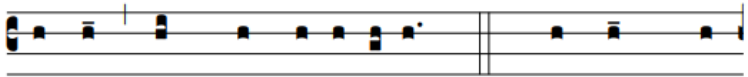


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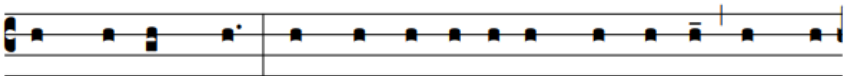
LITURGY OF THE HOURS / SUNDAY / EVENING PRAYER

Please stand and make the sign of the cross as priest intones "O God, come to my assistance." Bow at "Glory to the Father...Holy Spirit"

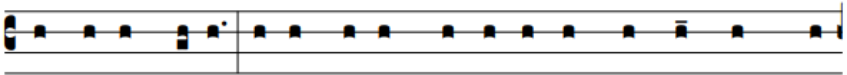


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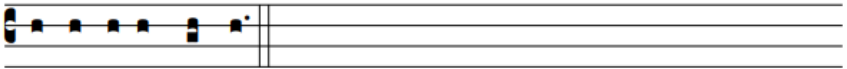
God, come to my assistance. *All:* O Lord, make



haste to help me. Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to



the Ho-ly Spi-rit: as it was in the be-ginning, is now, and will



be for ever. Amen.

HYMN

Immaculate Mary
Saint Michael Hymnal, #577

Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing;
You reign now in splendor with Jesus our King.
Ave Maria!

In heaven the blessed your glory proclaim;
On earth we, your children, invoke your fair name.
Ave Maria!

We pray you, O Mother, may God's will be done;
We pray for his glory; may his kingdom come.
Ave Maria!

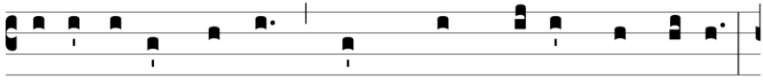
We pray for our Mother, the Church upon earth;
And bless, holy Mary, the land of our birth.
Ave Maria!

Please be seated.

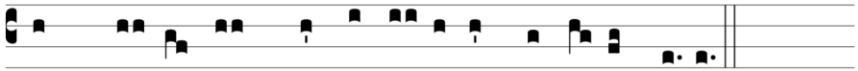
PSALMODY

Psalm verses are sung antiphonally between the left (I) and right (II) sides of the congregation.

ANTIPHON 1



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And she conceived by the po-wer of the Ho-ly Spi-rit.



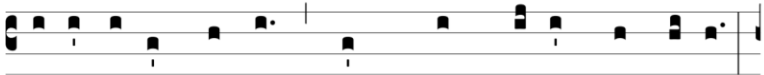
PSALM 110:1-5,7

- I The Lord's revelation to my Master; | "Sit on my right: *
your foes I will | put beneath *your* feet."
- II The Lord will wield from Zion your | scepter of power: *
Rule in the | midst of all *your* foes.
- I A prince from the day of your † birth
on the | holy mountains; *
from the womb before the dawn | I begot you.
- II The Lord has sworn an oath he will not † change
"You are a | priest for ever, *
A priest like Mel- | chizedek *of* old."
- I The Master standing | at your right hand *
will shatter kings in the | day of his *great* wrath.
- II He shall drink from the | stream *by* the wayside. *
and therefore he shall | lift up his head.

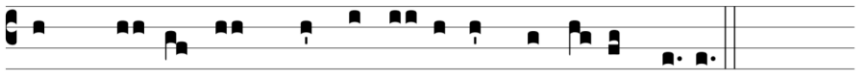
Bow at "Glory to the Father.... Holy Spirit."

I Glory to the | Fa-ther, and to the Son, *
and to the | Holy Spirit:

II as it was in the be- | ginning, is now, *
and will be for- | ever. Amen.

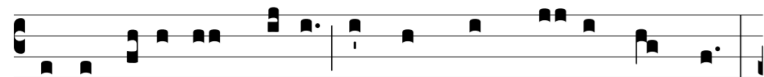


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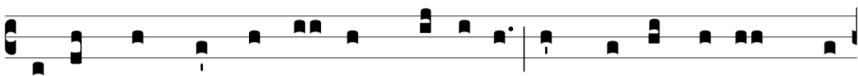


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ANTIPHON 2



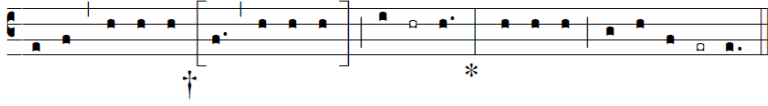
Do not be afraid, Ma-ry; you have found fa- vor with God.



