

VESPERS

WEDNESDAY

WEEK ONE

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INTRODUCTION

O God , come to my aid.- R. 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.-

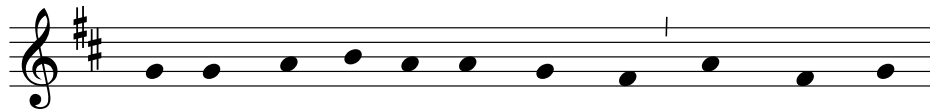
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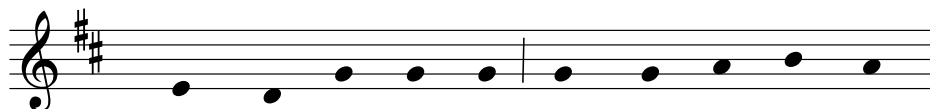
Text: *Caeli Deus sanctissime* (St Gregory)

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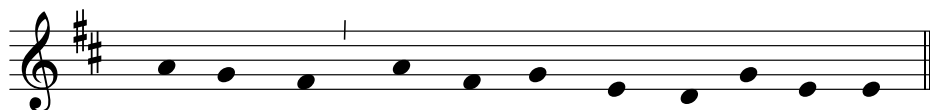
EVENING III



O God most ho - ly, God most high, Who spread the



splen-dour of the sky, And paint its spa-cious



can-vas bright With shi-ning stars and fie - ry light;

- 2 Who give the blazing sun a throne,
Its course from east to west make known.
And set the moon and stars on ways
That mark the seasons, months, and days;
- 3 Grant us, as signs of night return,
Your just and faithful ways to learn,
That as we gaze on darkened skies
Our hope, the light of Christ, will rise.

Tune: HPP2 252

SONG 34

O God most ho - ly, God most high,
 Who spread the splen-dour of the sky,
 And paint its spa - cious can - vas bright
 With shi-ning stars and fie - ry light;

- 4 O let the Sun of Justice reign
 To shatter every earthly chain,
 And make our wounded world within
 Resplendent with your grace again.
- 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.

PSALMODY

PSALM 32 (31)

Joy of Repentance and Forgiveness

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is the exception for our sins. 1 Jn 2:1-2

Antiphon

You are a hiding place for me; * you keep me safe
from distress.

**You are a hiding place for me;
you keep me safe from distress.**

A B (C) D Bevenot 1

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile.

I kept it secret and my frame was wasted.
I groaned all day long,
for your hand, by day and by night,
lay heavy upon me.

Indeed, my strength was dried up
as by the summer's heat.

[A+D]

To you I have acknowledged my sin;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said, "I will confess my transgression to the LORD."
And you have forgiven the guilt of my sin.

So let each faithful one pray to you
in the time of need.
The floods of water may reach high,
but such a one they shall not reach.

You are a hiding place for me;
you keep me safe from distress; [omit C]
you surround me with cries of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you
the way you should go; [omit C]
I will fix my eyes upon you.

Be not like horse and mule, unintelligent,
needing bridle and bit, [omit C]
or else they will not approach you.

Many sorrows has the wicked,
but loving mercy surrounds [omit C]
the one who trusts in the LORD.

Rejoice in the LORD; exult, you just! [A+D]
Ring out your joy, all you upright of heart!

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

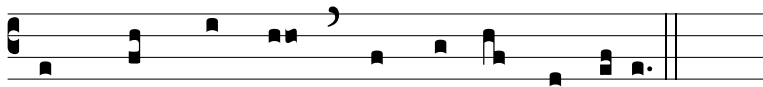
PSALM 45 (44)

Royal Wedding

Behold, the Bridegroom is here! Come out to meet him! Mt 25:6

Antiphon

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Your throne, O God, * shall endure for ever.

**Your thróne, O God,
shall endúre for ever.**



My heart overflows with nóble words.

To the king I address the song Í have made, [omit C]
my tongue as nimble as the pén of a scribe.

You are the most handsome of the sóns of men, [omit C]
and graciousness is poured out upón your lips,
for God has blessed you forévermore.

