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WEEK TWO

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INTRODUCTION



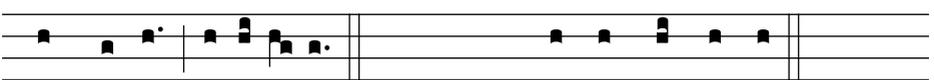
**O** God , come to my aid.- R̄. O Lord, make haste to help me.-



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



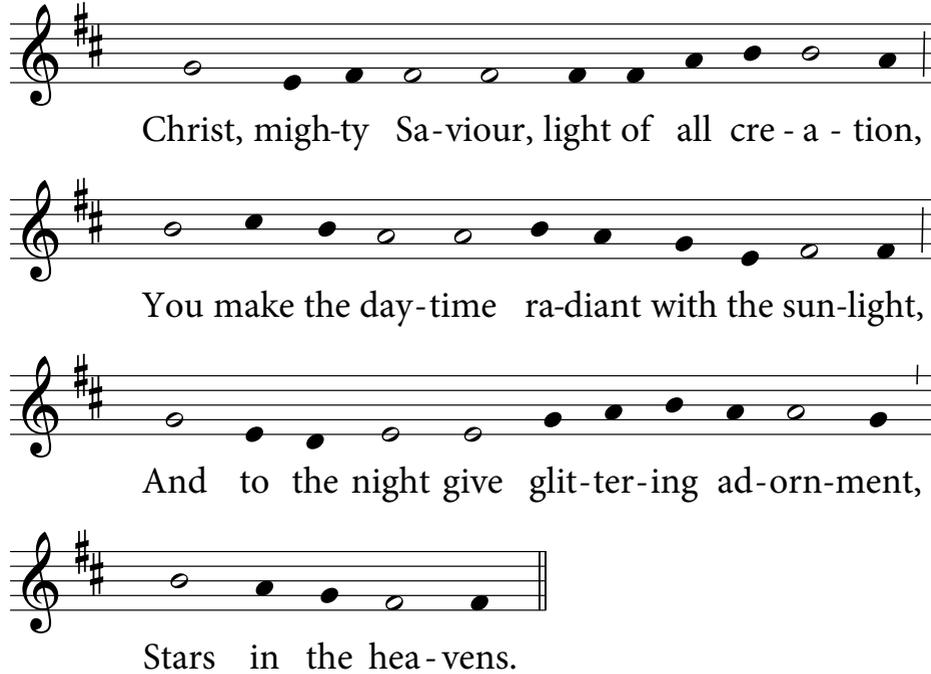
end. Amen.- A-lle-lu-ia.- In Lent † without end. Amen.-

