Jubilate Deo  
Ecce crucem Domini (AMIII 214 cf Rev 5.5)

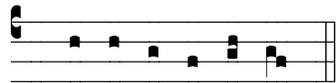
*lf*



Be-hold the Cross of the Lord, \* flee a-way all powers of darkness,



the li - on of the tribe of Ju-dah, the root of Da - vid has con-quer-ed.



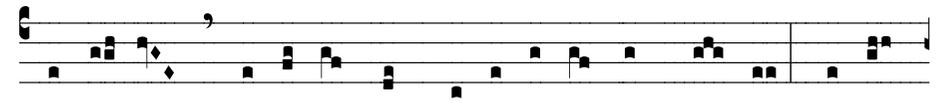
- 1 Be joyful in the Lord, all yôu lands; \* †  
serve the Lórd with gládness  
and come before his présence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The Lord himself îs God; \* †  
he himself has máde us and wé are his;  
we are his people and the shéep of his pásture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgivîng; †  
go ínto his cóurts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and cáll upón his name.
- 4 For the Lord îs good; †  
his mercy is éverlásting; \*  
and his faithfulnes endúres from áge to age.

As we enter your courts of light, O Lord,  
may we rejoice in your power to save  
and praise your faithfulness, day by day;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

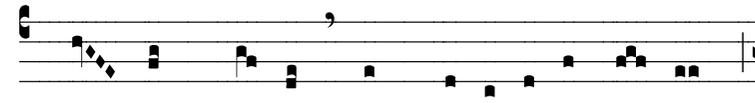
Canticle                      A Song of Christ the Servant (1 Peter 2.21b-25)

Venite omnes (AMIII 215)

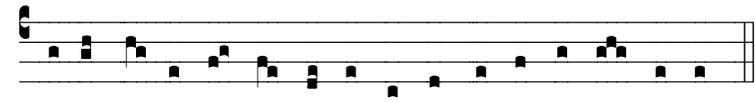
*IVe*



Let all come to a-dore him who is ri- sen from the dead; the one



who, through the cross, brought joy in-to all the world,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.



- 1 Jesus Christ suffered for you, leaving yóu an exámple, \*  
that you should fóllo in his steps.
- 2 He committed no sin, no guile was fóund ón his lips, \*  
when he was reviled, he did not revile in réturn.
- 3 When he suffered, he díd not threaten, \*  
but entrusted himself to God, who júdges jústly.
- 4 Christ himself bore our sins in his bódý ón the tree, \*  
that we might die to sin and líve to ríghteousness.
- 5 By his wounds you have been healed, for you were stráying líke sheep, \*  
but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Gúardian óf your souls.

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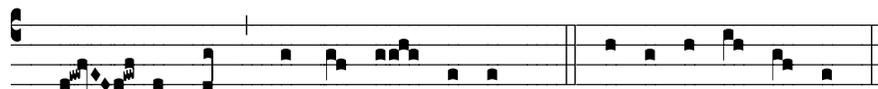
THE GOSPEL CANTICLE *Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel*  
*Crucem tuam (AMIII 216)*



We a-dore \* your Cross, O Lord, and your ho-ly re-sur-rection



we praise and glo - ri - fy: for through the wood of the cross



joy has come in-to all the world.

Blessed be the Lord, **the** Gód of Ísrael; \*  
he has come to his péople and sét them free.

He has raised up for us a míghty Sáviour, \*  
born of the house of his sérvant Dávid.

Through his holy prophets he promised ôf old, †  
that he would save **us** fróm our énemies, \*  
from the hands of áll who háte us.

He promised to show **mercy** tó our fáthers \*  
and to remember his hóly cóvenant.

This was the oath he swore to **our** fáther Ábraham, \*  
to set us free from the hánds of our énemies,

free to **worship** hím withóut fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the dáys of óur life.

You, my child, shall be called the **prophet** óf the Móst High, \*  
for you will go before the Lórd to prepáre his way,

to give his people **knowledge** óf salvátion \*  
by the forgiveness óf their sins.