Gird your sword upon your thigh, O míghty one,
with your splendour ánd your majesty.

In your majesty ride on triumphant †
in the cause of truth, méekness, and right.
May your right hand show your wóndrous deeds.

Your arrows are sharp—peoples fáll beneath you [A&D]
in the heart of the foes óf the king.

Your throne, O God, shall endúre forever. [omit C]

A scepter of justice is the scepter óf your kingdom.
Your love is for uprightnes; your hátred for evil.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above other kings:
your robes are fragrant with aloes, myrrh, and cassia.

[omit C]

From the ivory palace you are gladdened with music.
The daughters of kings are those whom you favour.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

[omit C]

Listen, O daughter; pay heed and give ear:
forget your own people and your father's house.
So will the king desire your beauty.
He is your LORD, pay homage to him.

And the daughter of Tyre shall come with gifts;
the richest of the people shall seek your favour.
The daughter of the king is clothed with splendour;
her robes are threaded with gold.

In fine clothing she is led to the king;
behind her are her maiden companions, brought to you.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king.

Sons will be yours to succeed your fathers;
you will make them rulers over all the earth.
I will make your name forever remembered.
Thus the peoples will praise you from age to age.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit.
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World without end. Amen

Antiphon

PSALM 62 (61)

In God Alone

May God the source of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing. Rom 15:13

Antiphon



**In Gód alone
is my sóul at rest.**

St Meinrad Mode 4



In God alone is my sóul at rest;
my salvation comes fróm him.
He alone is my rock, mý salvation,
my fortress; I shall not gréatly falter.

How long will you all attack one man
to break hím down,
as though he were a tótter-ing wall,
or a túmbling fence?

Their plan is only to bring down sómeone of prominence;
they take pleasure ín lies.
With their mouth they útter blessing,
but in their héart they curse.

In God alone be at rést, my soul,
for my hope is fróm him.
He alone is my rock, mý salvation,
my fortress; never sháll I falter.

In God is my salvátion and glory,
my rock óf strength; [omit C]
in God is my refuge.

Trust him at all tímes, O people.
Pour out your hearts béfore him, [omit C]
for God is our refuge.

The children of Adam áre a breath,
an illusion, the children óf wealth.
Placed in the scáles, they rise;
they all weigh less thán a breath.

Do not put your trust ín oppression,
nor vain hopes ón plunder.
Even if ríches increase,
set not your héart on them.

For God has said only one thing; only two háve I heard:
that to God alone bélongs power,
and to you, LORD, mérci-ful love;
and that you repay each one according tó his deeds.

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

Antiphon

SCRIPTURE READING

JAS 1:22-25

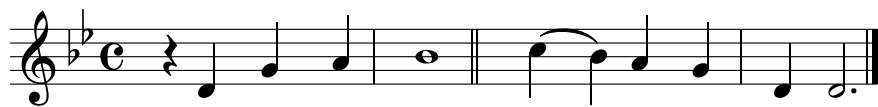
Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who observes his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But he who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer that forgets but a doer that acts, he shall be blessed in his doing.

Alternative:

1 PET 5:5B-7

You that are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that in due time he may exalt you. Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you.

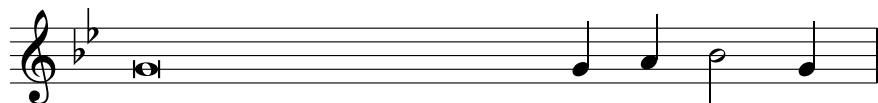
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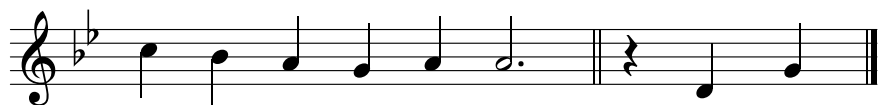
Ṙ Re-deem me, Lord; * show_ me your mer-cy.



Ÿ My foot stands on lev-el ground. * show ...



Ÿ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and



to the Ho - ly Spi - rit. Ṙ Re-deem...

