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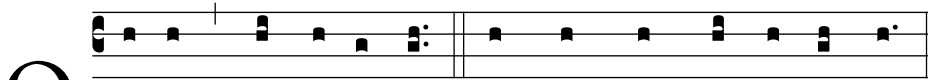
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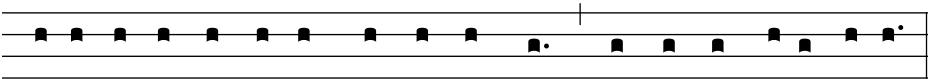
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THURSDAY WEEK ONE

INTRODUCTION



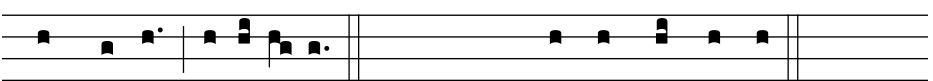
O God , come to my aid.- R̄. O Lord, make haste to help me.-



Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,- and to the Holy Spirit.-



As it was in the beginning, is now and ev-er shall be,- world † without



end. Amen.- A-lle-lu-ia.- In Lent † without end. Amen.-

HYMN

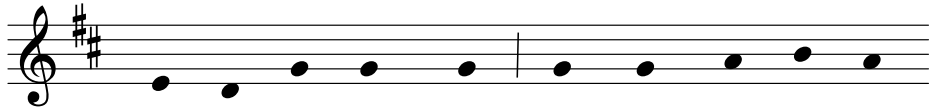
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*Text: Magnae Deus potentiae (St Gregory)**Tunes: As set*

EVENING III



O God of power and match-less force, Who set the



wa-ters in their course And draw from ra-ging



o - cean strife A world of fresh and fer - tile life;

- 2 Who freely fill the sea and sky
With fish to swim and birds to fly,
And give to each its proper place
To leap and sing before your face;
- 3 Grant us, your new creation here,
Adrift in chaos, sin, and fear,
To see our anchor in the flood
Of life that comes from Jesus' blood.

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O God of power and match-less force,
 Who set the wa - ters in their course
 And draw from ra - ging o - cean strife
 A world of fresh and fer - tile life;

- 4 And make our faith as high and deep
 As birds of air and fish you keep.
 Uplift our hope and drown our pride
 That grace and love be multiplied.
- 5 O Father, this we ask be done
 Through Jesus Christ, your only Son,
 Whom in the Spirit we adore:
 One God who reigns for evermore.

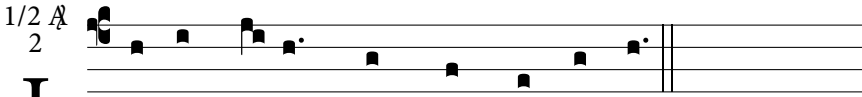
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PSALM 49 (48)

Vanity of Vanities

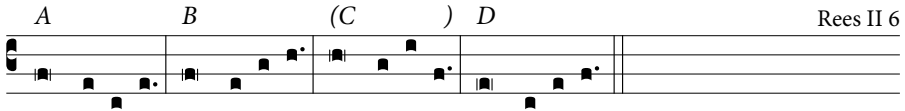
It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God. Mt 19:24

Antiphon



In his riches * man does not endure.

**In his riches man does not endure;
he is like the beasts that are destroyed.**



Hear this, ál you peoples,
give ear, all who dwell ín the world,
people both hígh and low,
rich and póor alike!

My mouth will útter wisdom.
The reflections of my heart óffer insight.
I will incline my ear tó a mystery;
with the harp I will set fórth my problem.

Why should I fear in évil days
the malice of the foes whó surround me,
those who trust ín their wealth,
and boast of the vastness óf their riches?

No man can ransóm a brother,
 nor pay a price to God f3r his life.
 How high is the price 3f his soul!
 The ransom can never b3 enough!

No one can buy life unending, [A+D]
 nor avoid going down t3 the pit.

Anyone sees that the w3se will die;
 the foolish will perish w3th the senseless, [omit C]
 and leave their w3alth to others.

Their graves are their h3mes forever,
 their dwelling place from 3ge to age, [omit C]
 though lands were called b3y their names.

The honour of man does n3t endure; [A+D]
 he is like the b3asts that perish.

