



The
Parish
Church
Of
Saint
Matthew
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Newcastle

Sung
Evensong
for the
Sixteenth
Sunday after
Trinity and
Benediction of
the Blessed
Sacrament

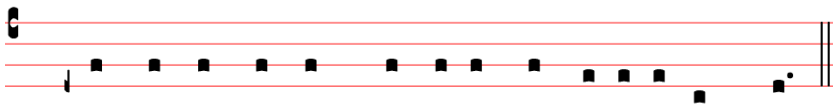
In this booklet, the Officiant's parts are printed in blue and those of the congregation in black.

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.

All STAND as the Officiant and those with him enter the church; all sing this commemoration of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

O higher than the Cherubim,
More glorious than the Seraphim,
Lead their praises, alleluia!
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious magnify the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

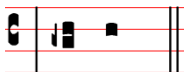
V.\ Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:



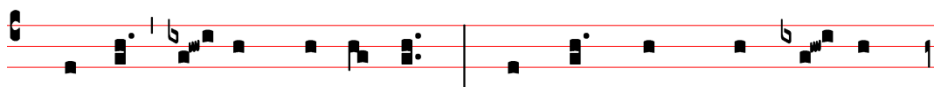
R.\ That we may be made worthy of the promis-es of Christ.

Let us pray:

THE COLLECT OF THE ANGELUS



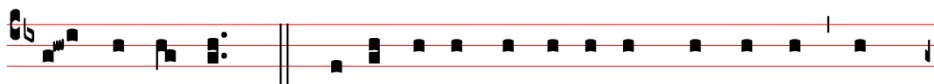
R.\ Amen.



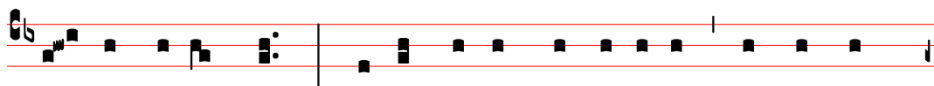
V.\ O Lord, o- pen Thou our lips. R.\ And our mouth shall show forth



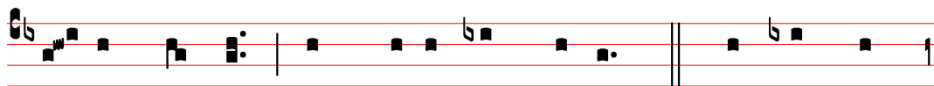
Thy praise. V.\ + O God, make speed to save us. V.\ O Lord make



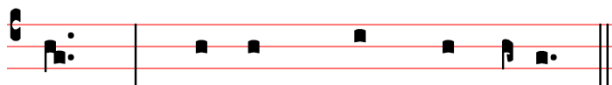
haste to help us. V.\ Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and



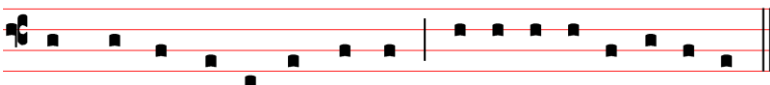
to the Ho-ly Ghost: R.\ as it was in the be-gimning, is now and



e- ver shall be, world without end. Amen. V.\ Praise ye the

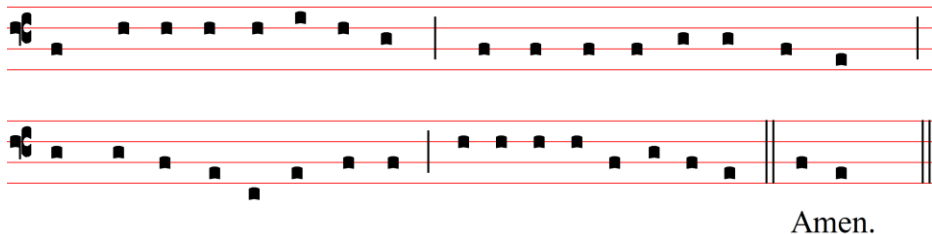


Lord. R.\ The Lord's Name be praised.



O blest Creator of the light,
Who makest day with radiance bright,
And o'er the forming world didst call
The light from chaos first of all.

