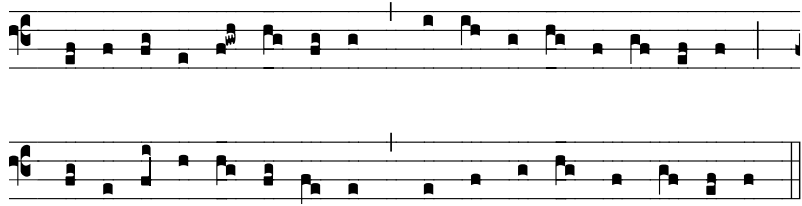


Beheading of John Baptist August 29

MATTINS

Invitatory Come, let us worship the Lord; he is the King of martyrs.

Hymn



II

- 1 God called great prophets to foretell
the coming of his only Son;
the greatest, called before his birth,
the Baptist, John, the chosen one.
- 2 John searched in solitude for Christ
and recognized him when he came.
He showed the world the Lamb of God
and, trusting, hailed him in our name.
- 3 That lonely voice cried out the truth
by men derided and denied.
As witness to the law of God
in faithful martyrdom he died.
- 4 We praise you, Trinity in One,
the glorious light of unknown ways,
the hope of all who search for you
whose generous love fills all our days.

Stanbrook Abbey [metre altd]

Psalms as in the Common Order

BENEDICTUS

Antiphon (or as at Evensong, for the Magnificat)

The friend of the bridegroom * rejoices greatly when he hears the
bridegroom's voice: now is my joy complete.

EVENSONG

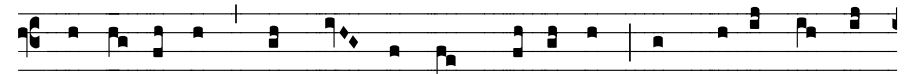
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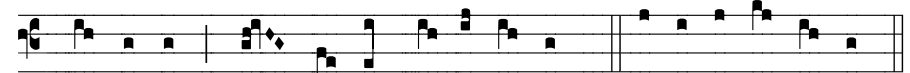
MAGNIFICAT

Antiphon

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The dis- ci- ples * of bless - ed John the Baptist came to take a -way



his bo- dy, and they laid it in a tomb.

Collect

God our Father,
you appointed Saint John the Baptist
to herald the birth and death of Christ your Son.
Grant that as he died a martyr for justice and truth,
so we also may courageously bear witness to your word;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.