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In the tender **compásson** óf our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall bréak upón us,

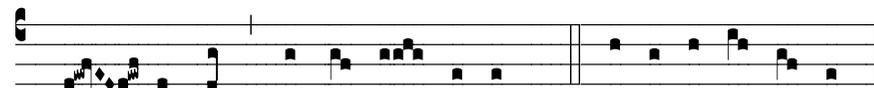
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and **the** shádów of death, \*  
and to guide our feet intó the wáy of peace.



We a-dore your Cross, O Lord, and your ho-ly re-sur-rection



we praise and glo - ri - fy: for through the wood of the cross



joy has come in-to all the world.

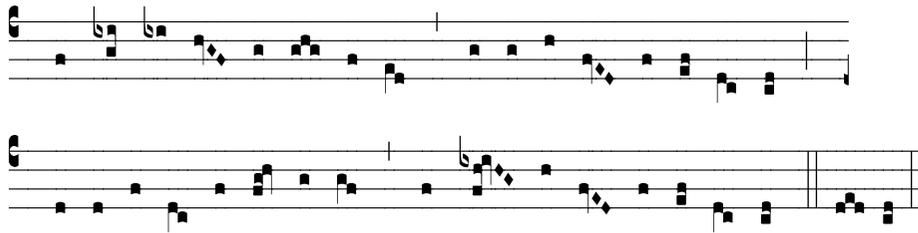
## BIDDING & PRAYERS

### Collect

Almighty God,  
who in the passion of your blessed Son  
made an instrument of shameful death  
to be for us the means of life:  
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ  
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**SECOND EVENSONG  
OFFICE HYMN**

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The royal banners forward go,  
the cross shines forth in mystic glow;  
where he through whom our flesh was  
made,  
in that same flesh our ransom paid.

As there he hung, his sacred side  
by soldier's spear was opened wide,  
to wash us in that precious flood,  
where mingled water flowed and blood.

Fulfilled is all that David told  
in true prophetic song of old;  
how God the nations' king should be,  
for God is reigning from the tree.

Blest Trinity, life's source and spring,  
may every soul your praises sing!  
Those you have by the cross set free,  
preserve in life eternally.

**Vexilla Regis prodeunt (Venantius Fortunatus)**  
tr. John Mason Neale (1818-66) & others

O tree of beauty, tree most fair,  
ordained those holy limbs to bear;  
gone is all shame, each crimsoned bough  
proclaims the king of glory now.

On your blest arms, as balance true,  
he weighed the price for sinners due;  
the ransom of this world to pay,  
and spoil the spoiler of his prey.

O Cross, our one reliance, hail!  
still may your power with us avail  
to bring a sinful human race  
salvation by victorious grace.

*Psalm 110*  
*Crucifixus (AM III 210)*

*Dixit Dominus*

*Vif*



Cru-ci - fied \* and ris - en from the dead, he has re-deemed us



by his blood, al-le - lu - ia.

- 1 The Lord said to my lord, "Sit at my right hand, \*  
until I make your enemies your footstool."
- 2 The Lord will send the sceptre of your power out of Zíon, \*  
saying, "Rule over your enemies round about you.
- 3 Princely state has been yours from the day of your birth, \* †  
in the beauty of holiness have I begóttén you,  
like dew from the wómb of the mórning."
- 4 The Lord has sworn and hé will nót recant: \*  
"You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."
- 5 The Lord who is at your right hand  
will smite kings in the day of his wrath; \* †  
he will rule over the nátions.
- 6 He will heap high the corpses; \*  
he will smash heads over the wide earth.
- 7 He will drink from the bróok beside the road; \*  
therefore he will lift high his head.

O Christ, our king and our great high priest,  
as in humility you were born among us  
so now in power may you ever plead for us;  
for you are alive and reign in the glory of the Father,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Psalm 111 Confitebor tibi  
O crux admirabilis*

*1a<sup>2</sup>*



O wondrous cross, \*re - mov - ing every wound and res - tor - ing



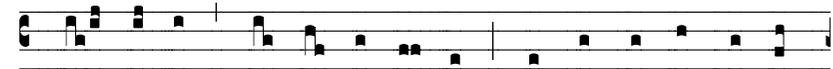
life and health.

