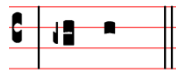


O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest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



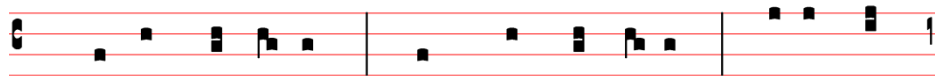
R.\ Amen.

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.

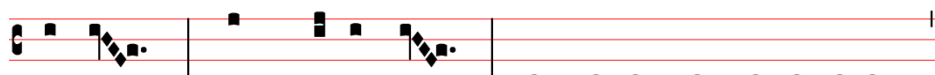


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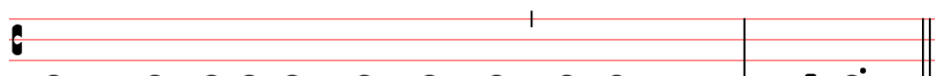
A short period of silence may follow.



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,



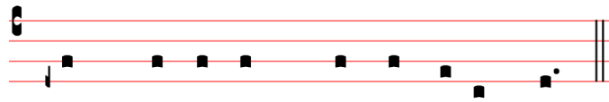
through the mercy and love of God, rest in peace. R.\ Amen.



The
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for the
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the Baptist

The angel of the Lord brought the tidings to Mary:

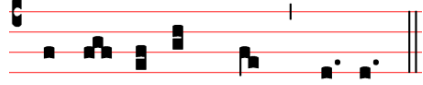


R.\ And she conceived by the Hol-y Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

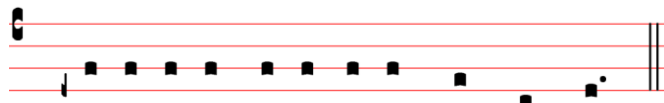


R.\ Hol-y Mar- y, Mother of God, pray for us sin-ners now and at



the hour of our death. Amen.

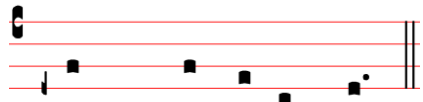
Behold the Handmaid of the Lord:



R.\ Be it unto me according to Thy Word.

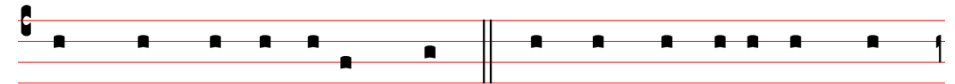
Hail Mary &c

The Word was made flesh:

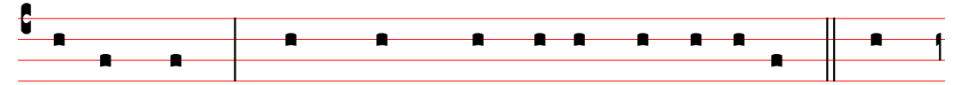


R.\ And dwelt among us.

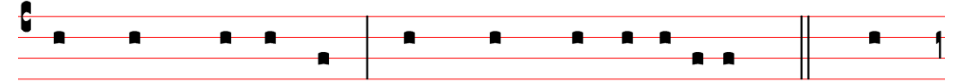
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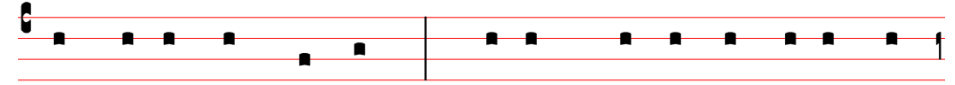
us when we call upon Thee. V.\ Endue Thy mi-ni-sters with



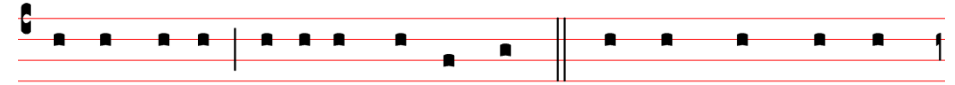
righteousness. R.\ And make Thy cho-sen people joyful. V.\ O



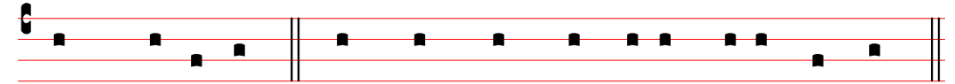
Lord, save Thy people. R.\ And bless Thine inhe-ri-tance. V.\ Give



peace in our time, O Lord. R.\ Be-cause there is none other that



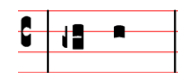
fighteth for us, but only Thou O God. V.\ O God, make clean our



hearts with-in us. R.\ And take not Thy Ho-ly Spi-rit from us.

