



The
Parish
Church

Of
Saint
Matthew
~
Big Lamp
~
Newcastle

The Liturgy
for
Benediction
of the
Blessed
Sacrament

- **To our visitors:**

Welcome to Saint Matthew's.

- **Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:**

The Liturgy of Benediction is the amalgamation of two devotions: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Benediction itself. Exposition involves the display of the consecrated Host, in Which inheres the Presence of Christ, so that we may offer our worship and intercession. It is an elongation of that moment in the Mass between the Great Amen at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer and Holy Communion. At the end, Benediction is given when, in place of a priest's blessing, we receive the blessing of Christ Himself.

- **Standing, sitting and kneeling:**

If weariness gets the better of you, you should sit; otherwise it is most appropriate to kneel throughout the service of Benediction, standing when the final bell rings.

- **Mobile phones:**

Please turn off mobile phones and other technological devices, which are likely to disrupt the service.

English Texts

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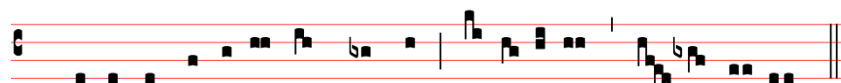
Let us adore for ev-er the most ho-ly Sac-rament. O praise
the Lord all ye heathen: praise Him all ye na-tions. For His
merci-ful kindness is ev-ermore and more towards us: and
the Truth of the Lord endur-eth for ev-er praise the Lord.
Glor-y be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Ho-ly Ghost:
as it was in the beg-inning is now and ev-er shall be: world
without end Amen. Let us adore for ev-er the most
ho-ly Sac-rament.

*A bell rings to signify the end of the Liturgy and all STAND.
The priest &c leave the Altar.*

English Texts

In Christmastide and Eastertide:

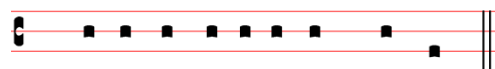
Thou gavest them Bread from Heaven. Alleluia, alleluia!



R.\ Contain ing in Itself all sweetness. Al-le-lu-ia, Al- le lu- ia.

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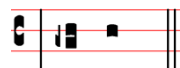
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Let us pray:

O God, Who under a wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of Thy wonderful Passion and Death and glorious Resurrection; grant us so to venerate the Sacred Mysteries of Thy Body and Blood that evermore perceive within ourselves the fruit of Your Redemption: Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



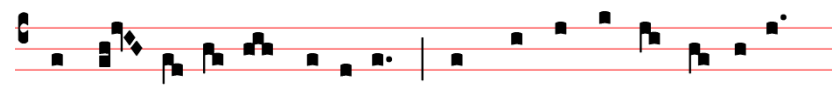
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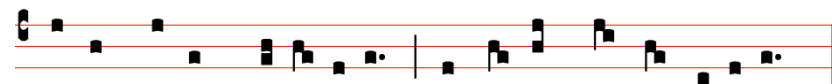
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The Presence of Christ in the Sacrament is honoured with incense as we sing:



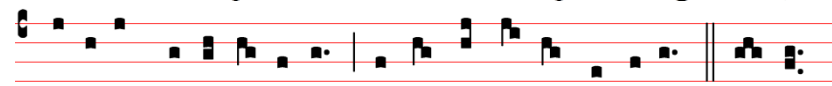
O sa-lu-ta-ris Hosti-a, Quae cae-li pandis os-ti-um,



Bel-la premunt hosti-li-a, Da ro-bur, fer au-xi-li-um.



U-ni tri-noque Domi-no Sit sempi-terna glo-ri-a,



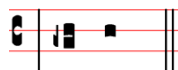
Qui vi-tam si-ne termi-no No-bis do-net in pa-tri-a. A-men.

[O saving Victim, opening wide/ The gate of Heaven to man below,/ Our foes press hard on every side,/ Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.// All praise and thanks to Thee ascend/ For evermore, blest One in Three,/ And grant us life that shall not end,/ In our true native land with Thee. Amen.]

A Period of silence follows.