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Whose wisdom joined in meet array
The morn and eve, and named them Day:
Night comes with all its darkling fears;
Regard Thy people's prayers and tears:

Lest, sunk in sin and whelm'd with strife,
They lose the gift of endless life;
While, thinking but the thoughts of time,
They weave them chains of guilt and crime.

But grant them grace that they may strain
The heavenly gate and prize to gain:
Each harmful lure aside to cast,
And purge away each error past.

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son,
Who with the Spirit and with Thee
Doth live and reign eternally.



LORD, I call upon thee, haste thee unto me : and consider my voice
when **I** cry unto thee.

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2 Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the **incense** : and let the lifting up of my hands be an **evening** sacrifice.

3 Set a watch, O Lord, **before** my mouth : and keep the **door** of my lips.

4 O let not mine heart be inclined to any **evil** thing : let me not be occupied in ungodly works with the men that work wickedness, | lest I eat of such **things** as please them.

5 Let the righteous rather smite me **friendly** : (-) **and** reprove me.

6 But let not their precious balms **break** my head: yea, I will pray yet **against** their wickedness.

7 Let their judges be **overthrown** in stony **places**: that they may hear my **words**, for they are **sweet**.

8 Our bones lie scattered **before** the pit : like as when one breaketh and heweth **wood** upon the earth.

9 But mine eyes look unto thee, O Lord God : in thee is my trust, O **cast** not out my soul.

10 Keep me from the snare that they have **laid** for me : and from the traps of the **wicked** doers.

11 Let the ungodly fall into their own nets **together** : and let me **ever** escape them.

STAND

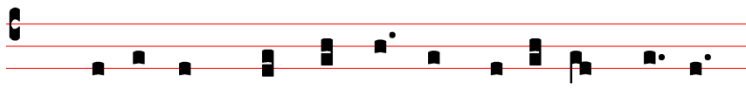
Glory be to the Father, and **to** the Son : and **to** the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be : world **without** end. Amen.

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THE FIRST READING

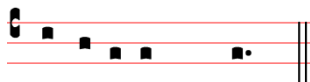
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Here endeth the First Lesson.

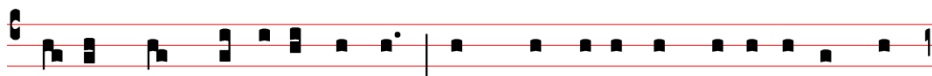




God hath re-garded* my lowli-ness; and He that is mighty hath



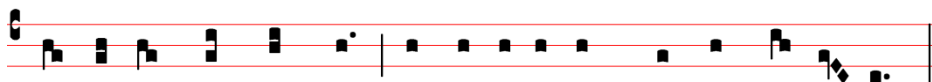
magni-fi-ed me.



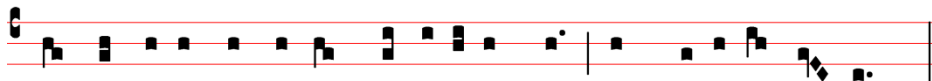
My soul doth magni-fy the Lord: and my spi-rit hath re-joiced in God



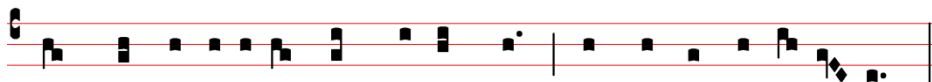
my Sav-iour. For He hath re-garded: the lowli-ness of His handmai-den.



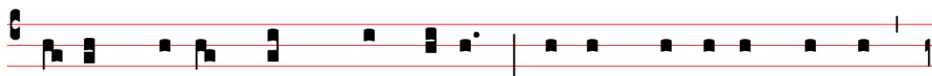
For be-hold from henceforth: all ge-ne-ra-tions shall call me bles-sed.



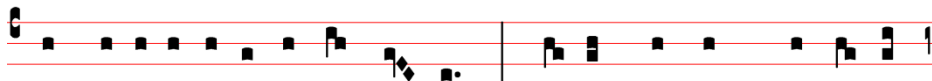
For He that is mighty hath magni-fi-ed me: and ho-ly is His Name.



