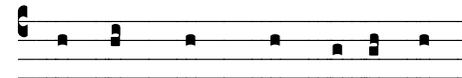
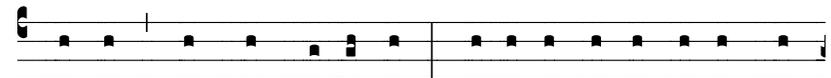


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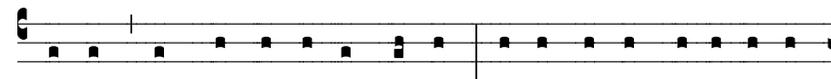
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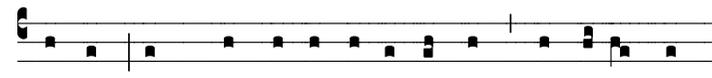
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O Lord, make haste to help us. Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to



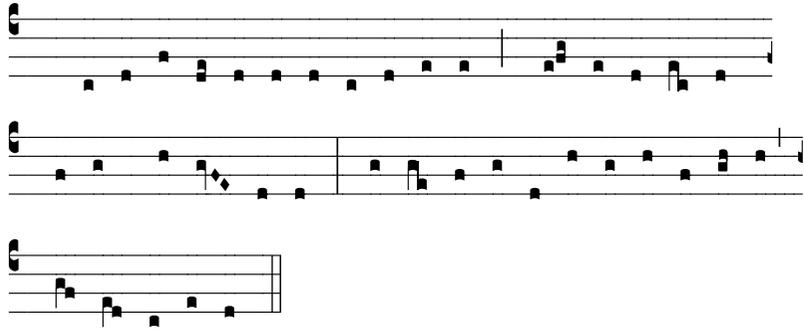
the Son, and to the Ho -ly Spi - rit. As it was in the be-ginning,



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

**BIRTH OF JOHN BAPTIST** First Evensong

**Hymn**



- 1 On this high feast day honour we the Baptist,  
greatest and last of Israel's line of prophets,  
kinsman of Jesus, herald of salvation,  
chosen forerunner.
- 2 Lo, from the heavens Gabriel descending,  
brings to your father tidings of your coming,  
telling your name, and all your life's high calling  
duly announcing.
- 3 When Zechariah doubted what was told him,  
dumbness assailed him, sealing firm the promise,  
till, at your naming, lo, his voice resounded  
loud in God's praises.
- 4 Greater by far than all the sons of Adam,  
lowly in spirit, faithfully proclaiming  
Israel's Messiah, Jesus our Redeemer,  
so we exalt you.
- 5 Father eternal, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
God everlasting, hear your people's praises;  
let saints on earth with all the saints in glory,  
ever adore you. Amen.

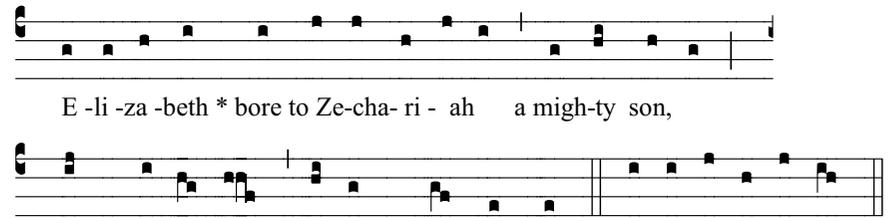
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*The Word of God*

*Psalm 1 Beatus vir qui non abiit*

IIIa



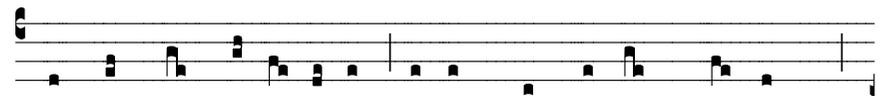
E -li -za -beth \* bore to Ze -cha - ri - ah a migh - ty son,

John the Bap - tist, the Lord's Fore - run - ner.

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked  
in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, †  
bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked: \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away;
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright  
when judgement comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

*Psalm 2 Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

IVe



They made signs to his Father \* to learn how he wished him called.



He wrote say-ing: his name is John.