Latin Texts

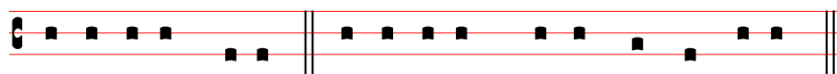
Visita, quæsumus, Dómine, habitatióem istam, et omnes insídiás inimíci ab ea longe repélle: Angeli tui sancti hábitent in ea, qui nos in pace custódiánt; et benedíctio tua sit super nos semper. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum:



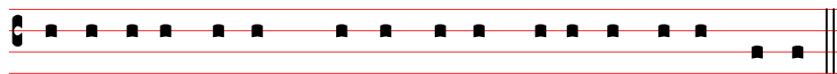
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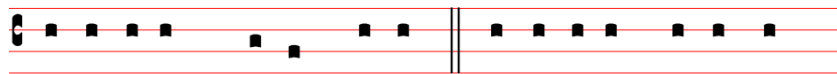
The following are sung first by the priest, then by the congregation:



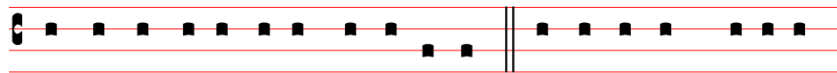
Ben-e-dictus De-us. Ben-e-dictum Nomen sanctum ei-us.



Ben-e-dictus Jes-us Christ-us ver-us De-us et ver-us homo.



Ben-ed-ictum Nomen Jes-u. Ben-ed-ictus Jes-us in

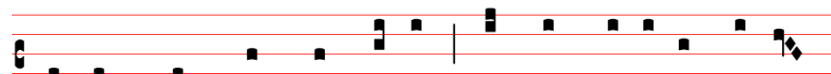


sanctiss-im o alt-ar-is Sacramento. Ben-ed-ictus Spir-it-us

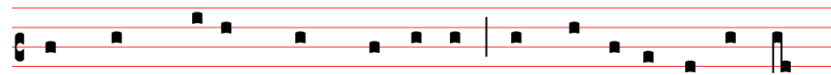
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English Texts

The Presence of Christ is then honoured with incense again during the following hymn:



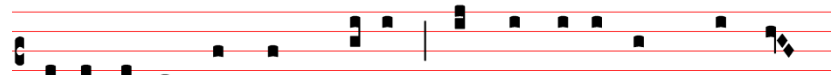
Therefore, we be-fore Him bending, this great Sacrament re-vere;



Types and shadows have their ending for the newer rite is here;



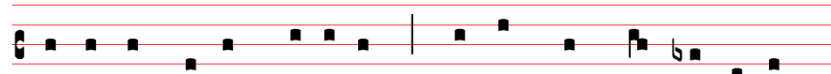
Faith our outward sense befriendng makes the inward vis-ion clear.



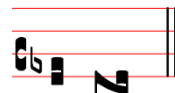
Glo-ry let us give and blessing, to the Father and the Son,



Hon-our, might and praise addressing while e-ternal ag-es run;



Ev-er too His love confessing, Who from Both with Both is One.



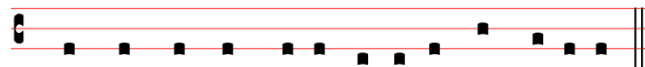
Amen.

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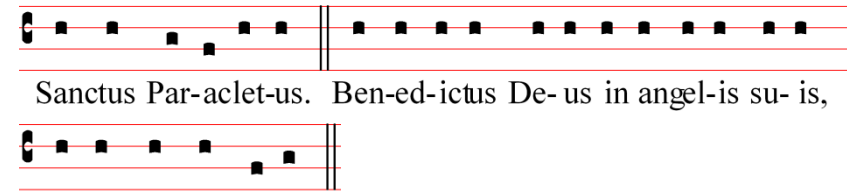
Blessed be God. Blessed be His ho-ly Name. Blessed be Jes-us Christ
true man and true God. Blessed be the Name of Jes-us. Blessed be
Jes-us in the most ho-ly Sacrament of the Altar. Blessed be the Ho-ly
Ghost the Par-aclete. Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints.

