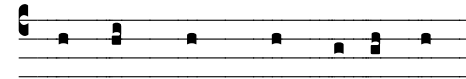
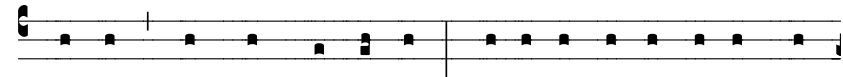


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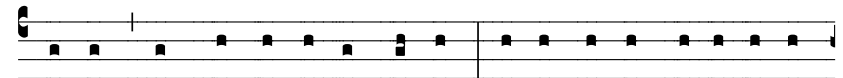
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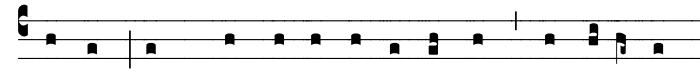
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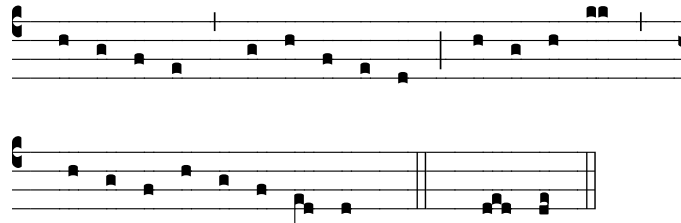


is now, and shall be for e-ver. Amen. Al-le-lu - ia.

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First Evensong

Hymn



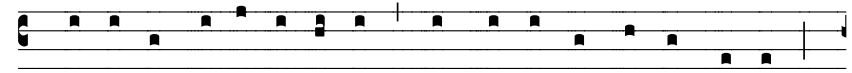
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West Malling Abbey

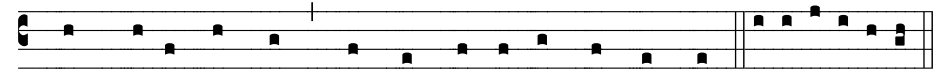
The Word of God

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.



With heart and spi- rit * let us sing prai- ses to Christ, on this



ho - ly fes-ti- val of Ma - - ry, the ex-alt-ed Moth - er of God.

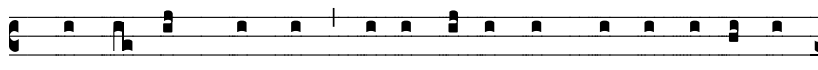


- 1 Lord, remémber Dávid *
and all the hárdships hé endured;
- 2 How he swore an oath to thê Lord *
and vowed a vow to the Mighty Óne of Jácob:
- 3 "I will not come under the roof of my house, *
nor climb úp into my bed;
- 4 I will not allow my eyes tó sleep, *
nor let my éyelids slúmber;
- 5 Until I 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, into 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

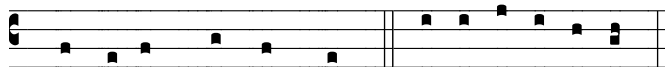
VIIc



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.

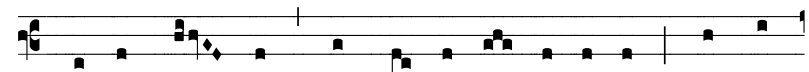
- 1 Let us give thánks to the Fáther *
who has enabled us to share the inherítance óf the sáints in light.
- 2 He has delivered us from the domínion of dárkness *
and transferred us to the kingdom of hís belóved Son.
- 3 In him we have redemptíon,
we have the forgíveness óf our sins; *
he is the image 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 ór 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 reconcíle 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.

BIRTH OF THE BVM

Mattins

Hebdomadary O Lord, open our lips,
ALL **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Hebdomadary O God, make speed to save us.
ALL **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

ALL **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as
it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**
 Alleluia. (not in Lent)

OR



O Lord, o-pen our lips;



And our mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi - rit;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and shall be for e-ver. A-men.



Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

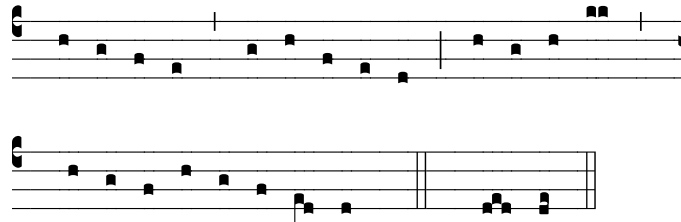
When you became man to set us free,
you did not abhor the Virgin's womb.

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.**

Hymn

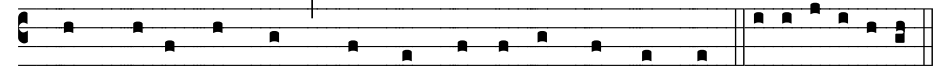


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To-day is the na- ti - vi - ty * of the bless-ed Vir-gin Ma -ry



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

- 1 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 down befóre him, *
and his énemies líck the dust.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles sháall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Sába óffer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down 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.

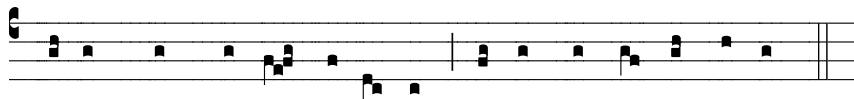
Psalm 87

Fundamenta ejus

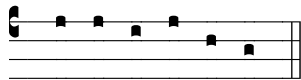
VIIIg



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 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

VIIIg



With heart and spi- rit * let us sing prai- ses to Christ, on this



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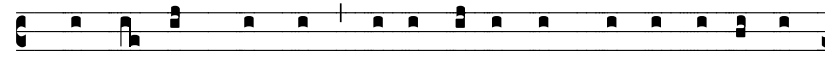


- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
práise him ín the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
práise him, áll his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, áll you shíning stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters abóve the héavens.
- 5 Let them praise 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 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 togéther.
- 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.
Hállélújah!

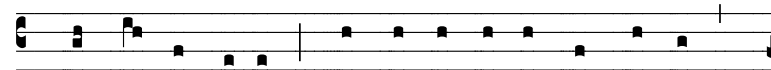
O glorious God,
the whole of creation proclaims your marvellous work:
increase in us a capacity to wonder and delight in it,
that heaven's praise may echo in our hearts
and our lives be spent as good stewards of the earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

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



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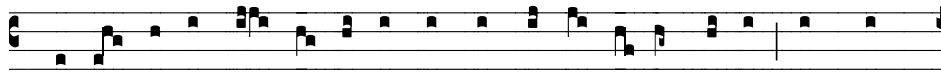
- 1 I will greatly rejoyce ín the Lord *
my soul shall exúlt in mý God.
- 2 For he has clothed me in the garments óf salvátion *
he has wrapped me in the clóak of intégrity.
- 3 As a bridegroom decks himself with a gárland *
and as a bride adórns hersélf with jewels.
- 4 For as the earth puts fórch her 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 blázing torch.

- 8 The nations will see your **víndicáti**on *
and all **the k**ings your **gló**ry.
- 9 Then you shall be called **b**y a **né**w name *
which the **m**óuth **o**f the **Ló**rd will give.
- 10 You shall be a crown of beauty in the **h**ánd **o**f the **L**ord *
and a royal diadem in **the** **h**ánd of **yó**ur **G**od.

READING

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel
Nativitas est hodie (AS 523)

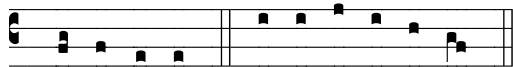
VIIa



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** **G**ód of **Í**srael; *
he has come to his **p**éop**l**e and **s**ét them free.

He has raised up for us **a** **m**íghty **S**áviour, *
born of the house of **h**is **s**érvant **D**ávid.

Through his holy prophets he promised **o**f old, †
that he would save **us** **f**róm our **é**nemies, *
from the hands **o**f **á**ll who **h**áte us.

He promised to show **m**ercy **t**ó our **f**áthers *
and to remember **h**is **h**óly **c**óvenant.

This was the oath he swore to **our** **f**áther **Á**braham, *
to set us free from the **h**ánds **o**f our **é**nemies,

free to **worship** **h**ím **w**ithóut fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all **the** **d**áys of **ó**ur life.