## HYMN

HPP2 259

Text: *Christe, lux mundi (Mozarabic)* Alan McDougall  
 READINGS II

Tune HPP2 208 Readings II

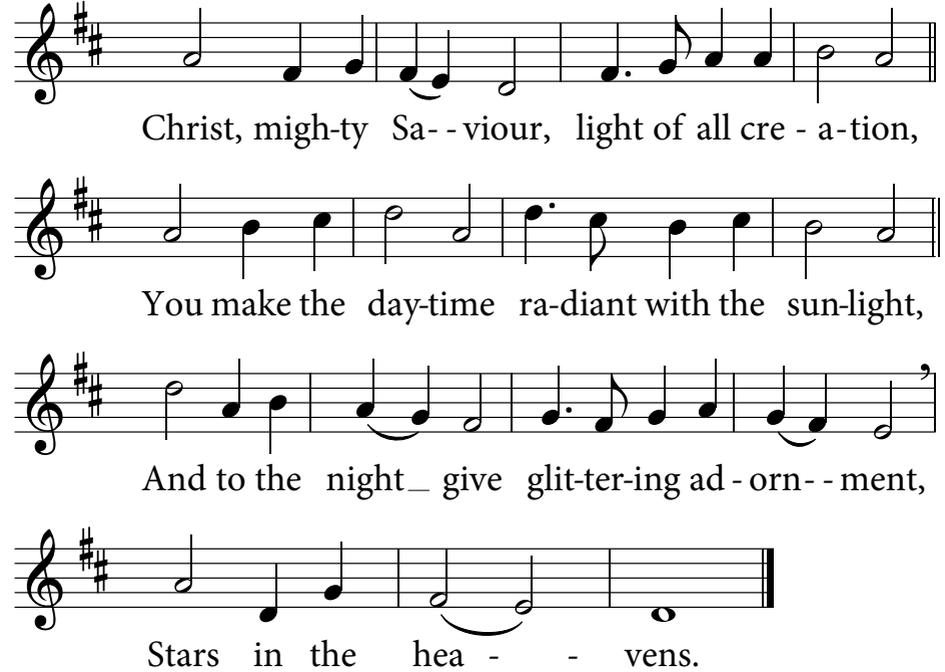


Christ, migh-ty Sa-viour, light of all cre - a - tion,  
 You make the day-time ra-diant with the sun-light,  
 And to the night give glit-ter-ing ad-orn-ment,  
 Stars in the hea-vens.

- 2 Now comes the day's end as the sun is setting:  
 Mirror of daybreak, pledge of resurrection;  
 While in the heavens choirs of stars appearing  
 Hallow the nightfall.

Tune: HPP2 259 as set

CHRISTE SANCTORUM (11.11.11.5)



Christ, migh-ty Sa - viour, light of all cre - a - tion,  
 You make the day-time ra-diant with the sun-light,  
 And to the night\_ give glit-ter-ing ad - orn - - ment,  
 Stars in the hea - - vens.

- 3 Therefore we come our evening prayer to offer,  
 Joyfully chanting holy hymns to praise you,  
 With all creation joining hearts and voices  
 Singing your glory.
- 4 Though bodies slumber, hearts shall keep their vigil,  
 Forever resting in the peace of Jesus,  
 In light or darkness worshipping our Saviour  
 Now and for ever.

## PSALMODY

PSALM 136 (135)

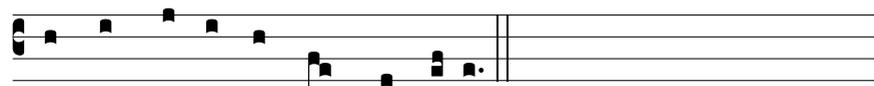
God's Mercy Endures

*He rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son. Eph 2:6*

Antiphon



**O** give thanks to the Lord, \* for he is good,



for his mercy endures for ever.

**O give thanks to the Lord, for hé is good,  
for his mercy endúres for ever.‡**



‡Give thanks to the Gód of gods,  
for his mercy endúres forever.

Give thanks to the Lórd of LORDS,  
for his mercy endúres forever;

Who alone has wrought márvelous works,  
for his mercy endúres forever;  
who in wisdom máde the heavens,  
for his mercy endúres forever;

Who spread the earth ón the waters,  
for his mercy endúres forever.  
It was he who máde the great lights,  
for his mercy endúres forever.

The sun to rúle in the day,  
for his mercy endúres forever;  
The moon and the stárs in the night,  
for his mercy endúres forever.

The firstborn of the Egyptians he smote, †  
for his mercy endúres forever.  
He brought Israel out from their midst, †  
for his mercy endúres forever;  
With mighty hand and óutstretched arm,  
for his mercy endúres forever.

The Red Sea he divided in two,  
for his mercy endúres forever;  
he made Israel pass through the midst,  
for his mercy endúres forever;

He flung Pharaoh and his force in the Red Sea,  
for his mercy endúres forever.  
Through the desert his péople he led,  
for his mercy endúres forever.

Kings in their greatness hé struck down,  
for his mercy endúres forever.  
Kings in their spléndour he slew,  
for his mercy endúres forever:

Sihon, kíng of the Amorites,  
for his mercy endúres forever;  
and Og, the kíng of Bashan,  
for his mercy endúres forever.

A B (C ) D\* Rees VII 27 rev

He gave their land ás a heritage,  
for his mercy endúres forever;  
a heritage for Israél, his servant,  
for his mercy endúres forever.