Be-hold you shall conceive and bear a son, and he will be called the



Son of the Most High.



PSALM 130

I *Out of the depths* I cry to | you, *O Lord*, *
--- | Lord, hear my voice!.

II O let your ears be at- | tentive *
to the voice | of my pleading.

I If you, *O Lord*, should | mark *our* guilt, *
--- | Lord, who would *sur-vive*?.

II But with you is found for- | givenness: *
for this | we revere you.

I My soul is waiting | for the *Lord*, *
I | count on his word.

II My soul is longing | for the *Lord* *
more than watch- | man for daybreak.

I Let the watchman count on | daybreak *
and Isra- | el on the *Lord*.

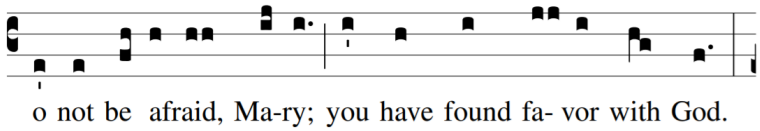
II Because with the *Lord* there is | mercy *
and fullness | of redemption,

I *Israel* indeed he | will redeem *
from all | its iniquity.

II Glory to the *Father*, and | to *the Son*, *
and to the | *Holy Spirit*:

I as it was in the beginning, | is now, *
and will be for- | ever. Amen.

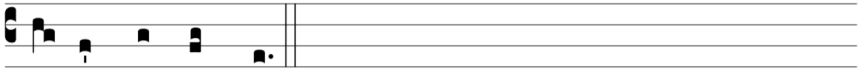
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ANTIPHON 3

I



am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as



you have said.



CANTICLE: COLOSSIANS 1:12-20

- I *Let us* give thanks to the Fa-†ther
for having | made you worthy *
to share the lot | of the saints *in* light.
- II He rescued us from the | *po-wer* of darkness *
and brought us into the kingdom of | his be-lo-ved Son.
- I Through him we | have redemption, *
the for- | giveness of our sins.

- II He is the image of the in- | visible God, *
the first-born | of all crea-tures.
- I In him everything in heaven and on | earth *was* created, *
things visible | and in-vis-i-ble.
- II All were cre- | ated through him; *
all were cre- | ated for him.
- I He is before | all else that is. *
In him everything contin- | ues in be-ing.
- II It is he who is head of the | body, the church! *
he who is | the be-gin-ning.
- I the | first-born of *the* dead, *
so that primary may be | his in ev-ery-thing.
- II It pleased God to make | ab-sol-ute fullness *
reside in him | and by means of him,
- I to reconcile everything in his per-† son,
both on earth and | in the heavens, *
making peace through the | blood of the cross.
- II Glory to the | *Father* and to *the Son*, *
and to the | Holy Spir-it:
- I as it was in the be- | ginning is now, *
and will be for- | ever. A-men.

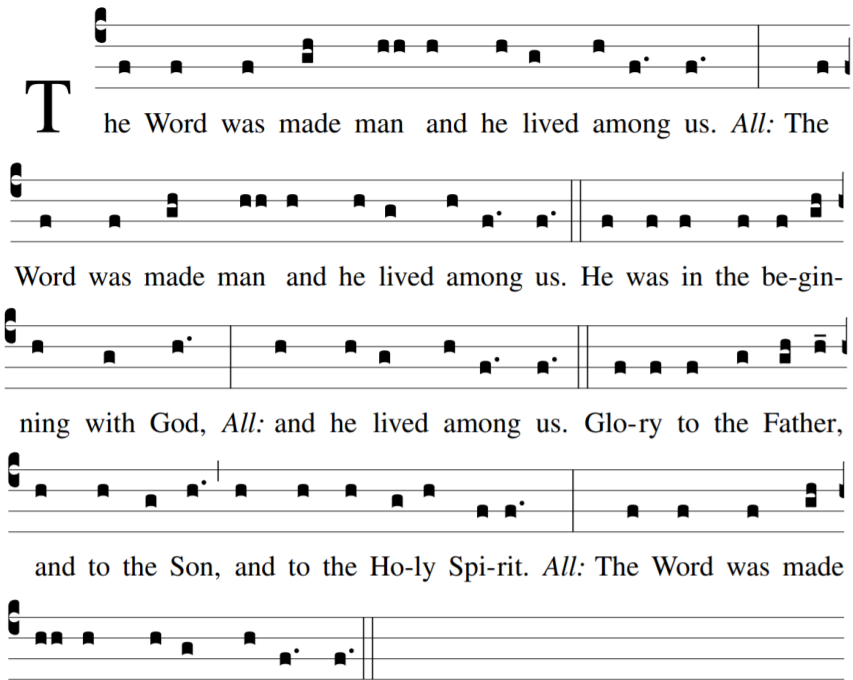
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you have said.

