

Common
of
Apostles and Evangelists

(Through the year)

FIRST EVENSONG

HYMN (*Through the year*)

IV



Let all on earth their voices raise,
re-echoing heaven's triumphant praise,
to him who gave th' apostles grace
to run on earth their glorious race.

O servants who once bore the light
of Gospel truth o'er heathen night,
to us that heavenly light impart
to glad our eyes and cheer our heart.

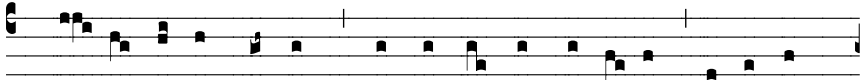
O Lord, your will to them was given
to bind and loose in earth and heaven;
our chains unbind, our sins undo,
and in our hearts your grace renew.

Strong in your truth, they spoke the word
which cured disease and health restored,
to us its healing power prolong,
support the weak, confirm the strong.

And when the thrones are set on high,
and judgement's awful hour draws nigh,
then, Lord, with them, pronounce us blest,
and take us to your endless rest.

Praise we the Father and the Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One,
whom now we worship and adore
for ever and for evermore. Amen.

Exultet caelum laudibus (?9th C)
tr. Bishop R Mant & editors



This is my commandment * that you love one another, as I have



loved you.

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the cóngrégation.

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 faithfulnéss 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 wisdôm; * †
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

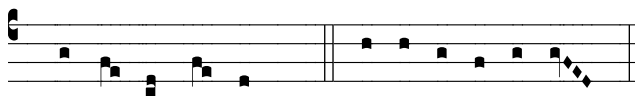
Beatus vir

Maiorem caritatem

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Great - er love * has no - one than this, that a man lay down



his life for his friends.

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord *
 and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
 the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
 and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
 the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
 and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; *
 the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumours; *
 their heart is right;
 they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

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.



Great - er love has no - one than this, that a man lay down



his life for his friends.

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.**

Psalm 113

Laudate, pueri

Vos amici mei estis

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You are my friends * if you do whatso - e - ver I command you,



says the Lord.

1 Hallelujah!
Give praise, you servants of the Lord; *
praise the name of the 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 chíldless house *
to be a joyful móther of chíldren.



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says the Lord.

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.**



They went on their way * weeping, and bearing forth good seed.

- 1 When the Lord restored the fórtunes of Zíon,*
then were wé like thóse who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with láughter,*
and our tóngue with shóuts of joy.
- 3 Then they said amóng the nátions,*
“The Lord has dóne great thíngs for them.”
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us,*
and wé are glád indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord,*
like the watercourses óf the Négev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears*
will réap with sóngs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,*
will come again with joy, shóulderíng their sheaves.

Be with us, God of consolation,
when we are made weary by this world;
turn our sorrow into joy
and give us lips to sing your praise
and lives to proclaim your victory in Jesus Christ,
our crucified and risen Lord. **Amen.**

Canticle

In patientia vestra

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By your pa-tient endu-rance * you will gain your lives.

- 1 Great and wonderful are your deeds, Lord Gód the Almighty *
just and true are your ways, O King of the nátions.
- 2 Who shall not revere and práise your náme, O Lord *
for you alóne are hóly.
- 3 All nátions shall come and worship in your présence *
for your just déalings have béen revealed.
- 4 To him who sits on the thróne and tó the Lamb *
be praise and honour, glory and might for éver and éver.

READING

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

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

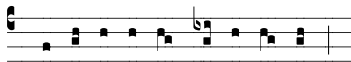
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Blessed are the pure in heart, * for they shall see God.

Solemn Intonations

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 blessed: *
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 hís 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 **hú**ngry 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 **má**de to our fáthers, *
to Abraham and his chíldren for éver.



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Apostles' Creed

Litany & Our Father

(Hymn)

Conclusion of the Office

MATTINS

Invitatory Te Deum Laudamus

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 acclaims you.

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

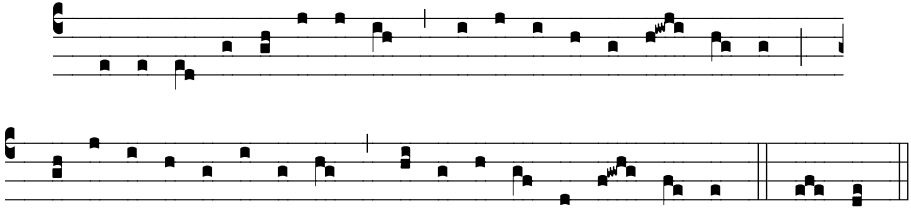
You are the King of glory, O Christ,
the eternal Son of the Father.