MAGNIFICAT

THE CANTICLE OF MARY

Lk 1:46-55

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

Mag. 1

T he Almighty * works marvels for me, and ho-ly
is his name!

**The Almighty works marvels for me,
and holy is his name.**

A B (C) D Rees Ia

My soul glorifies 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 marvels 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 starv́ing with good things,
sends the rich áway empty.

[A&D]

He protects Israél, his servant,
rememberíng 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

The world is ablaze with the glory of God, who cares for his
chosen people with infinite love. We pray to him this evening
in the name of his holy Church.

The Hebdom offers prayers of intercessions.

Cantor:

All:

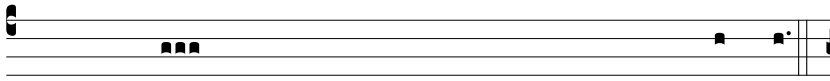


Ky-rie e- leison. * Christe e- leison. Ky-rie e- leison.

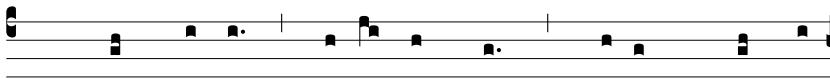
Stir up, O Lord, in your Church that spirit which our Holy Father St Benedict served, that in our time, your people may rejoice in numerous and holy vocations to the monastic life and to the priesthood, in the Houses of the English Congregation of the Order of St Benedict, and here in this monastery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

R/ Amen.

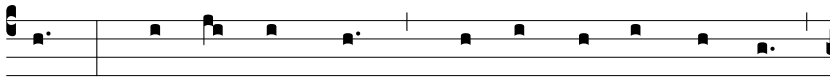
THE LORD'S PRAYER



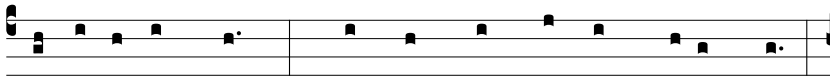
Superior: Let us now pray in the words our Saviour gave us:



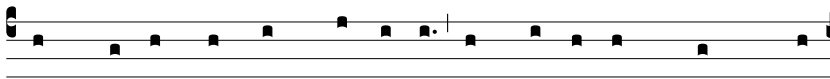
All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy



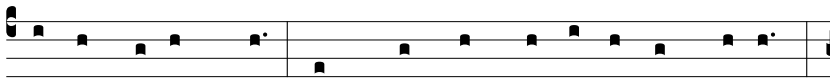
name; thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth



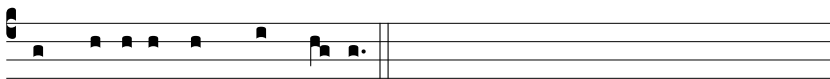
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;



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

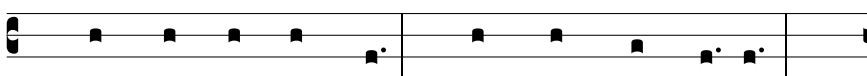
WEDNESDAY WEEK 1

Lord, support us as we pray,
 protect us day and night,
 so that we who under your guiding hand
 live in a world of change,
 may always draw strength from you,
 with whom there is no shadow of alteration.
 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.

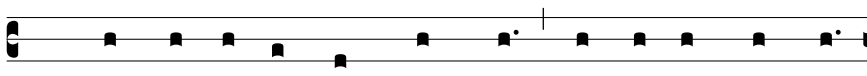
R/ Amen.

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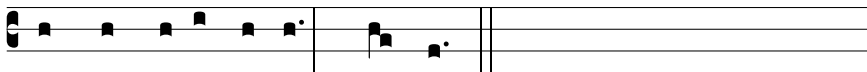
Superior:



∞ The Lord be with you. ℞ **And with your spirit.**

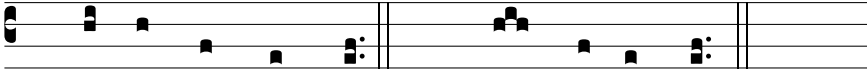


∞ May Almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son



and the Holy Spirit. ℞ **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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