EPISTLE

1 John 1:1-2

This is what we proclaim to you: what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked upon and our hands have touched – we speak the word of life. This life became visible; we have seen and bear witness to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life that was present to the Father and became visible to us.

RESPONSORY

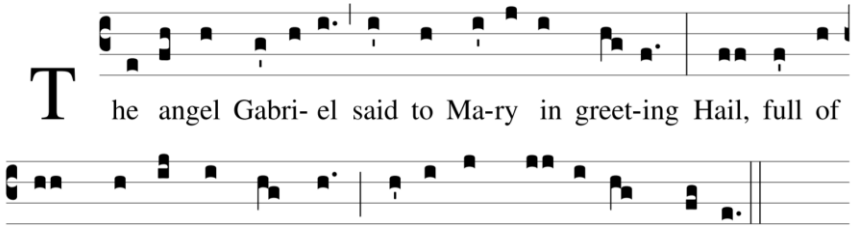


T he Word was made man and he lived among us. *All:* The
Word was made man and he lived among us. He was in the be-gin-
ning with God, *All:* and he lived among us. Glo-ry to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit. *All:* The Word was made
man and he lived among us.

Please stand.

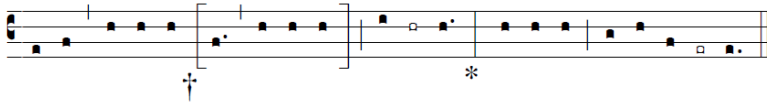
MAGNIFICAT

Luke 1:46-55



he angel Gabri-el said to Ma-ry in greet-ing Hail, full of
grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women.

Make the sign of the cross as all sing "My soul proclaims the greatness of the LORD."



*all: My soul proclaims the greatness | of the LORD. **
my spirit rejoices in | God my savior.

For he has looked with favor on his lowly | servant. *
From this day all generations will | call me blessed:

the Al-mighty has done great | things for me, *
and | holy is His Name.

He has mercy on those who | fear him *
in every | generation.

He has shown the strength | of his arm, *
He has scattered the | proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty | from *their* thrones, *
and has lifted | up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with | good things, *
and the rich he has sent | away empty.

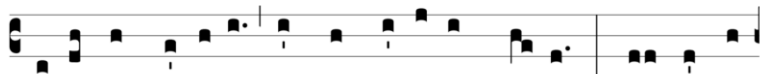
He has come to the help of his servant | *Is-ra-el* *
for he has remembered his pro- | mise of mercy,

the pro-mise he made to our | fathers, *
to Abraham and his chil- | dren for ever.

Glory to the Father and | to *the* Son, *
and to the | Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning | is now, *
and will be for- | ever. Amen.

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INTERCESSIONS

On this day the eternal Father sent his angel to bring to Mary the good news of our salvation. Let us turn to God and pray with confidence:

L



ord, fill our hearts with your love.

You chose the Virgin Mary as the mother of your Son,
—have mercy on all who look for your gift of salvation.

You sent Gabriel to give Mary your message of peace and joy,
—give to the whole world the joy of salvation and your gift of true peace.

Mary gave her consent, the Holy Spirit overshadowed her, and
your Word came to dwell among us,
—touch our hearts, that we may welcome Christ as Mary did.

You look with love on the humble, and fill the hungry with your
gifts,
—raise up the downcast, help all in need, comfort and strengthen
the dying.

Lord our God, you alone work wonders and with you all things are
possible,
—give us the fullness of salvation when you raise up the dead on
the last day.

PATER NOSTER

PATER NOSTER, qui es in
caelis, sanctificetur nomen
tuum. Adveniat regnum tuum.
Fiat voluntas tua, sicut in
caelo et in terra. Panem
nostrum quotidianum da nobis
hodie, et dimitte nobis debita
nostra sicut et nos dimittimus
debitoribus nostris. Et ne nos
inducas in tentationem, sed
libera nos a malo.

Our Father, Who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy Name. Thy
Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this
day our daily bread, and forgive us
our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us. And lead us
not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil.

PRAYER

God our Father,
your Word became man and was born of the Virgin Mary.
May we become more like Jesus Christ,
whom we acknowledge as our redeemer, God and man.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever.

Amen.