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.**



- 1 The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
 The apostles' glorious deeds, we sing,
 And all with hearts of gladness raise
 Due hymns of thankful love and praise.

- 2 These princes of the Church in light,
 Triumphant leaders in the fight,
 Who stand their guard in heaven above,
 Enlighten us with truth and love.

- 3 Theirs is the steadfast faith of saints
 Unconquered hope that never faints,
 And love of Christ that will not fail,
 But over evil still prevail.

- 4 In them the Father's glory shone;
 In them rejoices God the Son;
 In them is done the Spirit's will;
 And heaven with praise is ringing still.

- 5 Redeemer, hear us in your love,
 And bring us with your saints above,
 That we with them may find a place
 Within the kingdom of your grace. Amen.

Aeterna Christ munera (? St Ambrose)
tr. composite



This is my commandment * that you love one a-nother, as I have



loved you.

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shóws his hándiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge tó anóther.
- 3 Although they have no wórds or lánguage, *
and their vóices áre not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone óut into áll lands, *
and their message to the énds of thé world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for thê sun; * †
it comes forth like a bridegroom óut of his chámber;
it rejoices like a chámpion to rún its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavêns †
and runs about to the énd of it again; *
nothing is hidden fróm its búrning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect ánd revíves the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom tó the ínnocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just ánd rejóice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives líght to thé eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endúres for éver; *
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous áltógether.

- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
 móre than múch fine gold, *
 sweeter far than honey, than hóney in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your sérvant enlíghtened, *
 and in keeping them thére is gréat reward.
- 12 Who can tell how óften hé offends? *
 Cleanse me fróm my sécret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptúous sins; †
 let them not get domínion óver me; *
 then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent óf a gréat offence.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
 be accéptable in your sight, *
 O Lord, my strength and mý redéemer.

Let the Sun of Righteousness arise, O God, with healing in his wings;
 may he come forth as the bridegroom to rejoice with the bride
 and make your people acceptable in his sight;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 34

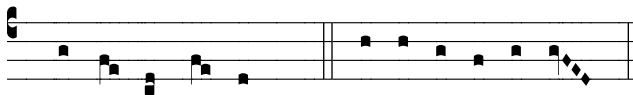
Benedicam Dominum

Maiorem caritatem

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Great - er love * has no - one than this, that a man lay down



his life for his friends.

- 1 I will bless the Lórd at áll times; *
 his praise shall ever bé in mý mouth.
- 2 I will glóry in the Lord; *
 let the humble héar and réjoice.

- 3 Proclaim with me the gréatness óf the Lórd; *
let us exalt his náme togéther.
- 4 I sought the Lórd and he ánswered me *
and delivered me out of áll my térror.
- 5 Look upon hím and be rádiant, *
and let not your fáces bé ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lórd heard mē * †
and saved me from áll my tróubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lórd encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will delíver them.
- 8 Taste and sée that the Lórd is good; *
happy are théy who trúst in him!
- 9 Fear the Lórd, yóu that áre his saints, *
for those who féar him lack nóthing.
- 10 The young lions lack and súffer húngér, *
but those who seek the Lórd lack nóthing thát is good.
- 11 Come, children, and listen to me; *
I will teach you the fear of thê Lórd.
- 12 Who amóng you lóves life *
and desires long life to enjóy prospérité?
- 13 Keep your tongue from évil-spéaking *
and your líps from lýing words.
- 14 Turn from évil and dó good; *
seek péáce and pursúe it.
- 15 The eyes of the Lórd are upón the ríghteous, *
and his ears are ópen tó their cry.
- 16 The face of the Lórd is against thóse who do évil, *
to root out the remembrance óf them fróm the earth.

- 17 The righteous cry and the Lord hears them * †
and delivers them from all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted *
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.
- 20 He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- 22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.



Great - er love has no - one than this, that a man lay down



his life for his friends.

Send your holy angels to watch over us, O loving God,
that on our lips will be found your truth and in our hearts your love;
for his sake who died for love of our love, even Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Psalm 150 Laudate Dominum

Vos amici mei estis

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says the Lord.

- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise God in his hóly témp^le; *
praise him in the firmament óf his power.
- 2 Praise him fór his míghty acts; *
praise him for his éxcellent gréatness.
- 3 Praise him with the blást of the rám's-horn; *
práise him with lýre and harp.
- 4 Praise him with tím^brel ánd dance; *
práise him with stríngs and pipe.
- 5 Praise him with resóunding cýmbals; *
praise him with loud-clánging cýmbals.
- 6 Let everything thát has breath *
praise the Lord.
Háll^elújah!