This is the way of the foolish, †
 the outcome of those pleased w3th their lot:
 like sheep they are driven to Sheol,
 where death shall bec3me their shepherd,
 and the upright shall h3ve dominion.

Their outward show wastes away w3th the morning,
 and Sheol bec3mes their home.
 But God will ransom my soul from the gr3sp of Sheol;
 for he indeed w3ll receive me.

Then do not fear when a m3n grows rich,
 when the glory of his h3use increases
 He takes nothing with him wh3n he dies;
 his glory does not follow h3m below.

Rees II 6

Though he flattered himself while he lived,
 “People will praise you for all your success,”
 yet you will go to join your forebears,
 and will never see the light any more.

The honour of man does not endure;
 he is like the beasts that perish.

[A+D]

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
 And to the Holy Spirit.
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
 World without end. Amen

Antiphon

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 he is like the beasts that are destroyed.**

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In his riches * man does not endure.

PSALM 72 (71)

The Messiah's Justice and Judgement

He will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and of his kingdom there will be no end. Lk 1:32,33

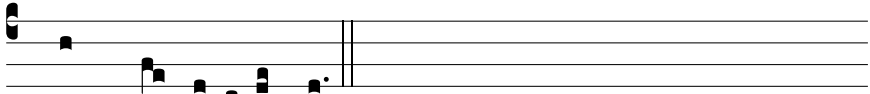
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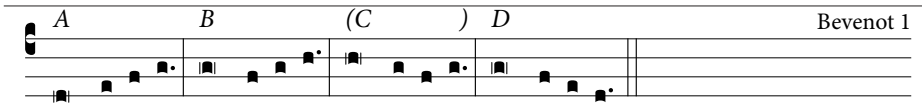


O God, give your judgment to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your peuple in justice,
and your poor in right judgment.

May the mountains bring forth peace for the people,
and the hills bear peace in uprightness
May he defend the poor of the people, †
and save the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor.

He shall endure like the sun and the moon
through all generations.

He shall descend like rain on the meadow,
like showers that water the earth.



In his days jústice shall flourish,
and great peace till the moon is no more.

[A&D]

He shall rule from séa to sea,
from the River to the bounds óf the earth.
Let the desert dwellers fáll before him,
and his enemies líck the dust.

The kings of Tarshish and the islands †
shall páy him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba †
shall bríng him gifts.

Before him all kings sháll fall prostrate,
all nátions shall serve him.

For he shall rescue the needy whén they cry,
the poor who have no óne to help.
He will have pity on the weak ánd the needy,
and save the lives óf the needy.

From oppression and violence he redéems their souls;
to him their blóod is dear.

[A&D]

Long máy he live,
and the gold of Shebá be given him.
They shall pray for him without ceasing,
and bless him áll the day.

May grain be abundant in the land, †
waving to the peaks óf the mountains.
May its fruit rústle like Lebanon;
may the people flourish ín the cities
like grass ón the earth.

May his name endure forever,
 his name continue like the sun.
 Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
 all nations shall call him blessed.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
 And to the Holy Spirit.
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
 World without end. Amen

Antiphon

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 through all generations.**

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SCRIPTURE READING

1 PET 1:6-9

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while you may have to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold which though perishable is tested by fire, may redound to praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls.

Alternative:

1 PET 1:22-23

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere love of the brethren, love one another earnestly from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.

RESPONSORY



Ṙ The Lord_ is my shep-herd, * there is no-thing



I shall want. √ Fresh and green are the pas-tures



where he gives me re- pose. * there is...



√ Praise to the Fa- ther, praise to the Son,



praise to the Ho - - ly Spi- rit. Ṙ The Lord_

MAGNIFICAT

THE CANTICLE OF MARY

Lk 1:46-55

*My soul rejoices in the Lord.**Antiphon*

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T he Lord casts the mighty from their thrones *
and rais-es the lowly.

**The Lord casts the mighty fróm their thrones
and raisés the lowly.**

A (B) C D Rees I 3

My soul gloriffes the LORD,
my spirit rejoices in Gód my Saviour.
He looks on his servant ín her lowliness;
henceforth all ages will cáll me blessed.

The Almighty works marvéls for me.
Holý his name!
His mercy is from áge to age,
on thóse who fear him.

He puts forth his árm in strength
and scatters thé proud hearted.
He casts the mighty fróm their thrones
and raisés the lowly.

