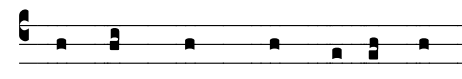
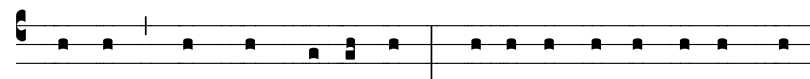


THE PRESENTATION
OF
CHRIST
IN THE TEMPLE

February 2



O God, make speed to save us



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



the Son, and to the Ho -ly Spi - rit. As it was in the be-ginning,

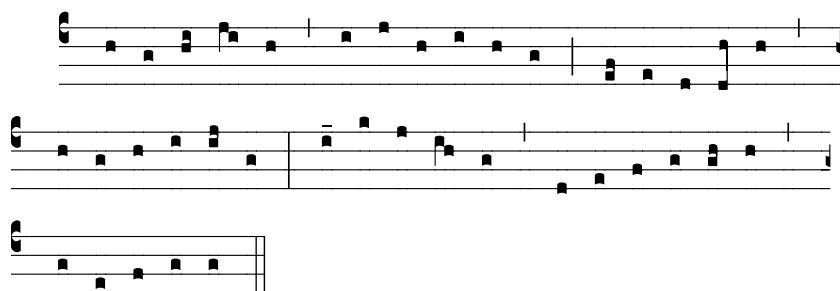


is now, and shall be for e-ver. Amen. Al-le-lu - ia.

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST
Hymn

First Evensong

VIII

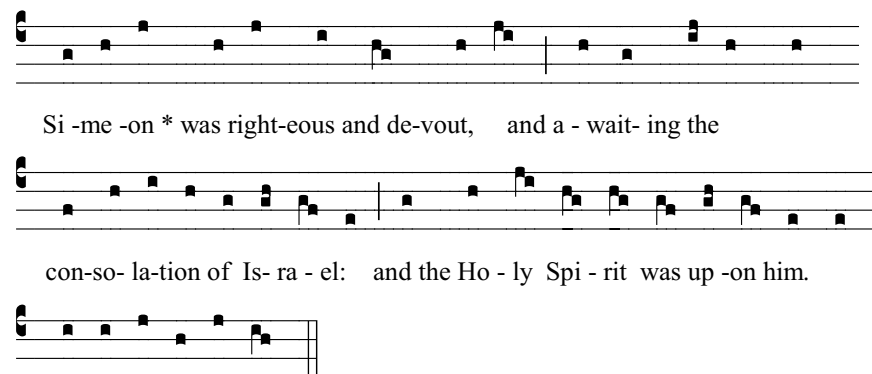


- 1 Sing how the age-long promise of a Saviour
foretold by prophets speaking in the Spirit
in blessed Mary, Mother of the Christ-child,
finds its fulfilment.
- 2 Purest of virgins, wondrously conceiving,
in awed obedience bears our God incarnate,
now she presents him for a spotless offering
unto his Father.
- 3 In God's high temple, Simeon the righteous,
with holy rapture, in his arms receives him;
joyful his greeting for the one awaited,
Jesus, Messiah.
- 4 Where now his Mother next her Son is seated,
in those fair mansions of the heavenly kingdom,
may Christ our Saviour grant to us his servants
life everlasting.
- 5 Father eternal, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Trinity blessed, Maker and Redeemer,
Giver of all life, Author of salvation,
yours be the glory.

Quod chorus vatum (9th C)
tr. Editors of the NEH (altd)

The Word of God

IIIb



Si-me-on * was right-eous and de-vout, and a - wait- ing the

con-so- la-tion of Is- ra - el: and the Ho - ly Spi - rit was up -on him.