- 1 Why are the nations in an úproar? \*  
Why do the peoples mútter émyth threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in rêvolt, †  
and the princes plót toghéther, \*  
against the Lord and agáinst h<sub>is</sub> anóinted?
- 3 “Let us bréak their yóke,” they say; \*  
“let us cast óff their bónds from us.”
- 4 He whose throne is in héavén is láughing; \*  
the Lord has thém in derision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in h<sub>is</sub> wrath, \* †  
and his rage fills thém with térror.
- 6 “I myself have set my king \*  
upon my holy h<sub>ill</sub> of Zíon.”
- 7 Let me announce the decree of thê Lord: \* †  
he said to me, “Yóu are m<sub>y</sub> Son;  
this day havé Í begóttén you.
- 8 Ask of me and I will give you the nations for yóur inhéritance \*  
and the ends of the earth for yóur posséssion.
- 9 You shall crush them with an íron rod \*  
and shatter them like a piéce of póttery.”
- 10 And nów, you k<sub>ings</sub>, be wise; \*  
be warned, you rúlers óf the earth.
- 11 Submít to the Lórd with fear, \*  
and with trembl<sub>ing</sub> bów befóre him;
- 12 Lest he be angry ánd you pérish; \*  
for his wrath is quíckly kíndled.
- 13 Háppy áre they all \*  
who take réfuge in him!



His name \* shall be called John, and man-y shall re- joice at his birth.



- 1 Give ear tó my wórd, O Lord; \*  
consider my méditátion.
- 2 Hearken to my cry for help, my Kíng and m<sub>y</sub> God, \*  
for I máke my práyer to you.
- 3 In the morning, Lórd, you héar my voice; \*  
early in the morning I make my appéal  
and wátch for you.
- 4 For you are not a God who takes pléasure in wíckedness, \*  
and evíl cánnót dwéll with you.
- 5 Braggarts cánnót stánd in yóur sight; \*  
you hate all thóse who work wíckedness.
- 6 You destroy thóse who spéak lies; \*  
the bloodthirsty and deceitful, O Lórd, you ábhor.
- 7 But as for me, through the greatness of your mercy,  
I will gó into your house; \*  
I will bow down towards your holy témple in áwe of you.
- 8 Lead me, O Lord, in your rightéousness, †  
because of those who líe in wáit for me; \*  
make your way stráight befóre me.
- 9 For there is no trúth in thér mouth; \*  
there is destrúctíon in thér heart;
- 10 Their throat is an ópen grave; \*  
they fláttér with thér tongue.
- 11 Declare them gúilty, Ó God; \*  
let them fall, becáuse of thér schemes.

- 12 Because of their many transgressions cást them out, \*  
for they have rebéllé agáinst you.
- 13 But all who take refuge in yóu will be glad; \*  
they will sing out their jóy for éver.
- 14 Yóu will shéltér them, \*  
so that those who love your náme may exúlt in you.
- 15 For you, O Lord, will bléss the ríghteous; \*  
you will defend them with your fávur as wíth a shield.

*Canticle Titus 3.4-7*



This child \* shall be great in the sight of the Lord, for the hand

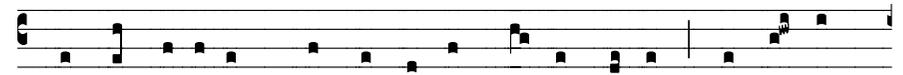


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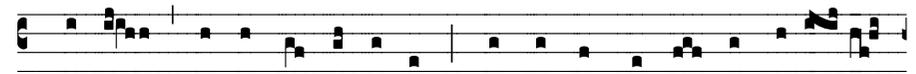
- 1 When the kindness and generosity of God  
our Saviour dáwned upón the world, \*  
then, not for any good déeds of óur own.
- 2 but because he was mercíful, †  
he saved us by the washing of régénérátion \*  
and the renewing power of the Hóly Spírit.
- 3 For he sent down the Spirit upón us ríchly \*  
through Jesus Chríst our Sáviour,
- 4 so that, jústified bý his grace, \*  
we might in hope become héirs to etérnal life.

*READING*

*THE GOSPEL CANTICLE Magnificat anima mea Dominum VIIIg*



When Zech-a-ri - ah \* went to the temple of the Lord, there appeared



to him the angel Gabri - el, standing on the right of the al - tar



of incense.

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 **hún**gry 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 children for éver.

**BIRTH OF JOHN BAPTIST 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*)

**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.

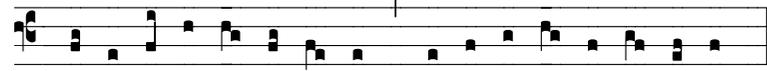
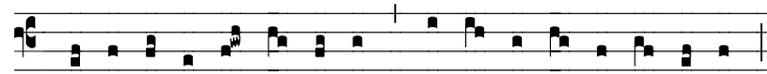
**Father of majesty unbounded;**  
**your true and only Son, worthy of all worship;**  
**and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

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**

*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 altered]**

The Word of God

Psalm 75

Confitebimur tibi

IIIa



E -li -za -beth \* bore to Ze-cha- ri - ah a migh-ty son,



John the Bap-tist, the Lord's Fore-run-ner.