- 1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord wíth my w<sup>h</sup>ole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the cóngregátion.
- 2 Great are the deeds of thê Lord! \* †  
they are studied by áll who delíght in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendour, \*  
and his righteousness endúres for éver.
- 4 He makes his marvellous works to bé remébered; \*  
the Lord is gracious and fúll of compásson.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear hîm; \* †  
he is ever mindful óf his cóvenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lánds of the nátions.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and jústice; \*  
all his commándments áre sure.
- 8 They stand fast for éver and éver, \*  
because they are done in trúth and équity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his peoplê; †  
he commanded his covenánt for éver; \*  
holy and áwesome ís his name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wísdôm; \* †  
those who act accordingly have a góod understánding;  
his praise endúres for éver.

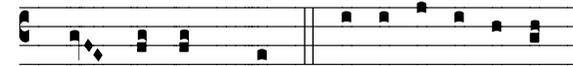
Holy Father, you have revealed in your only begotten Son  
the power of the new and everlasting covenant:  
on this day, which we have made your own, feed your people with the bread of heaven  
as they recount your marvellous deeds; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Psalm 112 Beatus vir  
Nos autem (AM 111 211)*

*VIIc*



Far be it \* from us to glo - ry save in the cross of our

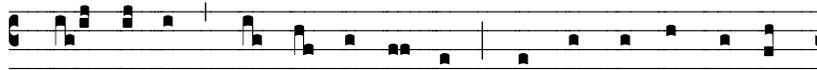


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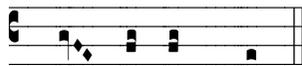
- 1 Hallelujah!  
Happy are théy who féar the Lord \*  
and have great delight in hís commándments!
- 2 Their descendants will be míghty in the land; \*  
the generation of the úpright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will lást for éver.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the úpright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and fúll of compásson.
- 5 It is good for them to be generóus in lénding \*  
and to manage their affáirs with jústice.
- 6 For they will néver be sháken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlásting remémbrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any évil rúmours; \*  
their heart is right;  
they put their trúst in thé Lord.
- 8 Their heart is estáblished and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upón their énemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honour.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry; †  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
the desires of the wicked will perish.



Far be it from us to glo - ry save in the cross of our



Lord Je - sus Christ.

Lord our God,  
you have given us the light of Christ to banish darkness  
and to lead us in the way of your commandments:  
make it ever our delight to fulfil your will,  
and truly to love one another;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Canticle *Philippians 2:6-11*  
*Propter lignum (AMIII 211)*

VIIIg



By a tree \* were we bound in sla - ve-ry; by the ho-ly cross



are we giv'n li - ber - ty; as the fruit of a tree de - ceived us,



the Son of God has re - deemed us, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Christ Jesus was in the form of God \*  
but he did not cling to equality with God.

2 He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, \*  
and was born in the likeness of men;

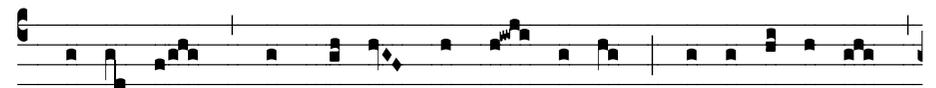
3 and being found in human form \*  
he humbled himself:

4 and became obedient unto death \*  
even death on a cross.

5 Therefore God has highly exalted him \*  
and bestowed on him the name above every name.

6 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow \*  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

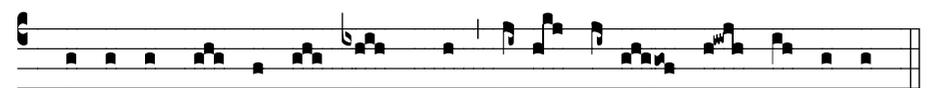
7 And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord \*  
to the glory of God the Father.