You, my child, shall be called the **pr**oph**e**t **o**f the **M**óst High, *
for you will go before the **Ló**rd **t**o **p**repáre his way,

to give his people **kn**ow**l**edge **o**f **s**alvátion *
by the **f**orgíveness **o**f their sins.

In the tender **comp**ássi**o**n **o**f our **G**od *
the dawn from on high **sh**all **b**réak **u**p**o**n us,

to shine on those who dwell in darkness and **the** **sh**á**d**ó**w**
of death, *

and to guide our feet **i**ntó the **w**á**y** of peace.

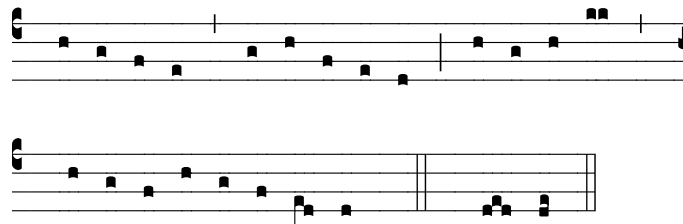
Collect

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,
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Second Evensong

Hymn



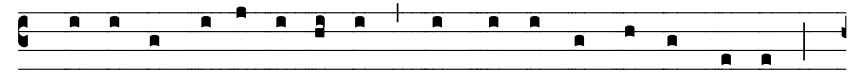
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joy at your birth
fills all the waiting creation.
- 2 Like the fair dawn
that promises day,
nearness of Christ
shines in the time of your coming.
- 3 You shall rejoice
your spirit exult,
you shall see God
flesh of your pure flesh assuming. Amen.

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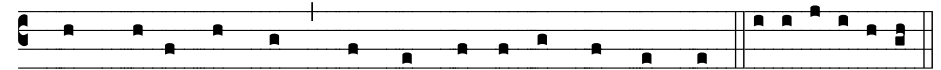
The Word of God

Psalm 113 Laudate, pueri

VIIc



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

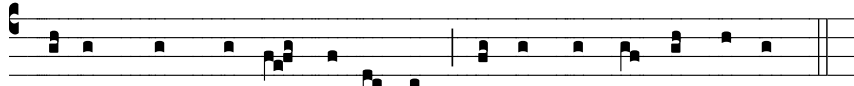


whose glo-ri - ous life sheds light up-on all the churches.

- 1 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.



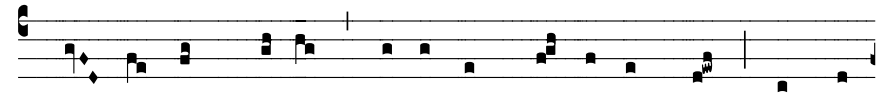
The birth of the bless-ed Vir-gin Ma - ry, * of the seed of Ab-ra -ham



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



- 1 Happy are they áll who féar the Lord, *
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.
- 6 May you live to see your children's children; *
may peace bé upon Ísrael.



With heart and spi- rit * let us sing prai- ses to Christ, on this

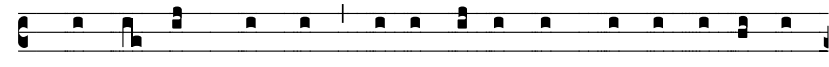


ho -ly fes-ti- val of Ma - - - ry, the ex-alt-ed Moth - er of God.

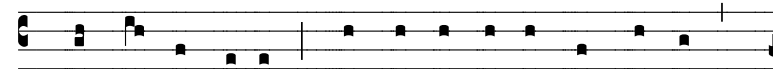


- 1 Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing práises tó our God! *
how pleasant it is to hónour hím with praise!
- 2 The Lord rebúilds Jerúsalem; *
he gathers the éxiles of Ísrael.
- 3 He heals the brókenhéarted *
and bínds up théir wounds.
- 4 He counts the númer óf the stars *
and calls them áll by théir 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 fávour.
- 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 *
thíngs in héaven and thíngs on earth.

READING

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE **Magnificat** anima mea Dominum

Luke 1: 46-55

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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 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 **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 chíldren 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.