- 1 We give you thanks, O Gód, we gíve you thanks, \*  
calling upon your name  
and declaring all your wónderfúl deeds.
- 2 'I will appoint a time,' says God; \*  
'I will júdge with équity.
- 3 'Though the earth and all its inhabitants are quaking, \*  
I will máke its píllars fast.
- 4 'I will say to the bóasters, "Bóast no more", \*  
and to the wicked, "Dó not tóss your horns;
- 5 "Do not tóss your hórns so high, \*  
nor spéak with a próud neck."
- 6 For judgements is neither from the éast nor fróm the west, \*  
nor yet from the wilderness ór the móuntains.
- 7 It is Gód who júdges; \*  
he puts down one and lifts úp anóther.
- 8 For in the Lord's hand there is â cup, †  
full of spiced and foaming wíne, which hé pours out, \*  
and all the wicked of the earth  
shall drínk and dráin the dregs.
- 9 But I will rejóice for éver; \*  
I will sing praises to the Gód of Jácob.

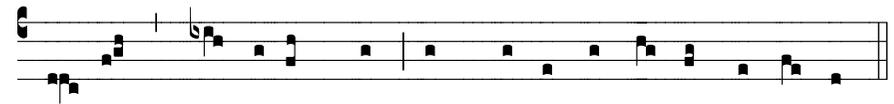
- 10 He shall break off all the hórns of the wícked; \*  
but the horns of the righteous shall bé exálted.

Judge of all the earth,  
restrain the ambitions of the proud  
and the turmoil of the nations;  
establish among us the reign of the Messiah,  
who drained for us the cup of judgement  
and is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen

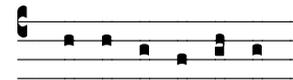
Psalm 76

Notus in Judæa

Ig



His name \* shall be called John, and man-y shall re- joice at his birth.



- 1 In Júdah is Gód known; \*  
his name is gréat in Ísrael.
- 2 At Salem is his tábernácle, \*  
and his dwelling is in Zíon.
- 3 There he broke the flashing arrôws, \* †  
the shield, the sword and the wéapons of báttle.
- 4 How glorious you are! \*  
more splendid than the everlásting móuntains!
- 5 The strong of heart have been dêspoiled; †  
they sínk ínto sleep; \*  
none of the wárriors can líft a hand.
- 6 At your rebuke, O Gód of Jácob, \*  
both horse and ríder líe stunned.
- 7 What térror yóu inspire! \*  
who can stand before you when yóu are ángry?
- 8 From heaven yóu pronounced júdgement; \*  
the earth was afráid and wás still;

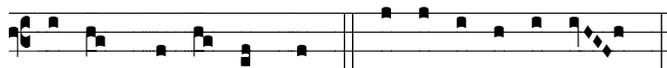
- 9 When God rose up to judgement \*  
and to save all the oppressed of thé earth.
- 10 Truly, wrathful Édom will gíve you thanks, \*  
and the remnant of Hámath will kéeep your feasts.
- 11 Make a vow to the Lord your Gód and kéeep it; \*  
let all around him bring gifts to him who is wórrthy  
tó be feared.
- 12 He breaks the spírit of prínces, \*  
and strikes terror in the kíngs of thé earth.

Majestic and gracious God,  
more awesome than the agents of war,  
more powerful than the wrath of nations,  
your love has created a people of your own;  
restrain the violence of the peoples  
and draw the despised of the earth  
into the joyful life of your kingdom. **Amen.**

*Psalm 82 Deus stetit*



This child \* shall be great in the sight of the Lord, for the hand



of our God is with him.

- 1 God takes his stand in the cóuncil of héaven; \*  
he gives judgement in the mídst of thé gods:
- 2 ‘How long will you júdge unjústly, \*  
and show favóur tó the wícked?’
- 3 ‘Save the weak and the orphán; \* †  
defend the húmble and néedy;
- 4 ‘Rescue the weak and the poor; \*  
deliver them from the pówer of the wícked.
- 5 ‘They do not know, neither do they undêrstand; †

they go abóut in dárkness; \*  
all the foundations of the éarth are sháken.