Blessed, praised, hallowed and adored be Jesus Christ on His throne of glory.



R.\ And in the most ho-ly Sacrament of the Altar.


Latin Texts



Sanctus Par-aclet-us. Ben-ed-ictus De-us in angel-is su- is,
et in sanctis su- is.

[Blessed be God./ Blessed be His holy Name./ Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man./ Blessed be the Name of Jesus./ Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar./ Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete./ Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints.]

Sit Benedicatus Laudatusque Sanctificatusque et Adoratus Jesus Christus in cathedral gloriae Suae.

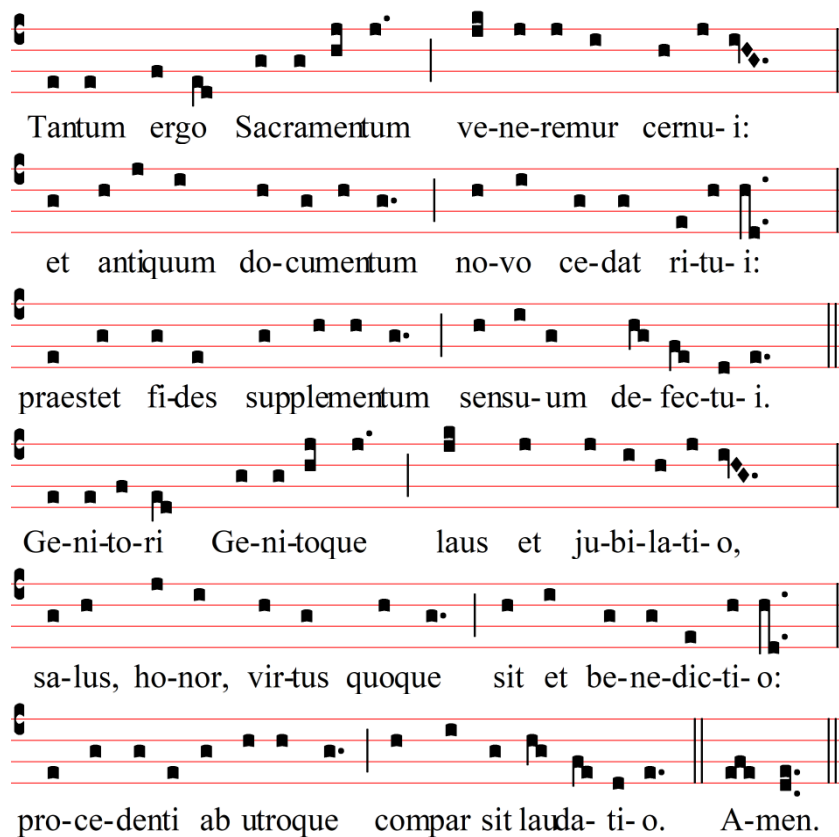


R.\ Et in sanctiss-imo alt-ar-is Sacramento.

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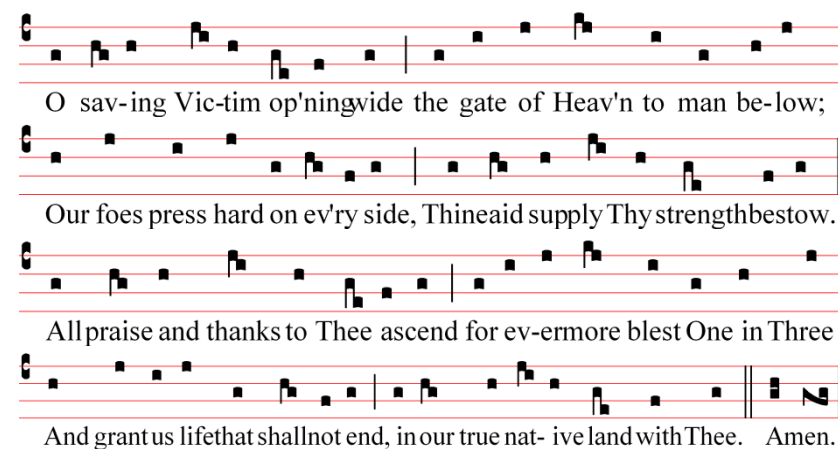
Tantum ergo Sacramentum ve-ne-remur cernu-i:
et antiquum do-cumentum no-vo ce-dat ri-tu-i:
praestet fi-des supplementum sensu-um de-fec-tu-i.
Ge-ni-to-ri Ge-ni-to-que laus et ju-bi-la-ti-o,
sa-lus, ho-nor, vir-tus quoque sit et be-ne-dic-ti-o:
pro-ce-denti ab utroque compar sit lauda-ti-o. A-men.