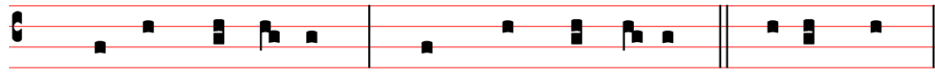
THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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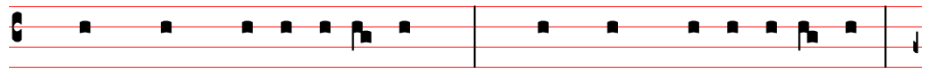


R.\ Amen.

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V. The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit. V. Let us pray:



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

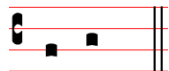


V. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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;



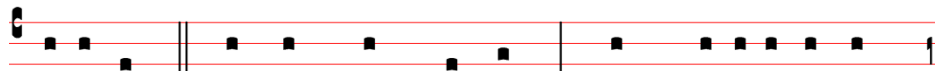
V. And lead us not into temptation; R. but deliver us from evil.



Amen.



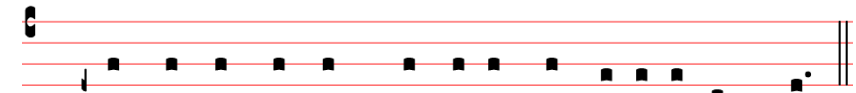
V. O Lord, shew Thy mercy upon us. R. And grant us Thy



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

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Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:



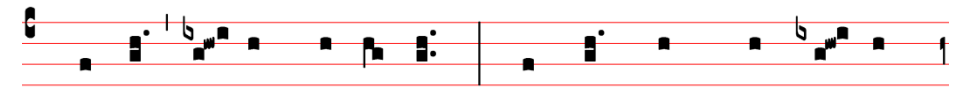
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

THE COLLECT OF THE ANGELUS



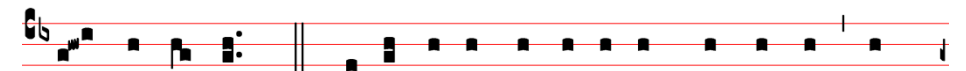
R. Amen.



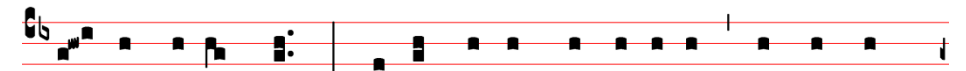
V. O Lord, open Thou our lips. R. And our mouth shall show forth



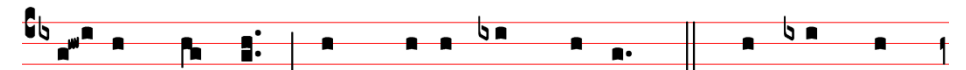
Thy praise. V. + O God, make speed to save us. V. O Lord make



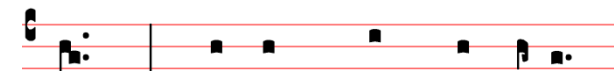
haste to help us. V. Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and



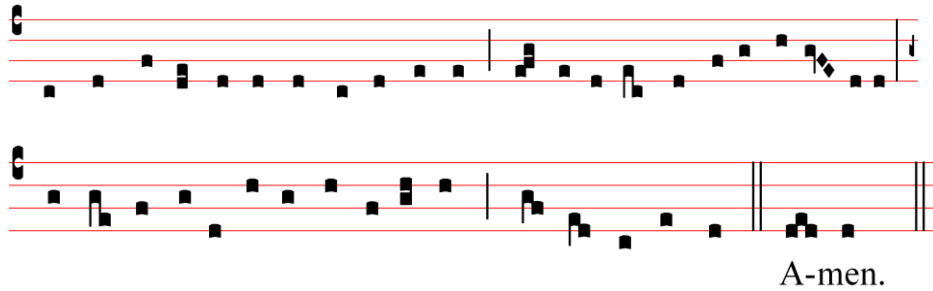
to the Ho-ly Ghost: R. as it was in the be-gim-ing, is now and