- 6 ‘Now I sáy to you, ‘Yóu are gods, \*  
and all of you children óf the Móst High;
- 7 ‘‘Nevertheless, you shall díe like mórtals, \*  
and fáll like ány prince.’’
- 8 Arise, O Gód, and rúle the earth, \*  
for you shall take all nátions fór your own.

God our deliverer,  
defender of the poor and needy:  
when the foundations of the earth are shaking  
give strength to your people  
to uphold justice and fight all wrong  
in the name of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Psalm 149 Cantate Domino*

*Ive*



They made signs to his Father \* to learn how he wished him called.



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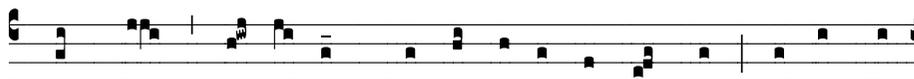
- 1 Hallelujah!  
Sing to the Lórd a nów song; \*  
sing his praise in the congregation óf the fáithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejóice in his máker; \*  
let the children of Zion be jóyful ín their king.
- 3 Let them praise his náme ín the dance; \*  
let them sing praise to him with tímbrél ánd harp.
- 4 For the Lord takes pleasure ín his péople \*  
and adorns the póor with víctory.

- 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 on the nations \*  
and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains \*  
and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgement decreed; \* †  
this is glory for all his faithful people.  
\_ Hallelujah!

Lord God, our maker and our king,  
you judge all peoples according to your justice:  
inspire and strengthen us with your Spirit,  
that we may expose the pretence of worldly power  
and ever witness to your truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Canticle A SONG OF DAVID* *Benedictus es, Domine I Chro 29.10-14*  
*Tu puer (AM 925)*

IIIb



You, child, \* will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will



go before the Lord to prepare his way.

- 1 Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever, \*  
for yours is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour and the majesty.
- 2 Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; \*  
yours is the kingdom, O Lord,  
and you are exalted as head above all.
- 3 True wealth and honour come from you \*  
and you are exalted as head over all.

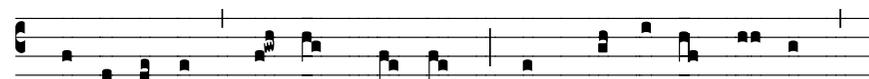
- 4 In your hand are power and might; \*  
yours it is to give power and strength to all,
- 5 And now we give you thanks, our God, \*  
and praise your glorious name.
- 6 For all things come from you, \*  
and of your own have we given you.

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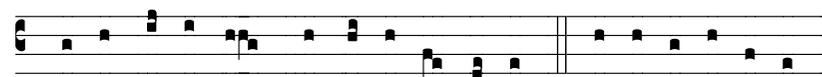
THE GOSPEL CANTICLE *Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel*

*Benedictus (PM 116)*

Vlf



Zechariah \* opened his mouth and prophesied, saying:



Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel. (Not repeated in the Canticle)

(Blessed be the Lord, **the** God of Israel;) \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, †  
that he would save **us** from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of of all who hate us.

He promised to show **mercy** to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to **our** father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of of our enemies,  
free to worship him without 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 know**ledge** óf salvátion \*  
by the forgíveness óf their sins.

In the tender **comp**ássion 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.

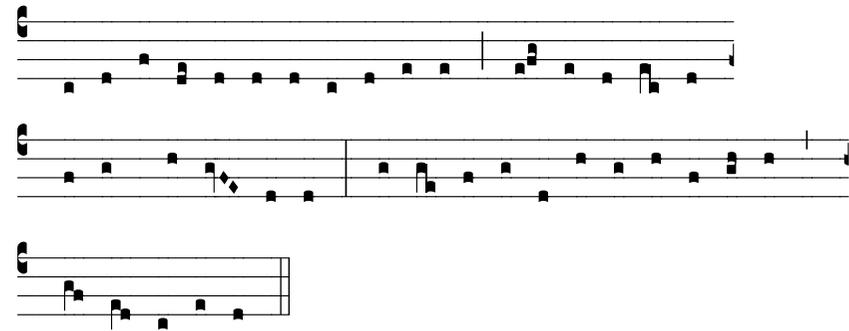
### Collect

Almighty God, whose servant John the Baptist  
was wonderfully born to fulfil your purpose  
by preparing the way for the advent of your Son:  
lead us to repent according to his preaching  
and after his example  
constantly to speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice,  
and patiently suffer for the truth's sake;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,...