Psalm 101

- 1 I will sing of mércy and jústice; *
to you, O Lord, will I sing práises.
- 2 I will strive to follow a blamelêss course;
O wén will you cóme to me? *
I will walk with sincerity of héart withín my house.
- 3 I will set no worthless thing before mý eyes; *
I hate the dóers of évil deeds;
they shall nó remáin with me.
- 4 A crooked héart shall be fár from me; *
I will nó know évil.
- 5 Those who in secret slander their néighbours I will destroy; *
those who have a haughty look and a proud héart I cannót abide.
- 6 My eyes are upon the faithful in the land,
that théy may dwéll with me, *
and only those who lead a blameless life shall bé my sérvants.
- 7 Those who act deceitfully shall not dwéll ín my house, *
and those who tell lies shall not contíne in my sight.
- 8 I will soon destroy all the wicked ín the land, *
that I may root out all evildoers from the cýty óf the Lord.

IIIb



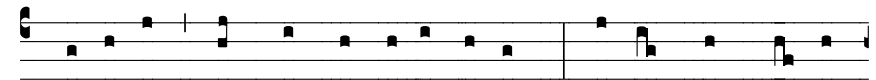
It had been re-vealed * to Si-me - on by the Ho-ly Spi - rit, that he



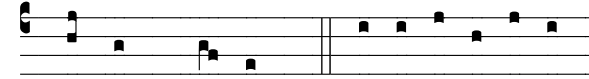
should not see death be-fore he had seen the Lord.

Psalm 122

- 1 I was glad whén they sáid to me, *
"Let us go to the hóuse of thé Lord."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, Ó Jerúsalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at únity wíth itself.
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of thê 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 prospérité.
- 9 Because of the hóuse of the Lórd our God, *
I will séek to dó you good."



Si-me - on * took the Child up in his arms: gi -ving thanks to God

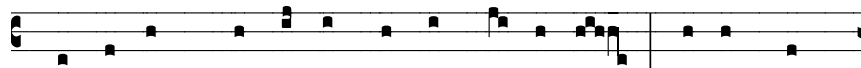


he blessed the Lord.

Psalm 132

- 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 before 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 satisfý her póor with bread.
- 17 I will clothe her priests 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.”



Now, O Lord, * you let your ser-vant go in peace: my own eyes



have seen your sal-va-tion.

Canticle *Philippians 2.6-11*

- 1 Christ Jesus was ín the fóm of God *
but he did not cling to equality with God.
- 2 He emptied himself, taking the fóm of a sérvant. *
and was born in the likeness óf men;
- 3 and being fóund in húman form *

VIIa

he húmbled hímself:

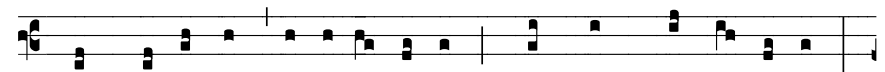
- 4 and became obédient únto death *
even déath on á cross.
- 5 There fore God has highly exálted him *
and bestowed on him the Náme above évery name.
- 6 That at the name of Jesus évery knée should bow *
in heaven and on earth and únder thé earth.
- 7 And every tongue confess that Jésus Christ is Lord *
to the glory of Gód the Fáther.

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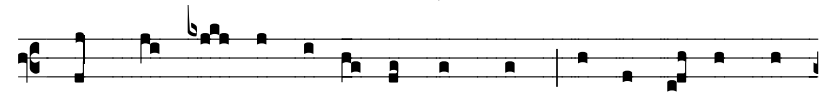
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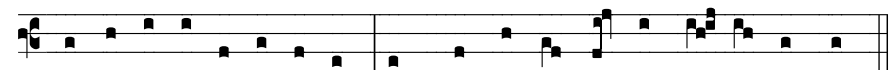
IVe



There was a man * in Je-ru - sa-lem, whose name was Si- me - on



and this man was devout and right-eous, and a-wait- ing the

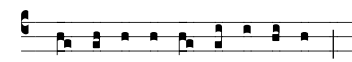


conso- la-tion of Is-ra - el, and the Ho- ly Spi - rit was u- pon him



Solemn Intonations

IV



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 lowly.