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



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



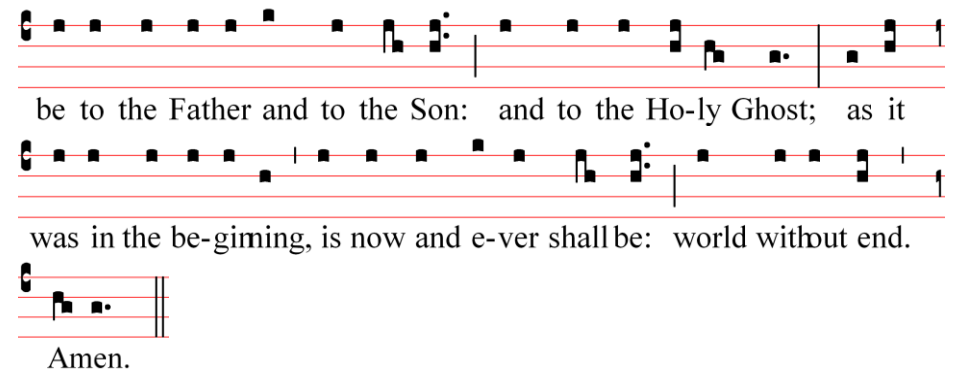
On this high feast day honour we the Baptist,
 Greatest and last of Israel's line of prophets,
 Kinsman of Jesus, herald of salvation,
 Chosen forerunner.

Lo, from the heavens Gabriel descending,
 Brings to thy father tidings of thy coming,
 Telling thy name, and all thy life's high calling
 Duly announcing.

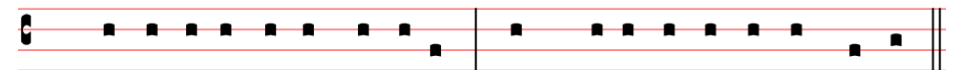
When Zechariah doubted what was told him,
 Dumbness assailed him, sealing firm the promise,
 Till, at thy naming, lo, his voice resounded
 Loud in God's praises.

Greater art thou than all the sons of Adam,
 Lowly in spirit, faithfully proclaiming
 Israel's Messiah, Jesus our Redeemer,
 Thus we exalt thee.

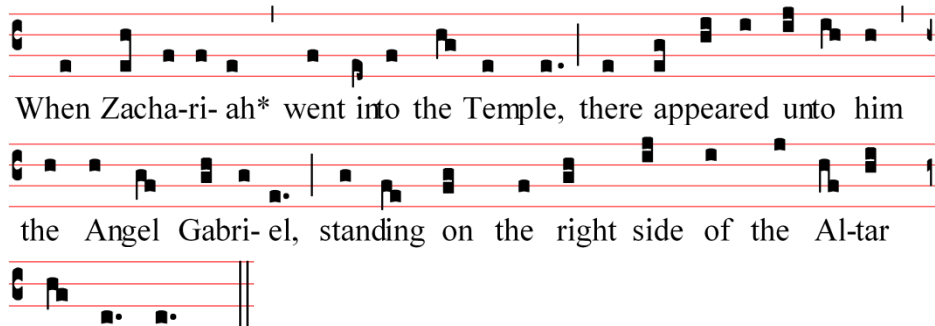
Father eternal, Son and Holy Spirit,
 God everlasting, hear Thy people's praises;
 Let saints on earth with all the saints in glory,
 Ever adore Thee.



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.



When Zacha-ri- ah* went into the Temple, there appeared unto him
 the Angel Gabri- el, standing on the right side of the Al-tar
 of in-cense.

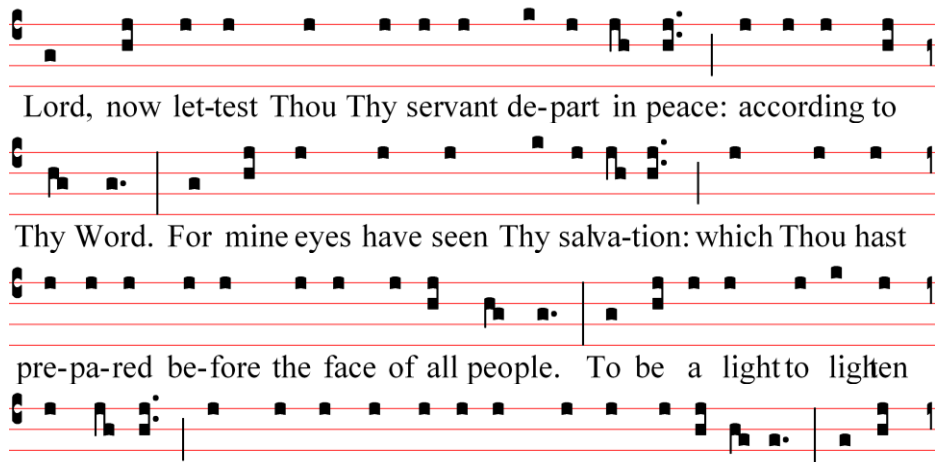
SIT

THE SECOND READING

At the end:

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

STAND



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

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THE PSALM(S)

SIT after the intonation, rising for the Gloria Patri.