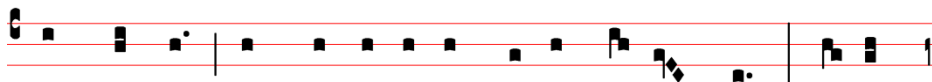
And His mercy is on them that fear Him:throughout all ge-ne-ra- tions.



He hath shewed strength with His arm: He hath scat-te-red the proud

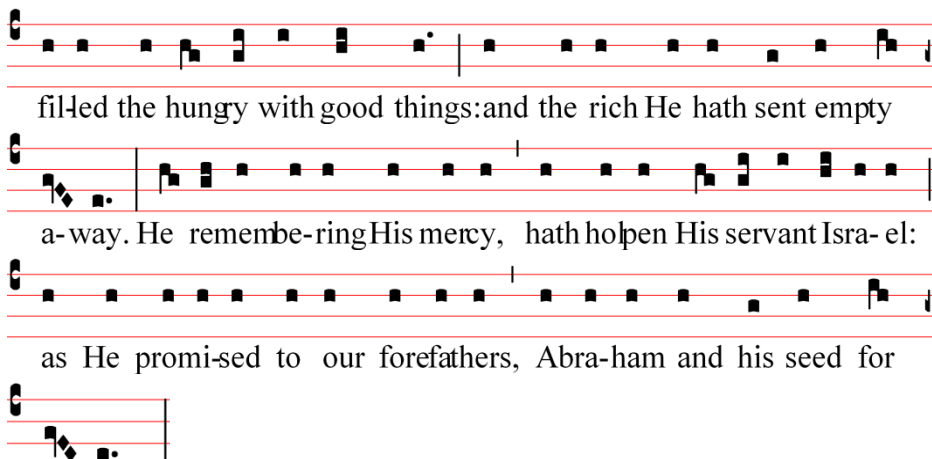


in the ima-gi-na-tion of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty



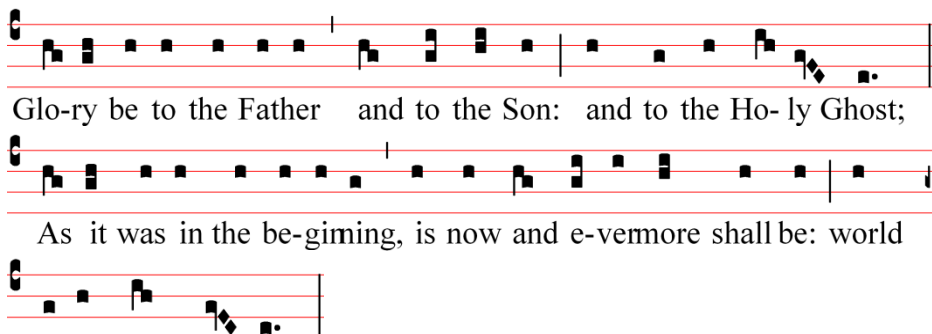
from their seat: and hath ex-al-ted the humble and meek. He hath

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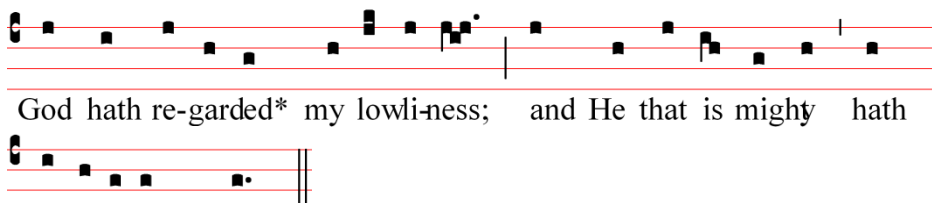


filled the hungry with good things: and the rich He hath sent empty
a-way. He remem-bering His mercy, hath holpen His servant Isra-el:
as He promi-sed to our forefathers, Abra-ham and his seed for
e- ver.

The Gloria Patri does not begin until the censing is complete.



Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
As it was in the be-gining, is now and e-vermore shall be: world
without end. A-men.



God hath re-garded* my lowli-ness; and He that is mighty hath
magni-fi-ed me.