He has filled the **h**úngry 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 ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son
was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST

Mattins

Hebdomadary
ALL

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

Hebdomadary
ALL

O God, make speed to save us.
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-ginning, is now and shall be for e-ver. A-men.



Al-le-lu-ia.

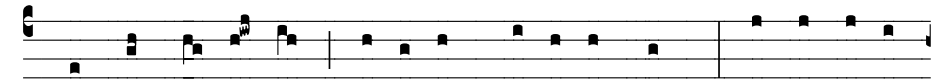
Te Deum Laudamus

May be sung full: or antiphonally as indicated:

Cantor:

A:

B:



We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as the Lord. All cre-a-tion

A:



worships you, the Father e-verlasting. To you all angels, all the

B:



pow'rs of heaven, the cheru-bim and seraphim sing in endless praise:

Full:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord God of power and might. Heaven

A:



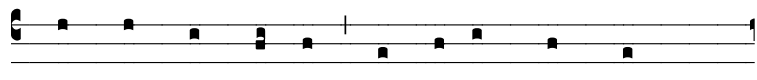
and earth are full of your glo-ry. The glorious compa-ny of

B:



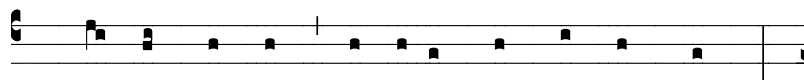
a-postles praise you. The noble fel-lowship of prophets praise you.

A:



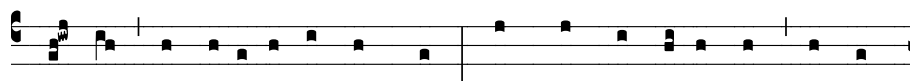
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

B:



Throughout the world the ho-ly Church acclaims you:

Full:



Fath-er of majesty unbounded; Your true and only Son, worthy



of all worship; and the Ho-ly Spi-rit, advocate and guide.

A:



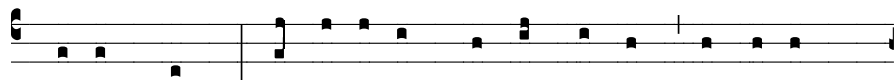
You, Christ, are the king of glo-ry, the e-ternal Son of the Father.

B:



When you took our flesh to set us free you humbly chose the

A:



Virgin's womb. You o-vercame the sting of death and opened

B:



the kingdom of heav'n to all be-lievers. You are seated at God's

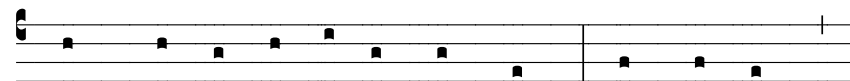


right hand in the glo-ry of the Fath-er. We be-lieve that you will

Full:



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 glo-ry e-verlast - ing.

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.

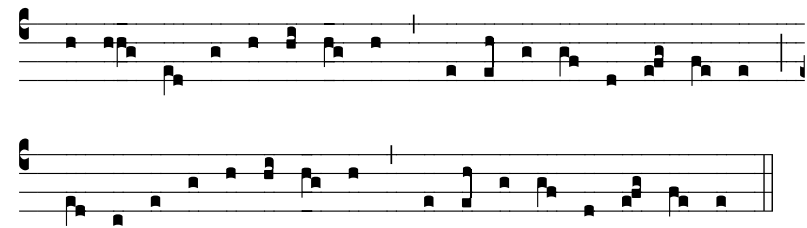
You overcame the sting of death,
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

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

IV



- 1 The Word who rules the angel hosts,
 who made the earth, the sky and sea,
 was subject to Mosaic rites
 and to the ancient Law's decree.
- 2 The Virgin Mother holds her child,
 hers and the Father's only Son,
 in love's embrace behold true Love,
 in whom are God and man made one.
- 3 The joy of patriarchs is here,
 the glory of his chosen race;
 he is the light of nations all,
 to whom he brings the gift of grace.
- 4 Through some reject his love with scorn,
 yet others hasten to be healed,
 his mercy calls to every heart
 and secret thoughts shall be revealed.
- 5 All praise and honour ever be
 to God the Father and the Son,
 who with the Holy Spirit reign
 in Trinity of Godhead, One.