### BIRTH OF JOHN BAPTIST Hymn

### Second Evensong

II



- 1 On this high feast day honour we the Baptist,  
greatest and last of Israel's line of prophets,  
kinsman of Jesus, herald of salvation,  
chosen forerunner.
- 2 Lo, from the heavens Gabriel descending,  
brings to your father tidings of your coming,  
telling your name, and all your life's high calling  
duly announcing.
- 3 When Zechariah doubted what was told him,  
dumbness assailed him, sealing firm the promise,  
till, at your naming, lo, his voice resounded  
loud in God's praises.
- 4 Greater by far than all the sons of Adam,  
lowly in spirit, faithfully proclaiming  
Israel's Messiah, Jesus our Redeemer,  
so we exalt you.
- 5 Father eternal, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
God everlasting, hear your people's praises;  
let saints on earth with all the saints in glory,  
ever adore you. Amen.

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The Word of God

Psalm 11 In Domino confido

IIIa



E - li - za - beth \* bore to Ze - cha - ri - ah a migh - ty son,



John the Bap - tist, the Lord's Fore - run - ner.

In the Lord have I taken refûge; \* †  
how then cán you sáy to me,  
“Fly away like a bírd to the hílltop;

2 For see how the wicked bend thê bow †  
and fit their árrows tó the string, \*  
to shoot from ambush át the trúe of heart.

3 When the foundátions are béing destroyed, \*  
what cán the ríghteous do?”

4 The Lord is in his hóly témp<sub>le</sub>; \*  
the Lord's thróne is in héaven.

5 His eyes behold the inhábited world; \*  
his piercing éye weighs óur worth.

6 The Lord weighs the ríghteous as wéll as the wícked, \*  
but those who delight in víolence hé abhors.

7 Upon the wicked he shall rain coals of fire and  
búrning súlphur; \*  
a scorching wínd shall bé their lot.

8 For the Lord is ríghteous; †  
he delights in ríghteous deeds; \*  
and thê júst shall sée his face.

Psalm 12 *Salvum me fac*

IVe



They made signs to his Father \* to learn how he wished him called.



He wrote say - ing: his name is John.

1 Help me, Lord, for there is no gódly óne left; \*  
the faithful have vanished fróm amóng us.

2 Everyone speaks falsely with his néighbour; \*  
with a smooth tongue they spéak from a dóuble heart.

3 O that the Lord would cút off áll smooth tongues, \*  
and close the lips that útter próud boasts!

4 Those who say, “With our tóngue will wé prevail; \*  
our lips are our own; whó is lord óver us?”

5 “Because the needy are oppressed,  
and the poor cry óut in mísery, \*  
I will rise up,” says the Lord,  
“and give them the hélp they lóng for.”

6 The words of the Lórd are púre words, \*  
like silver refined from ore  
and purified séven times ín the fire.

7 O Lórd, watch óver us \*  
and save us from this generátion for éver.

8 The wicked prówl on évery side, \*  
and that which is worthless is highly prízed by éveryone.



His name \* shall be called John, and man-y shall re- joice at his birth.



1 The Lord, the God of góds, has spóken; \*  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sún to its sétting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect ín its béauty, \*  
God reveals himsélf in glóry.

3 Our God will come and will nót keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round abóut him a ráging storm.

4 He calls the heavens and the éarth fróm above \*  
to witness the judgements óf his péople.

5 “Gather before me my lóyal fóllowers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and séaled it with sácricife.”

6 Let the heavens declare the ríghtness óf his cause; \*  
for Gód himsélf is judge.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
“O Israel, I will bear wítness agáinst you; \*  
for I am Gód, your God.

8 I do not accuse you because of your sácricifes; \*  
your offerings are álways before me.

9 I will take no búll-calf fróm your stalls, \*  
nor he-goats óut of yóur pens;

10 For the beasts of the fórest áre mine, \*  
the herds in their thóusands upón the hills.

11 I know every bírd ín the sky, \*

and the creatures of the fíelds áre ín my sight.