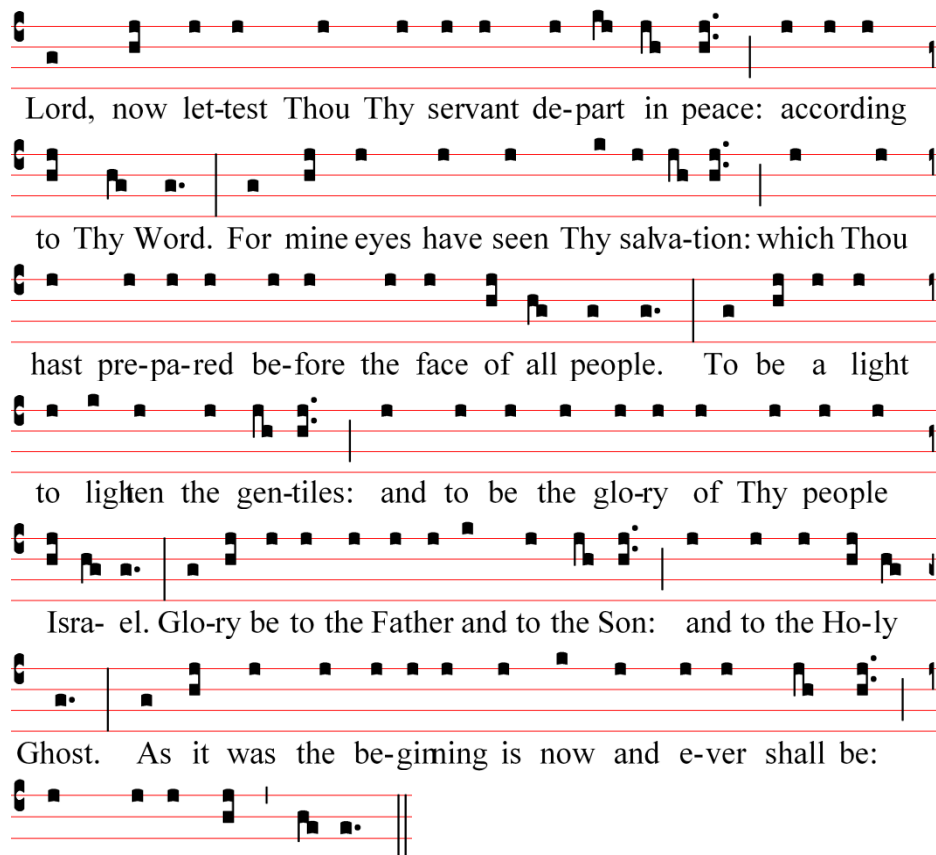
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THE SECOND READING

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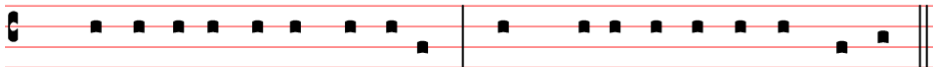
Here endeth the Second Lesson.

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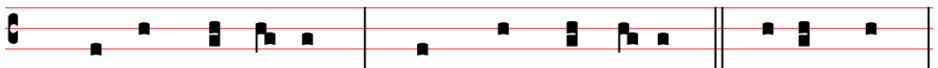


Lord, now let-test Thou Thy servant de-part in peace: according
to Thy Word. For mine eyes have seen Thy salva-tion: which Thou
hast pre-pa-red be-fore the face of all people. To be a light
to lighten the gen-tiles: and to be the glo-ry of Thy people
Isra- el. Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Ho-ly
Ghost. As it was the be-giming is now and e-ver shall be:
world without end. Amen.

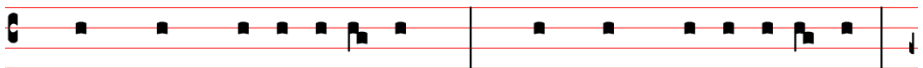
I believe in God,
 the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth:
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
 Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 Born of the Virgin Mary,
 Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 Was crucified, dead, and buried:
 He descended into hell;
 The third day he rose again from the dead;
 He ascended into heaven,
 And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost;
 The holy Catholick Church;
 The Communion of Saints;
 The Forgiveness of sins;



V.\ The Re-surrection of the body; R.\ And the lifee-ver-las-ting. Amen.