*Legis sacratae (?Paulinus II, d.802)
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The Word of God

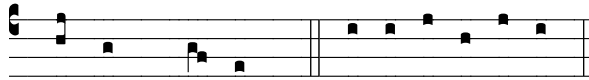
Psalm 24

Domini est terra

IIIb



Si-me - on * took the Child up in his arms: gi -ving thanks to God



he blessed the Lord.

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; †
lift them high, O éverlásting doors; *
and the King of glóry shall come in.
- 8 "Who is this Kíng of glóry?" *
"The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, míghty in báttle."
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates; †
lift them high, O éverlásting doors; *
and the King of glóry shall come in.
- 10 "Who is he, this Kíng of glóry?" *
"The Lord of hosts, he is the Kíng of glory."

Psalm 45

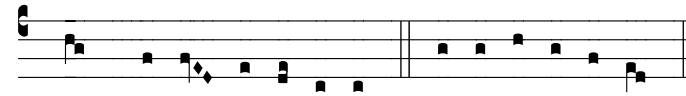
Eructavit cor meum

Jerusalem gaude, AM104

VIIa (transp.)



Joy with great re- joic-ing, * O Je-ru -sa- lem: be-hold, your Sa-viour



comes to you, al-le - lu - ia.

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noblê song; †
let me recite what I have fáshioned fôr the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men; *
grâce flows from your lips,
because God has bléssed you for éver.
- 3 Strap your sword upon your thigh, O mighty wárrior, *
in your pride and in your májesty.
- 4 Ride out and conquer in the cáuse of truth *
and for the sáke of jústice.
- 5 Your right hand will shów you márvellous things; *
your arrows are very sharp, O míghty wárrior.
- 6 The peoples are fálling át your feet, *
and the king's enemíes are lósing heart.
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and évêr, * †
a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of your kíngdom;
you love righteousness and háte iniquity;
- 8 Therefore God, your God, hás anóinted you *
with the oil of gladness abóve your féllows.
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, áloes and cássia, *
and the music of strings from ivory pálaces mákes you glad.
- 10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; * †
on your right hand is the queen,

adorned with the góld of Óphir.

- 11 “Hear, O daughter; consider and listen clósely; *
forget your people ánd your fáther’s house.
- 12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; * †
he is your master; therefore dó him hónour.
- 13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
the rich among the people séek your fávour.”
- 14 All glorious is the princéss as she énters; *
her gówn is clóth-of-gold.
- 15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to thê king; * †
after her the bridesmaids follow ín procéssion.
- 16 With joy and gladness they are brought, *
and enter into the pálace óf the king.
- 17 “In place of fathers, O kíng, you sháll have sons; *
you shall make them princes óver áll the earth.
- 18 I will make your name to be remembered
from one generation tó anóther; *
therefore nations will praise you for éver and éver.”

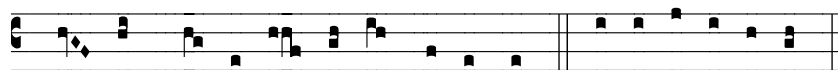
Psalm 150

Laudate Dominum

VIIc



My own eyes * have seen the sal - va - tion, which you have



pre - pared in the sight of ever-y people.

- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise God in his hóly témples; *
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 tímbrel ánd dance; *
práise him with stríngs and pipe.
- 5 Praise him with resóunding cýmbals; *
praise him with loud-clánging cýmbals.
- 6 Let éverything thát has breath *
praise the Lord.
Hállélújah!