He remembered us in óur distress,  
for his mercy endúres forever.  
And he snatched us away fróm our foes,  
for his mercy endúres forever.

He gives bread to all mórtal flesh,  
for his mercy endúres forever.  
To the God of héav'n give thanks,  
for his mercy endúres forever.

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

**O give thanks to the Lord, for hé is good,  
for his mercy endúres for ever.**

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**O** give thanks to the Lord, \* for he is good,

for his mercy endures for ever.

PSALM 137 (136)

Tears in Remembering Sion

*While we are in this tent we groan, longing to be further clothed with our heavenly habitation. 2 Cor 5:2*

Antiphon

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**B**y the rivers of Babylon, \* there we sat and wept,

remembering Zion.

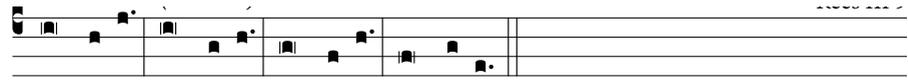
**By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat ánd wept,  
rememberíng Zion.**

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By the rivers of Babylon †  
there we sat ánd wept,  
rememberíng Zion;  
on the poplars thát grew there  
we hung up óur harps.

For it was there that they asked us, †  
our captors, fór songs,  
our oppressors, fór joy.  
“Sing to us,” théy said,  
“one of Zión’s songs.”

O how could we sing †  
the song of thé LORD  
on foréign soil?  
If I forget you, Jérusalem,  
let my right hánd wither!



O let my tongue cleave fast to my palate  
if I remember you not,  
if I prize not Jerusalem,  
the first of my joys!

Remember, O LORD,  
against the children of Edom †  
the day of Jerusalem,  
when they said, "Tear it down!  
Tear it down to its foundations!"

O daughter Babylon, destroyer,  
blessed who repays you †  
the payment paid to us!  
Blessed who grasps and shatters  
your children on the rock!

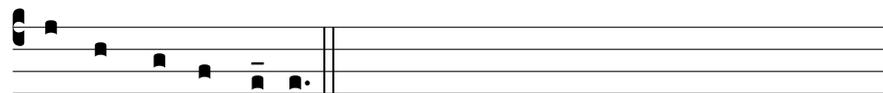
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen

*Antiphon*

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remembering Zion.**



**B**y the rivers of Babylon, \* there we sat and wept,



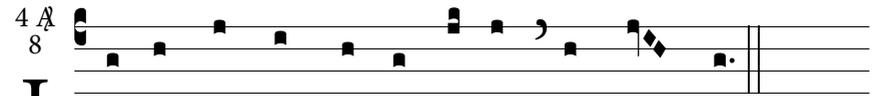
remembering Zion.

PSALM 138 (137)

In the Presence of the Angels

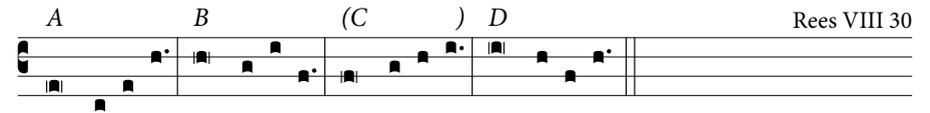
*The kings of the earth shall bring their treasures to the holy city. Rev 22:24*

*Antiphon*



**I**n the presence of the angels \* I praise you.

**In the presence of the angels I praise you.  
I bow down toward your holy temple.**



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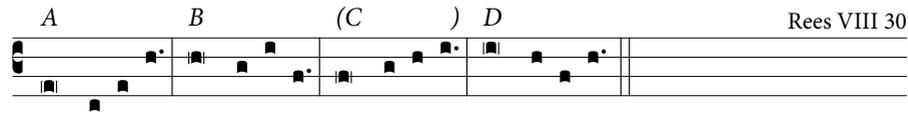
I thank you, LORD, with all my heart;  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of the angels I praise you.  
I bow down toward your holy temple.

I give thanks to your name  
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.