He fills the starv'ing with good things,
sends the rich áway empty.

[A&D]

He protects Israél, his servant,
remember'ing his mercy,
the mercy promised tó our fathers,
to Abraham and his sóns for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and tó the Son,
And to the Hóly Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and éver shall be.
World without énd. Amen

INTERCESSIONS

Christ is the High Priest of his people: it is in him that we come together to offer our evening prayer to the Father.

The Hebdom will offer prayers of intercession

Cantor:

All:

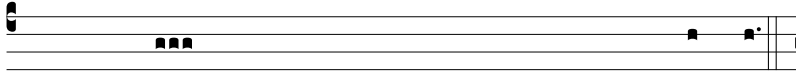


Ky-rie e- leison. * Christe e- leison. Ky-rie e- leison.

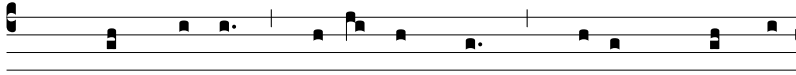
Stir up, O Lord, in your Church that spirit which our Holy Father St Benedict served, that in our time, your people may rejoice in numerous and holy vocations to the monastic life and to the priesthood, in the Houses of the English Congregation of the Order of St Benedict, and here in this monastery of Our Lady, Help of Christians. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

R/ Amen.

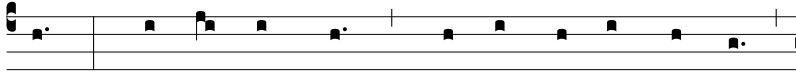
THE LORD'S PRAYER



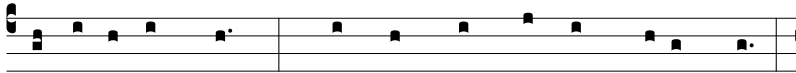
Superior: Let us now pray in the words our Saviour gave us:



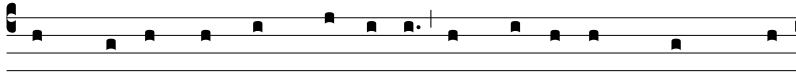
All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy



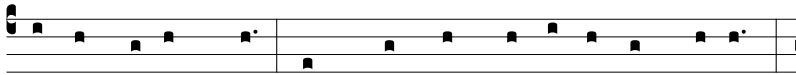
name; thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth



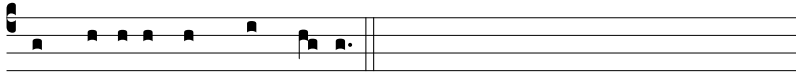
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;



and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who



trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,



but de-liver us from e-vil.

COLLECT

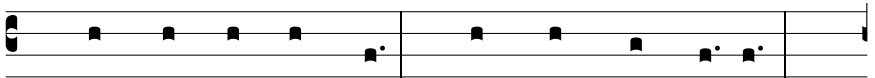
THURSDAY WEEK 1

Lord God,
 you give the moon to illumine the night,
 and to dispel the darkness you bring in the light of day:
 grant that during this night
 we may elude the grasp of Satan
 and in the morning rise to give you praise.
 We make our prayer
 through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever.

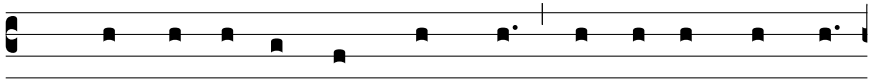
R/ Amen.

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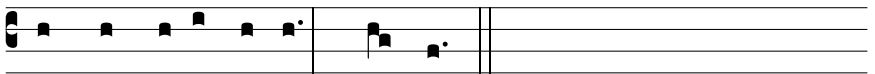
Superior:



∩ The Lord be with you. R And with your spirit.

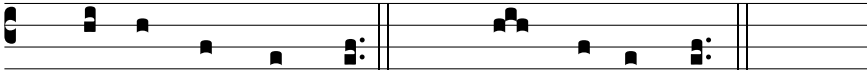


∩ May Almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son



and the Holy Spirit. R A-men.

Cantor:



℣ Let us bless the Lord. ℟ **Thanks be to God.**

V/ May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R/ **Amen.**

V/ May the Divine assistance remain always with us.

R/ **And with our absent brethren. Amen**

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