Canticle

Isaiah 26:1-4,7,8

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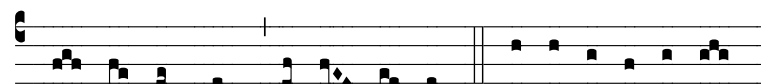
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See, your light has come, * Jer - u - sa - lem, and the glo - ry



of the Lord is ri - sen up - on you: and the na - tions shall



walk in your light, al - le - lu - ia.

- 1 We have a strong city *
God has made salvation its walls and rampârts. †
- 2 Open the gates to let a righteous nátion in *
even a nation thát is fáithful.
- 3 Those of steadfast mínd you kéept in peace - *
in peace because they trúst in you.
- 4 Trust in the Lórd for éver *
for the Lord is an éverlásting rock.
- 5 The path of the upright ís straight * †

you who áre the ríghteous God,
mark out the ríght way fôr the just.

6 In the path of your judgments, O Lórd, we wáit for you; *
your presence and power are áll our héarts' desire.

READING

BENEDICTUS

Senex (AM 801)

Id



The old man * took the child in his arms, but the child was the old



man's Lord; a Virgin bore him, and yet remained e-ver a vir-gin.



He was her child, whom she a-dored.

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 wor**ship** hím withóut fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the dáy's 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 know**ledge** óf salvátion *
by the forgiveness óf their sins.

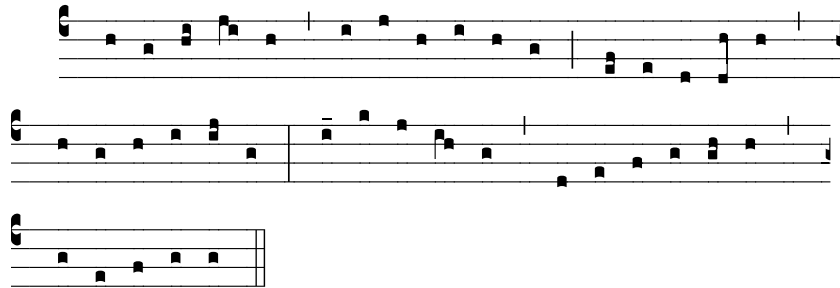
In the tender **comp**ásson óf our God *
the dawn from on high shall bréak upón us,

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

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son
was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by 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. **Amen.**

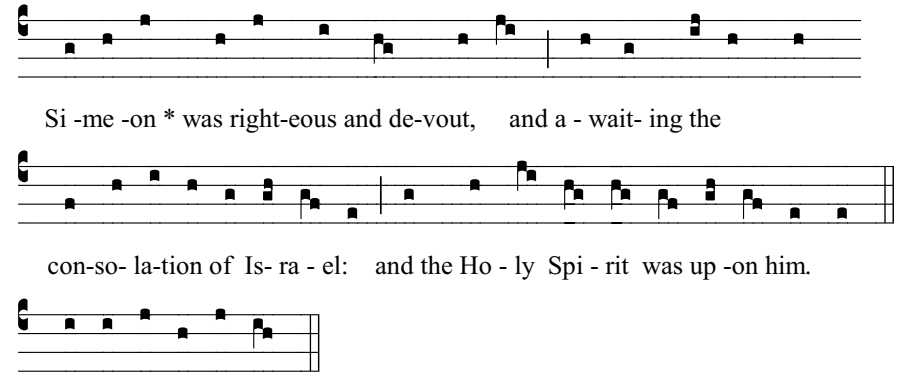
Hymn



VIII

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in blessed Mary, Mother of the Christ-child,
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with holy rapture, in his arms receives him;
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Jesus, Messiah.
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in those fair mansions of the heavenly kingdom,
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Giver of all life, Author of salvation,
yours be the glory.

Quod chorus vatum (9th C)
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Si-me-on * was right-eous and de-vout, and a - wait- ing the

con-so- la-tion of Is- ra - el: and the Ho - ly Spi - rit was up -on him.