V.\ The Lord be with you. R.\ And with thy spi- rit. V.\ Let us pray:



V.\ Lord, have mercy upon us. R.\ Christ, have mercy upon us.



V.\ Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father,

which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done,

in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our trespasses,

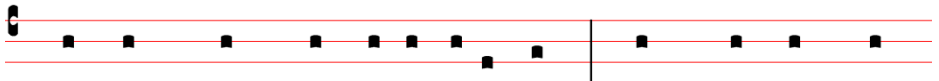
As we forgive them that trespass against us;



V.\ And lead us not into tempta-tion; R.\ but de-li-ver us from e-vil.



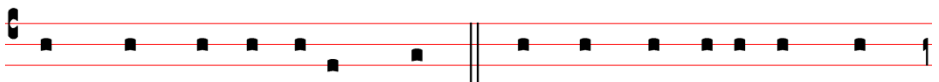
Amen.



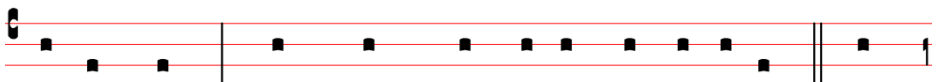
V.\ O Lord, shew Thy mercy upon us. R.\ And grant us Thy



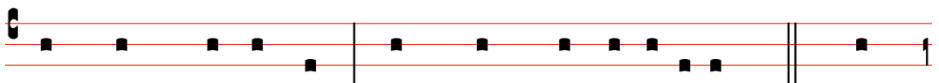
Salva-tion. V.\ O Lord, save the King. R.\ And merci-fully hear



us when we call upon Thee. V.\ Endue Thy mi-ni-sters with

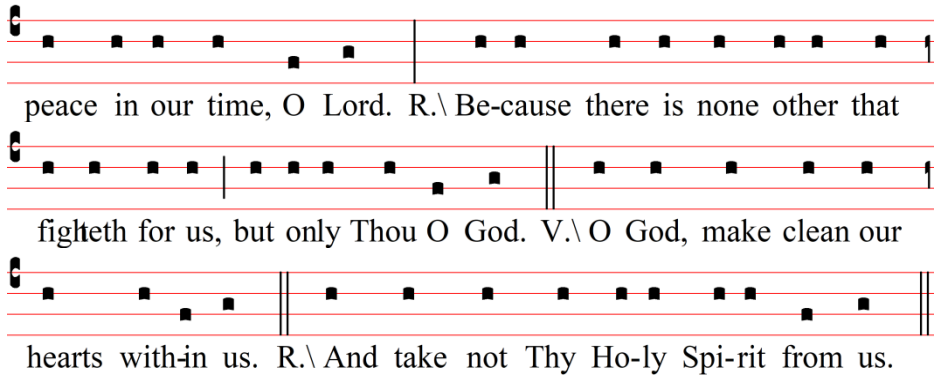


righteousness. R.\ And make Thy cho-sen people joyful. V.\ O



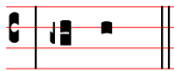
Lord, save Thy people. R.\ And bless Thine inhe-ri-tance. V.\ Give

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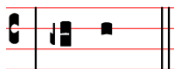
R.\ Amen.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

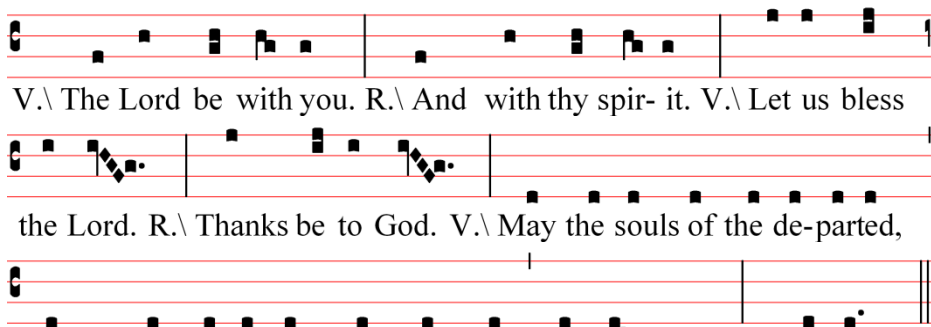


R.\ Amen.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



R.\ Amen.