12 If I were hungry, I wóuld not téll you, \*  
for the whole world is mine and áll that is ín it.

13 Do you think I éat the flésh of búlls, \*  
or drínk the blóod of goats?

14 Offer to God a sacrifice óf thanksgíving \*  
and make good your vóws to the Móst High.

15 Call upon me in the dáy of tróuble; \*  
I will deliver you and yóu shall hónour me.”

16 But to the wicked God sáys: \* †  
“Why do you recite my statutes,  
and take my covenánt upón your lips;

17 Since you refuse discipline, \*  
and toss my wórd behind your back?

18 When you see a thief, you máke him your friend, \*  
and you cast in your lót with adúlterers.

19 You have loosed your líps for évil, \*  
and harnessed your tóngue to á lie.

20 You are always speaking évil óf your bróther \*  
and slandering your own móther’s son.

21 These things you have dóné and I kept still, \*  
and you thought that I am líke you.”

22 “I have made my áccusátion; \*  
I have put my case in órder before your eyes.

23 Consider this well, yóu who forgét God, \*  
lest I rend you and there be nóne to delíver you.

24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgíving hónours me; \*  
but to those who keep in my way will I show  
the salvátion óf God.”



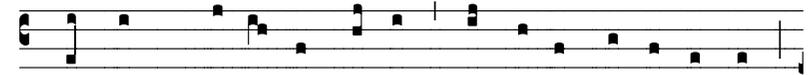
This child \* shall be great in the sight of the Lord, for the hand



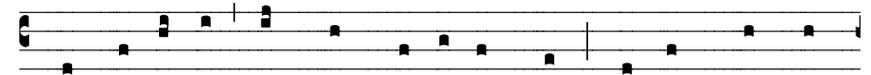
of our God is with him.

- 1 Blessed are the p<sup>o</sup>or in sp<sup>i</sup>rit \*  
for theirs is the k<sup>i</sup>ngdom of h<sup>e</sup>aven.
- 2 Bl<sup>e</sup>ssed are th<sup>o</sup>se who mourn, \*  
for th<sup>e</sup>y shall be c<sup>o</sup>mforted.
- 3 Bl<sup>e</sup>ssed <sup>á</sup>re the meek, \*  
for they shall inh<sup>e</sup>rit th<sup>e</sup> earth.
- 4 Blessed are those who hunger and th<sup>i</sup>rst for r<sup>i</sup>ghteousness, \*  
for th<sup>e</sup>y shall be s<sup>a</sup>tisfied.
- 5 Blessed <sup>á</sup>re the m<sup>e</sup>rciful, \*  
for they shall obtain m<sup>e</sup>rcy.
- 6 Blessed <sup>á</sup>re the p<sup>u</sup>re in heart, \*  
f<sup>o</sup>r th<sup>e</sup>y shall s<sup>e</sup>e God.
- 7 Blessed <sup>á</sup>re the p<sup>e</sup>acemakers, \*  
for they shall be called s<sup>o</sup>ns of God.
- 8 Blessed are those who are persecuted  
on acc<sup>o</sup>unt of r<sup>i</sup>ghteousness, \*  
for theirs is the k<sup>i</sup>ngdom of h<sup>e</sup>aven.

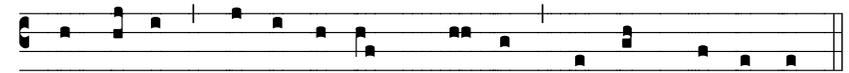
READING



This child \* who is born for us is greater than a Prophet



for this is he of whom the Sa-viour said: Among those born



of women there is no one great -er than John the Bap-tist.



My soul proclaims the greatness of th<sup>e</sup> Lord, †  
my spirit rejoices **in** G<sup>o</sup>d my S<sup>a</sup>viour \*  
for he has looked with favour on h<sup>i</sup>s l<sup>o</sup>wly s<sup>e</sup>rvant.

From this day all generations **will** c<sup>a</sup>ll me bl<sup>e</sup>ssed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and h<sup>o</sup>ly <sup>i</sup>s his name.

He has mercy **on** th<sup>o</sup>se who f<sup>e</sup>ar him \*  
in every g<sup>e</sup>ner<sup>a</sup>tion.

He has shown **the** str<sup>e</sup>ngth of h<sup>i</sup>s arm, \*  
he has scattered the p<sup>r</sup>oud in th<sup>e</sup>ir conceit.

He has cast down **the** m<sup>i</sup>ghty fr<sup>o</sup>m their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the l<sup>o</sup>wly.

He has filled the **h**ungry with g<sup>o</sup>od things, \*  
and the rich he has s<sup>e</sup>nt away <sup>e</sup>mpty.

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*

Almighty God,  
whose servant John the Baptist  
was wonderfully born to fulfil your purpose  
by preparing the way for the advent of your Son:  
lead us to repent according to his preaching  
and after his example  
constantly to speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice,  
and patiently suffer for the truth's sake;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.     **Amen.**