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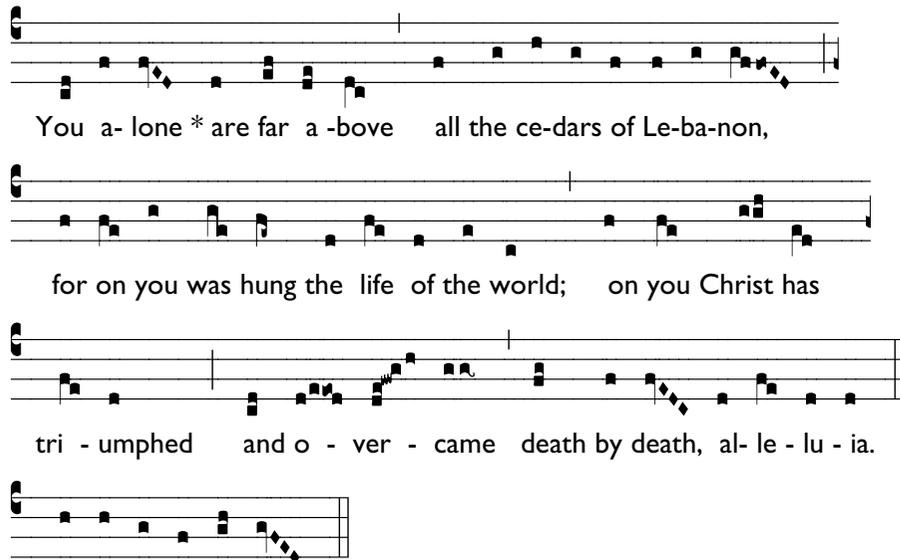
THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

The Song of Mary Magnificat anima mea Dominum

Luke 1: 46-55

Super omnia (AMIII 220)

Id<sup>3</sup>



You a-lone \* are far a-bove all the ce-dars of Le-ba-non,  
for on you was hung the life of the world; on you Christ has  
tri - umphed and o - ver - came death by death, al- le - lu - ia.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, †  
my spirit rejoices in Gód my Sáviour \*  
for he has looked with favour on his lówly sérvant.

From this day all generations **will** cáll me bléssed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and hóly is his name.

He has mercy **on** thóse who féar him \*  
in every génerátion.

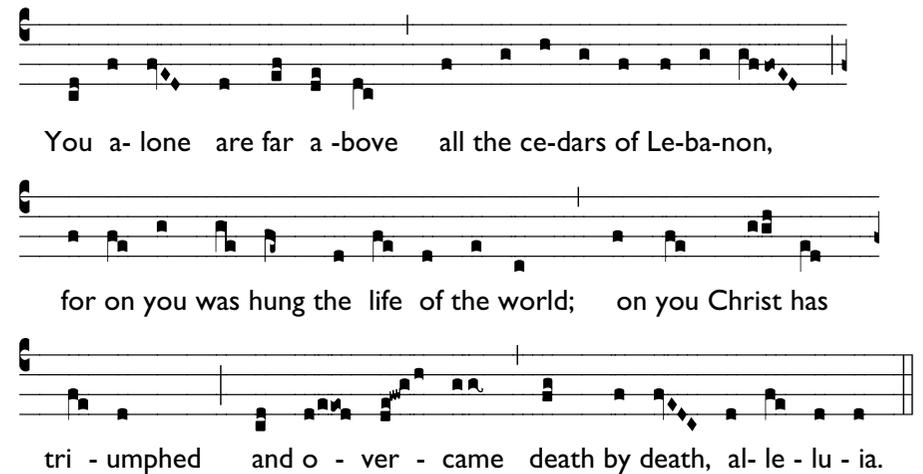
He has shown **the** stréngth of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the próud in théir conceit.

He has cast down **the** míghty fróm their thrones, \*  
and has lifted úp the lówly.

He has filled the **húngr**y with góod things, \*  
and the rich he has sént away émpy.

He has come to the help of **his** sérvant Ísrael, \*  
for he has remembered his prómise of mércy,

the promise he **máde** to our fáthers, \*  
to Abraham and his chíldrén for éver.



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Creed

Litany & Our Father

Collect (as at Mattins)