V.\ The Lord be with you. R.\ And with thy spir- it. V.\ Let us bless
the Lord. R.\ Thanks be to God. V.\ May the souls of the de-parted,
through the mercy and love of God, rest in peace. R.\ Amen.

As we prepare for Benediction, the following hymn is sung. When the bell rings, all KNEEL.

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him Who died for Thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Virgin's Son,
The God Incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
As of that Rose the Stem;
The Root whence mercy ever flows
The Babe of Bethlehem.

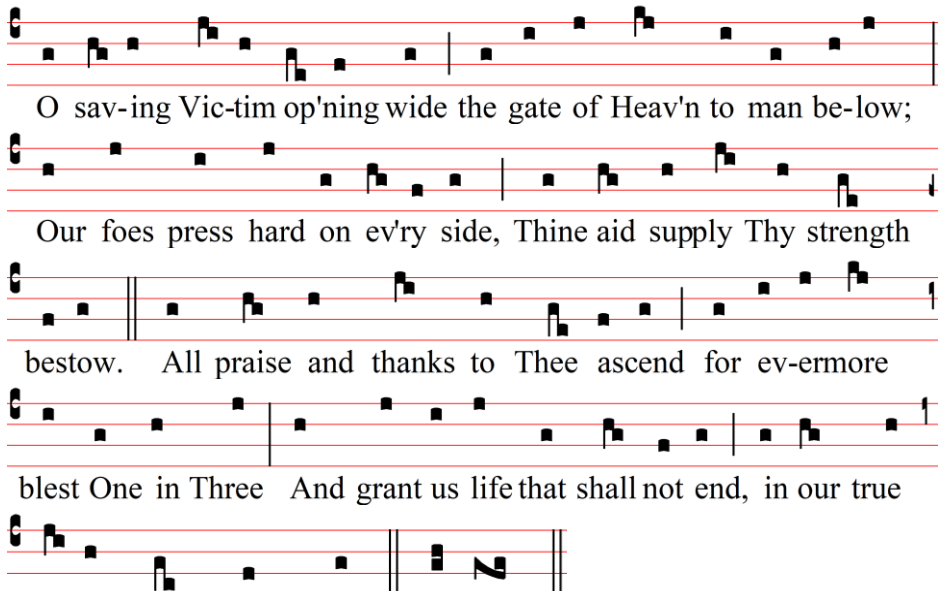
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Crown Him the Lord of love!
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
Where everlasting waves
Reflect His throne – the Infinite!
Who lives – and loves – and saves.

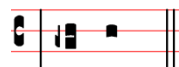
The Presence of Christ in the Sacrament is honoured with incense as we sing:



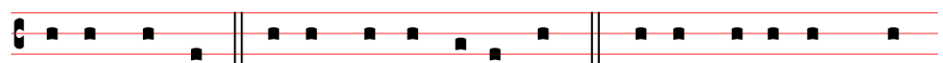
O sav-ing Vic-tim op'ning wide the gate of Heav'n to man be-low;
Our foes press hard on ev'ry side, Thine aid supply Thy strength
bestow. All praise and thanks to Thee ascend for ev-ermore
blest One in Three And grant us life that shall not end, in our true
nat-ive land with Thee. Amen.

A Period of silence follows.

Visit, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this dwelling and drive far from it all assaults of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell herein that we may be kept in peace and Your blessing always rest upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