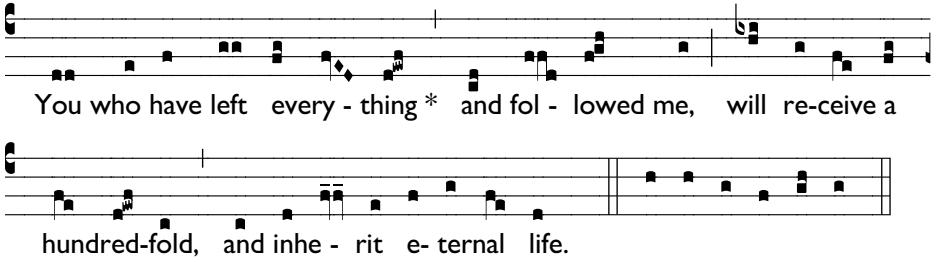
God of life and love, whose Son was victorious over sin and death:
make us alive with his life, that the whole world may resound with your praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



By your pa-tient endu-rance * you will gain your lives.

- 1 Thus says the Lord, who created the héavens, and strétched them out *
who fashioned the earth and áll that dwélls in it;
- 2 Who gives breath to the péople upón it *
and spirit to thóse who wálk in it,
- 3 “I am the Lord and I have cálléd you in ríghteousness, *
I have taken you by the hánd and képt you;
- 4 I have given you as a covenant tó the péople, *
a light to the nations, to open the éyes that áre blind,
- 5 To bring out the captives fróm the dúngeon, *
from the prison, those who sít in dárkness.
- 6 I am the Lórd, that ís my name; *
my glory I gíve to no óther.”

READING



You who have left every - thing * and fol - lowed me, will re-ceive a
hundred-fold, and inhe - rit e- ternal life.

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 fráom 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 forgíveness 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 into the wáy of peace.

SECOND EVENSONG

HYMN

IV



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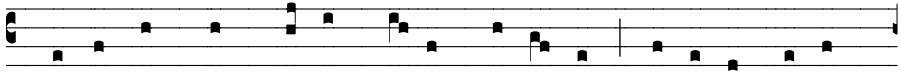
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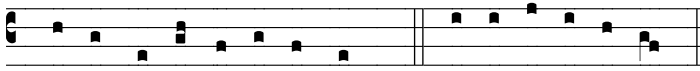
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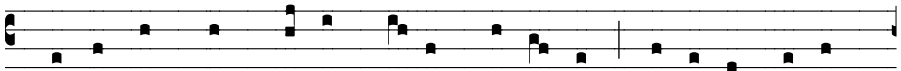
You, O Lord, have broken * my bonds a-sunder; unto you will I



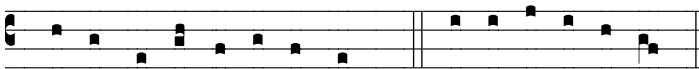
of-fer the sac-ri- fice of praise.

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my súpplicación, *
because he has inclined his ear to me
whenever I called upón him.
- 2 The cords of death entanglêd me; †
the grip of the gráve took hólđ of me; *
I came to gríef and sórrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the name of thê Lord: * †
'O Lord, I práy you, sáve my life.'
- 4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; *
our God is fúll of compásson.
- 5 The Lord watches óver the ínnocent; *
I was brought very lów and he hêlpêd me.
- 6 Turn again to your rést, Ó my soul, *
for the Lord has tréated yóu well.
- 7 For you have rescued my life frôm death, * †
my eyes from tears and my féet from stúmbing.
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord *
in the lánd of the líving.
- 9 I believed, even when I said, 'I have been brought very lów.' * †
In my distress I said, 'No one cán be trústed.

- 10 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things hé has dóne for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cúp of salvátion *
and call upon the náme of thé Lord.
- 12 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of áll his péople.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the déath of his sérvants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servânt; †
I am your servant and the child of your hándmaid; *
you have fréed me fróm my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice óf thanksgíving *
and call upon the náme of thé Lord.
- 16 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of áll his péople.
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hállélújah!



You, O Lord, have broken * my bonds a-sunder; unto you will I



of-fer the sac-ri- fice of praise.

Faithful God,
rescue us from our faithlessness
that we may fulfil our vows to you
and ever call on your holy Name. Amen.