[Therefore, we before Him bending,/ This great Sacrament revere;/ Types and shadows have their ending,/ For the newer rite is here;/ Faith our outward sense befriending/ Makes the inward vision clear.// Glory let us give and blessing,/ To the Father and the Son,/ Honour, might and praise addressing/ While eternal ages run;/ Ever to His love confessing,/ Who from Both with Both is One. Amen.]

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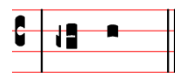
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O sav-ing Vic-tim op'ningwide the gate of Heav'n to man be-low;
Our foes press hard on ev'ry side, Thineaid supply Thy strengthbestow.
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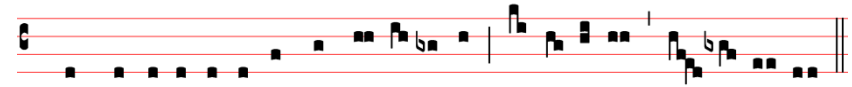
[Let us adore for ever the most holy Sacrament. O praise the Lord all ye nations, praise Him all ye peoples. Let us adore for ever the most holy Sacrament. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Let us adore for ever the most holy Sacrament.]

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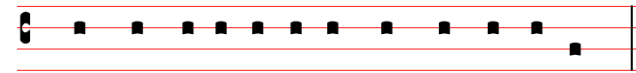
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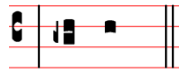
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*[Thou gavest them Bread from Heaven. (alleluia, alleluia!)
Containing in Itself all sweetness. (alleluia, alleluia!)]*

Latin Texts

Oremus:

Deus, qui nobis sub Sacramento mirabili Passionis, mortisque et Resurrectionis gloriosae tuae memoriam reliquisti; tribue, ita nos Corporis et Sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuae fructum in nobis iugiter sentiamus: Qui vivis et regnas in saecula saeculorum.



R.\ Amen.

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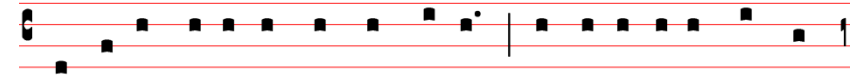
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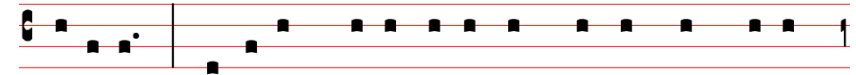
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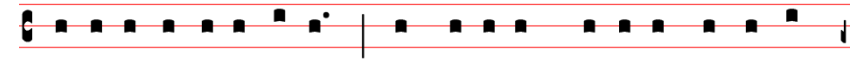
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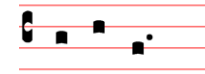
Lauda-te Domi-num omnes gentes: lauda-te e-um omnes



popu-li. Quo-ni-am confirma-ta est su-per nos mi-hi



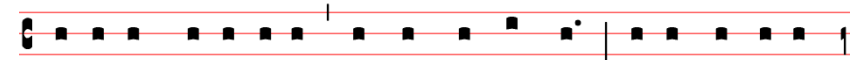
mi-se-ri-cordi-a e-jus: et ve-ri-tas Domi-ni ma-net in



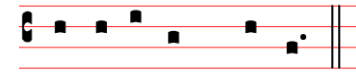
aeternum.



Glo-ri-a Pa-tri et Fi-li-o et Spi-ri-tu-i Sabcto. Si-cut



e-rat in princi-pi-o et nunc et semper: et in saecu-la



saecu-lo-rum. Amen.



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