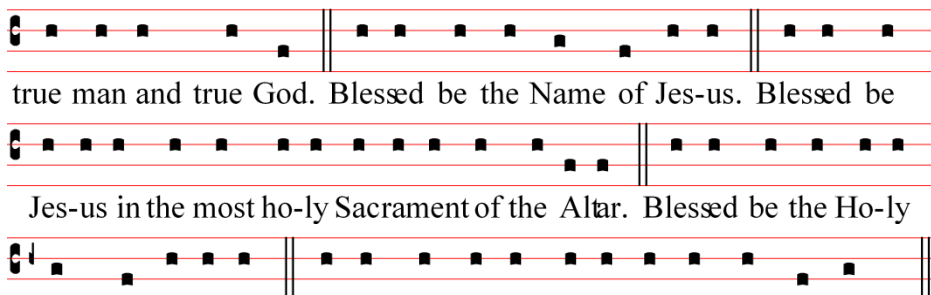


R. \ Amen.



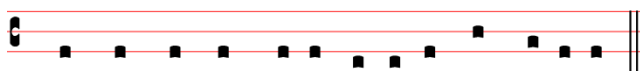
Blessed be God. Blessed be His ho-ly Name. Blessed be Jes-us Christ

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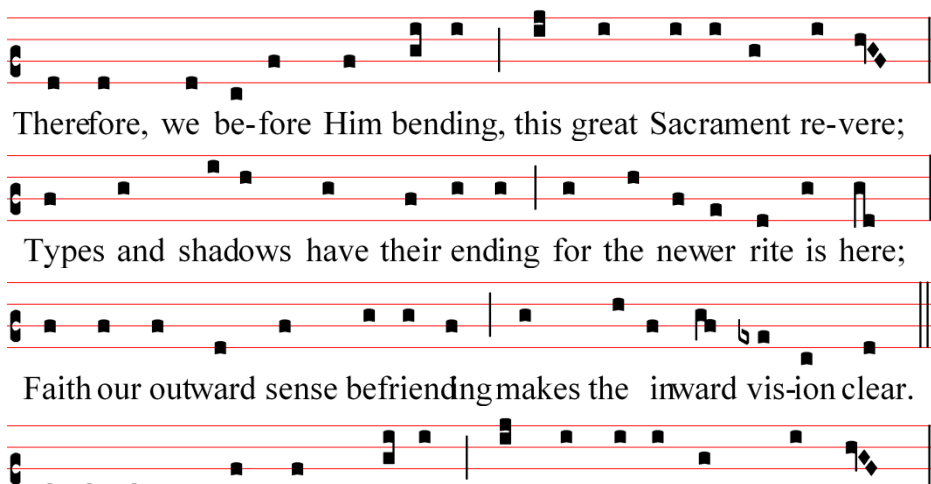
true man and true God. Blessed be the Name of Jes-us. Blessed be
 Jes-us in the most ho-ly Sacrament of the Altar. Blessed be the Ho-ly
 Ghost the Par-aclete. Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints.

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



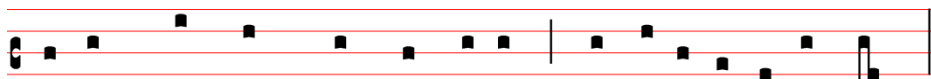
R.\ And in the most ho-ly Sacrament of the Altar.

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

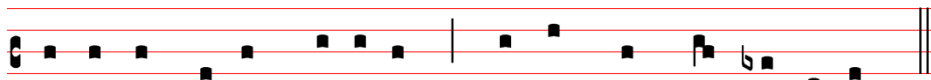


Therefore, we be-fore Him bending, this great Sacrament re-vere;
 Types and shadows have their ending for the newer rite is here;
 Faith our outward sense befriendng makes the inward vis-ion clear.
 Glo-ry let us give and blessing, to the Father and the Son,

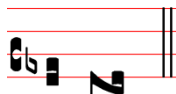
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Hon-our, might and praise addressing while e-ternal ag-es run;

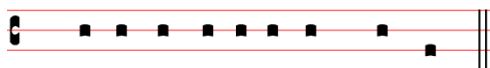


Ev-er too His love confessing, Who from Both with Both is One.



Amen.

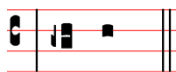
V.\ Thou gavest them Bread from Heaven.



R.\ Contain-ing in Itself all sweetness.