Blessed are the pure in heart, * for they shall see God.

- 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 abóve the héavens.
- 5 Let them praise the náme óf the Lord; *
for he commanded and they wére 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 hís will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trées and all cédars;
- 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 togèther.

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, * †
for his name only is exalted,
his splendour is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people †
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

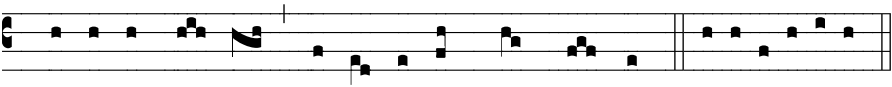


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Psalms 149

Cantate Domino

VIIIc



Children of Zion * be joy-ful and praise your king.

- 1 Hallelujah!
Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.
- 3 Let them praise his name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;

- 7 To wreak vengeance ón the nátions *
and punishment ón the péoples;
- 8 To bínd their kíngs in chains *
and their nobles with línks of íron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgement décreed; * †
this is glory for all his fáithful péople.
_ Hállélújah!



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Canticle Ephesians 1:3-10

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By your pa-tient en-du-rance * you will gain your lives.

- 1 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lórd Jésus Christ *
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual
blessing in the héaveny pláces.
- 2 He chose us in him before the foundátion óf the world *
that we should be holy and blámeless befóre him.
- 3 He predéstined ús in love *
to be adopted as his children 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 Belóved.

- 5 In him we have redemption through his blood, the
 forgiveness of our tréspasses, *
 according to the riches of his grace, which he lávished upón us.
- 6 He has made known to us, in all wísdóm and ínsight, *
 the mystery of his will according to his purpose
 which hé set fórh in Christ.
- 7 a plan for the fulness of time, to uníte all thíngs in him *
 thíngs in héáven and thíngs on earth.



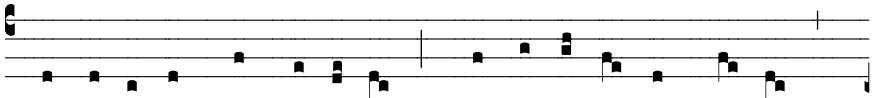
By your pa-tient en-du-rance * you will gain your lives.

READING

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

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

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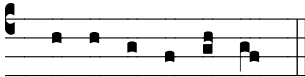
In the Father's new cre - a - tion, * when the Son of Man shall sit



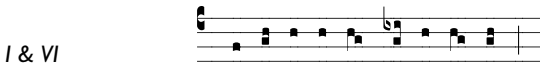
u - pon the throne of his glo - ry; you who have followed me al - so



shall sit u - pon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Is - ra - el.



Solemn Intonation



I & VI

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour *
for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations **will** call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and h^óly is his name.

He has mercy **on** those who fear him *
in every g^{en}eration.

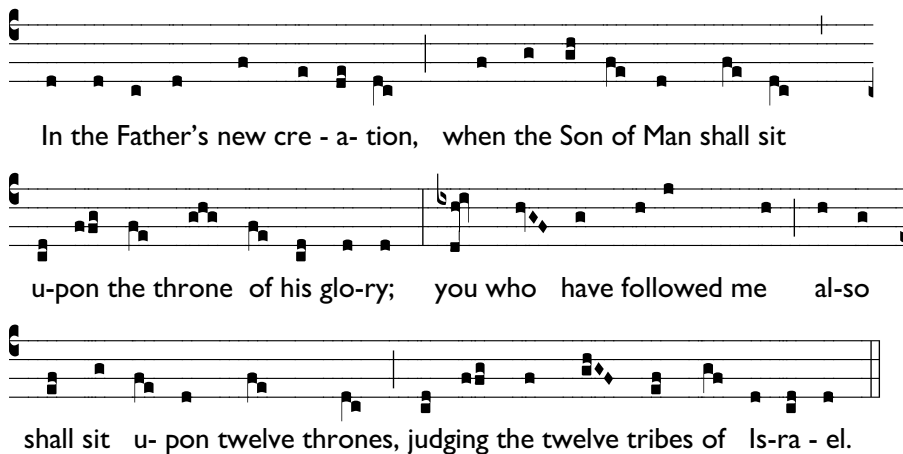
He has shown **the** strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

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 **máde** to our fáthers, *
to Abraham and his chíldren for éver.



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u - pon the throne of his glo - ry; you who have followed me al - so
shall sit u - pon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Is - ra - el.

Apostles' Creed

Litany & Our Father

(Hymn)

Conclusion of the Office