[A&D]

For you have exalted over all  
your name and your promise.  
On the day I called, you answered me;  
you increased the strength of my soul.

All earth's kings shall thank you, O LORD,  
when they hear the words of your mouth.  
They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
"How great is the glory of the LORD!"



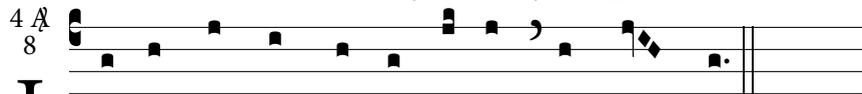
The LORD is high, yet he lóoks on the lowly,  
 and the haughty he knóws from afar.  
 You give me life though I walk amid affliction;  
 you stretch out your hand against the ánger of my foes.

With your right hánd you save me;  
 the LORD will accomplish this for me.  
 O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;  
 discard not the wórk of your hands.

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*

**In the presence of the angéls I praise you.  
 I bow down toward your hóly temple.**



**I**n the presence of the angels \* I praise you.

SCRIPTURE READING

EPH 3:20-21

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Alternative:*

1 JN 2:3-6

By this we may be sure that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He who says, I know him, but disobeys his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps his word, in him truly love for God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him: he who says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

## RESPONSORY



Ṙ Show us, O Lord, — your stead- - fast love.



Ÿ And grant us your sal-va-tion. Ṙ Show us, O...



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



praise to the Ho - - ly Spi - rit. Ṙ Show us, O...

## MAGNIFICAT

THE CANTICLE OF MARY

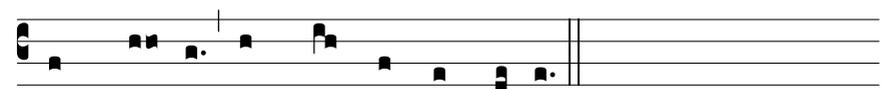
Lk 1:46-55

*My soul rejoices in the Lord.*

*Antiphon*



**S** how the power \* of your arm, O Lord, put down



the haughty and raise up the lowly.

Show the power of your árm, O Lord,  
put down the haughty and raise úp the lowly.



Stanbrook 7

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 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 starvín with good things,  
sends the rich áway empty.

[A&D]

He protects Israél, his servant,  
rememberín 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

*Antiphon*

**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 will offer prayers of intercession*

**Cantor:**                      **All:**

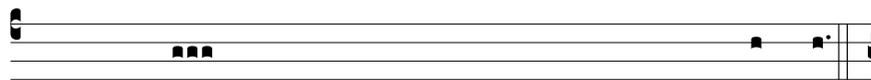


Ky-rie e- leison. \* Christe e- leison. Ky-rie e- leison.

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.

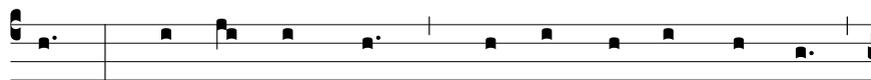
**THE LORD'S PRAYER**



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



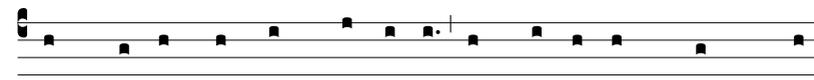
*All:* Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy



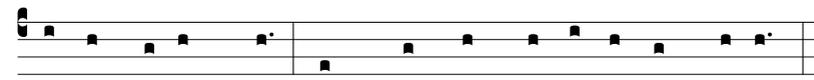
name; thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth



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**

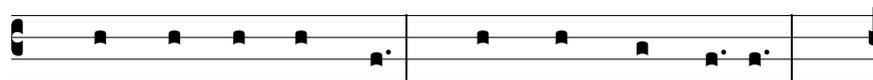
**WEDNESDAY WEEK 2**

Lord God,  
 whose name is holy  
 and whose mercy is proclaimed in every generation:  
 receive your people's prayer,  
 and let them sing your greatness with never-ending 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,  
 one God, for ever and ever.

R/ Amen

CONCLUSION OF THE HOUR

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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