Let us pray:

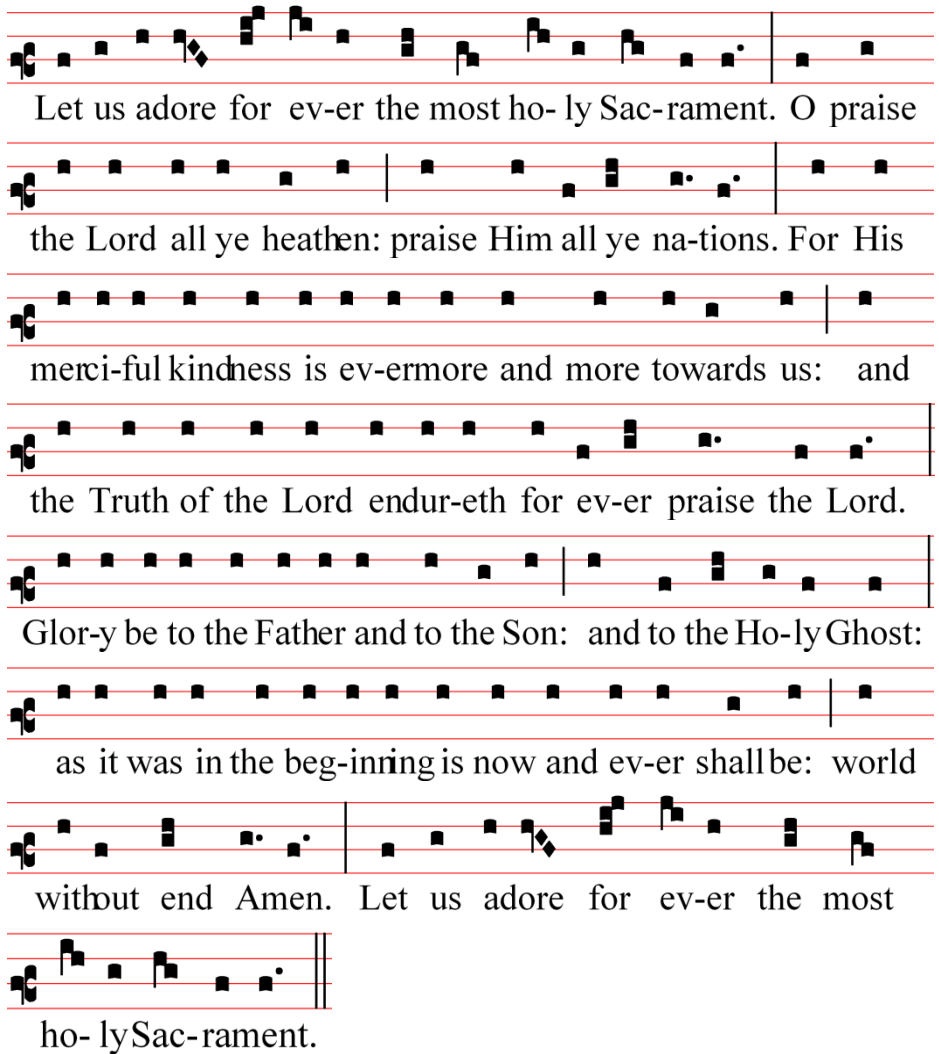
O God, Who under a wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of Thy wonderful Passion and Death and glorious Resurrection; grant us so to venerate the Sacred Mysteries of Thy Body and Blood that evermore perceive within ourselves the fruit of Your Redemption: Who lives and reigns for ever and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



R.\ Amen.

The priest goes to the Altar and gives Benediction, during which a bell rings three times. It is customary, as with all blessings, to make the sign of the Cross on oneself as Benediction is imparted.

As the Sacrament is returned to the Tabernacle, all sing:



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.

As the Officiant and those with him leave the Altar, all sing:

Bright the vision that delighted
Once the sight of Judah's seer;
Sweet the countless tongues united
To entrance the prophet's ear.

Round the Lord in glory seated
Cherubim and Seraphim
Filled His Temple, and repeated
Each to each th' alternate hymn:

'Lord, Thy glory fills the Heaven;
Earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto Thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.'

Heaven is still with glory ringing,
Earth takes up the angels' cry,
'Holy, Holy, Holy,' singing
'Lord of Hosts, the Lord most high.'

With His Seraph train before Him,
With His holy Church below,
Thus unite we to adore Him,
Bid we thus our anthem flow:

'Lord, Thy glory fills the Heaven,
Earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto Thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.'