Psalm 84

- 1 How dear to me is your dwélling, O Lórd of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejóice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where shé may láy her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my Kíng and mý God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in yôur house! *
they will álways be práising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are sét on the pílgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find
it a pláce of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of wáter.
- 6 They will clímb from héight to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zíon.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear mý prayer; *
hearken, O Gód of Jácob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *

and look upon the face of yóur anóinted.

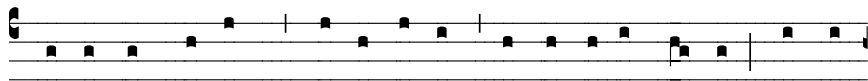
9 For one day in your courts is better than
a thousand ín my ówn room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the ténts of the wicked.

10 For the Lord Gód is both sún and shield; *
he will give gráce and glóry;

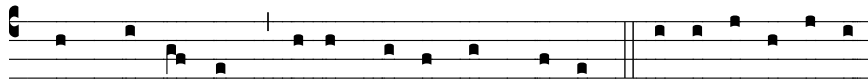
11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who wálk with intégrity.

12 O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who pút their trúst in you!

IIIb



It had been re-vealed * to Si-me - on by the Ho-ly Spi - rit, that he



should not see death be-fore he had seen the Lord.

Psalm 92

1 It is a good thing to give thánks tó the Lord, *
and to sing praises to your náme, O Móst High;

2 To tell of your loving-kindness early ín the mórning *
and of your faithfulness ín the night séason;

3 On the psalterý and ón the lyre *
and to the mélody óf the harp.

4 For you have made me glád by your ácts, O Lord; *
and I shout for joy because of the wórks of yóur hands.

5 Lord, how gréat áre your works! *

your thóughts are véry deep.

6 The dullard does not know,
nor does the fóol únderstand, *
that though the wicked grow like weeds,
and all the workers of íniquity flóurish,

7 They flourish only to be destróyed for éver; *
but you, O Lord, are exálted for évermore.

8 For lo, your enemies, O Lord,
lo, your enemies shall pérish, *
and all the workers of iniquity sháll be scátted.

9 But my horn you have exalted
like the hórns of wíld bulls; *
I am anóinted with frésh oil.

10 My eyes also gloat óver my énemies, *
and my ears rejoice to hear the doom of the wicked
who rise úp against me.

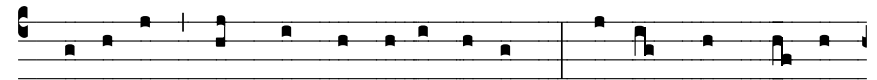
11 The righteous shall flourish líke a pálm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cédár of Lébanon.

12 Those who are planted in the house of thê Lord *
shall flourish in the cóurts of óur God;

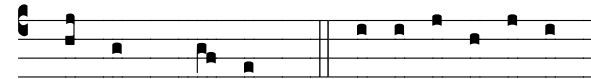
13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be gréen and súculent;

14 That they may show how úpright the Lórd is, *
my rock, in whóm there is no fault.

IIIb



Si-me - on * took the Child up in his arms: gi - ving thanks to God



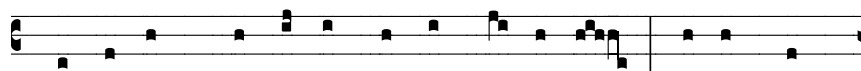
he blessed the Lord.

Psalm 127

- 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 kéepts 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 his belóvèd sleep.
- 4 Children are a heritage from thê Lord, *
and the fruit of the wómb is a gift.
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior *
are the children 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 in the gate.

Canticle Colossians 1:12-20

VIIa

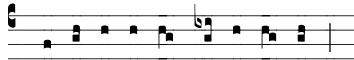




de-part in peace.

Solemn Intonations

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 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 génerácion.

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 children for éver.

Collect (as at First Evensong)