SIT

THE FIRST READING

At the end:

Here endeth the First Lesson.



V.\ He shall be great in the sight of God.
 R.\ He shall be great in the sight of God.
 V.\ He shall pre-pare a way be fore the Lord.
 R.\ He shall be great in the sight of God.

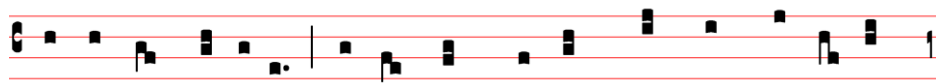
STAND



V.\ Glor-y be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost.
 R.\ He shall be great in the sight of God.



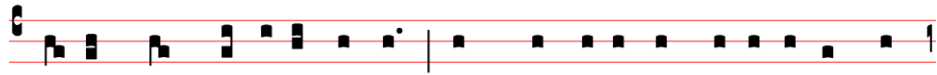
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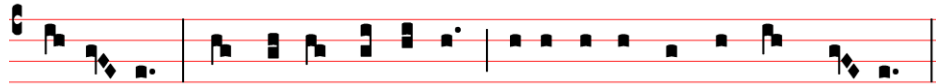
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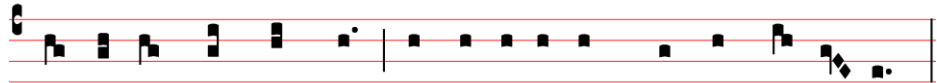
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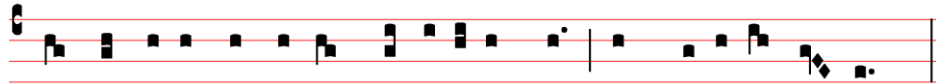
My soul doth magni-fy the Lord: and my spi-rit hath re-joiced in God



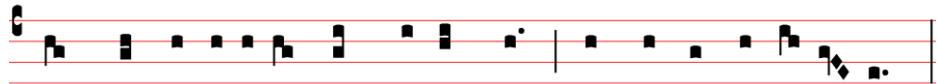
my Sav-iour. For He hath re-garded: the lowli-ness of His handmai-den.



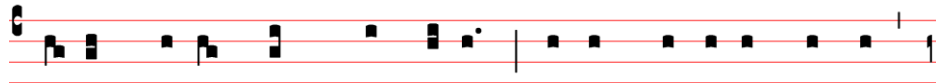
For be-hold from henceforth: all ge-ne-ra-tions shall call me bles-sed.



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:through-out all ge-ne-ra-tions.

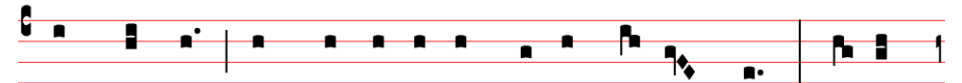


He hath shewed strength with His arm: He hath scat-te-red the proud



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

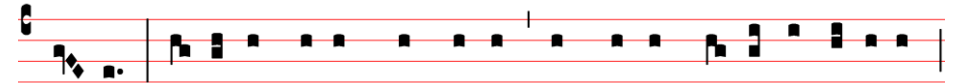
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from their seat: and hath ex-al-ted the humble and meek. He hath



fil-led the hungry with good things:and the rich He hath sent empty



a-way. He remem-be-ring His mercy, hath hol-pen His servant Isra-el:

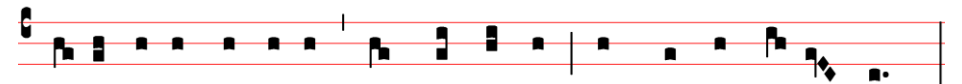


as He promi-sed to our forefathers, Abra-ham and his seed for



e- ver.

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



Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



As it was in the be-gim-ing, is now and e-vernore shall be: world



without end. A-men.

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